

PARRISH CELEBRATES 40 YEARS AT ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK!



Joyce R. Parrish, Vice President of Antwerp Exchange Bank, recently celebrated her 40th anniversary with the bank. Mrs. Parrish began her banking career at Antwerp Exchange Bank on May 24, 1971. She was hired by former President Paul Deemer and began working the day after her graduation from Antwerp High School. Her first job was

file clerk and back-up teller. In the fall of 1971, the bank installed their first proof machine and Parrish was the very first proof operator for the bank. Joyce became an officer of the bank in 1994 and is now a vice-president. Joyce and her husband, Steve, live in Antwerp and are the proud parents of three children and nine grandchildren.

ACRE PRODUCTION REPORTING REQUIREMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is extending the deadline to submit 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) production reports for planted acres to September 1, 2011.

"Producers are reminded that the July 15th deadline is still in place to report the annual acreage and that the September 1st extension is only for reporting ACRE production reports," said Steve Maurer, State Executive Director. "By following these deadline dates, compliance with current farm programs, and possible eligibility for future programs will be ensured."

The production reports impact eligibility for potential ACRE payments in the current year and also impacts future years' benchmark farm yields for covered commodities.

For more information about the 2010 production reports for ACRE, please visit your local FSA county office.

WBESC JUNE BOARD MEETING DATE ANNOUNCED

The Western Buckeye ESC regular June governing board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Van Wert ESC, located at 10730 W. Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, OH.

CMH ANNOUNCES WEIGHT LOSS COMPETITION WINNERS



Final month's winners in CMH's "Just For the Health of It" Weight Loss Challenge were (1-r) Group A: Shelly Burns (Antwerp OH), Group B: Becky Andrews (Bryan OH), Group C: Jenni Vardaman (Spencerville IN), and Group D: Amy Waters (Antwerp OH).

Health Fit of Community Memorial Hospital has announced the winners in its annual weight loss competition held this spring. The theme for this year's event was "Just For the Health of It."

During the three-month competition, monthly awards were given for percentage of weight lost. The

final month's winners, receiving \$125 each, were Group A: Shelly Burns (Antwerp OH), Group B: Becky Andrews (Bryan OH), Group C: Jenni Vardaman (Spencerville IN), and Group D: Amy Waters (Antwerp OH).

The Overall Top 5 Participants, Total Percentage Loss - All Groups were as follows:

1. Theresa Essex (Antwerp OH) 13.61%
2. Leslie VanAusdale (Edgerton OH) 11.93%

3. Jenni Vardaman (Spencerville IN) 11.63%

4. Larry Culler (Hicksville OH) 10.97%

5. Becky Andrews (Bryan OH) 10.90%

Of those completing the weight loss competition, total pounds lost equaled 270.4. The range of weight lost by participants was 1.2-32.8 pounds. Participants lost an average of 12.9 pounds each. Average percentage of weight lost per participant was 6.12%.

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OBITUARIES

Marcelene Meyer, 77, of Hicksville died Friday morning June 3, 2011 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

Marci was born August 5, 1933 the daughter of Victor and Catherine (Burke) Malcuit at Payne, Ohio. She was a 1951 graduate of Payne High School.

On September 12, 1953 she was united in marriage to Norman Meyer. She was employed by Magnavox for a short time. She became a homemaker and enjoyed her family, nature, animals, reading and shopping. Marci was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville. She enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Marci is survived by her husband Norman, two sons Mark (Vickie) of Hicksville and Brett (Nancy) of Avilla, Indiana, two grandsons Mark Meyer Jr. and Ryan Harmon and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Defiance Inpatient Hospice or an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Bell Derck, 74, of Antwerp passed away Friday, June 3, 2011 at her residence.

Ruth was born in Antwerp on July 26, 1936, a daughter of the late Galen C. and Francis B. Derck. She worked for several years on the telephone switch board in Antwerp before dial telephones. She also worked for several years as a photo finisher for Ehrhart Studios and

later as a receptionist at Dana Weatherhead.

Ruth enjoyed painting, reading, knitting. It was a delight to visit with her family and friends, especially her nieces and nephews. Despite being stricken with polio as a child she maintained a cheerful attitude and spent most of her life caring for her family



after their mother's death.

She will be sadly missed by her sisters: Ann (Chuck) Wiedman, Jean (Paul) Reinhardt, Mary (Kenny) Donat, Linda (Brooks) Pendergrast and Cindy (Mike) Knight all of Antwerp; a brother, John of Columbus; 27 nieces and nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death are her brothers: Robert and George; half-brother, Tom Cottrell and two nephews.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on June 7, 2011. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding County Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, Ohio 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Wanda Hunt, 79, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Wanda was born in Antwerp on August 12, 1931, a daughter of the late Bessie (Starry) and Harry Drexler. She worked at General Elec-

tric in Fort Wayne for 41 years and was a devout member of Antwerp United Methodist Church. On August 11, 1950 she married George Hunt. He passed away June 20, 2004.

She will be sadly missed by her granddaughter, April Fruit; and great-grandchildren, Chris Henry and Gage Speaks, all of Antwerp.

Wanda was also preceded in death by her son, David; and sister, Frances Slattery.

Her memorial service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on June 3, 2011 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating.

Memorials are to Antwerp EMS PO Box 1046 Antwerp 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Allan J. Ridgway, 56, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011 at his residence.

Allan was born in Bryan, Ohio on August 27, 1954, a son of Audry (Wetmore) and the late Jay Ridgway.



He worked at Powertrain Components, Bryan for eight years and Joe Schwartz Construction in Grabill for 20 years.

He was a member of Antwerp Community Church, where he played the drums for the church Praise & Worship Band. On March 9, 2000 he married Lisa Pier.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Lisa; mother, Audry of Hicksville; children: Tina (Judd) Price and Chris (Mandy) both of Hicksville, Nathan Pierce of Fort Wayne, Kris Markley of Van Wert and Lindsay Gutt of Antwerp; siblings: Teresa (Lloyd) Beard of Butler, IN, Tom and Larry (Rose) both of Hicksville; and 10 grandchildren.

Allan was also preceded in death by his son, Jonathan.

His funeral service is at Antwerp Community Church, 704 S. Erie, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 with viewing one hour prior. He will be laid to rest at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Fountain of Faith Medical Clinic, 1541 Buckskin Road, Hicksville 43526. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

WHO WILL?

By: Regan Clem

On March 13, 1964, Kitty Genovese drove home from work and was walking from the parking lot to her apartment in New York City. When all of a sudden she was attacked by Winston Moseley. Winston stabbed her multiple times but stopped when a neighbor yelled from a window, "Let that girl alone!" Winston fled the scene, but nobody came to help Kitty. She tried to get into the building but found herself unable to. Ten minutes later, Winston Moseley returned to the scene to finish his crime. He proceeded to rape and kill Kitty Genovese. Nobody came to help.

This story encouraged psychologists to study the psychological phenomenon named the bystander effect. It is the idea that the presence of other bystanders decreases the likelihood that an individual will stop and help. In the case of Kitty Genovese only one person called out of their window and nobody came to help.

In being used by God to bring about His will into our communities, neighborhoods, workplaces, sphere of relationships, and families, we often fall prey to the bystander effect and end up doing everything for ourselves and nothing for God. We think, "He's God. He doesn't need to use me." Or we presume, "John and Jane down the street will do that." In the process of making up excuses to not follow God and continue living for ourselves, we miss out on the blessing of bringing God's reality more fully into our reality.

Maybe you know a neighbor who is lonely. Your neighbor needs someone to be her friend. Knowing the situation, you also know that your neighbor has made all the dumb choices and that her loneliness is her own fault. Being a pragmatist, you know that being a friend takes time and can be an inconvenience. But someone needs to be your neighbor's friend. Who will?

Maybe you go to church outside of the community you live in. You must realize that your church will not have the mission to make a difference in your community. They are called by God to make a difference in their community. That's why God has put them where they are. But somebody will have to answer that call to serve in your community. Who will?

Maybe you know a teen who needs some attention and help so that they don't make destructive decisions that will cause long-term damage to their life. Being a realist, you know that you could invest plenty of the time and see no positive results. But somebody has to take this kid aside and mentor him. Who will?

We know all sorts of people that are in need of help. And somebody needs to help them. Who will?

Who will? It's easy to say that someone else will, but I hope that you will. When God asked, "Who shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah replied, "Here am I! Send me." May we have the same willingness to do God's will. God partners with us to bring about His will. If we aren't willing to surrender and bring His will about, then He will wait. It hurts for Him to

wait, but it doesn't hurt Him. It hurts us. May we learn to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, stop selfishly living for ourselves, and start living for others. By surrendering our lives, we will find ourselves right in the middle of God's will. We can be a bystander that makes a difference.

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regansavings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Christian Church. Located at the corner of 192 & SR 49.

HOARDING RICHES

Winning the Battle for a Generation Column by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

Have you ever wondered when it comes to hoarding this world's riches why Jesus said... Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV), "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For example, it was an all-you-can-eat buffet at the bank. An army of termites munched through 10 million rupees (\$222,000) in currency notes stored in a steel chest at a bank in Barabanki, a town 20 miles southwest of Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state capital, said police in northern India. The bank manager discovered the damage when he opened the reinforced room in an old bank building.

Police officer Navneet Rana told The Associated Press, "It's a matter of investigation how termites attacked bundles of currency notes stacked in a steel chest." The money was put in the chest in January, 2011. In the past, termites had damaged bank furniture and documents. The police have registered a case of negligence against the bank officials.

James, our Lord's brother gave the following warning regarding the lure of riches... James 5:1-5 (NIV) "Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We all know the country is in bad shape, but do people realize how bad? I was listening to a radio station the other day and a guest was talking about the 14 trillion dollar national debt. He had done research to get an idea of how much this was and came up with this: if you could spend one dollar per second without stopping it would take two and a half weeks to spend a million, 32 years to spend a billion and 32,000 (yes, thousand) years to spend one trillion dollars. And we have fourteen times that!

Someone needs to send these figures to our useless government that just keeps spending us to destruction, and most of it is owed to foreign countries. What if they demanded payment now?

I will no longer vote unless I can vote as an Independent and for one. Republicans and Democrats are all liars who only care about getting their fat pay checks and heck with the average person. This extends from the federal to the local levels. Politicians in suits are crooks! The only people wearing suits that I trust are preachers and funeral home directors.

Our presidents for the last many terms have been total failures. Remember this as you vote.

—Gregg Gorman

EARLY SUMMER OUTLOOK OF 2011

By: Josh Steiner

After the Fort Wayne area's wettest spring on record, 18.50 inches and over 15 inches of that rain falling in April and May, you may be wondering what this summer might be like. One thing I can tell you, its going to be a lot different than last summer. After a couple of months of research, I have finally compiled data from four different forecasters. Two of these are highly respected and renowned weather services, Accuweather, Inc. and the Climate Prediction Center (a department under the National Center for Environmental Prediction which is under the jurisdiction of U.S. Department of Commerce) and the two lesser known, chief meteorologist Chad Evans of the WLF1 station in Lafayette, IN and Mad U.S. Weather, Inc. based in Washington, D.C.








