

PAULDING LIBRARY HOSTS HISTORIC FLAG DISPLAY



Paulding County library team member, Kathy Hefley, puts the final touches on the historic flag display currently being exhibited at the historic Carnegie library in Paulding.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is hosting a display of historic United States flags. Loaned by a private collector, the eight flags are examples of how the flag changed as our country grew. The flags will be on display in the local history wing of the historic Carnegie library in Paulding until the end of October. Classroom tours are encouraged and may be scheduled by calling the library at 419-399-2032.

"We are honored to be able to display these historically important flags," stated Susan Pieper, Library Director. "Some of the flags are representative of the Civil War which, 150 years ago, split our country in two."

The following informa-

tion was provided by the private collector regarding the specific flags included in this display:

1. A 35 star flag dating from 1863-1865, similar to one flown on a sailing ship. The stars are sewn on both sides with the stripes sewn using a heddle machine. The flag is stamped with the words "U.S. Ensign."

2. From 1858-1865, an unusual 32/35 star flag handmade of cotton. The canton (blue field) is resting on a red stripe - indicating it was made during a time of stress. The stars are sewn on the canton in a "spattered" design with 32 stars on one side and 35 stars on the other.

3. The oldest flag in the
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DISASTER STRIKES WOODBURN FAMILY

The Mark and Rene Wentz family of Woodburn recently went through a very trying time. A house fire destroyed their home on the morning of August 24, 2011. They escaped safely but lost everything including family pets. Friends and family at Christ's Lutheran Church in Woodburn are pulling together to help the Wentz's. An account for donations to help the family reestablish themselves has been set up at PNC Bank. Donations can be made out to the Wentz Family.

DIVINE MERCY 2011 FUN-FEST

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County will be holding its second annual festival on Sunday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Payne location (203 W. Townline). A "home style" meal of ham, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, dinner rolls, drink and dessert will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned parish hall. Carry-outs are available.

Also, there will be a concession stand, which will serve hot dogs, snacks, coffee, pop and water; in the morning donuts will be available.

A silent auction will be held. There will be a Kraft Korner where you will find delicious homemade cakes, breads, pies, and noodles. You will also find plants, produce and a variety of other items.

Kids games will include a fish pond, a duck pond, plinko, a sucker tree, Sponge Bob bean bag throw down, pop ring toss, balloon/dart throw and Putt-Putt Golf. Adult games will include Bingo, Bix 6 and Showdown.

There will be raffles for \$500.00 (1st prize) and \$250.00 (2nd prize), a hand sewn queen-size quilt, a 26" boys 18 speed Mountain Bike and a six-course gourmet dinner for six prepared by Father G. Allan Fillman. Throughout the day mystery raffles will be held every hour.

Entertainment will be provided by the Antwerp Community Band from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Top of Ohio Dulcimers from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Gospel Magician, Tim Mabis from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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for the entire family, Divine Mercy's 2011 Fun-Fest is the place for you. All the parishioners of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County have been working hard to make sure everyone who comes will indeed have "A Divine Time".

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has selected Erika Willitzer as its next director.

Willitzer brings with her over 15 years of com-



munication and marketing experience. She holds a B.A. in communications-journalism from The University of Akron in Ohio. Willitzer grew up in northwest Ohio and has been a resident of Paulding County for six years.

Most recently, she was the news anchor for Fort Wayne's Morning News on Newstalk 1190 WOWO, and she's currently the "Meijer Mom" spokesperson for all the Meijer stores in Fort Wayne.

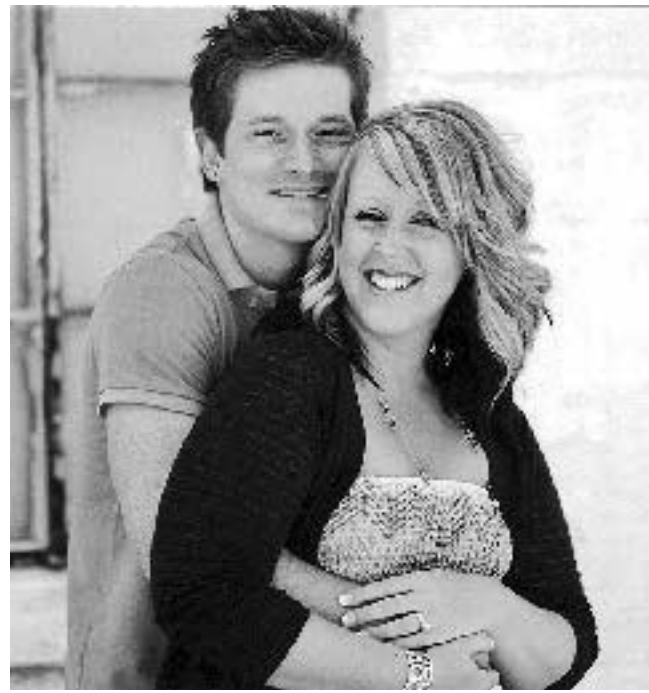
In addition to those duties, she also has consulted with many small businesses developing focused marketing campaigns that bring in impactful results. She also has an extensive background in graphics and web design.

As chamber director, Willitzer will be reaching out to area businesses. When asked about what she's looking forward to most in this new role, she said, "I'm most excited about building new relationships and expanding upon the great foundation that already exists within Paulding's business community."

Willitzer also added that she hopes to lend herself to the community as a resource, offering solutions and giving insight to local leaders when it comes to using social networking and new technology.

"We are so very pleased and excited to have Erika as our new director," said chamber board chairman Melinda

LITZENBERG - BEREGSZAZI



Steve and Michelle Litzenberg of Antwerp, along with Vicki and Mike Sprow of Paulding are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alicia Ann Litzenberg to Joseph Drew Beregszazi of Antwerp.

Allie is a 2003 graduate of Antwerp High School and

is employed at Promedica Health Systems, Defiance.

Joey is a 2003 graduate of Antwerp High School and is employed at Tower Automotive, Auburn, IN.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on September 17, 2011 at the United Methodist Church, Antwerp, OH.

Krick. "Within the first five or 10 minutes of her interview, our search committee knew it had found the right person for the job. She has a winning combination of professional experience and personal qualities that we believe will greatly enhance the Paulding Chamber and benefit all our members."

Regarding her personal life, Willitzer is a mother of three daughters and her husband, William Willitzer, is a carpenter for the Carpenter's Union Local #232.

One of her ongoing goals is to do work that has a greater purpose and to conduct herself in a way that will make her family proud. When asked how this new position will reflect that notion she said, "While I have loved working in Fort Wayne, I'm thrilled to work in the county I live in and love. I'm

especially proud to work for Paulding County because I believe wholeheartedly it has so much to offer."

Willitzer began her new duties at the chamber office on Tuesday, September 6, training with interim director Kim Sutton.

Willitzer will be part of the chamber's annual fall golf outing on Wednesday, September 14 at Auglaize Golf Course. For information on joining this event, call the chamber office at 419-399-5215 or email pcoc@paulding-net.com

Chamber members also will have an opportunity to meet the new director at a chamber Business After Hours from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 22 at the new Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative on McDonald Pike in Paulding.

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OBITUARIES

Hiriam C. Smith, 72, of Paulding died Sunday, August 28, 2011 at his residence. He was born in McNeill, MS, on September 22, 1938 the son of C.T. and Lena (Fraizer) Smith. On January 15, 1960 he married Cathrin Perry, who survives. He was a US Army Veteran. He retired as supervisor for LaFarge Corporation in 2001 and was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Paulding and a Life Member of Paulding VFW Post #587.

He is survived by his wife, Cathrin Smith of Paulding; a son, Tracy Smith of Paulding; a daughter, Regena (Gerald) Butler of Eules, TX; a sister, Mary Ann Malley of McNeill, MS; two grandchildren: Randall (Angie) Smith of Norfolk, VA, and Shawna (Smith) of Paulding; two great-grandchildren: Mason and Lyla Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Pearlle Melvin.

Funeral services were conducted September 2, 2011 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Paulding, OH with Rev. Drew Gardner officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to the Paulding Emmanuel Baptist Church Building Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Jean L. Forrest, 83, of Hicksville, passed away Friday, September 2, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Jean was born in Covington, KY on April 9, 1928, a daughter of the late Esther (Martin) and Bert Major. She was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church. On July 20, 1946 she married Bob Forrest. Bob passed away

May 3, 2003.

Jean will be sadly missed by her daughters: Kay (James) Morhart of Woodburn, IN, and Jan (Pete) Manuguerra, of Medina; son, Todd (Marie) of Toledo; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are her siblings: Jack, Bert and Peggy Major, Helen Welling and Ruth Clinton; and grandson, Zachary.

Her funeral service is at Bethel United Methodist Church, Antwerp, on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing is at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or Hicksville Senior Center. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Terrisa M. Rice, of Antwerp passed away Saturday, September 3, 2011 at Vancrest Healthcare Center.

Terri was born in Fort Wayne the daughter of Raymond Terrill and the late Hazel (Bollier) Terrill. She was a beautician. On February 16, 1979 she married Bill Rice, who survives.

Terri will also be sadly missed by her children: Tonya Collins of Denver and Rod Botteron of Fort Wayne; father, Raymond Terrill of Antwerp; and grandson, Brad Botteron.

Her graveside service was at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp on September 6, 2011. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Nancy K. Woodring, 69, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2011 at her residence. Nancy was born in Fort Wayne on August 10, 1942, a daughter of Richard Wannemacher and the late

Mildred (Schmidt) Wannemacher.

She worked at Hicksville Hospital, but previously Nancy worked at Dana Weatherhead and enjoyed baby sitting for many years. Nancy was a devout member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp VFW Auxiliary & the Red Hat Society. She loved to travel, camp and garden. On January 28, 1961 she married Bill Woodring.

Nancy will be sadly missed by her husband, Bill; father, Richard Wannemacher of Payne; children: Bill (Angie) of Edgerton, IN, Chris (Bruce) Ferris of Cecil, Dan (Lisa) of West Unity, Shelly (Jim) Murlin of Antwerp and Rick of Fairfield; siblings: Sue (Jerry) Zielke of Antwerp, Donna of Alvordton, Pat Wobler of Edgerton, IN, Dick (Sue) and Tom (Lou Ann) Wannemacher, both of Payne; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish 303 Monroe Street, Antwerp at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011.

Viewing is Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00-9:30 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. A VFW Auxiliary Service and Catholic Vigil Service will be held Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, OH.

Memorials are to Divine Mercy, 417 N. Main, Paulding 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Robert Ray Perl, 73, of Paulding went to be with his Lord Saturday, September 3, 2011 at his residence.

He was born December 15, 1937 in Paulding County Ohio, the son of Richard Perl and LaVoon (Klingler) Perl. On October 19, 1957 he married Joann Marie Link, who survives.

He graduated from Paulding High School in 1957. Bob was formerly employed by Reinhart Chevrolet and later owned Bob Perl's Shell Service, Inc. until 1978 when he began working at Paulding Exempted Village Schools as custodian. He retired from the school in 2006 after 28 years. He was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Paulding where he served for 38 years.

Bob dearly loved his wife, daughters, grandchildren, family and his church family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and sharing his love of fishing with them.

Bob is survived by his wife, Joann M. Perl of Paulding, three daughters: Julie (Anthony) Solis of Wheaton, IL, Cindy (Bud) Koenig of Paulding, and Carrie (Ed) Ferrier of Fort Wayne, IN; a brother, Gail (Judy) Perl of Van Wert; three half-brothers: Paul (Roberta) Perl of Midway, OH, David Perl of Paulding, and Richard (Marsha) Perl of rural Paulding; a half-sister, Melody (Dennis) Peffley of Butler, IN; and six grandchildren: Candice (Jared) Calame, Dan (Katelyn) Ferrier, Kristen (Jeff) Gerber, David Ferrier, Michael Solis and Danielle Solis.

He is preceded in death by his mother and his step-father, A. Rex Adams; his father and step-mother, Fannie Perl; two sisters: Rose Ellen Ross,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK
 "Forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead...
 Christ Jesus."
 —Philippians 3:13

and infant, Nancy Perl; two half-brothers: Willard and Phillip Perl; and a half-sister, Phyllis Perl.

Funeral services were conducted on September 7, 2011 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Paulding with Pastor Drew Gardner officiating. Burial service were in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church Building Fund. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Jeanie May Smith, 85 of Cadiz, KY passed away on Friday, September 2, 2011 at Christian Care Communities in Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes.

She was born on May 3, 1926 in Monroe, AR to the late Harry M. and Leila Shelton Shell.

She was a member of the Cadiz Church of Christ; a homemaker, an avid reader and a Chicago Cubs fan.

She was survived by her husband of 61 years, William "Bill" Smith of Cadiz, KY; six sons and daughters-in-law: Larry and Sandra Smith of Quincy, IL, David and Debra Smith of Paulding, Gregory and Peggy Smith of Reidsville, NC, Kevin and Debbie Smith of Champaign, IL, Chuck and Laura Smith of Antwerp, and Gary and Sheila Smith of Cadiz, KY; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Roseann Shell of Lancaster, WI; sisters and brothers-in-law: Rose and Jim Schweiger of Bradenton, FL, and Leona Banta of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry M. and Leila Shelton Shell; an infant son, John Smith; three brothers: Melbourne, James and Jesse Shell; and two sisters: Margaret Gibbs and Louise Darmody.

Private graveside services for the family were held September 4, 2011 at East End Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Cadiz Church of Christ, PO Box 1007, Cadiz, KY 42211. King's Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Ervin E. Wendt, 74, of Hicksville died Monday, September 5, 2011 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

He was born in Defiance, Ohio on June 18, 1937, the son of Fred and Laura (Retcher) Wendt. On October 21, 1956, he was united in marriage to Joanne Shreve and she survives.

Ervin retired from BF Goodrich in Woodburn, IN after 36 years. Previous employment included Michigan Sawmill, Defiance County Farm and Johns Manville. He was a member of the Church of Nazarene in Hicksville.

Survivors of Ervin include his wife, Joanne; three daughters: Cindy (Norm) Schlosser, Nancy Wendt, all of Hicksville, and Jeannie (Steve) Lane of Bryan; two sons: Roy of Cecil, and Randol of Kentucky; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; four step-great-great-grandchildren; a sister: Sue Ann (Arnold) Cheek of Defiance; and numerous nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Ervin will be Friday, September 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville with Pastor Bob Knapp officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

IT'S GOD'S FAULT

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Have you ever noticed the tendency that we have to blame God when bad things happen?

Now that is not to say that He is not partly liable. He is God after all. If he can turn water into wine, protect Daniel in the lion's den, or part the Red Sea, then He is powerful. And if He has the power to stop a tragedy yet allows it, then we cannot just say that He is not partly responsible.

If we did not want to lay the blame at His feet, we would have to say that He is not all-powerful. But if God is not all powerful, then is He really God? Or we could say that He doesn't care. But if He doesn't care, then is He loving? We could just say that we live in a fallen world and that the tragedy around us is just the consequences of the fallen state of everything. But then why does God intervene and do miracles at some times and not others?

Imagine that you were walking down the sidewalk and saw a toddler playing in the road. You looked around and did not see the kid's mom or dad anywhere. Further down the road, you saw a semi-truck going full speed. You had plenty of time to safely get the toddler out of the road and to safety, yet you also know that the semi would not be able to stop in time to avoid hitting the kid. So you

decided, despite having the power to stop the situation, to just stand there and enjoy the gory show. Would you be at fault for that kid's death? Is God at fault for the suffering in the world?

Yet we read in the writings of John, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love" [1 John 4:7-8 (ESV)].

How can we reconcile all the pain in our lives and the suffering in the world with a God who is loving? How do we watch footage of the Japanese tsunami destroying house after house and still say that God is loving? How do we see starving children in Africa and say that God is loving? How do we deal with the personal pain of the death of a loved one and say that God is still loving?

Often, we don't. We ignore the question. As if by ignoring the difficult dilemma, everything will be the way it was before the disaster or tragedy struck. We continue to go through the religious motions, saying all of the right religious sayings while inside we no longer truly believe that God is good. Oh, we continue to give lip service to that religious supposition, but, deep inside, we have stopped believing it. The idea that God is good has just become an intellectual concept that we utter without meaning while ignoring the life changing impact that truly believing it can have on our lives.

Other times, we don't ignore the question but conclude that the best course of action is to hate God or pretend that the God we blame for causing our tragedy does not exist. After all, if God is powerful even to stop tragedies yet allows them to happen, we know that he shares responsibility. Maybe not

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direct, but at least indirect. What can we conclude about a God who allows tragedies to happen all around him—tragedies of the worst kind—yet has the power to stop them?

Maybe we are looking at it all wrong. Are we being bamboozled by the physical while ignoring the spiritual underpinnings to everything that goes on around us? Could tragedy, suffering, and pain actually be good for us?

God is working out things behind the scenes that we cannot see. When we ask why God intervenes some times and does not at other times – even if we were given the answers, we would not be satisfied. No answer could ever make me happy with some of the tragedies in my life, and I am sure the same could be said for some of the tragedies in yours.

What are we going to do when tragedy strikes? Are we going to ignore that the bad happened? Are we going to distance ourselves from God? Are we going to justify away how God does not hold any responsibility? Or are we going to totally give ourselves over to God, seek His will and plan, and allow Him to work the terrible situations toward good through us? The choice is ours. We can try to change our perspective.

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

WE NEED THE TRUTH: THE WHOLE TRUTH & NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

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

We live in a culture where truth is for sale and for reasons of selfishness and to attempt to escape any unwanted consequences; there are far too many in our time who try to dodge the truth, sometimes at an eternal cost.

For example, imagine picking your car up from the shop after a routine tune-up, and the technician says, "This car is in great shape. Clearly you have an automotive genius to take great care of your car." Later that day, your brakes don't work. You find out you were out of brake fluid. You could have died.

You go back to the shop, and you say, "Why didn't you tell me?" The technician replies, "Well, I didn't want you to feel bad. Plus, to be honest, I was afraid you might get upset with me. I want this to be a safe place where you feel loved and accepted." You'd be furious! You'd say, "I didn't come here for a little fantasy-based ego boost! When it comes to my car, I want the truth."

Or imagine going to the doctor's office for a check-up. The doctor says to you, "You are a magnificent physical specimen. You have the body of an Olympian. You are to be congratulated." Later that day while climbing the stairs, your heart gives out. You find out later your arteries were so clogged that you were, like, one jelly doughnut away from the grim reaper.

You go back to the doctor and say, "Why didn't you tell me?" The doctor says, "Well, I knew your body is in worse

shape than the Pillsbury doughboy, but if I tell people stuff like that, they get offended. It's bad for business. They don't come back. I want this to be a safe place where you feel loved and accepted." You'd be furious! You'd say to the doctor, "When it comes to my body, I want the truth!"

When it comes to the hereafter we need the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The Bible speaks of a day of reckoning, a divine court appearance that no one can escape whatever their worldview. Depending on one's response to salvation offered by faith in Jesus Christ in this life, the outcome of this response will lead to either eternal life or eternal death. Therefore the truth is quite important. Jesus put it this way... John 8:32 (NLT), "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Acts 16:16 – in this verse what was a certain slave girl possessed with? NKJV

2. The slave girl brought her masters much profit by doing what?

3. Acts 16:18 – what did Paul say to the slave girl? NKJV

4. Acts 16:19-24 – what did the magistrates do to Paul and his traveling companions? NKJV

5. Acts 16:25 – what were Paul and Silas doing at midnight in Jail? NKJV

6. Acts 16:26 – what happened in this verse? NKJV

7. Acts 16:27 – what was the keeper of the prison going to do seeing that the prison doors were opened? NKJV

8. Acts 16:33 – what did the keeper of the prison do for Paul and Silas? NKJV

9. Acts 16:37 – what did Paul tell the keeper of the prison? NKJV

10. Acts 17:1 – where did Paul and Silas go after leaving Philippi? NKJV

Comments or Bible questions call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Loved ones please continue to pray and study so that you will be able to know what the Bible says. God loves you and wants you as His child.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. That they must be circumcised

2. Talking about people, who have been called out of the world into Jesus kingdom which is the church.

3. From things offered to idols, from blood, and sexual immorality.

4. Faith and numbers

5. The Holy Spirit

6. A man of Macedonia who was pleading for Paul and Barnabas to come over to Macedonia and help them

7. Concluded that the Lord had called them, Paul and Silas to preach to the Macedonians.

8. Philippi

9. Lydia

10. The Lord

CARD SHOWER



Arlene Billman turns 80 years old on September 18, 2011. If you would like to send a card, send it to PO Box 453, Antwerp, OH 45813.