I would like to focus on June through early to mid-July's weather. There are several main factors affecting this June's weather. One main factor is the Bermuda High, which is so named because in the summer this ridge of high pressure is centered over the Bermuda Triangle (this is where we get the perception that Bermuda is always foggy). In the winter, this high is positioned over the Azores Islands near north Africa, bringing coastal Africa frequent stable, cool, and foggy conditions. During the summer, meteorologists watch this ridge's position and strength, because when this ridge strengthens and shifts westward into the southeastern United States, it pumps warm, humid, tropical air into a large portion of the United States, instigating a heat wave. This year the ridge is expected to be in a position that will allow it to pump warm, humid on to a good chunk of the United States many times. This tropical air spreads northward colliding with unusually cold air over Canada and the Northern Plains. When these two air masses collide, severe weather outbreaks happen here. Another main factor affecting this summer's forecast is the jet stream is still strong due to the lingering effects of La Nina and it is still farther south due to a large, unusually cold air mass sitting over southern Canada and northern Great Lakes. This could lead to increased storminess over the Northern Plains and

the Great Lakes, further aggravating flooding problems. The last factor is the forecast of an above average hurricane season that the National Hurricane Center (Miami, Florida) has for the United States. This could be devastating, because the Deep South has already been devastated by tornadoes.

Now for the official 2011 summer forecast, a combination of several different forecasters—including some of my own reasoning. In New England and the Northeast most of the summer will be tranquil and pleasant for New Englanders, a pleasant surprise from last year's torrid summer heat. June will still be very warm and dry. As we near July Fourth, things should be increasingly humid, as the Bermuda High shifts eastward back out over the Atlantic, pumping warm, humid air into the New England.

In the Mid-Atlantic and Deep South (including Florida), this summer should be very similar to last summer, with the heat hanging around all summer, allowing for already extreme drought conditions to continue and even for drought conditions to develop in other parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. Around July Fourth, as in the Northeast, a persistent moist, southerly flow, should develop, opening the door for hurricane season to ramp up, with several potential tropical storms and hurricanes developing in the last week of June and the first few weeks of July.

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, June 8 - Mostly Sunny High 95° - Low 73°	
Thu, June 9 - Scatt T-Storms Hi 83° - Low 59°	
Fri, June 10 - Scatt T-Storms High 73° - Low 57°	
Sat, June 11 - Scatt T-Storms High 76° - Low 59°	
Sun, June 12 - Scatt T-Storms High 80° - Low 62°	
Mon, June 13 - Scatt T-Storms High 80° - Low 63°	
Tue, June 14 - Mostly Sunny, High 77° - Low 62°	

Across the Southwest, Texas, and portions of Colorado, all through the summer, hot and very dry conditions will be present. Due to the fact that the storms coming into the west will become relatively infrequent, not much if any rain will fall over a large portion of this region.

There are several regions of the United States that will experience few if any days that will feel like summer this year. One of these regions the entire West Coast. They will have a very cool, dry summer with little if any heat waves. Since the La Nina is over, the barrage of Pacific storms is also over, which means not much rainfall for the Pacific Northwest.

The northern Rockies and northern Great Plains will have a very cool summer this year, with parts of the Great Plains seeing very wet conditions because the eastern Rockies will become a breeding ground for low pressure systems which will then move repeatedly over the same regions of the Great Plains. The cold temperatures are from a persistent Canadian trough over these areas which will

funnel cool, polar air from northern Canada.

This same pattern will be present over the northern Great Lakes region, which is where Accuweather coined the term "the year without a summer." Over the Great Lakes and northern Midwest, persistent wet and unusually cool conditions will be widespread. Persistent wetness will renew flooding problems experienced over many rivers across the Midwest. This could lead to crop diseases and crop failures across these areas.

Finally, over the Ohio Valley and lower Midwest, June could be very warm and dry, much like the rest of the southern states. But overall forecasters say this area could also be wet, due to spotty heavy thunderstorms, from afternoon heating. Around the beginning of July, that humid, southerly flow, will flow from the Gulf of Mexico, aiding the development of thunderstorms, elevating the flood threat across the same areas that were hit hard during the spring. Even with the potential for quite a bit of rain, temperatures should be above normal.

As I had said before, this summer will be a lot different than last year. Over Northwest Ohio, even though it will be wet, I do expect quite a few ninety degree days, possibly the same amount as last year. This could cause an increase in mosquitoes. Watch for flooding as our rivers are already swollen from our record-breaking spring rains. Towards mid-late summer, our area will have to watch for tropical storms, because they can bring heavy rains, high winds, and even tornado outbreaks to our area—it has happened before.

If you have questions, please email me at: storm_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and I will try my best to answer these questions and put them in the newspaper.

A BUDGET TO INCREASE COMPETITIVENESS

Guest Column from Rep. Lynn Wachtmann

The state budget is one of the most important pieces of legislation that comes across our desks at the Statehouse, because it makes it possible for our state to function. It is one of very few bills that affect every Ohioan, regardless of age, occupation, location or financial status. Making important decisions that will continue to have great impact over the course of the biennium is a challenge that every General Assembly faces. The pressure is always high, but this budget cycle has been by far the most challenging we've faced during my time as a legislator.

Because former Governor Ted Strickland and his friends in the House Democrat Caucus used short-term budget tricks (such as one-time federal stimulus money for on-going uses) during the last budget cycle, we were faced with an \$8 billion financial hole to fill. Long nights at the Ohio House were spent poring over the 4,000 pages of Governor Kasich's original budget proposal, looking for more ways to fix the deficit without raising taxes on Ohioans who have worked

hard to earn their money. I am proud to report that the House Republicans were able to pass a budget that not only achieves this goal, but spends less than the previous General Assembly's budget.

This budget allows us to build a future for Ohio that is both affordable and sustainable. Creating a budget that saves money and ensures future solvency while remaining functional required innovative solutions. This was especially true when it came to tackling the issue of health care.

We have been able to provide additional funds for state programs that are vital to the health of all Ohioans. The House changes to the budget give an additional \$2.5 million per year to mental health services and the same amount to drug and alcohol addiction services. These services are fundamental to our state, providing shelter and care for those who would otherwise be unable to provide for themselves.

The House budget also appropriates \$400,000 for the State Medical Board to implement House Bill 93, which helps to fight prescription drug abuse in the state of Ohio. The amount of overdoses has skyrocketed since the early 2000s, and more and more pill mills are sprouting everywhere in Ohio. House Bill 93 was passed in March, containing a large number of regulatory measures aimed at shutting down pill mills that feed the black market with prescription drugs. This House budget proposal will help to save countless Ohioans from the deadly grip of drug addiction.

Serving as the chair of the Health and Aging committee, standing up for the

rights and wishes of Ohio's elderly population is also important to me. I feel strongly that seniors deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, with their personal choices honored and observed by any means possible. I am glad that we were able to fight to keep the PASSPORT program in Ohio, which provides elder Ohioans with long-term care in their homes, where many wish to remain. Over the next two years, the House budget will provide an additional \$15 million to the program, allowing Ohio's senior citizens to more easily remain surrounded by family and friends as they grow older.

Ohio cannot afford to leave its most vulnerable unprotected. The House budget keeps our state's healthcare in high priority, making sure that our state will be able to maintain its health-care services for a good value. Although the budgeting process is not over, I want to assure you that we will continue to stick to our priorities, helping to provide quality healthcare that makes sense and is affordable through the budget.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK HAS NEW LOCATION

The Woodburn Community Clothing Bank has moved to a new location, and will officially re-open Tuesday June 7th at 9:00 a.m.

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PINKY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

By: Stan Jordan

Ray, 'Pinky', was born in Antwerp on East Canal Street in September of 1932. His parents were Cecil and Thelma Billman. For some reason Cecil's nickname was Sally. They had two boys, Max and Ray.

I remember in the late 1930's I would walk to school and my sister, Grace, and Pinky would run along behind me.

Pinky graduated in 1950 and then joined the Air Corps. He was a S/Sgt. In Aviation Medicine. He pulled duty in Alaska, Oklahoma, California and a couple other places.

He was in the service at an air base in Oklahoma and that is where he met a pretty student nurse in Enid. Well, you know how things go, Pinky was in uniform and he just won Darlene over.

They had one boy, Tony, and two girls, Lisa and Judy.

The Billman's are a helping family. Darlene is an RN. Daughter, Lisa is a RN at Fort Wayne Orthopedics and I did a column on her trip to Haiti to help the people that were victims of the hurricane. Lisa's daughter Adrienne is also an RN and Amanda is a Social Worker. Tony had been attending Turnstone since 1987. He was a tremendous help with the children. He loves people and now he shares his joy with the residents at the Manor House. He always has a smile for you. Judy has volunteered at Antwerp School for many years and was in childcare for many years. It was a family endeavor as the children thought of Pinky and Darlene as grandparents. Judy and Darlene also deliver Meals on Wheels.

Pinky retired from factory work in the mid-1970's. He thinks he's been a volunteer crossing guard for 19-20 years. His hobbies are golf, fishing and watching the kids on his corner grow up.

During the party many things were mentioned about Pinky, including:

—The only fatality that happened on Pinky's watch was Mr. Bostleman, a very good basketball coach, lost a good basket tree.

—Mr. Ray Etzler, former Elementary Principal at Antwerp Elementary commended Pinky for his volunteering. He didn't know what to expect with Pinky, he watched him in action and saw how kind and understanding he was. Pinky was really respected by the kids. Pinky's heart is as big as the water tower. Pinky, like a shepherd taking care of his flock, took care of the children with a labor of love all while giving back to the community.

—Terry Bowers joked about fishing with Pinky and things were getting kind of deep. Cindy led the group in 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.'

—Cookies were served and everyone had a great time.

See ya!

BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL: CHAPTER 9 WE GET TO WYOMING

By: Stan Jordan

Slim asked Mom to go through all of Lars' belongings and list them, and a sale will be set up and any and all money will be sent to his daughter in Stromberg, Iowa. Mom has her address, it was given to Mom some time back when Lars was in better health. Well, we did all that, he didn't have a whole lot of stuff, just enough to get by. But he didn't want for anything either.

We are back on the road again, it's cooler now, but still dry and dusty and a rough, bouncy road.

Well, we are on our way to Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, it is just inside that territory a few miles.

The Laramie River dumps into the North Platte River here. The fur trappers built the place a few years back and was very busy for a while. The fur trade is gone now and the place is just a stop area for wagon trains going on to the various trails. The U.S. government is talking about taking it over.