RESISTING THE POWER OF TEMPTATION

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A silly story has been going around about a young man who was hitchhiking through one of our Southern states. A farmer driving an old pickup truck stopped to give him a lift. As they rode along, they got to talking about the local moonshine whiskey. The young man said he didn't drink very much. Moonshine would probably be too strong for his tastes.

"Nonsense!" said the farmer. "You gotta try some." He fished around behind him and finally produced a small jug. "Here," he said, handing the mar to the lad. "Take a drink!"

"Oh, no thanks," said the young man. "I really don't think I care for any."

"No, I insist," pressed the farmer. "Have some." "No, thanks—really," said the young man.

The farmer wasn't going to take no for an answer. He stopped the truck and grabbed his shotgun from the rack in back. He pointed the gun at the lad and roared, "I said, take a drink!"

"Okay! Okay!" said the young man. "I've changed my mind! I guess I will have some after all." The young man took a few swallows before he realized how powerful the stuff was. His throat muscles tightened, his eyes watered, and he made a choking sound.

"What do you think of it?" asked the farmer. "Good, ain't it?" "Yeah," gasped the lad, "I guess so."

Then the farmer handed the young man the shotgun and grinned. "Here! Now you hold the gun on me and make me take a drink!"

I laughed out loud when I read that story. It struck me as so comical, picturing this old farmer not only forcing the young man to take a swig of whiskey, but then handing the guy the shotgun and telling him to make HIM take a

drink! All of us are lured into doing what we really don't want to do at various times during a given week. Either the power of peer pressure, the media, or just our plain old sin nature causes us to be tempted into doing wrong. But what I find interesting is that seldom does our enemy, the devil, have to put a gun to our heads! He merely plays to our weaknesses. That's why it's so important to know the areas of your own vulnerability. Know your weaknesses. Understand your liabilities. And then protect yourself at those points. Purposely refuse to put yourself into situations where you KNOW you will be tempted. Plan ahead. Think it through.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:27, "and do not give a foothold to the devil." Another version expresses it as, "give no opportunity to the devil."

Often the reason for our caving into temptations along the path of life is our own foolishness. We knowingly place ourselves into positions where we are at risk. If complaining and criticizing is a temptation for you, don't hang around people who are constantly griping. If certain TV shows or movies cause you to stumble or sin, turn off the tube and get busy in some productive activity. If you find yourself being sucked into conversations that feed on gossip and rumor, determine to avoid the circles where such talk breeds. By taking such practical steps, we won't be able to eliminate temptation, but we can certainly minimize it.

Sure, temptations and enticements will still come your way. But at least they won't be so much of your own making... not the kind where a shotgun is being held to your head.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

The Daughters Of Rebekah (Dr)

The Daughters of Rebekah are a female auxiliary of the International Order of Odd Fellows. The Rebekah Degree was first established in 1851 and there are separate Rebekah lodges today. There is a cemetery symbol on stones in the cemetery that may seem like a mystery to some but this is what a DR symbol looks like: It is three links of chain (vertically) with an "R" through the top two links, and a dove, representing peace, inside the letter "D". The circular part of the "D" will often be depicted as a crescent moon.

In 18th century England

it was odd to find people organized just for the purpose of giving aid to others in need and connecting to benefit all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called "Odd Fellows." Today this organization is over 10,000 lodges strong in 25 countries. They did everything from helping children in Cambodia and the Arthritis Foundation to providing student loans for educational purposes. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs spend over \$775 million in relief projects annually.

A man or woman of good character, who is loyal to his or her country and believes in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the Universe, is eligible for membership. Odd Fellowship strictly forbids any interference with one's religious beliefs or political opinions. Most require the age of application to be 16 years old, although there are some junior jurisdictions.

The "Independent Order of Odd Fellows" symbol is three links of chain linked together, representing: "Friendship, Love, and Truth". My maternal grandparents: John James Soule and Gertie Irene Perry were both in the two organizations at the same time in the early part of the 1900's in and around Romeo, Michigan. There are three links of the "Odd Fellows" symbol on Grandpa's stone in Romeo. I have Grandma's certificate of membership in the Daughters of Rebekah.

The Rebekah Creed says: "I am a Rebekah. I believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the sisterhood of woman. I believe in the watch-words of our Order – FRIENDSHIP, Love and Truth. FRIENDSHIP – is like a golden chain that ties our hearts together. LOVE – is one of our most precious gifts, the more you give, the more you receive. TRUTH – is the standard by which we value people. It is the foundation of our society. I believe that my main concern should be my God, my family and my friends. Than I should reach out to my community and the World, for in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters. I AM A REBEKAH!"

What did this all mean and is it still around today and where? We have a building in Antwerp with "100F", but is it still active? Is there still or was there ever a Daughters of Rebekah Lodge? (There is a large "Odd Fellows" cemetery in New Haven, IN) If you know anything about this please call me at 419-258-2222. Thank you for the information.

FSA INFORMS PRODUCERS OF SURE ELIGIBILITY ON 2011 AND 2012 CROPS

Steven Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to inform eligible producers which may and may not suffer loss because of disaster events occurring on or before September 30, 2011, about how the 2008 Farm Bill provisions that authorized SURE will be administered for 2011 and 2012 crops.

The SURE Program was authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to provide assistance to producers suffering crop losses because of disasters on or before September 30, 2011. To receive SURE payments; an eligible producer on a SURE farm must have a qualifying loss. A qualifying loss is defined as a loss of 10 percent or more on at least 1 crop of economic significance because of disaster on a farm that is either:

—located in a disaster county; or

—if not located in any disaster county or county contiguous to such a county, but has an overall loss greater than or equal to 50 percent of normal production on the farm (expected revenue for all crops on the farm) because of disaster.

At the time of filing the 2011 or 2012 SURE application for payment, the producer will be required to identify and certify the crop of economic significance on the SURE farm that suffered the 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain eligibility for SURE.

The determination of whether a producer's certification of crop loss is because of a disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011, FSA will review the crop's planting and growing period, asserted disaster event, and any other pertinent information that may be relevant or available.

For more information about the SURE program, visit your local FSA office or the website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

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exhibit is a 13-star flag dating to the 1850s. The canton has a 4-5-4 star pattern.

4. A very rare 43-star parade flag. This was the official flag for only five days, due to several states entering the Union in rapid succession. It was probably sewn by the women of the community to wave during a parade honoring their state just recently entering the Union.

5. A 20" x 34", twelve star service banner from a stationer's store in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Local companies honored their employees who were at war. This concept was first used during World War I. Origin of this banner is unknown.

6. A 1916 replica of the only flag to have other than 13 stripes. It is known as the 15-Star Centennial Flag and has 15-stars and 15-stripes. This is the flag design used during the Lewis & Clark Expedition and was also flown during the war with the Barbary pirates from 1801-1805. This design is said to be on the flag that flew over Ft. McHenry, inspiring Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner." The canton (blue field) is resting on a red stripe meant the country was in a time of great stress such as war.

7. A flag dating from about 1864-1865 has 36 stars and was a one-of-a-kind with a "peek-a-boo" pattern made by the Annin Flag Company.

8. In honor of the admission of Nebraska as the 37th State in the Union, a 37-star flag was made "by order of Congress" in 1876. It is 9' x 17' and is made of all wool.

The exhibit will be open to the public at the historic Carnegie library in Paulding, located at 205 S. Main Street during normal operating hours; Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information regarding this display or any of the library's services, call 419-399-2032.

DEFIANCE EARLY BIRD OPEN: PAULDING CC RESULTS

On Saturday August 27th, the Paulding Panthers competed in the Defiance Early Bird Open.

For the boys, Storm Dunakin finished first for the team (55th overall) with a career best of 20:02, next was Andrew Layman with a career best 20:36, 67th overall. Ian Mungler was third for the team with a time of 20:48, placing 75th overall. Patrick Troyer made his cross country debut with a 123rd finish and an overall time of 22:40, and finishing up for the guys was Jacob Dye in his debut varsity race. He finished with a time of 23:57 and a 135th place finish.

For the girls, Ashley Johanns finished first for the ladies in her cross country debut with a time of 26:48 and 77th place finish. Next was Sarah Nardone with a time of 27:00 and an 82nd finish. Third was Melissa Durham with a time of 27:50 and a 90th finish. Fourth for the team was Rachael Kesler. She had a time of 28:42 and a 94th place finish in her cross country debut. Taylor Farr was fifth for the ladies with a time of 30:24 and a 104th place finish.

For the junior high boys, Dayton Pracht finished the race in 36th with a time of 14:52 in his first cross country race.

For the junior high girls, Allison Harpel finished Saturday with a time of 20:46 and Daleigh Davis finished with a time of 25:54.

PAULDING CC COMPETES IN COLUMBUS GROVE INVITATIONAL

The Paulding Panthers competed in the Columbus Grove Invitational, Saturday September 3rd.

The varsity girls competed in the first slot with Paulding finishing 17th as a team. Individual finishes saw Ashley Johanns first for the team (117th overall) with a career best of 24:59. Second was Sarah Nardone was second for the team (123rd overall) with a season

best, 25:09. Third was Melissa Durham with a time of 27:24 (167th overall), Fourth was Rachael Kesler with a time of 28:08 (181st overall). Fifth was Taylor Farr finishing with a time of 28:19 (183rd overall).

The varsity boys were next with Paulding finishing 19th overall as a team out of 20, beating Mt. Blanchard Riverdale. First for the team with a time of 19:37 (73rd overall), Storm Dunakin. Andrew Layman was second for the team (97th overall) with a time of 20:28. Third for the team (101st overall) was Travis Jones earning a time of 20:34. Fourth on the team was Ian Mungler, who earned a time of 20:46 (105th overall). Fifth, was Patrick Troyer (131st overall) earning a time of 22:43. Sixth for the team was Jacob Dye (139th overall), who earned a time of 25:01.

The girls junior high was third on the day with Allison Harpel finished 151st with a time of 18:32, getting her season best. Daleigh Davis came in 160th with a career best of 19:30. Last was the junior high boys. Dayton Pracht finished with a strong performance with a time of 14:12, earning 96th overall out of 250 runners. Griffin Harder made his cross country debut with a time of 18:24, earning him a 225th place finish.

The Panthers will be competing again this Saturday, September 10th in the Spencerville Bearcat Invitational.

THE PUNKY PRUNE

By: Rachel Steiner

With summer winding down, many of us are faced with an overabundance of crops from our garden. While I am completely for sharing with neighbors, its also time to think about how you are going to preserve your stockpile. Canning seems to be a thing of the past, and the new methods such as drying and freezing reign king. But let's take things one step further and think about freezer cooking. It's great to be able to pull something out last minute and have a fully nutritious meal ready to go. With a little brainstorming, you can make multiple meals in the time it takes for you to make one. So go on, store up your bounty for winter.

The first step is to sit down and brainstorm. List all the meals you typically eat and what could be completed in bulk, such as chopping veggies and pre-cooking meat and beans.

Take this time to cut up all your tomatoes, green beans and other veggies and pop them in a meal-sized freezer bag. Making a mix of celery, carrots, peppers and onions is great for throwing into soups and stews. Peppers and onions are also great for Mexican dishes. This is also a time to peruse your grocery store's produce clearance rack. I LOVE finding special treats for great prices that way. Now with all your veggies prepped, all you need to do is pop out a bag and throw it in the pot for a no-fuss dinner.

When it comes to meat, stock up when it is on sale. You can cook it all at one time which will save you time throughout the week. Then you will only need to buy meat again when you need to replenish your freezer. A great tip is to not just brown a bunch of ground beef to freeze, but to prep some favorite meals while you are at it. Add some taco seasoning to one batch, Italian to another. Make some into burger patties, meatloaf and meatballs and you'll be set to go. In my household, we often cook up entire bags of beans and rice at one time as both freeze well.

For breakfast and dessert option, think about making a double batch of muffins or pancakes. They are great to whip out and stick in lunch boxes because it takes a while to thaw which means they won't crumble all over the place when your little one throws his lunch box around. Plus you can pop one or two out before a trip to town in case anyone needs a pick-me-up snack that is wholesome and nutritious (provided they are not sugar-laden and over processed). Along the same lines, it's great to prep some bread and freeze the dough. We always make an extra batch or two of focaccia bread and pizza dough for the freezer. This saves the time of cleaning up all that flour off the counter multiple times. Plus, if you have that prepped, and some frozen veggies, you can throw together a meal in no time.

The last thing we freeze which makes a huge difference in sanity and time saving is sauces. Now is the time to harvest all your herbs and tomatoes and throw together a basic pasta sauce, or gather up your basil and start making pesto. I also make a Asian peanut sauce in bulk as well as some other staples. This is totally worth it because then you only need to clean out the food processor one time! And those can be a real beast. My best advice on freezing sauces is to omit any water or broth used in the recipe before freezing. The sauce will be a thicker 'paste', but it will take up less room in the freezer this way. As an added bonus, when you thaw it and add the liquids while cooking, you can control how thin or thick to make it based on the meal at hand. And those really small snack size baggies work great for sauces if your family isn't an army.

Hope this give you a little insight on how to prep for the future and save your sanity. If you have any questions or topics you would like discussed, please email punkyprune@yahoo.com

IT'S TIME TO STRUT YOUR MUTT



The 8th Annual Strut Your Mutt will be held Saturday, September 10, 2011. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Defiance Public Library. Tim Horton's will be on hand with your morning coffee and breakfast snacks. After the traditional Blessing of the Pets by Pastor Mike Donnally from St. Paul's United Methodist Church, assisted by St. Francis, aka, Rich Engel, the walk will kick off at 10:30 a.m. Leading the pack will be Mayor Bob Armstrong, his companion, Tipper, and Spirit, the Educational Dog from the Toledo Zoo. They will journey across the river to Pontiac Park for an enjoyable and entertaining day. Contests and activities will include a parade of adoptable shelter dogs, followed by a demonstration by Spirit from the Toledo Zoo, Best Dog Trick, Best Dressed Dog, demonstrations from the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, Biggest and Smallest Adult Dogs, King and Queen Beauty "PAW"gent, Owner/Pooch Look-A-Like, Best Mystery Breed and Doggie Sit-Ups (Sit, Lay, Sit, Lay).

All registered participants will receive a goodie bag and prizes will be awarded according to the amount of money raised. Many vendors will be present; such as, groomers, boarders, certified obedience and dog trainers, pet sitters, makers of pet treats and gifts, retail pet suppliers and more. Sheila Franzdorf will be taking memory photographs. There will be face painting for children of all ages by Brenda Phillips. In-

dulge your dog in a massage by Amber Figy. Various rescue groups will also participate and food will be available. The Defiance Bark and Runners' representatives will be present. Karen Kent will host a try-your-dog's-paw at agility. Walkers can put their dog through an ultimate agility challenge.

No mutt, no matter! The FDHS is encouraging people to take pledges and join in their walk to help the Fort Defiance Humane Society. This way, devoted cat lovers and folks who feel their dog would not enjoy the festivities can still help raise money to help the animals at the shelter and enjoy a fun-filled day. The shelter will be closed the day of the Mutt Strut so most of the shelter dogs can participate in hopes of being adopted. You can download a registration form at www.fortdefiancehumanesociety.org. For more information, call Nancy Porter at 419-395-2125.

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BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 22: MORE GETTING READY FOR THE SALE

By: Stan Jordan

The sale went well. We were ready by noon and we had a good crowd ready to enter and the door man let in about 10-12 customers at a time.

We didn't have a lot of space to browse in and a larger crowd would have been in each others way. A lot of men were looking for a specific item, some were just looking.

We had sold two of the tents in a couple hours, eight coats, 16 blankets and a tent for \$380.00 or 19 ounces of gold dust. I think both of these sales were to a group of four men to a tent for sort of a permanent home.

I had taken my kerosene stove down to the back side of the cashier's tent where Matt Branon's wife had made a big pot of chili with deer meat, so we could stop in there for chili and coffee and every one did.

We all met at the hotel that night to discuss future plans. I think that the Branon Brothers will have us to make another trip east to Independence, Missouri and bring back another load of tools for the gold strike. I think the past trip was a good success.

We got settled up with Hiram and the brothers. He said last November that maybe we would get a bonus. Well, we all got an extra month and one half wages for the trip.

Slim got all settled up for his wagon and mules for the trip. So, he had me to go along with him down stream to a place called Red Gulch that had a huge livery and wagon sales.

Slim bought a new wagon, this must have covered 7,700 miles along with his mules. He traded his mules in for a pair of young three year olds. I'm going to miss old Bessy and Bobby, they was always ready to go, but they have worked their lifetime. I hope they find a shady spot for a long rest.

The brothers have offered us a new wrinkle this trip. They have been in touch with the Farmer's Bank in Independence, Missouri and opened an account with them, if we four will haul some gold dust east on the trip.

Well, the deal is the same, wages and bonus as the other trip, if we will see that the gold gets to Independence by next February 15th. It will be 200 pounds of gold dust at a total of \$64,000 and we three will split one thousand dollars or about \$333.00 each. Hiram will get a bigger bonus because he has to deal with the bankers. We three all agreed to the terms and had a handshake.

We want to be out of here by August 24th and into Missouri by February 15th. We can be on the Oregon Trail next year by March 1, 1851.

Matt Branon's wife, Ruth, wants my one burner oil stove for her own home very badly. She offered me three times what I paid for it, but no sale, it is very handy for me.

We have two full days here yet at Gold Strike. We took all the wagons down to the livery stables and put in a good supply of hay and oats for the trip. But they didn't have any ear corn and we don't have enough on hand for the whole trip east. We will have to use green grass pasture as much as we can.

We will take Jim's new wagon and put in a false floor of about one board and five or six inches in height.

I had 40 gallons of kerosene when we went west. I used about two gallons on my stove and lanterns. I have that in four goat skins. I am going to keep one bag of kerosene to get to Independence.

I will sell 30 gallons of kerosene at their price of \$2.00 per gallon and I want my goat skin containers back. I will turn them inside out and wash them good, and put the gold dust of about 70 pounds each and use three skins. We will lay them flat in the false bottom of the wagon. We put the gold in the false bottom and then some new boards on the sides to hold all the utensils from falling out. You can't tell that the appearance was ever changed.

It was pretty daylight when we left, people all over the place, miners, diggers and freight people. I guess it was noon before we were really out of the area. Panners were washing the America River for at least 10 miles.

We bounced along till about two in the afternoon and Slim stopped us and said,

"We might as well pull over to the side and wait because here comes a wagon train of at least one mile long. We don't want to break a wheel or axle."

I said, "Well, why don't we eat supper now and feed the animals, and after this group goes by we can run until dark." We all agreed to this and I put on the coffee and Jim warmed up some biscuits and sausage gravy and we still have enough for tomorrow's breakfast.

Last night we drove until dark and then we made coffee and toast and some marmalade and we talked about the trip we had just made and the extra bonus and the profit of the extras we had brought from Independence.

Myself, I had earned an extra bonus on one and a half months wages, and I made the profit on the 30 gallons of kerosene I bought. I kept one goat skin container of kerosene for our return trip. I had some other sales of boots and wire and rope and mining tools, and I think all told I totaled \$200 counting my bonus money. See that is about six months wages. I will get a money order and send it to my mom.

We have driven hard for three days and we haven't met anyone, but we are very close to Truckee and that is the last stop in California. Then into Reno and the rest of that area in Nevada. I like California, but to me it is just a bunch of rock. The Sierra Madris included.

After we left Truckee it seems it is always up. Through Reno, Sun Valley, Lemon Valley, then more mountains. The Trinity Range, The Humboldt Sink then the Range, the Seven Troughs Range.

An old mule skinner at one of the stage coach stops gave me all the names. He used a lot of rough names and words to describe his runs and the weather and area. He talked about the road all the way to Winnemucca, but I couldn't keep up with him, but he liked his job.

He talked about Lovelock and Mill City and then into Winnemucca. That old timer had bad words for every foot of the way and it is close to another one hundred miles into Winnemucca.