This is a busy place, a number of wagon trains stop here and rest up and get supplies and directions. The trail leaves Laramie here and gets tougher in a hurry.

We cross to North Platte here. We have been on the north side of that big river for hundreds of miles. The mountains from here on north are hard going on with no love for wagons.

We cross at a little place called Sunrise and we push hard and go right on by a place called Gurensy and up through some very hard trails and paths on past a stopover called Glendo.

We ran south of a town called Douglas and we camped here last night as the animals really need to rest. We rested all our animals but hitched a ride into Douglas

on Squee Miller's wagon. Dad and I did some repair work.

Mom went to the Post Office and sent all the money from Lars' sale to his daughter. She also got some more of that bark for sassafras tea. She found a good supply of vegetables from a local dealer place that she needed. She also bought some horseradish.

We moved right out without delay because we need to go on across country as best we can toward Casper. Then we will side up with the North Platte River again. We didn't stay long at Casper, the usual work day and on we go.

I still drive for Slim. Jim Moore drives for Mr. Swadberg's wagon, for Mr. Rothgeb. Mike Moore drives the wagon for Slim and El Paso Sam.

We finally get out of the tall mountains at Casper and then we turn southwest. The old timers and trappers call this the High Plains Country. Some of it is flat and then into a mountain pass again. We left civilization at a crossroad called Mills and a place called Edgemont Gap.

Now we have gone through Fish Creek, Devil's Gate, Man's Cove, Split Rock, all these and more, they are results of nature's work.

We follow the Sweetwater River for miles into Sweetwater Junction and then into South Pass, a sign claims an altitude of around 7,000 feet. This sign was weather marked.

It is the end of October and we are still quite a ways from Fort Bridger, but we are going darn near southwest toward the corners of Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

The days are a lot shorter and colder now. Some cold rain. The air is thinner up here and you notice you don't have the strength as before. We knew that it would be like that. I'll be glad when we get to Bridger.

I guess we are up in the High Plains area. Sometimes we can go for miles on the level and then we find a pass through the mountains. I don't think this ground will raise any crops or hay.

We leave the Sweetwater River area and go through South Pass in the mountains and we follow the Pacific Creek for a couple of days.

We are now going beside the Big Sandy River. It is only big in name this time of year. I can see that in the spring thaw, this river could be a wild one.

We forded the Big Sandy and we are traveling more south than west now. Some folks wonder why we're going south when Oregon is north of here. We are going through an area called Bad Land Hills.

Lots of nothing, we haven't seen anybody for days. Not even any natives.

We are still going south and we saw a couple old trappers and they told us that the Green River was ahead of us yet. They said it could be a problem if the water is high.

Well, we did get to the Green River and it is a little too high. So Slim sent El Paso Sam each way, up and down the river to find a better place to ford the stream. He found a place down stream a couple miles that we could cross and we did yesterday. Now today we are going back to find the trail we left.

I have been having a little trouble with Barney, he is our

left hand horse. I talk to them a lot and baby him a little and give him a buttered biscuit. I think he likes the salt in the butter.

We stopped at the Granger Pony Express Station here. The sign says the elevation is 6,240 feet. I swear the scenery for miles around here is awesome.

We push on because this is the first part of November and Fort Bridger is only a few days on southwest of here yet.

Slim pushes us hard to get to Bridger by November 15th. He says we will be lucky if we make it before a blizzard gets here.

We cross the Big Muddy and head down towards a big flat valley and a mountain pass at each end.

We can see how and why Jim Bridger built his cabin and fort over here. This area must be at least six miles across and ten miles long, with good water in the valley and good forest on one end and it is spitting snow in the middle.

We made it. What makes the goal so important is that here is where the trails separate. The Oregon Trail leaves here and goes northwest. The California Trail turns and goes southwest into Utah towards California. You see the trails have to go where the mountain passes are. The passes tell you where to go.

Next week: *Settling in Ft. Bridger.*

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

An elderly gentleman was getting a good physical check up from a doctor.

The doctor said, "You are in very good condition, you should live to be 90."

The gentleman said, "I am 90!"

The doc said, "See, what did I tell you?!"

A young blonde girl fell and broke her leg. As the doctor examined her she moaned, "Why couldn't this have happened on my last day of skiing?"

The doctor replied, "This is your last day of skiing."

A young man came and asked for a job and was asked to fill out a questionnaire.

One question was, "Have you ever been arrested?"

He answered that he hadn't.

The next question was, "Why?"

The young man wrote, "I've never been caught!"

See ya!

SPRING FLING AT THE MANOR HOUSE

By: Sue Knapp

Manor House Assisted Living residents were treated with a Spring Fling on May 14, 2011. Residents and families had a fine meal with piano music playing in the background. After the meal, Rick Heffner (formally from the band, Spice) played guitar and sang 50's and 60's music. The audience enjoyed singing along to their favorites from 'back in the day'.

It was a fun-filled evening to welcome spring. The residents are looking forward to the next event.

HOME TOWN PANTRY OPENS IN ANTWERP



By: Sue Knapp

Diana Watson and Pat Derck of Antwerp are co-owners and managers of a new bulk food store coming to Antwerp. It's called the Home Town Pantry. This bulk food store will be selling products from Walnut Creek, Jake & Amos and Amish Wedding, just to name a few.

Diana and Pat have the store stocked with all the staples of a country kitchen including but not limited to the following: rolled butter, deli meats, cheese (whole and half horn, shredded and 8 oz. packages) mush, baking supplies, popcorn, dried fruit, cereals, tea, coffee, Bob's Red Mill gluten free line, honey, cereals and pancake mixes,

canned meat, jellies, candies and much more. Pat and Diane plan to continue to add products as the need arises.

Diana's husband Tony, of Events by Tony, may occasionally have the smoker beside the building with dinner all ready for you to take home.

Home Town Pantry will open on June 9th, just in time for Antwerp's garage sales and Rib Fest. The store is located at 201 S. Main in Antwerp. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. You may call for more information at 419-258-2751. A grand opening is planned for June 23-25.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/18/11

This 18th day of May, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Joan Tope, Assistant Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 178244 through 178279 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 062):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 062 - Emergency 911, 062-001-00012/Equipment Upgrade, \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY:

Property at 4781 Flat Rock Trail, Payne, Ohio, is currently owned by the Paulding County Commissioners; and this property had been foreclosed and was acquired and rehabilitated with Neighborhood

Stabilization Program (NSP) funds, with the intent of being sold to a qualifying household. Proceeds from the sale will be utilized again for another qualifying project. On March 23, 2011, the Commissioners with the assistance of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) agreed to allow Gorrell Bros. Real Estate to market the property at 4871 Flat Rock Trail, Payne, Ohio 45880 for sale, with the understanding the agreement would be extended for an additional sixty days bidding cycle.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an extension and second billing cycle of the marketing agreement with Gorrell Bros. Real Estate to market the property at 4871 Flat Rock Trail, Payne, Ohio 45880 for sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Pieper to go into executive session at 10:59 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 11:25 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Carrie Briggs, Wells Fargo Insurance Services - Ms. Briggs presented re-insurer disclosure statement for signature. New coverage year begins June 1, 2011.

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OHIO FSA ANNOUNCES JULY 15 DEADLINE EXTENSION TO REPORT PREVENTED PLANTING

Due to Ohio's weather creating delays in planting, the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) is extending the date to timely report prevented planting to July 15, 2011, to coincide with the crop reporting deadline.

"Ohio's weather has created delays in planting, which may result in difficulty of timely reporting prevented acreage," said Steve Maurer, state executive director. "With the extension, producers will be able to file form CCC-576, Notice of Loss for prevented planting of corn and soybeans at the same time as filing annual acreage reports which are also due by July 15th."

Producers are reminded to file an FSA-578, Report of Acreage, certification for the farm by June 30 for small grains and by July 15 for all other crops.

Prevented planting acreage, or acreage that could not be planted because of wet field conditions or other natural disaster, should be reported to FSA by July 15th. This includes crops covered by crop insurance or the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) and crops without insurance coverage. Producers should contact their local FSA office or crop insurance agent to verify final planting dates for all crops since they vary among counties and crop types.

For crop losses on crops covered by the Non-insured

Assistance Program (NAP), producers must contact their local FSA office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent to file a Notice of Loss. Producers with crop insurance should contact their local agent when losses occur and before destroying the crop.

To report prevented acreage, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, for affected crops.

If a producer misses the reporting deadline for prevented planting, they may still report prevented planting acreage as long as the disaster condition may be verified by a paid for field visit. If the acreage was timely reported to insurance and supports the crop information reported to FSA, the fee may be waived. This crop insurance exception does not apply to NAP.

Producers may contact their local county FSA office if they have any questions about prevented and failed reporting or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

TAXPAYER ESCROW PRE-PAYMENT PROGRAM

Since coming into office in 2006, several Paulding County residents, whether they are on a fixed income or are just having trouble meeting the tax deadlines, have inquired about prepaying their real estate taxes. I, Lou Ann Wannemacher, your Paulding County Treasurer, along with my clerks Karen Leatherman and Sharon Hicov, am pleased to an-

nounce a new program that will allow property owners to budget ahead for future taxes. This new program is called the Taxpayer Escrow Prepayment program. We are very excited to bring this program to the residents of Paulding County as we feel there is a continuing need for individuals to be able to set aside money on a monthly basis in order to pay their property taxes.

The program consists of first ESTIMATING your taxes due and then dividing the amount into five (5) payments, starting in August, September, October and November, 2011. (No payment is due in December due to the new tax bills being sent to the printing company.) The first four payments will be made by coupon and the last payment will be made from your tax bill, showing the half-year tax less your payments and balance due.

For the second half taxes, the payments will resume for the months of March, April, and May with the remaining amount due in July. Again, no payment will be due in June because the tax bills being sent to the printer. Your remaining amount due will appear on your tax bill which will be due in July.

Please feel free to contact our office during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to sign up for the Taxpayer Escrow Prepayment program or call 419-399-8280 for any questions. Deadline to sign up for the first half of the 2011 pay 2012 tax year will be July 14, 2011.

PEVS RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES & RETIREES AT STAFF BREAKFAST



Paulding Exempted Village Schools celebrated the 2010-2011 school year with a staff breakfast on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. Special recognition was given to the following employees: Row 1 (l-r) Judy Densmore - 30 years of service; and the following retirees: Bill Wonders; Deb Paputsakis; Nancy Lightner. Row 2 (l-r) Rita Schmidt; Margaret Phlipot. Row 3 Jane Gudakunst. Missing from the picture are retiree Robin Harris and 30-year employee Randi Jones.

PAULDING COUNTY GARAGES BRING ROADEO WIN

Employees from Hancock and Paulding counties are once again proclaiming their excellence in equipment operation by bringing back victories from the Ohio Department Transportation District 1 truck and loader roadeo held recently in Lima.