We have been traveling mostly north east. It is a round about way, but that is where the mountain passes are.

Next week: In and out of Winnemucca
See ya!

SNOOPY

By: Stan Jordan

It is just getting daylight in Echternach, Belgium. It is July 1, 1918, a beautiful summer morning. Snoopy and I are to take the morning patrol as usual.

Here at Echternach, it looks to me like this place used to be a county fair grounds. It has about a one-third of a mile concrete runway with a few places of concrete on the one side. I would say the long cement strip was the main midway for a carnival type gathering and the other places were for the vendors and the like. We were off just as soon as Snoopy could see the far end of the runway.

We have a French Sopwith Camel plane with a little extra in the engine. Our chief mechanic sent home to the states for some hotter spark

plugs and he set the time up a fraction so; our Camel will do 15-20 miles per hour faster than any other French plane.

Our plane has the only rear gunner in Europe in a Camel. Therefore, this is a hush-hush job. We occupy the last hangar space on this tarmac.

We left the airstrip and just cruised east toward the Snee Eiffel or the Ardennes.

We had a little action. A Fock Wolf 190 thought he would sneak up our rear and didn't know that our plane has two .303 caliber Lewis Machine Guns that fire to the rear.

I hit him pretty good and Snoopy did a wing over to the right and lined him up in his sights and gave a three second burst in his engine and the flame and black smoke came pouring out. The German Pilot rolled his ship over and he fell out of the cockpit. His chute opened right away. We followed his burning plane to the ground and watched it crash at the end of a woods. I think the pilot fell out close to a farm road.

You see, we don't care about killing a fellow flier, we just want to destroy his plane. That is the creed of the fliers of this war.

I'm not complaining about Snoopy, but he claims all of our kills for himself. He is so set on catching Eddie Rickenbacker (America's leading ace in victories) that I know when he turns in a flight report he claims all the glory for himself. I should at least have four and a half kills for myself, but he really is a top-notch pilot.

Oh my goodness, we have been flying north between Belgium and the Rhine River and the Dirty Red Baron just slipped in beside us and down a few feet.

I took my cane and reached forward and tapped Snoopy on the right shoulder. That means for him to look to the right. I am out of ammo, but I couldn't shoot at him anyhow, he was too close and too far forward. There was nothing for me to use to throw at the Baron except an old type monkey wrench, so I heaved it over at the Red

Baron's tri-winged ship. For some reason his two machine guns started to fire. They fired for four or five seconds right straight forward and then he was empty of ammo. Well, this startled Snoopy as he made a dive off to the left and I could see that the Red Baron was pretty upset about losing the ammunition. The only thing I could figure out was that when I threw the monkey wrench, it hit his small windshield and the front jaw hit his windshield and spun over and pushed the electric gun switch and it emptied both guns. This all happened in a couple of seconds. We were headed for terra firma at about one hundred miles per hour. I hate it when he does that. He won't pull out until the last split second.

Down below I could see a long straight line. That will be a canal and Snoopy will buzz the mules who are pulling a boat. We will get wrote up again.

Then Snoopy pulls up off the canal and emptied his guns into a church steeple, just in case they were using it as an observation post.

We landed and we could see the pay line at a hanger door a few doors away. Well, this is July 1st, I will go get in line but I doubt it if I will get paid. I never do. I haven't been paid since I got here, last Thanksgiving. I am right, my name is not on the pay list and again, I don't get paid.

"Well, Lt. Woods, do you have a few moments later to talk to me about this mess?"

He said, "I will make time, a fellow should not have to wait seven months or more to get paid." I said, "Well, they all say they are not authorized to pay someone who is not on the payroll, end of conversation."

I told the Lt. I can understand all of that. My back pay and overseas pay and hazard duty pay all comes to \$19.00 a month and I could use it.

I dug out my dog tags and showed them to Lt. Woods.

I said, "Can you read all that? That part there says T.S."

He said, "Yes," that he

could and had never seen it before.

"Well, that means Top Secret or Top Security. Will you still talk with me?"

(Will he ever get paid? More next week.)
See ya!

MONTHLY SENIOR BREAKFAST AT GARDENS OF PAULDING

The monthly senior breakfast at Gardens of Paulding will take place this next Tuesday, September 13, 2011. at 8:00 a.m. Any seniors are invited to attend free of charge.

ANGEL STEINER

By: Stan Jordan

Angel is the boss's wife here at The West Bend News. She was born in Fort Wayne in 1977. Her parents are Frank and Ruth Beck Springer. There were six children in the family, and Angel is the oldest.

She went to school at Leo and graduated there in 1996. She was a very good student and graduated early. She was already in the writing and newspaper business as she was the Editor-in-Chief all four years with the school paper at Leo. It was called 'The Lion's Tale.' Leo's team is called The Leo Lions.

After graduation she took some classes on creative writing from the Institute of Children's Literature. She married Bryce Steiner in 1996. She worked for Scott's Foods in Fort Wayne and lived in Harlan.

Bryce and Angel have four children: Joshua, was born in 1997. He is a freshman at AHS and writes a weekly column for the WBN on the weather. That will probably be his future career; Jarrison was born in 1998 is in the 8th grade at AHS; Joel was born in 2000 and he is in the 5th grade; and Julia was born in 2002 and is in the 4th grade.

Angel was a stay at home mom with the children. Bryce was employed at the East Allen Courier for over ten years and she was in there occa-

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Wayne Trace Jr-Sr High School is excited to welcome four foreign-exchange students into their building this year. Maximilian Schager from Munich, Germany, is staying with Terry and Lisa McClure. Monique Tudehope from Darwin, Northern Territory in Australia is staying with Jeff and Tammy May. Zhai Yujia from Sichuan Cheng Du, China is also staying with Jeff and Tammy

May. Paloma Perez de Nancars Fernandez from Cadiz, Spain is staying with Jeanne Seffernick. The students say the biggest obstacles are getting used to the slang used in the English language, and missing their families. They also agree that the best thing about being in the US is, how nice everyone is, and how everyone goes out of their way to help any chance they get.

THE BOOKMOBILE VISITS ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL!



Ann's Bright Beginnings campers were recently visited by the Bookmobile! Employees Janel McMaster and Byron Stoller brought the Bookmobile right to our school and let us all pick out our very own

book to take back to camp for the week!

Shown here with their book choices are in front: Jack Reynolds, Carter Bashore, Miley Reynolds, Eden Shuherk and Mallory Fisher. Second row: Emma Shuherk, Colton Bashore, Ashlyn Paisley, Kynzi Knapp, Delainy Verfaillie, Ella Moore and Casey Agler. In back is Ariel Thomas-Masih with Mrs. McMaster and Mr. Stoller.

PAYNE MEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS FOR 9/2

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WT LOCAL SCHOOLS BOE DRAFT SPECIAL MINUTES FOR 8/29/11

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in special session on Monday, August 29, 2011 in the Lecture Room of Wayne Trace High School at 6:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry Sinn.

Roll Call: Les Hockenberry, Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Perry Sinn - all present; Duane Sinn - absent.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public:

NONE

Report of the Treasurer:

11-08-05 - Consent Agenda Items:

A motion by Les Hockenberry to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. to approve the State of Ohio, Department of Education computed tuition rates for the 2011/2012 school year of \$4,113.22 per student for in state students and a rate of \$9,054.85 for out of state students;

"Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?" NONE

Seconded by Pat Baumle. Roll Call Vote: Les Hockenberry, Pat Baumle, Lisa McClure, Perry Sinn - all aye; motion passed.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items:

11-08-06 - A motion by Lisa McClure to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a one-year limited contract for Belinda Miller as a part-time Title I teacher at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary School effective for the 2011-2012 school year.

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a one-year limited contract for Kara Beers as Title I teacher at Divine Mercy School effective for the 2011-2012 school year with placement on the salary schedule based on verification of years of teacher experience.

"Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?" NONE

Seconded by Les Hockenberry; Roll Call Vote: Lisa McClure, Les Hockenberry, Pat Baumle, Perry Sinn - all aye; motion passed.

11-08-07 - A motion by Pat Baumle to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Les Hockenberry; Vote by Acclamation of members; Ayes have it - motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be held September 12, 2011.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

Paulding Reservoir Park will host softball tournaments on September 10th for Mens D/E teams and September 24th for Coed teams. The first 16 teams registered in each will play in these double elimination tournaments.

Also on Sept 24th, a 6-player Wiffleball (plastic baseball) Tournament will be held. Bats

and balls furnished. No gloves are needed for this tournament. All ages are welcome.

To enter any of these tournaments, please call 419-399-2981 or email at ronzneonz@hotmail.com

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sionally.

Bryce and Angel came to Antwerp with the WBN in 2005. They are starting the seventh year as publishers. Angel works at the WBN about three days a week as a typesetter, proof reader and she organizes the classified ads, and she adds, Bryce's gofer.

Angel's hobbies are running/walking to stay in shape, gardening, reading and writing, and sewing (last year she made all the kids a robe for Christmas). She would like to write a book some day. Maybe a realistic fiction about an older high school student.

She is very active in her church, The Riverside Christian Church. She is in the worship band, on the board of the Antwerp Childcare Center, coordinator of the children's Wednesday night program, Promiseland, and on the board of Antwerp's Friends of the Library.

After all this she still works at the WBN three days a week and she is good at her job and by golly, Angel, it is nice visiting with you.

See ya!



Submitted by: Stan Jordan

The World's Funniest Real Ads: Part 1

Believe it or not, these ads actually found their way into newspapers all over the world:

Braille dictionary for sale. Must see to appreciate.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1,000.00 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last weekend. Wife knows everything.

Help wanted, singer for rock band. Must be female or male.

For sale, Hope Chest, brand new, half off, long story.

Help wanted, adult or mature teenager to baby-sit. One dollar an hour.

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For sale: a quilted high chair that can be made into a table, potty chair, rocking horse, refrigerator, spring coat, size 8 and fur collar.

Four-posted bed, 101 years old. Perfect for antique lover.

Wanted: Part-time married girls for soda fountain in sandwich shop.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Christmas sale. Hand-made gifts for the hard-to-find person.

Wanted, man to take care of cows that does not smoke or drink.

Three-year old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.

Wanted. Widower with school-age children requires person to assume general housekeeping duties. Must be capable of contributing to growth of family.


PANTHERS BRING DOWN GOLDEN BEARS



Paulding took on Bryan at home in a close Volleyball game Monday, August 29. Paulding won 3 to 2 in a 5 match game. Shown here is senior Haylie Forrer returning the ball after a serve. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp went to Edon on September 1st for a game of Volleyball. The Lady Archers fell to the Bombers 3 games to 0. Shown here is Archer senior Jessica Langham hitting the ball across the net. More pictures at www.archerpics.com



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WINTER FORECAST 2011-12

By: **Josh Steiner**

After three months of very hot weather here in North-west Ohio, you're all probably wondering what will happen this fall and winter. Well, I have finally compiled my own forecast for the coming four months, based on ENSO conditions, Pacific Multi-Decadal Oscillation, NAO, and analog past years. Since neither Accuweather nor NOAA has succeeded with coming up with a seasonal forecast, for this fall or winter, I was forced to do quite a bit of research and insight. As a side note, this is only a preliminary forecast, do not treat this as official or accurate, because a lot of things may change before this fall/winter season begins.

In the last six weeks or so, the Climate Prediction Center has issued multiple forecasts as ENSO, and finally issued a La Nina Watch. In the watch statement, the Climate Prediction Center expects near-neutral to slightly negative ENSO values to continue into late November and early December. This combined with La Nina-like conditions still present over most of the North Hemisphere (abnormally strong jet stream over Canada, enhanced convection over Indonesia, drier than normal conditions over western South America, enhanced hurricane activity over the Atlantic Ocean, etc.), will result in the return of conditions similar to last fall and early winter. According to the La Nina Watch, SST (sea surface temperatures) anomalies have been falling gradually in Nina region 3.4 and Nina region 4, which has lead the Climate Prediction Center's forecast to call for weak La Nina to return by December (-0.5 to -1.0 degrees below normal). Computer model ensemble forecasts are pointing to a gradual fall into La Nina conditions by November and December, with some computer models such as the CFS and the NCEP CFSv2 models trending toward moderate La Nina conditions

by late December. Also, there is usually a historical tendency for strong La Ninas to be followed by slightly weaker La Nina. With all of this in mind, expect La Nina-like conditions to continue or amplify over the coming months. This means wetter than normal conditions in the Pacific Northwest, a drier Southern US (which is really bad news for the areas in the exceptional drought currently ongoing across a large portion of the Southern US, (for more information on the drought visit <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), very wet conditions for the Ohio Valley and adjacent Great Lakes, and no climate inclinations over the Northeast (keep in mind that these forecasts are for the months from December through February, and are not in any way forecasts for this fall.).

Another major factor in my winter forecast is the North Atlantic Oscillation. This factor determines where and how strong the jet stream will be positioned over the North Atlantic and North America. Generally, during positive periods of the NAO, there is a strong 500 millibar ridge over the central Atlantic, with strong above normal geopotential heights, while over the Iceland there is a strong 500 millibar trough with much below normal geopotential heights. This situation will lead to a strong south-north pressure gradient and a very strong jet stream blowing from North America across the North Central Atlantic toward Europe. This leads to cool, wet periods during the summer, and mild, stormy periods during the winter over Europe. Generally the NAO does not have much of an effect over North American weather patterns during the summer. In the strong negative phase of the NAO, there are generally above normal geopotential heights near Iceland and Greenland (indicating an upper level ridge) and below normal heights and a much weaker pressure gradient between the central Atlantic and Iceland. This type of pattern causes the jet

RAIDERS PICK UP WIN, ARCHERS FALL



Wayne Trace pounds Lima Perry Friday, September 2nd at home. The Raiders started the game strong and didn't allow Lima to score until the final minute finishing the game 28-7. Shown here is Jared Sherry, Devon Stahl, and Austin Speice. More pictures at www.archerpics.com



The Archers took on Hilltop Friday night September 2. Antwerp scored right-a-way, but didn't get any other goals after that. Hilltop finished the game with a 21-6 win. Shown here is Tom Taylor, and Brandon Dunderman. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

stream to be obstructed well to the north and causes it to move through Greenland and Iceland. During the winter this causes a major trough across the Midwest and Eastern United States, leading to extreme cold and snow. The same thing also happens in Europe. It's difficult to use the NAO to predict accu-

believe that many parts of the US will not receive a break from frigid and snowy winter weather. Even the places that don't receive extreme weather (such as Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) will still be in exceptional drought, and with a new La Nina developing, drought conditions will get worse. Let's start with the West Coast. Much of the West Coast (from central California on northward) will be very wet again, with below normal temperatures allowing for another great skiing season across the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades. In the Rockies and Northern Plains, I would expect another snowy year but with the storm track shifted south of the area and how deep the area of below normal temperatures is expected to be, I would only expect the heaviest snowfall to be during December and March. Temperatures will again be much below normal across the Northern Plains and Rockies. In the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes, the jet stream is expected to remain over this area throughout the winter mainly because of a developing ridge in the southeast part of the United States. This region will be extremely wet and snowy throughout the winter with frequent cold outbreaks, but not to the extent of last year's frigid temperatures. Over the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Coastline, I am expecting below normal temperatures for the northern half of the region, while the southern half (south of Pennsylvania) will experience normal temperatures to above normal in extreme southern sections. Precipitation will more than likely be above normal for this region as the jet stream will ride right through the middle of

it. Several major Nor-easters could develop again this year, bringing much above normal snowfall to areas from Washington D.C. to Boston, MA. Across the South (from Georgia and Florida to Texas), drier than normal conditions will prevail due to the already dry soils and a ridge that is expected to develop over the southeast. This will cause the exceptional drought to spread to Georgia and Florida, and leading to more wildfires. Temperatures will also be warmer than normal, which will not help the situation at all. Occasionally there could be a significant storm system that could bring northern parts of the south winter precipitation (sleet, freezing rain, snow), but they would be much more likely over Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas. Finally, in the Southwest, temperatures are expected to border line normal. I expect drier than normal conditions to expand across the Southwest causing a redevelopment of the drought in many areas. Only northern parts of the Southwest (central California, the Sierra Nevada) are expected to receive above normal precipitation.

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GOVERNMENT MUST GUARD FREEDOM

The Constitution was forged in the summer of 1787 in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and signed September 17, 1787 by delegates from the states. At the end of the Revolutionary War, a peacetime government was needed to enforce law and order, establish commerce and pay the large debt accumulated during the war. To say the United States Constitution was "forged," or "worked into shape" can help us understand the writing of this extraordinary plan for a government.

"We must remember and teach that those who wrote the Constitution believed that no government can create freedom, but that government must guard freedom rather than encroach upon the freedoms of its people," stated Merry Ann T. Wright, President General of the DAR. "The Constitution by itself cannot guarantee liberty. A nation's people can remain free only by being responsible citizens who are willing to learn about the rights of each arm of government and require that each is accountable for its own function. Therefore, Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties. We encourage all citizens across the country to take time to guard that which is committed to us by our forefathers... our freedom."

The Constitution is the cornerstone of our freedoms and was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by the government. Read beyond the Preamble of the Constitution to understand the structure of the three branches of our representative government. The three branches are Legislative, Judicial and Executive.

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Sun, Sept. 11 - Few Showers High 76° - Low 57°	
Mon, Sept. 12 - Sunny High 78° - Low 55°	
Tues, Sept 13 - Partly Cloudy High 75° - Low 51°	

rately far in advance. Many meteorologists when making a long-range forecast with the NAO, look for trends and patterns that could help predict what the pattern will be like in the next several months. Over the last three years, the NAO has been predominantly negative, which explains the cold winters and giant snowstorms for the East. I'm going to stick with the fact that the NAO will continue to be negative for this winter. Also, the NAO has been predominantly negative this summer. Therefore, I believe that this pattern will continue, leading to me to believe that a trough will dominant the winter pattern.

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GRANDPARENTS MAY NEED TO BALANCE GIFTS AND GOALS



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock

Grandparents Day falls on September 11 this year. While not as widely observed as Mother's Day or Father's Day, Grandparents Day nonetheless serves a valuable purpose in reminding us of the importance of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren. If you're a grandparent yourself, you already know the joy your grandchildren bring you, and through the years, you have probably been generous with them in many ways. At the same time, though, you probably need to strike a balance between your heartfelt gifts and your financial goals.

It can be challenging to achieve that balance. For one thing, you and your fellow grandparents have not been stingy in your giving over the past several years. America's grandparents provided an estimated \$370 billion in financial support to their grandchildren between 2004 and 2009, according to a survey by the MetLife Mature Market Institute. This averages out to \$8,661 per grandparent household over that same period. However, many of these same grandparents may not be accumulating sufficient financial resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle they've envisioned. In fact, the median balance of retirement accounts for 55- to 64-year-olds is only about \$100,000, according to the Center for Retirement Research. That's not a lot of money for an age group that could spend two or even three decades in retirement.

So, as a grandparent, what steps might you take to bolster your retirement savings while simultaneously helping your grandchildren? Here are a few ideas:

—Maintain permanent life insurance. Once your children are grown, you may feel less compelled to carry life insurance. But the right type of life insurance can benefit you throughout your life. Permanent life insurance offers you the chance to build cash value, which you may be able to access, depending upon the specifics of your policy. And you can name your grandchildren as beneficiaries of your policy.

—Open a 529 plan. Use the money you're already gifting to fund a 529 plan to help your grandchildren pay for college. These plans have generous contribution guidelines, and withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified expenses. There may be state tax incentives available to in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan. And a 529 plan offers you a degree of flexibility; if the beneficiary grandchild decides to forgo college, you can transfer the unused funds to another grandchild, tax and penalty free. However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.

—Contribute to a Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The Roth IRA is a powerful retirement savings vehicle. You can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment, such as stocks, bonds and government securities, and your earnings grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're at least age 59½ and you've held your account at least five years.

Your grandchildren may appreciate your generosity, but they'll also no doubt want you to enjoy a comfortable retirement. As always, you need to do what makes sense for your situation. You may find there are ways to help both your grandchildren and yourself.