The roadeo is a friendly competition which pits equipment operators against one another to test their skill in maneuvering equipment through a series of obstacles intended to mimic situations they encounter on the job. Participants are also required to find deliberately-placed mechanical bugs on equipment as part of the pre-trip inspection portion of the competition.

Frank Daley of the Hancock County maintenance garage won the truck competition while Jayson Dangler of the Paulding County garage won the loader event. It is the sixth win for Daley in the truck competition. It is the first win for Dangler, who joined the department just six months ago.

Finishing second to Daley in the truck competition was Ryne Dangler of the Paulding County garage. Finishing behind Jayson Dangler in the loader was his coworker, Leon Goyings, of the Paulding County garage.

All four will have the chance to compete this fall in Columbus at the state competition.

"We have conducted equipment roadeos for several years as a way for our employees to further hone their operating skills and to build relationships with their coworkers," said Kirk Slusher, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

"I felt pretty good about my run after I completed it," said Daley, who has won at the statewide level in the truck competition as recently as two years ago.

Jayson Dangler said he was nervous to compete. "I didn't know what to expect," he said, being new to the department. He found both the truck and loader courses to be challenging. "That's what I like most about them," he said.

The event is open to all ODOT District 1 employees within the eight-county area of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.



The 2011 PEVS Academic Hall of Fame Inductees: Dr. Thomas Bashore is on the left, and Dr. Robert Monroe is on the right. They were inducted during the 2011 PEVS Graduation Ceremony on May 29.

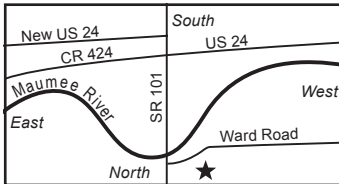


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SAXON FISHER-DASH AWARD PRESENTED



Wayne Trace Jr High School recently held its' awards day. At this ceremony, Leah Sinn and Corbin Linder were presented with the Saxon Fisher Dash Award. This award is presented each year in memory of Saxon Fisher, who passed away while in the 8th grade at Wayne Trace. This

award is given to two 8th grade students who best represent, "What a Raider Should Be".

Pictured above are this year's award winners: Leah Sinn and Corbin Linder. Last year's award winners: Haley Linder and Austin Conlon, and Saxon's mother: Cindy Fisher.

REPORT FAILED CROP ACREAGE PRIOR TO DESTRUCTION

Steve Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to encourage farmers to report failed crop acreage that will not be brought to harvest to their local FSA office. Failed acreage must be reported to FSA before destroying and replanting to allow time for a field check.

"It is very important that farmers report failed acreage that will not be brought to harvest to the FSA office prior to destruction," said Maurer. "This simple act of insuring that failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether

or not a farmer is eligible for future crop disaster program payments."

Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. For crop losses covered by the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP), producers must contact their local FSA office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers with crop insurance should also contact their local agent when losses occur and before destroying the crop.

Although low yield acreage does not need to be reported to FSA, producers are encouraged to keep good production records on acreage with a low crop yield to docu-

ment crop losses. Reporting failed acreage to FSA will ensure compliance with current farm programs, and possible eligibility for future disaster programs.

Additional information in regard to failed crop acreage or crop losses covered by the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) can be obtained by contacting your local FSA office. FSA program information is also available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

CONTROLLING AQUATIC WEEDS IN PONDS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Aquatic plants growing in ponds are beneficial for fish and wildlife. They provide food, dissolved oxygen, and spawning and nesting habitat for fish and waterfowl. Aquatic plants can trap excessive nutrients and detoxify chemicals. However, dense growth of algae and other water plants can seriously interfere with pond recreation and threaten aquatic life.

Vegetative control in a pond may be accomplished with biological, mechanical, or chemical methods. Pond owners will be most successful in managing aquatic plants by using a variety of methods, as no single control strategy is likely to provide long-term satisfactory results.

When using chemical control to manage excessive aquatic plant growth, choosing the right herbicide is important. The herbicide selected must control the weed identified, be applied properly and all warnings and precautions should be understood and observed. Fortunately, all of this information is on the herbicide label. Anyone who uses an aquatic herbicide should always thoroughly read and understand the herbicide label before purchasing and applying the chemical.

Although most aquatic herbicides break down readily and rapidly in water and pose no threat to human or animal health, there are waiting periods on the use of water treated with most herbicides. These restrictions, mostly on fishing, domestic use, live-stock watering, or irrigation, dictate which herbicides will be appropriate for your pond. Although some products have no swimming restrictions, you may want to encourage at least a 24 hour waiting period before swimmers are allowed back into treated water.

Late spring is usually the best time to apply most aquatic herbicides. Plants are young and actively growing and most susceptible. By waiting until July or August, you are running a serious risk of a fish kill. By that time, the vegetation is usually extensive and substantial. Also the water is warm and still. Killing all vegetation at once under these conditions could seriously deplete the water of its oxygen and cause a fish kill. If you must treat late in the summer, treat only a portion of the weed growth at a time. Specialists recommend spot treatments with a granular algicide or herbicide product after this point. Treat no more than 20% of the vegetation every 2-3 weeks and focus on your high priority areas first, like swimming areas.

Aquatic plants are not affected by herbicides when the water is too cold. The water temperature should be 60

RAISE THE BARRE DANCE STUDIO PROUDLY PRESENTS "SHAKE A TAIL FEATHER"



Pictured are dancers from the competition tap trio: Sydney Price, Jacquelyn LeMieux, and Madalynn Varner. The girls earned two platinum ratings and will be dancing at Nationals on June 25th.

Students from Raise The Barre Dance Studio in Paulding are ready to "Shake a Tail Feather" at our 7th annual dance recital. The dancers

will perform routines in Ballet, Tap, Clog, Lyrical, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Pointe and Cheer on June 11, at 4:00 p.m. at Payne Elementary School.

The public is welcome. Call 419-399-3222 for more information.

degrees or more in the area to be treated. These temperatures usually occur from early May to June. This means that as soon as the plants are up and actively growing, and if the water temperature is right, the herbicide should be applied. Once we get to late-August, spot treatment can be discontinued as natural die-off of aquatic plants will begin shortly thereafter.

AGI COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY

Steve Maurer, the Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, would like to remind producers they have until June 1, 2011 to complete and mail the required forms to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the 2011 adjusted gross income (AGI) compliance requirements. USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the IRS to exchange information for average AGI compliance and verification with the AGI provisions for farm programs.

The average AGI verification and data comparison processes begin with participants providing consent to IRS for the use and disclosure of tax information to FSA for AGI compliance purposes. By completing the CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) forms, it authorizes CCC/FSA to share program participant information with IRS. This also allows IRS to use and disclose certain tax information to CCC/FSA for AGI compliance verification purposes.

To safeguard privacy of all program participants and confidentiality of the information, program participants are required to:

- Complete CCC-927 and/or CCC-928
- Mail the completed forms:

- *Directly to IRS at the address specified on the forms
- *Within 120 calendar

days of the signature date *To the IRS no later than June 1, 2011.

Completed CCC-927's and CCC-928's will not to be accepted or retained in any FSA office.

Producers who fail to respond to written notices of AGI non-compliance or determined non-compliant will be notified of the requirement to refund the applicable payments.

Copies of the CCC-927, CCC-928 forms are available at their local FSA office. Participants can also visit the Ohio FSA State website and download the forms at:

www.fsa.usda.gov/oh under the "I Want To" section. The AGI factsheet is available on at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/irs-smou10.pdf.

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THE PUNKY PRUNE**By: Rachel Steiner**

The pyramid has been replaced!

I'm a big fan of Michelle Obama's campaign against obesity... when she added a garden to the White House so soon after moving in, I knew she meant business. It seems she's been working overtime to make changes to the old model. I have to say, this tool



has seemed outdated for quite some time, so I'm glad that a new image will take over.

As you can see, it is now a plate, divided into the sections: vegetables, fruits, grains, and protein (with a dairy drink on the side).

Likes:

—There are no quantifiable serving sizes or amounts (much more simple than the former model)

—Fruit and veggies take up half the plate (this is a GREAT visual)

—The word "protein" is used instead of "meat" (way more vegetarian-friendly)

—The protein portion is the smallest one (maybe this will finally convince non-body-builders that protein isn't supposed to be the dominant part of the American diet)

—The word "grain" is used instead of "carbohydrates"

Dislikes (or to-be-improved):

—There are no quantifiable serving sizes or amounts (is this model too simple?)

—"Protein" gets its own category (kinda negates the fact that there is protein in grains and dairy, too)

—Dairy as a drink choice is great when it's compared to soda as an alternate, but what about nondairy options?

Overall, I think it's great to simplify the recommended

food requirements. Will it do any good? I cannot imagine anyone actually thinking that a bag of chips is better for you than a bunch of carrots so these changes should come as no surprise to anyone. I believe that most people know what is healthy and make the choice to eat unhealthy foods anyway because they subconsciously value their taste buds over the health and well-being of their body and life. But I also want to stress that healthy foods do not taste bad! They are an acquired taste like coffee for example. In the beginning it tastes terrible unless it is loaded down with cream and sugar. But soon enough you need less of those frills and you like it hot and black. Try your veggies with a little dip if it will help you to eat more on a daily basis, and then you can slowly wean yourself away and try new things! Have a great week!

If you have any questions or topics you would like discussed, you can email punky-prune@yahoo.com.

FORT DEFIANCE HUMANE SOCIETY WAIVES FEES FOR ADULT CAT ADOPTIONS

Fort Defiance Humane Society is joining the ASPCA's Fresh Step® Litter Fee-Waived Cat Adoption Campaign and hosting a fee-waived cat adoption drive to find loving homes for cats in the Defiance County Area. The free adoptions will continue through June 30.

In Defiance County alone, nearly 900 cats enter shelters each year. To celebrate Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month this June and to help save more lives, the ASPCA and the makers of Fresh Step litter encouraged shelters nationwide to waive the fee they typically charge to adopt cats, while keeping all other adoption policies and thorough match-making procedures in place. Fort Defiance Humane Society wanted to put more cats in loving homes and decided to join the cause by waiving the fee typically charged to adopt a cat three years and older.

ASPCA research recently published in the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science found that waiving fees for adult cats boosts adoptions without diminishing the value adopters place on their cats. In addition, fee-waived adoptions may actually decrease shelter costs by reducing the average length of stay for adult cats, and also could increase donations and store product sales due to an increase in adopters.

This adoption drive will run at the Fort Defiance Humane Society, 7169 St. Rt. 15N, Defiance, Oh 43512 from June 1st through the 30th.

If there isn't room at home for a fabulous feline, there is another way to help. From June 1, through July 31, 2011 simply "like" Fresh Step's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/freshstep. With that simple action, the makers of Fresh Step litter will donate \$1 (up to \$100,000) to the ASPCA to help expand programs like this and get more cats adopted.

WACHTMANN ENCOURAGES WOMEN OF NORTHWEST OHIO TO APPLY FOR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) has announced that this September, the JoAnn Davidson Leadership Institute will begin its second decade of developing new Republican women leaders for Ohio.

To date, nearly 200 women have completed the program to acquire additional skills as mayors, judges and magistrates, campaign managers, county commissioners, and key members from state and local Republican Party organizations. The institute also strives to promote confidence and leadership in non-political community involvement.

"I would encourage ambitious women interested in developing their leadership skills to take advantage of the training and experiences this program offers," said Wachtmann. "This is an outstanding opportunity for women to learn more about commu-

nity and government processes as well as the impact they can have by becoming more involved. Women who complete the program will discover all they have to offer in the way of improving and leading our communities and government."

The program runs from September through May, requiring attendance at a one-day session each month usually held in or around Columbus. In May, participants will take a three-day trip to Washington, D.C. for curriculum in campaign management, ethics, fundraising, government and party structure, economic development, public speakers, and laws and rules of campaigns and elections.

Republican women who are looking to further their careers in politics or gain leadership skills are encouraged to submit an application, which can be obtained online at www.jadleadershipinstitute.com. Applications are due by June 30th.

THE HISTORY OF THE PAULDING COUNTY MEN'S CHORUS

When the Paulding County Men's Chorus met at the Methodist Church in Antwerp, Ohio on March 10, 1963 the organization had completed its 38th year of singing. It was on March 9, 1924 that the chorus was organized in the Antwerp Methodist Church. Twenty men responded to an invitation sent from several Antwerp men to join a regular singing group that Sunday afternoon 39 years ago.

Originally the group had a Methodist background, but with the passing years its doors opened to all denominations. One man came from a Wood County town 65 miles away to sing in the bass section.

Down through the years there have been from 160 to 175 men singing in the chorus. Many of these have passed away. Of the original 20 charter members only four are living (as of March 10, 1963) one of the living members E.C. Click has been active the entire 38 years and has served as secretary 22 years and only missed two meetings in that time.

Four presidents have served the chorus: Sam Graves, John Busick, Howard Jones and Burt Schubert. Fred Carr served as chorister for 37 years and Lavon Carr for one year.

Six pianists served over the 38 years: Roma Sexton, Florence Carr, Mrs. Mervin Day, Mrs. Jeddy Webber, Essie Davis, and Mrs. Jennie Weible. Of these six Essie Davis served for 28 years. Three secretaries were: S.D. Griswold, C.M. Mumma, and E.C. Click.

Paulding County itself has an interesting musical history, having been the birth place of the famous Homer Rodeheaver, gospel singer and song director at one time for Billy Sunday. Mr. Rodeheaver often returned to his home town of Payne for musical occasions, sometimes speaking from the pulpit of the Methodist Church there.

At the regular meeting, Sunday, March 10, 1963 the men voted to discontinue the chorus.

—Adeline Click

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sophia Marie Stairhime was born on June 1, 2011 at 5:18 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. She weighed 8 lb. 8.8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Adam and Stacie Stairhime of Hicksville. Proud grandparents are Joe and Kathy Smalley of Antwerp, Jim Stairhime of Hicksville, and Nora Maupin of Auburn, IN. Proud great-grandparents are Paul and Betty Smalley of Antwerp, Vaughn and Kathleen Franklin of Antwerp, Norval Stairhime of Hicksville, Bernie and Bonnie Miller of Auburn, IN, and J and Karen Bowman of Fort Wayne, IN.

MAIER TO PLAY AT TRINE

Woodlan Senior Jason Maier will be continuing his baseball career at Trine University in the fall. He will be



pursuing a career in Criminal Justice. He has been a three time ACAC All-Conference player and holds numerous Warrior school records. Jason is the son of Herb and Lisa Maier of Grabill.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOURTH NINE WEEKS 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR**THIRD GRADE:**

All A's - Madison Boesch, Karsyn Brumett, Chase Friend, Alyssa Fuller, Chloe Saul, Blake Schuette, Elyse Steury, Melanie Wann

All A's & B's - Aleyah Cline, Alyndra DeVore, Boston Dunderman, Izik Garrett, Carlie Hanes, Adison Hindenlang, Nicole Kashner, Jayvin Landers, Kendyl Miller, Randall Mills, Ashton Minck, Heather Oberlin, Holly Sanders, Julia Steiner, Timmy Taylor

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Kendall Billman, Austin Chirgwin, Jason Dunstan, Iris Sorrell, Jared Sukup, Joshua Sukup

All A's & B's - Keaton Altimus, Adam Butzin, Kati Carr, Chloe Franklin, Brett

Fulk, Gene Garrett, Kaitlyn Hamman, Kaleb Kiracofe, Nathan Lee, Aidan McAlexander, Aubree Rager, Charity Roebel, Jake Ryan, Cole Seslar, Gage Speaks, Aubree Sproles, Joel Steiner, Alexis Wright

FIFTH GRADE:

All A's - Alex Hindenlang, Joshua Poulson

All A's & B's - Noah Clive, Brian Geyer, Brooke Hatlevig, Brandon Laney, Riley McAlexander, Jon Pendergrast, Callie Perry, Dylan Peters, Kortney Smith, Kylee Trauterman, Rachel Williamson

SIXTH GRADE:

All A's - Emma Butzin, Matthew Dooley, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Brandon Pendergrast, Derek Reeb, Arron Romero, Jaime Ryan, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson

All A's & B's - Carley DeLong, Joshua Ehlinger, Marissa Elkins, Evan Hilton, Becca Johanns, Trey Mills, Emilee Phillips, Hanna Richey, Sydney Sheedy, Peyton Short, McKenzie Turpening

GMC ALL-CONFERENCE SOFTBALL SELECTIONS OF THE 2011 SEASON

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Girls Softball for the 2011 season.

FIRST TEAM:

Toni Winslow, Antwerp; Jayla Chamberlain, Antwerp; AJ Stuck, Antwerp; Kayla Zachrich, Ayersville; Andrea Etchen, Edgerton; Kyla Dietrich, Fairview; Alex Keesbury, Fairview; Carrie Fedderke, Tinora; Breanna Hughes, Tinora; Sarah Feasby, Wayne Trace

SECOND TEAM:

Stephanie Fishpaw, Ayersville; Devin Stark, Edgerton; Taylor Stark, Edgerton; Haley Clinker, Fairview; Miranda Steffes, Fairview; Charlie Euto, Hicksville; Lauren Bates, Holgate; Kari Kahle, Tinora; Kelsey Heck, Wayne Trace; JoEllen Fickel, Wayne Trace

HONORABLE MENTION:

Tricia Smalley, Antwerp; Kellsee Miller, Ayersville; Jaime Newman, Edgerton; Chelsey Bostater, Fairview; Lauren Cummins, Hicksville; Danielle Garcia, Holgate; Vanessa Moser, Tinora; Kaleigh Young, Wayne Trace

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Andrea Etchen, Edgerton

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": GIFT OF BOOKS FROM VANTAGE



Grover Hill Elementary School librarian Marty Overmeyer shows Brandon Laney some of the books donated by the Vantage GRADS program.



Representatives from the Vantage FFA chapter and the Ag Diesel Mechanics program make a \$500 donation to Major Art Barter of the Van Wert Salvation Army Food Bank.

The Grover Hill Elementary library received a selection of books from the GRADS (Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills) program of Vantage Career Center. This specific collection of books is part of the "Healthy Bedtime Habits" program sponsored in part by Colgate-Palmolive and Meijer Stores. The hard-back books include multicultural, sleeping, healthy eating, exercise and dental health themes.

The GRADS program was the recipient of this books

based on past ten years of participating with the National Reading is Fundamental Program of Washington D.C. This grant has made it possible for over 3000 children's books to be placed in the homes of parenting teens in the Vantage Career Center School District. The "Healthy Bedtime Habits" program books were chosen for use in a library or classroom setting. GRADS instructors for the Vantage district are Dee Howell and Jennifer Waltz.

WARRIORS TAKE TWO AGAINST THE HORNETS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan scored 3 times in the bottom of the first inning, helped by 4 Angola errors and the Warriors went on to down the Hornets 7-1 in Game 1 of a twinbill at Warrior Field. Jason Maier, Jason Price, and Evan Powell scored for Woodlan to give the Warriors all the runs they would need in the opener. Maier was 3 for 3 in the game with a pair of runs scored. Nathan Wiedemann tripled and singled

for Woodlan and Cody Waterman added a single and a double for the offense. Zach Schwartz went on the distance on the mound, allowing just 1 run, 2 hits, and striking out 10 in the game.

Woodlan swept Angola, taking the second game of a doubleheader with Hornets by a score of 8-3. Angola got on the scoreboard early, getting a 2 run homer from Zac Compton in the top of the first, but Garrett Van Brocklin allowed just 1 hit and 1 run the rest of the way while the offense sent 9 to the plate and scored

4 times in the bottom of the first and added 3 runs in the third. Cody Zink, Evan Powell, Cody Waterman, and Chapin Wentz each had hits in the bottom of the first to help the Warriors overcome a 2-0 deficit and take a 4-2 lead. Colby Kirkwood, Cody Waterman, and Evan Powell each had hits in the third inning with 3 runs scoring to cushion the Woodlan lead. Powell, Waterman, and Nathan Wiedemann each scored twice for Woodlan. Powell was 3 for 4 in the game, Waterman was 2 for 3. Van Brocklin went the distance for Woodlan and struck out 5 in the game.

Game 1:
Angola - 0 0 0 0 0 1=1 2 6
Woodlan - 3 1 1 2 0 0 x=7 9 0
Game 2:
Angola - 2 0 0 0 1 0 0=3 3 0
Woodlan - 4 0 3 0 0 1 x=8 9 2

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS ANNOUNCES LOCAL STUDENTS' DEGREE COMPLETIONS

Dr. Rolf Daniel, Provost at the University of Saint Francis, has announced the names of those completing degrees December 2010, May 2011 and Summer 2011. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Provost at (260)399-8069.