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ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

Defiance County:

Ohio 2 north of Farmer will be restricted to one lane through the work zone at various locations for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 111 from the Paulding County line to Detrick Street, Ohio 637 from Ohio 111 to Ohio 66, and Ohio 66 from Oakwood to Rosedale Avenue in Defiance, and Ohio 613 from U.S. 127 and Oakwood resurfacing is under way and is reducing traffic to one lane through the work zone. The project will continue until late October. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon.

Paulding County:

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"Although Amazon's Kindle is not listed as a compatible device, the word is that it may be compatible sometime this year, so that is really good news," stated Pieper. "Also, if you have not purchased an e-reader, but are planning on doing so for the next holiday season, the September 2011 issue of Consumer Reports

(available at the library) has a comprehensive product comparison article. Another good resource in choosing a new reader will be your friends. Ask them what they use and what they would recommend," continued Pieper.

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CELEBRATING OUR PATRIOTISM ON SEPTEMBER 11

Guest Column from State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Ten years ago, the United States suffered a tragedy that will forever resonate in the hearts of American citizens and freedom-loving people around the world. Nearly 3,000 men, women, and children were killed on that fateful morning, changing the course of American history and ultimately changing the world.

Although the American people are no strangers to war, for the first time in more than 50 years we were attacked on our own soil. Those responsible for the carnage celebrated the event and declared the hijackers as "heroes," thinking that attacking our symbols of freedom and prosperity would effectively crush our nation. It was their hatred of our liberties, culture, prosperity, and influence that fueled their desire to destroy us, but their actions produced the opposite effect. The resolve to defend our freedom at all

costs runs deeper than our enemies imagined, and we united as one nation, stronger than ever.

Americans rallied together as one people against foreign threats and in support of our fellow citizens. We turned to God and expressed our faith in prayers and candlelit vigils, we donated more than \$2.5 billion to the relief fund for victims and their families, and we eagerly donated blood, resulting in a surplus for the American Red Cross of over 75,000 gallons. Police and rescue workers from around the country hurried to New York City to help in the recovery efforts. Stores ran out of American flags as we rushed to adorn our homes with the Stars and Stripes. We proudly declared the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner with renewed energy and fervor. The American people proved that our patriotism doesn't fade when faced with tragedy and hardship, it is rejuvenated.

Nations around the world that share our love of freedom grieved with us in our sorrow and encouraged us with their support. Our national anthem played in the streets of Paris and resounded in London's Buckingham Palace. Candlelit vigils and moments of silence were observed in Africa, Australia, and South Korea. Other countries strengthened their anti-terror policies to combat foreign threats. Our own government declared a War on Terror, created the Department of Homeland Security, and passed the Patriot Act. Every nation that valued liberty recognized this attack on America as a threat to freedom everywhere.

As we pay tribute this month to the victims of the attacks and honor the firefighters, police officers, military, and citizens who assisted in the rescue efforts, we remember that freedom and domestic security come at a very dear price. We also celebrate how far we have come as a nation and the steps we have taken to ensure our freedoms are protected. Although we have changed in many ways as individuals and as a nation over the past ten years, one thing that never changed is our patriotism—it was always there, but has been expressed with a renewed passion since 9/11. This patriotism will continue to influence our world as long as we remain one nation, under God, indivisible.

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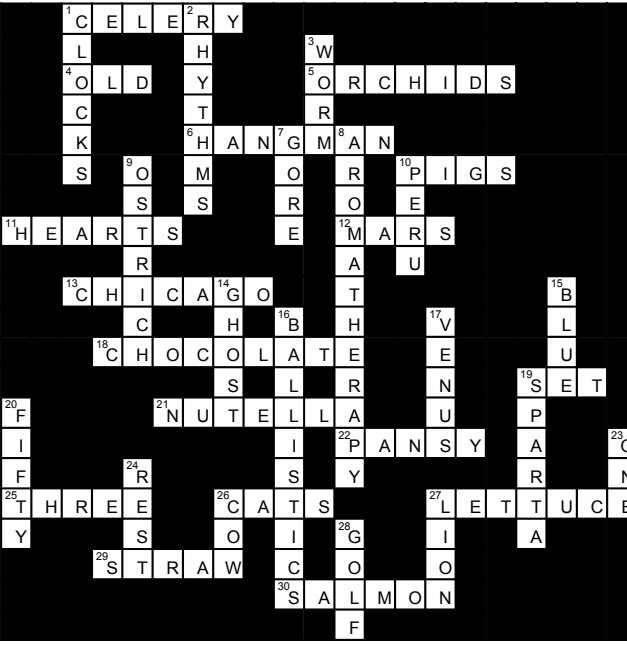
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Crossword Answers to "Trivia Time"



SUMMER ANNUAL GRASSES

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Crabgrass, foxtail, and goosegrass can be problem lawn weeds in Ohio. These summer annual grasses thrive in full sunlight and high temperatures and can easily smother out common cool-season grasses under these conditions.

Summer annuals germinate in the spring, grow through the summer and die with the first hard frost. These plants produce a tremendous amount of seed in the mid to late summer when

the day length starts to shorten. These seeds ensure next year's crop of weeds but can also remain dormant in the soil for several years before germinating. Research has shown that less than 50% of the crabgrass seed produced the previous year will germinate the following spring. As many weed scientist like to say, "One year's seeding equals seven years weeding."

When summer annual grasses are a minor problem in an otherwise healthy lawn, the best control method is applying a pre-emergent herbicide in the spring. Most pre-emergent herbicides provide good to excellent control of

crabgrass and foxtail. Control of goosegrass is often less satisfactory, depending on the herbicide used. Many pre-emergence herbicides are available in a combination with lawn fertilizers, so the annual grass weed prevention and spring fertilization can be done at the same time.

Once the annual weed grasses have been established, pre-emergent herbicides will not be effective. If annual grass weeds are not a serious problem, you can physically remove the undesirable grasses or wait until next spring. Next spring, assess the situation and determine the amount of desirable grasses in your yard. A spring application of a fertilizer with a pre-emergent herbicide may be all that is needed.

A post-emergent herbicide can be applied to control summer grassy weeds such as crabgrass, foxtails, and goosegrass soon after their emergence in May and June. Post-emergence crabgrass herbicides need to be applied when crabgrass plants are small; typically crabgrass is noticed too late for these to be effective.

If the weed problem is severe, three options to consider include collecting grass clippings this fall to catch and remove existing seed heads. In the spring, rake-off or de-thatch the area of dead grasses, seed with desired turf grass variety, and apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control the annual grass weed problem. A second application of a pre-emergent herbicide may be needed six weeks later. Follow ALL label instructions carefully in order to obtain greatest effectiveness.

A second option is to complete a lawn renovation this fall. You can apply a glyphosate product to kill all existing desirable and undesirable grasses and wait seven to ten days. Next, you can work the soil by de-thatching, aerating or using a tiller to prepare the area for seeding, remove debris, and overseed with desirable turf variety. Next spring, apply a pre-emergent herbicide but please read label before applying to a newly seeded area.

A third option is to skip the application of glyphosate

listed above and prepare the area as identified in the above paragraph.

For summer annual weedy grasses, the key is to keep seeds from sprouting; the seeds of summer annuals germinate in spring. In established lawns, the application of a pre-emergence herbicide can make management of annual grass weeds fairly easy.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/14 THROUGH 9/20

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
 9/14 - Sausage, egg burrito w/salsa, juice, milk
 9/15 - Coffee cake or Fruit turnovers, juice, milk
 9/16 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 9/19 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 9/20 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:*
 9/14 - Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll, fruit, milk or Fresh fruit bar, cheese bread stick, milk
 9/15 - Pasta w/meat sauce, ceasar salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
 9/16 - Quesadilla w/salsa & sour cream, refried beans, tortilla chips, assorted fruit, milk
 9/19 - Pizza sticks, green beans or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted milk, fruit
 9/20 - Southwest chicken salad, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Chef salads are offered daily.

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

- 9/14 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 9/15 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 9/16 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk
 9/19 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 9/20 - Muffin, string cheese, juice, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch:*
 9/14 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk
 9/15 - Taco Salad w/salsa, lettuce, cheese, crackers, fruit cup, milk
 9/16 - Sloppy joe scoops, green beans, fruit cup, milk
 9/19 - Creamed turkey w/ bun, carrots, fruit cup, milk
 9/20 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, assured fruit, milk

Packed lunch is offered daily.

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

- 9/14 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 9/15 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 9/16 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 9/19 - Rainbow yogurt, gold fish crackers, juice, milk
 9/20 - Egg, bacon & cheese breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:*
 9/14 - Hot dog w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 9/15 - Mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, veggie salad, fruit, milk
 9/16 - Taco in a bag, lettuce w/cheese, fruit, milk
 9/19 - Chicken strip wrap, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 9/20 - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/ crackers, fruit, milk

Packed lunch is offered daily. All menus are subjected to changes.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE



A view from north to south of concrete block walls being laid and other work on the new addition to Vantage.



Concrete block walls are up, drywall is being hung and additional work continues in one of the new high school Health Technology labs at Vantage.

If you haven't had chance to drive past Vantage lately, you haven't seen all the construction activity! Here's what's been going on these past few months...

Just after school ended in May, workers began the interior demolition of the existing north portion of the building, which housed the Vantage Business programs, Health Technology lab and Superintendent office. In this space, two new high school Health Technology labs are being built, as well as an adult education Health Technology lab, a teacher workroom and a special education classroom. Business classes and junior Health Technology classes are currently being held in the swing space. Health Technology students are scheduled to return to this space when it's completed in January, 2012.

At the same time, three labs on the east side of the building—Auto Tech, Ag Diesel, and Auto Body—were also being renovated and a new cross hallway was built. The majority of the work in these labs was completed to start school on time, but there is still some finish work ongoing.

The front of the building has a new look as the semi-circle drive was replaced with a new design, allowing for parking on both sides of the drive that leads to the new staff parking lot on the north end of the building.

Some of the footers for the new additions to the north and south have been poured and others are being formed.

Concrete block walls are going up in the new north addition where Welding, Precision Machining, Carpentry, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics and Building and Grounds will be located. Approximately 29,714 concrete blocks have been laid so far on the project by Complete Masonry. Over 600 yards of concrete has been poured by Gloyd Concrete. This addition is scheduled for completion in April, 2012.