The following students from the Paulding County area have completed degrees:

- Kelsey Cottrell, Social Work, of Antwerp
- Timothy Ryan, Physical Therapist Assistant, of Antwerp

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOURTH NINE WEEKS 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE 6:
All A's - Hannah Farr, Emily Knodel, Ava Moats-Landis, Chantal Monnier

All A's & B's - Robbie Bowers, Brittany Brown, Angelica Chandler, Christine Clapsaddle, William Deisler, Preston Johanns, Alexa Jury, Skyler McCullough, Bailey Pieper, Dayton Pracht, Caitlin Proxmire, Jo Ellyn Salinas, Ashley Snipes, Tyler Spoor, Cameron Strahley, Brooke Weidenhamer

GRADE 7:
All A's - Lucas Arend, Kelsey Beck, Jowaine Grimes, Allison Harpel, Taylor Manz, Matthew Martinez, Branson Minck, Emily Moore, Krista Mullins, Johnathon Rose, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, Tzu-Mei Tenwalde, Katlyn Wesley

All A's & B's - Victoria Bradford, Sierra Bullard, Kasandra Cogswell, Corbin Edwards, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Nathan Gee, Adison Hawn, Luke Jackson, Lauren Johanns, Victoria Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Taylor Kochenour, Victoria Meadows, Samantha Meggison, Bridgett Moore, Haley Porter, Megan Reineck, Emilee Ringler, Kristen Schilt, Brenna Schmidt, Logan Seals, Jarrett Sitton, Michelle Spears, Andrew Stafford, Jaycie Varner, Ruth Weible, Cullen Wenzlick, Drayson Wenzlick

GRADE 8:
All A's - Katie Carnahan, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Erin Johanns, Shayla Shepherd, Ashlyn Strahley, Laurel Weh-

rkamp
All A's & B's - Christian Burtch, Lyndi Clinton, Bradley Crawford, Hannah English, Claudia Foltz, Benjamin Heilshorn, Alexis Howell, Amanda LoCastro, Jacob Long, Ashleigh Marable, Ellie Miller, Aaron Mock, Isaac Nice, Emily Pastor, Suzanne Reinhart, Jessica Schroeder, Bill Smith, Malayna VanCleve

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/4/11

This 4th day of May, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 177825 through 177989 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CR 137 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 CR 137 Project.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ENTER INTO AN LPA LOAD GRADING AGREEMENT WITH ODOT:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to enter into an LPA Load Grading Agreement with ODOT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:04 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:15 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Tony Burkley left the session.
TRAVEL REQUEST:
Judge John DeMuth, 2011 Annual Probate/Juvenile Judge Annual Conference, Columbus OH - June 6-9, 2011

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Ann Pease, Carol Temple, and Claudia Fickel - A short meeting was held to discuss records retention and forms RC2 and RC3.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioners to discuss the Industrial Park plan. Local CICs borrow from the County at low interest rates. When the property to be developed sells to a potential business owner, the loan is paid off. Interest on the loan is paid in the meantime. Mr. Langham anticipates some activity at the SR 49 and SR 24 intersection. He also reported attending the NORED meeting in Toledo. Governor Kasich was the keynote speaker. Mr. Langham noted there may be a reduction of districts in the Department of Development. There are currently 12 districts. Mr. Langham also stated Ohio is 3rd in the nation in job loss, surpassed by California and Michigan. Mr. Langham also briefly discussed the state's option of leasing the turnpike and the impact it could have on economic development funding.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey reported on various road/bridge improvement project his office will be doing this summer. The resurfacing project on CR 424 will begin May 16 and the Bridge on CR 206 will soon be closed for repair. He also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with ODOT to load grade three trusses in the county (see resolution above).

Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Adkins met with the Commissioners to present some pricing information for various procedures offered by the Paulding County Hospital. He had data from the American HD cost reports for 2009. The reports were used to cost compare.

WACHTMANN ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF MAJOR ELECTION REFORM INITIATIVE

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) has announced that the Ohio House of Representatives today passed a comprehensive set of reforms designed to modernize the elections process, streamline operations and reduce costs for local boards of elections. Additionally, House Bill 194 will eliminate what is known as "Golden Week," help to verify the accuracy of voter rolls, improve the verification process for valid provisional and absentee ballots, and set statewide standards to absentee voting.

"Voters have a responsibility to be informed and take initiative," said Wachtmann. "Our voting system had been subject to corruption, especially on college campuses, but the passage of this bill

2011 V.H. COOPER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The 2011 V.H. Cooper Scholarships were awarded to Paulding High School seniors (pictured left to right) Olivia Arend, Connor Pease, Kass

Hammon, (Dianne Cooper from Cooper Farms), Sam Heilshorn, and Devin Ber-majo.

will improve the system and strengthen it against potential fraud."

House Bill 194 includes the following provisions and many others:

- Allowing the creation of a top-down voter registration database and sharing of information from other states to ensure the accuracy of voter registration rolls
- Allowing online change of address by registered voters

- Authorizing the certification and use of electronic poll books
- Simplifying the provisional voting process
- Ensuring statewide uniformity for the issuance of absentee voting applications,

absentee voting locations, and time periods

-Clarifying poll worker error

House Bill 194 also strives to increase voter accessibility by making Ohio law consistent with ADA ramp requirements, eliminating the need for duplicate forms by allowing a provisional voter to use the affirmation form for change of name or address, and reduces the number of reasons why a voter may be required to cast a provisional ballot, among other measures.

The legislation will now move to the Ohio Senate, where it will undergo further consideration.

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CMH ANNOUNCES FIT WALK & RIDE WINNERS



Husband and wife race winners: Jeff and Lori Cook. Jeff won the 20 Mile Bike and Lori won the 5K Run.

Health Fit of Community Memorial Hospital has announced the winners of its annual Fit Walk & Ride event held May 21 at the Defiance County Fairgrounds.

The top finisher in the 5K Run was Lori Cook (Spencerville IN) with a winning time of 19:49. Joe Caryer (Hicks-ville OH) finished in second place with a time of 21:45, followed by Logan Riehle (Edg-erton OH) in third place with a time of 23:27. There were 18 participants in the 5K Run.

In the 5K Fun Walk, awards were given to Flo Handy (Hicks-ville OH), oldest participant at age 76, and Elizabeth Frost (Hicks-ville OH), youngest participant at age 7. There were 42 participants in the 5K Fun Walk.

The top finisher in the 20 Mile Bike Ride was Jeff Cook (Spencerville IN) with a time of 59:23, followed closely by Bryan Hood (Fort Wayne IN) with a time of 59:25.7. John Battershell and Ken Sanders (both Hicksville OH) tied for third with a time of 1:15.47. There were 17 participants in the 20 Mile Bike Ride.

In the 10 Mile Fun Ride, awards were presented to Marvin Wells (Spencerville IN), oldest participant at age 78, and Asa Humes (Antwerp OH), youngest participant at age 8. There were 9 participants in the 10 Mile Fun Ride.

Photos of the event are available on the hospital's Facebook page.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/18/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on April 18, 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, Mike Trausch, and Jim Guelde. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Randy Daeger was absent.

Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 4th Council meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, abstain; Trausch, abstain; Guelde, yea. The motion did not have enough "yea" votes to pass; therefore, the minutes will be re-presented at the May 2nd meeting.

Trausch presented the Recreation Committee's March 24th minutes. The Committee discussed the following:

—Approved the purchase of two (2) semi-loads of certified mulch (approximately 80-100 cubic yards) for the Lafountain Park Playstation, and one (1) load for the Reservoir Park play areas (approximately 40-50 cubic yards) at a cost of \$23.50 per cubic yard.

—The following rental schedules were set:

1) 2011 Lela McGuire Jeffery Park Rental Schedule: One day rental: One Field \$100, Two Fields \$175, Three Fields \$250, Four Fields \$350; Two Day rental: One Field \$175, Two Fields \$250, Three Fields \$400, Four Fields \$600

*The rental fee includes the use of bathroom facilities

*The concession stand is under the control and benefit of the Youth Ball Association.

*Fields that are not rented cannot be used for practice or warm-up.

*Family Reunion Reservation will be \$50 per field.

2) 2012 Lafountain Park Shelter House Rental will be \$35.

3) 2012 Reservoir Park Rental Schedule:

One day rental: One Field \$100, Two Fields \$175, Three Fields \$250, Four Fields \$350

Two Day rental: One Field \$175, Two Fields \$250, Three Fields \$400, Four Fields \$600

*The rental fee includes the use of bathroom facilities

*The concession stand is under the control and benefit of the Reservoir Ball Association.

*Fields that are not rented cannot be used for practice or warm-up.

*Family Reunion Reservation will be \$50 per field and \$35 for the shelter house.

Trausch also presented the minutes of the Recreation Committee's April 11th meeting. The following items were discussed:

—Current proposal from Master Gardeners to spruce up the parks. Mike Trausch and Elaine Sierer will meet with their representatives on Thursday, April 14th.

—Scheduled park clean-up and mulch distribution at Lafountain and Reservoir Parks for Saturday, April 30th.

The Recreation Board's March 14th minutes were read by Trausch. The following items were discussed:

—Recommended hiring Bruce Whitman as Park Manager for 2011.

—The Pool Manager, Tara Miller, discussed employees and training. She noted eight (8) employees are scheduled to take lifeguard training in April, and others are still in the interview process for concession and front desk positions.

—Discussed pool opening and closing dates.

—The Pool Manager inquired of admission discounts for pool employees.

—Discussed raising prices on group day care rates. These passes will be good for weekdays only.

—Granted permission for Pool Manager to purchase some concessions now due to low pricing.

—Consensus of Council was given approving the pool employee list.

Resolution 1251-11 re: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Paulding to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for Planning of Waste Water Facilities and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, was read for the first time.

Wiebe requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda authorizing the Mayor to sign the Water and Sanitary Sewer Agreement from the Ohio Department of Development, and an Agreement for Technical Assistance from the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) to administer the CDBG Water and Sewer Grant the Village has received in the amount of \$136,000 to be used for the Sewer Lagoon Improvement project. Sutton motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted he was recently notified by Julie Ward of RCap that the Village is on the EPA's priority list for its sewer separation project, and is eligible for a \$40,000 planning loan.

Rife motioned to approve The Ohio Plan's 2011/2012 liability insurance premium recently presented to Council at a Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White relayed the Paulding Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Economic Development Fair on Thursday, April 21st from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the Kiwanis Building.

Trausch noted the "Pitch, Hit, Run" Competition previously scheduled for April 16th has been rescheduled for April 30th at Jeffery Park starting at 8:00 a.m. Boys and girls ages 7-14 are encouraged to participate, and may register at the time of the event.

Solicitor Jones noted the advertisement for Water Treatment Plant bids has been taken to the paper. The ad will be run April 20th and 27th. Bids will be opened May 26th at noon. A pre-bid meeting will take place at the Water Plant on May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor White relayed that according to the 2010 Census the Village of Paulding is home to 3,605 residents. This is an increase of ten (10) individuals since the 2000 Census.

Rife motioned for Council to move

into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

The following meetings were scheduled:

Street Committee - Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 p.m. to review Cherry St/ North Dr bids.

Public Meeting - Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Building to discuss the new Water Treatment Plant.

Salary & Allowance Board - Thursday, April 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Guelde motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/2/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on May 2, 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.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the April 4th Council meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, abstain; Daeger, yea; Trausch, abstain; Guelde, yea. Trausch motioned to approve the minutes of the April 18th Council meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Sutton presented the Street Committee's April 21st minutes. The Committee discussed and recommended awarding the N. Cherry St./North Dr. project, along with both alternates, to Tumbusch Construction for a total cost of \$1,066,104.67. The contractor understands the substantial completion date is October 31, 2011, with final completion being November 30, 2011. The contract does have a clause for liquidated damages. Sierer motioned to approve the Street Committee's report, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted he has been in discussions with the Village's Bond Council regarding the 2011/2012 note along with an additional note issuance for the Street and Sewer Lagoon projects. He relayed note legislation will be presented at the next Council meeting, and will need all Council members present to understand and pass the legislation.

Solicitor Jones noted Fanning-Howey will be instructed to wait two weeks before letting out the project due to Bond Council's recommendation not to award the project until the Fiscal Officer's Certificate for the 2011/2012 note is signed.

Wiebe presented Council with a proposal he received from Craig Knapke to hire a Construction Inspector for the N. Cherry St./North Dr. project. Wiebe noted that due to the complexity of this project he believes it is necessary to have someone on-site full-time to oversee the critical construction activity performed by the selected contractor or any of their subcontractors. The cost of this service would be approximately \$20,800. Daeger motioned to approve the modification of the contract to include the Construction Inspector service, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Trausch read the Recreation Board's April 11th minutes. The following was discussed:

—Hiring of pool employees.

—Paulding ACE is working with the Recreation Board to match prices on a garbage can and cleaning equipment.

—Mike Trausch presented estimates and design for landscaping at Lafountain Park.

—Discussed the camera/monitor at Lafountain Park and the pool.

Resolution 1251-11 re: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Paulding to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for Planning of Waste Water Facilities and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, was read for the second time.

Trausch motioned to approve the Concession Stand Agreement being sent to the Reservoir Ball Association, Ltd., seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Sutton motioned to approve the EMS' revised by-laws, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Tope requested \$50,000 be transferred from the Income Tax (#102) fund to the Police (#208) fund. Rife motioned to transfer \$50,000 from the Income Tax (#102) fund to the Police (#208) fund, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda contained the following:

—A copy of the public notice for the Wastewater NPDES permit as well as a copy of the draft permit. These documents are being reviewed by Joe Hotz of Jones & Henry Engineering and Mike Winners, Village Wastewater Superintendent. Wiebe noted he has been informed the documents indicate the EPA has upgraded the plant from a Class 1 to a Class 2 facility, and that the class upgrade is not necessarily a good thing since it may mean stricter restrictions and compliance. Wiebe will await Winners' findings. Jones noted the Public Notice for the Sewer Separation project is on page 9 of the packet.

—A copy of the final Water Plant NPDES permit.

Trausch motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted he and Mayor White will be meeting with representatives from Paulding Exempted Village Schools and ODOT on May 3rd to discuss the "Safe Routes to School" program.

Mayor White relayed Paulding EMS will be hosting an Open House on May 16th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. He also announced the Grand Opening of the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park is scheduled for May 14th at 9:00 a.m.

The following meetings were scheduled:

—Salary & Allowance Board - Monday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

PC SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATE IN MINI RELAY FOR LIFE



On Friday, May 13th, all three county schools participated in Mini Relay For Life at their respective schools. It was a first ever Mini Relay for Paulding and Antwerp. Wayne Trace is on their 6th year.

Antwerp Mini Relay was put together by Junior Bryant Miesle and high school teacher Rose Reinhart. This particular Relay included only high school students. It was held at their high school track. Each student was asked to donate in order to participate. A few of the activities they had included a corn hole tournament and hillbilly horseshoes. Antwerp Mini Relay raised approximately \$1,200.00 for their first ever Mini Relay.

Wayne Trace Mini Relay was put together by Wayne Trace student council and their advisor Annette Sinn. It included Junior High and High School students. Wayne Trace is in their 6th year and have established their own rhythm of activities and fundraising for their Mini Relay. They had music playing and had themed laps while the kids were walking. Wayne Trace Mini Relay raised over \$6,600.00.

Paulding Mini Relay was put together by teachers Cheri Estle and Cheryl Schier. It included the entire school system: Paulding Elementary, Paulding Middle School and Paulding High School as well as Oakwood Elementary.

All grade levels took turns going down to the track to walk. The Elementary classes made banners in support of fighting for the cause. High School classes and organizations provided activities for the younger classes to participate in while at Relay. There was a concession stand with hot dogs, water, sno cones, suckers and balloons for sale. There were a couple of balloon launches. Survivors were invited and encouraged to come and walk the track also. The students were encouraged to set a personal goal to participate. Feet or Footprints were also sold prior to Relay. Each footprint could be purchased in Honor or in Memory of a loved one. Paulding Mini Relay raised over \$15,000.

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SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Savannah Roughton, Steven Strayer, Maggie Wilhelm, Zane Wilhelm

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Kristen Beck, Drew Burnett, Jessica Farr, Lindsey Hitchcock, Katie Kohart, Mesa Pracht, Derek Shrider

JUNIORS:

3.5-3.99 - Cameron Aldrich, Adi Bergalowski, Trenton Bradford, Hayley Clellan, Shauna Darrigo, Taylor Dotson, Nicolas Flint, Nicole Gebers, Stephanie Gerschütz, Melissa Holley, Alex Knodel, Sarah Koenig, Kayla Kurtz, Treslynn Laney, April Manz, Jessica Manz, Jack Meriwether, Emily Nardone, Connor Pease, Alyssa Price, Kaitlin Relyea, Alex Snyder, Alyssa St. John, Logan Stoller, Jessica Vance, Levi VanVlerah, Bradley Wilcox

3.0-3.49 - Jessica Antoine, Jill Busch, Tanya Collins, Alberto Flint, Haylie Forrer, Skie Foster, Iesha Ingol, Jason Koenn, Allissa LaFontain, Monico Moreno, Norberto Naal Ruiz, Kayla Owens, Andrew Smiley, Jacob Sproul, Jade Vogel

3.5-3.99 - Kara Burak, Abbey Edwards, Austin Miller, Samantha Owens, Catlyn Pavel, Mikayla Pieper, Alexis Rue, Jacey Schroeder, Dalton Stuck, Courtney St. John, Julia Shuck, Patrick Troyer, Kayla Warnimont

3.0-3.49 - Kelly Colley, MacKenzie Hanenkratt, Tyler Hayner, Sarah Myers, Macey Provines, Chance Robinson, Breanna Schmidt, Elaine Smith, Destiny Starr

4.0 - Joe Kauser, Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Kaitlyn Roughton

3.5-3.99 - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, Sarah Bales, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Timothy Bush, Justin Carnahan, Megan Coak, Olivia Cramer, Taylor Dangler, Taylor Deatrick, Melissa Durham, Emily Farr, Tyler Fry, Javier Gonzales, Guy Harder, Nicholas Hitchcock, Cody Jarrell, Ashley Johanns, Rachael Kesler, Kandee Manson, Kelsi Manz, Sierra McCullough, Rachel Nicelley, Abby Pease, Sydney Provines, Kaylyn Rager, Avery Rice, Julian Salinas, Sidney Salinas, Jaelyn Schlatter, Chelsie Schoepflin, Alyssa Shelmadine, Alesha Simon, Andrea Singer, Tiffany Spangler, Shelly Stafford, Jenifer Switzer, Bailey Varner, Meagan Weller, Kayley Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Katelynn Back, John Banet, Natasha Garcia, Gerod Harder, Kenneth King, Sonny Manz, Seth Mattocks, Janey McCourt, Michael Mott, Rachel Mourey, Sara Newman, Mikayla Porter, Chelsea Rose, Ryan Schindler, Kayla Shaffer, Allison Singer, Jade VanCleve, Mindy Yates

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ANTIQUÉ PORCH SALE: Large variety of antiques. Friday June 10, 9am-5pm, Saturday June 11, 9am-3pm. 103 E. Woodcox St., Antwerp. 1st street north of police station. p

MOVING SALE: 601 Park Ave., Apt. 107, Antwerp. June 11, 9:00-? Hutch, tool bench, tool case plus tools, many crafts, oak table & chairs was \$3500 now \$1400. Come & look. Moving to California. p

AFTER MOVING SALE: June 9-10, 9-5; June 11, 9-12, 402 E. Canal. Boys clothes 8/10; household, home decor, toys, books; M&W clothes; Christmas decor, golf bag, linens, DS games, ipod shuffle, scrap-booking, Vera Bradley, lots of misc. items. p

GARAGE SALE: Fri June 10, 8-5; Sat June 11, 8-12. Name brand girls clothes 0-24 mos., shoes, toys, high chair, bouncy seat, maternity clothes S-L, womens S-M, mens XL, desk, steam mop, suitcase, lamps, home decor. 128 Maumee Ln., Antwerp. p

HUGE GARAGE SALE: June 8-9-10, 9am-5pm. Boys clothes, girl clothes 0-3T, teen girl clothes. Christmas house-hold misc. items, oak crib & changing table. Something for everyone. 226 Fairground Dr., Paulding, Ohio. House next to Baker/Shindler. p

THE VETS-CH committee will have a garage sale at Riverside Park in Antwerp on Fri. June 10, 9-5 and Sat. June 11, 9-1.

HAHN/HUGHES PORCH SALE: 109 E. River St., Antwerp. June 10 & 11, 9-4. Girls sz. NB-2T, boys sz. NB-3T, toys, home decor, men's & women's clothing, rocking chair. p

RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE. Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville, Ohio. June 17th, 9-5. 23-24p

GARAGE SALE: Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10, 8:30am-? 1 1/2 miles N of Antwerp on St. Route 49. p

GARAGE SALE: Boys clothes NB-4T, toys, antiques, collectables, adult clothes, kitchenware, linens, pictures & much more. Fri & Sat, 8am-3pm. 5587 Rd. 94, Payne. p

GARAGE SALE: 5763 Rd. 424, approx. 2 miles east of Antwerp, Thursday, June 9th & Friday, June 10th from 8am-5pm. Nurses scrubs size small \$1 per piece; Lab coat, waist length fur coat, Household items, queen size bedding & blankets, wall decor, kitchen items, decorative bins, shoes, children's toys, baby items, infant clothing 0-12 months (boys), crib sheets, blankets, bumper pad set, many books priced .10-.50, many videos .50 each, entertainment center, electric stove (like new), garbage disposal, golf balls, tees and other golfing items. Everything priced to sell! Not responsible for accidents. p

GARAGE SALE: June 9-10, 8-5. Fish tank & stand, boys clothes 6-18, hutch, futon, knick knacks, shoes, toys & Thomas the Train. 5632 CR 180, Antwerp. Just past Grant's Hall. p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs, Fri, Sat, June 9-11, 8:30-? 510 N Main St., Antwerp. Rohrs. Girls clothing 3-4T, boys newborn-2T, toys, umbrella stroller, maternity clothes. Adult puzzles & books, snow-mobiles & misc. p

GARAGE SALE: June 8, 9, 10, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Lots of odds & ends, clothes. There will be Mary Kay w/entry. 7484 Rd. 1031, Antwerp. p

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5/11/11

This 11th day of May, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 178134 through 178164 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SUSPENDING A SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE STATE AUDITOR:

The State Auditors requested a meeting to review the letter of arrangement between Paulding County and the Auditor of State for the 2010 audit of the County; and this date was set by the State Auditors to review said letter; the Board of County Commissioners does suspend this meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in order to meet with the State Auditors regarding the letter of arrangement between Paulding County and the Auditor of State for the 2010 audit of he County.

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 May 9, 2011, Warrant numbers 178041 through 178132 totaling \$1,440,000, 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 AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF PAULDING COUNTY AS AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF KNOX COUNTY IN THE CASE OF STOCKBERGER ET AL. V. HENRY:

The Knox County Commissioners and the Knox County Engineer have been engaged in litigation (Stockberger et al. v. Henry, Case No. 10CA000018, Knox County Court of Appeals) to determine whether the Commissioners may require the Engineer to use motor vehicle and gas tax funds controlled by the engineer to pay the Engineer's Office's share of property and liability insurance costs; and this issue is an important one to all Ohio counties in this time of very difficult funding decisions; and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) has asked Paulding County to join it in an amicus curiae brief requesting the Ohio Supreme Court to accept jurisdiction of the case, and this Board wished to do so; by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio:

Section 1. That Paulding County agrees to join with CCAO to participate as amicus curiae in support of the Knox County Commissioners in the case of Stockberger et al. v. Henry, Case No. 10CA000018, Knox County Court of Appeals, urging the Ohio Supreme Court to accept jurisdiction of the case.

Section 2. That it is understood that this participation will be at no cost to Paulding County.

Section 3. That this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor, and Kathy Sanderson - Ms. Fickel and Ms. Sanderson met with the Commissioners to discuss the new County employee health/life insurance rates for payroll purposes. Ms. Fickel also discussed budget issues (supplies, travel, etc.).

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Langham met with the Commissioners to update them on activity at the Paulding County Economic Development office.

Kirk and Julie Migerek, Palmer Energy Company - Mr. Migerek introduced Palmer Energy Company as CCAO's energy consultant. He informed the Commissioners that CCAO recommended Palmer Energy Company contact Ohio counties to offer their services as agent and consultant to obtain RFP (Retail Electric Pricing) information on the County's behalf. Palmer Energy Company will then show the results of these efforts to the Commissioners to aid in contracting decisions.

Wesley Fahrbach, District Representative for Rob Portman, US Senator, Ohio - Mr. Fahrbach scheduled a meeting with the Commissioners for an update on the state of the County. Mr. Fahrbach inquired as to the status of Paulding County's wind energy projects. The Commissioners discussed the importance of state and federal legislature's continuance of alternative energy incentives for the projects to complete all phases. Mr. Fahrbach questioned the County revenue and the Commissioners reported the County's sales tax has leveled off. The first quarter, 2011, sales tax is just 1% less than the same time period in 2008.

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ANNUAL DANCE DOLLS RECITAL APPROACHES



Bottom row – BreAnne Murlin, Megan Leinard, Amber Greenwood. Middle row – Samantha Smith and Taylor Vail. Standing – Dayna Conley. Photo courtesy of Memories by Tawnya.

Pictured above are members of The Dance Dolls Studio preparing for their upcoming annual recital June 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m. and June 12th at 2:30 at The Huber Opera House and Civic Center in Hicksville, Ohio. Please

join us and help support our community in their pursuit of the fine arts. Besides it's just a great show!

will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing which is anticipated to be completed in October. The project, which is being performed by Gerken Paving, is part of an agreement which will turn maintenance responsibilities for the former state route over to the Defiance and Paulding County Commissioners.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/6/11

Defiance County:

Ohio 18 east of Hicksville will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage repair. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 18 east of Sherwood at Coy Road will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage repair. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 281 from its eastern intersection with Ohio 18 to the Henry County line will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for berm work. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

U.S. 127 and County Road 424 (formerly Ohio 424), at their north intersection closed May 16 for 30 days for intersection reconstruction. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 24, Ohio 15/18 and Ohio 18 back to U.S. 127. Work to reconstruct the south intersection of U.S. 127 and County Road 424 is now also under way and is being performed under traffic.

Work at both intersections is expected to be completed in mid June. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving.

County Road 424 (formerly Ohio 424) between the Indiana state line and Defiance

Paulding County:
Ohio 500/Ohio 613 in the Village of Payne closed June 2 for two days for a railroad crossing upgrade. Ohio 500 traffic detoured onto Ohio 49, Ohio 111 back to Ohio 500. Ohio 613 traffic detoured onto Ohio 49, Ohio 111 and U.S. 127 back to Ohio 613. Work is being performed by Road Safe Traffic.

Ohio 613 in the Village of Melrose will close for three days beginning June 9 for a railroad crossing upgrade. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 66, Ohio 637 back to Ohio 613. Work is being performed by Road Safe Traffic.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 6/3/11

Mens Tuesday Night League

1. Farm Credit 10-0
2. Handyman 5-5
3. Guilfords 7-1
4. BWW 5-1
5. Hoffman Builders 1-5

6. Hitmen 3-5
7. Larson Body Shop 0-8
8. TJ's Bar 3-7
9. Oasis Bar 2-4

Mens Thursday Night League

1. Lee Kinstle Chevy 8-1
2. Nemco 7-3
3. Grace Home Improvements 2-5
4. Handyman 4-6
5. Azul 6-2
6. Oasis Bar 7-3
7. TJ's Bar 4-4
8. Haviland Tile 2-7
9. Omni Source 0-10

Womens Wednesday Night League

1. Blackies 7-0
2. Casa Veija 5-1
3. Carpet Wholesalers 5-1
4. Jay Dangler Excavating 2-5
5. Moody Maidens 3-2
6. Paulding VFW 2-3
7. Ed's Car Care/Concrete Guys 0-7
8. Farmers Insurance 0-5

"The Swamp" Wiffleball League Wednesday Night

1. Gatorz 3-0
2. Whitmans 2-1
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 3-0
4. Tea Bags 1-1
5. Breese Trucking 0-2
6. Scorpions 0-2
7. Grace 0-2
8. Bombers 1-2

Monday Night Coed League

1. Archbold Equipment 4-0
2. Hoffman Builders 4-0
3. Concrete Guys 2-2
4. Gatorz 1-3
5. Smallies Body Shop 1-3
6. R&D Engineering 0-4

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS MAY MEETING

The regular May meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011. The treasurer's report included the approval of the April 7, 2011 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for March, 2011. The updated five year forecast was approved.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the OSFC construction project and instructional vacancies employment. Director Bob Vennekotter congratulated Health Technology instructors Reesa Rohrs and Shirley Jarvis for another successful Vantage Bloodmobile, Math teacher Mike Knott, on 22 Personal Finance students placing in the top 20% on a national online exam, and instructor Bev Tuttle and the Delphos FCCLA students who qualified for Nationals in Anaheim, California. He also

discussed seniors taking the Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessments and the finishing of the 2010-2011 Carpentry house project. Adult Director Pete Prichard reported on customized assessments, student tracking, upcoming classes, the MOU with Lima City Schools for the ABE program and the progress of the Alternative Energy Academy.

In new business, the board:
—Approved employment of the following, as needed, as scheduled: Ted Verhoff, CTE Supervisor; Matthew Miller, Science Instructor; Daniel Joyce, Science Instructor; Sherryl Proctor, Math Instructor; Jaime Kipfer, Math Instructor; Angie Shellbarger, Special Education Coordinator; Ashley Cline, Special Education Instructor; Shane Falke, Special Education Instructor; Penny Baucom, Karen McGilton, Alaina Gillett, Abby Ashbaugh, and G. Marie Bentz, all Summer Maintenance.

—Approved supplemental contract as follows: Amy Grothouse, Entry Year Mentor for Tony Unverferth and Suzie Smith; Rachael Harpel, Mike Knott, Theresa Mengerink, Jean Minnig and Marcia Osenga, all PLC Training Participants; Ted Verhoff, not to exceed 10 days T & I Supervisor training during June;

—Approved Paulding satellite discontinuation, including Reduction in Force of Brian Merce;

—Approved employment of the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Kristie Jones, Instructional Leader; Shirley Jarvis, STNA Coordinator; Connie Drake, Ted Daniels, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, LaDonna Etzler, and Carol Schaefer, Health Careers; Josephine Wilson, ABE Instructor; Steve Treece, Transportation Program Coordinator; Robert Hogan and Mike DeMoss, Truck Driving Academy; Irvin Tumblin, Tow Motor Instructor; Mark Ernst, Police Academy; Carolyn Fast, Basketmaking;

—Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Westwood Behavioral Health Center and Vantage for the purpose of collaboration in treatment of substance abuse for women of child bearing age as part of the Project Women 2012 Program;

—Approved the Alternative Energy Academy Lead Instructor job description;

—Approved the revised Lead Teacher job description;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of an alignment rack from Hunter Engineering in an estimated amount of \$53,176.90;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of a paint booth from Midwest Spray Booths in an estimated amount of \$58,220.40

—Resolution to award contracts to the low bidders for the Vantage - OSFC renovation/building project:

- *General Trades - WA Sheets - \$12,410,000.00
- *Plumbing - Ohio Plumbing - \$1,319,000.00
- * HVAC - Slagle Mechanical - \$3,691,000.00
- *Fire Protection - Vulcan FP - \$327,301.00

MR. & MRS. MAX HOEPPNER CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Max and Dulanna (Messmann) Hoepfner of Woodburn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2011. They were married June 10, 1961 at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn.

The have been blessed with two sons: Mark E. of Woodburn and Scott (Jenny) of Frisco, TX. Grandchildren are Hannah, Caroline and Katie Hoepfner, Chase

Hoepfner of Frisco, TX and Austin Hoepfner in Heaven. Great-granddaughter, Paige Alber.

Max spent over 50 years in the Construction Industry retiring from Hoepfner Construction Corporation in 2008. Dulanna was employed by Kelly Services and then retired from Hoepfner Construction Corporation in 2001.

*Electric - Woolace Electric - \$3,604,000.00

*Food Service - Burkett Rest. Equip - \$537,500.00

*Roofing - Bruns dba Ohio Roofing - \$1,089,285.00

Humble Construction withdrew their low bid for General Trades;

—Approve NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies as presented;

—Accept with thanks, a donation of \$50 from the American Association of University Women to the Vantage Interact Club;

—Accept with thanks, a donation of paint supplies from Dietsch Sales & Service Inc., with a value of

\$33,408.30 to the Auto Body program at Vantage;

—Resolution approving Solar Power Purchase Agreement and Solar License Agreement; and authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign those contracts.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant at Vantage.

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