An underground storm water detention area is also being dug out on the north end. This area being dug by RD Jones is 100 feet wide, 250 feet long and approximately 16 feet deep. That's where all that dirt piled high on "Mount Vantage" has come from. This collection area will help control water runoff.

Grass has been re-seeded in completed areas and workers are re-roofing the existing building. There has been approximately 15,000 linear feet of ¾" conduit laid thus far by Woolace Electric, with a projected 85,000 to be laid for the entire project.

Chad Stevers, project manager for Gilbane Construction Company, reports that workers on the Vantage project have put in about 31,306 hours (through the month of July) with 160 consecutive safe work days with no lost time accidents.

There is a lot of activity going on at Vantage, not only on the construction project, but in the labs and classrooms too. The school year is off to a great start!

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FALL BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has announced its fall Bookmobile Schedule. Changes include the addition of two stops on Thursday and modified times to allow more times for school students to visit.

According to Janel McMaster, Bookmobile Manager, "We have been amazed at the awesome response we have received from the county residents. During the first two months of service we loaned about 2,000 items and issued 70 new library cards. We will continue to monitor usage at each service stop and adjust the schedule as needed."

The Bookmobile will operate unless the school system on that day's route is closed for bad weather. Any fog delay should not impact the schedule, as most daily routes begin after noon. Call the library at 419-399-2032 for any questions about the Bookmobile. Or, you may call the on-board Bookmobile Hotline at 419-670-3761.

Monday:
9:30-10:15 - Country Inn
10:30-11:15 - Dallas Lamb
1:00-1:45 - The Gardens

Tuesday:
3:15-4:15 - Scott (Lions Club)

4:30-5:30 - Haviland (Village Park on SR 114)

5:45-6:15 - Latty (Township Hall)

6:30-7:00 - Briceton (Lutheran Church)

Wednesday:
3:15-3:45 - Mandale (Church of Christ, SR 66)

4:00-4:45 - Grover Hill (Elementary School)

6:00-6:30 - Melrose (United Methodist Church)

6:45-7:16 - Broughton (Across from Town Hall)

Thursday:
3:15-3:45 - Charloe (Village Park)

4:15-4:45 - Five Span (At the Marina)

5:00-5:30 - Junction (Junction Community Center)

5:45-6:15 - Cecil (Southside of Fire House)

Friday:
Restock, Maintenance, Special Visits, etc.

PANTHERS CC COMPETES IN WT INVITATIONAL

The Paulding Panthers competed in the Wayne Trace

Invitational on Tuesday, August 30th. The girls junior high started the day with Allison Harpel finishing 66th with a 18:48, getting her season best. Daleigh Davis came in 73rd with a career best of 21:20. Next was the junior high boys. Dayton Pracht finished with a strong performance of 39th place and gaining a 52 second career best, 14:00.

The varsity girl competed in the next slot with Paulding beating Bath in the team score, finishing 8th overall. Individual finishes saw Ashley Johanns first for the team (48th overall) with a career best of 25:27. Second was Sarah Nardone 2nd for the team (50th overall) with a season best, 25:35. Third was Melissa Durham with a season best, 26:21 (55th overall), Fourth was Rachael Kesler with a career best of 26:51 (59th overall). Fifth was Taylor Farr finishing with a season best of 28:13 (64th overall).

The varsity boys finished the evening with Paulding finishing 12th overall as a team, beating Bath. First for the team with a career best of 19:23 (40th overall), Storm Dunakin. Ian Munger was second for the team (53rd overall) with a career best of 19:43. Third for the team (56th overall) was Andrew Layman earning a career best of 19:46. Fourth on the team was Travis Jones, who earned a time of 20:51. Fifth, was Patrick Troyer (70th overall) earning a career best of 21:05. Sixth for the team was Jacob Dye (82nd overall), who earned a career best of 22:16.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 9/2

- Tuesday Coed League**
1. Archbold Equipment 4-0
 2. Blackies 3-1
 3. Bruce Kunesh Auto 5-1
 4. Hitmen 3-3
 5. Grace Home Improvements 2-4
 6. Hoffman Builders 1-5
 7. Jones Home Improvement 0-4
- Thursday Coed League**
1. TCB 7-1
 2. TJ's Bar 7-1
 3. Eds Car Care 6-2
 4. Cap N Cork 0-8
 5. Smalllys Body Shop 3-5
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Anderson Jon Honigford was born on August 17, 2011 at 7:19 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. Anderson weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Anderson's parents are Alex and Carly Honigford from Fort Wayne, IN. Also welcoming Anderson is his sister, Avery.

Anderson's grandparents are Russ and Stephanie McCormick of San Clemente, CA; Ken and Jami Honigford of Monroeville; Susie Miller of Antwerp; Ron Miller of Antwerp.

Great-grandparents are Joe and Sue Meyer of Antwerp; Wilbur and the late Lila Miller of Port Charlotte, FL; Warren and LaDonna Peterson of Delphos, OH and Dick and Dolly Honigford of Landeck, OH.

ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS!

Have you noticed that our book return is missing? Local artist, Jeff Crabill, is repainting it and giving it a great new look! It will be back in place soon!

We have some upcoming events we would like to share with you! Kids Candy Bar Bingo will be on **September 19th** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Storytime for children 3-5 years old will be on **September 14th and 28th** from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The "Great Escape" adult book club will meet on **September 12th** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and we have room for new members! ABLE classes and GED preparation classes from Vantage Career Center will be held here at the library starting on **September 13th**. Orientation dates for both classes are **September 13th** at 12:30 p.m.

On **September 15th** from

10:00-11:30 a.m. two members of Congressman Bob Latta's office will be here to answer any questions you may have concerning the federal government. **September 20th** at 6:30 p.m. will be a crocheting class. Bring your own yarn and hook and be prepared to visit! After-school movies will be shown on **September 13th and 27th** starting at 4:00 p.m. For movie titles and for any questions you may call us at 419-258-2855.

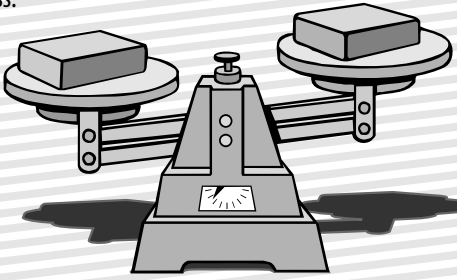
PAULDING SOCCER WINS OVER KALIDA

In a battle to the end, Paulding County Soccer Club's U-12 Boys Team won 4-2 in a triumphant victory over the Kalida Raiders. Goals were scored by Blake Dobbelaere with assists by Andrew Adams, Ethan Letso and Drew Lumpkins. Other outstanding offensive performances were made by Noah Johnson and Alex Keysor. Key defensive plays were made by Payton Beckman, Ben Estle, Corbin Kohart, Brian Matson, Ben Stuck and Josh Trausch. The Goal Keeper for the night was Logan Bradford who stepped up with an outstanding performance.


The Paulding County Soccer Club was established in 2010 as a non-profit organization that exists to promote soccer as a sport, to organize soccer teams and to provide training in the sport of soccer for youth. If you would like more information about the Paulding County Soccer Club, feel free to email us at pauldingcountsoccerclub@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

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Funds are limited and applications will be received until 12:00 noon, Monday, November 14.
Grants will be awarded in December, 2011.

NORRIS - PARKER



Jerry and Cindy Norris of Larwill, IN and Gary and Barbara Parker of Antwerp, OH would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children Holli Leann Norris and Keith Robert Parker.

Holli is a 2000 graduate of Whitko High School and a 2004 graduate of Marian College, Indianapolis with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing. She is currently employed as an emergency room nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

Keith 'Rob' is a 1999

graduate of Antwerp High School and a 2003 graduate of Ivy Tech Community College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science through the apprenticeship program of Ironworks Local 147, Fort Wayne, IN. He is currently employed as an ironworker by Shurtleff and Andrews in Lively Grove, IL.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. They will reside in Fairview Heights, IL.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/14 THROUGH 9/20

Breakfast:
 9/14 - Pancakes or waffle sausage, juice, milk
 9/15 - Egg/cheese omelet, hash browns, juice, milk
 9/16 - Turnover, juice, milk
 9/19 - Pizza, juice, milk
 9/20 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
 9/14 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn, applesauce, milk
 9/15 - Cheeseburger sand-

wich, french fries, orange, milk
 9/16 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% OJ, milk
 9/19 - Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, mandarin oranges, milk
 9/20 - Hot dog w/bun, carrot sticks w/dip, pretzel/chips, fruit crisp, milk

Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF 9/14 THROUGH 9/20

9/14 - Pizzaburger or BBQ beef on bun, salad, banana,

"HOPE - FAITH - LOVE" SAM CARNAHAN BENEFIT

While working in Missouri on a Morton Building, Sam and his crew (Chad Breedlove and Trent Woodin) were finished with the building and looking forward to heading home to see their families the next day. The owner of the property offered to give a tour of his land on four wheelers. During the tour Sam lost control of his ATV and crashed into the side of a cut out limestone mountain. Sam suffered a major head laceration and a fractured skull above his right ear. Sam was taken by life flight to St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Sam is currently in Missouri with a long road ahead of him. His wife, Esther, is making the eight hour drive back and forth from Paulding, where her and Sam's eight year old son is. While Ester is trying to balance being at Sam's side and being here with Dominic, she is unable to work. The medical bills and every day bills will soon be piling a huge burden on this family.

We ask that you come join us and help them with the benefit planned for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Paulding Eagles, 206 W. Perry St., from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be a hog roast, Live and Silent auction, a 50/50 drawing and more. Some of the items up for auction include college memorabilia, furniture, pictures, 31 gifts, and a flat screen TV.

For more information please contact Sara at 419-670-2318, Charmayne at 419-769-1942 or Jen at 419-506-1370.

- 9/15 - Pancake wrap or Spicy chicken on bun, hash browns, OJ, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese
 - 9/16 - Southwest pizza or Chicken salad sandwich, sliced apples, carrots, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 - 9/19 - Turkey pot pie w/biscuits or Fish on bun, mashed potatoes, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Chicken salad w/crackers
 - 9/20 - Toasted cheese or Burrito, noodle soup, green beans, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cucumber salad
- Menus are subject to change.*

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DINNER AT TREASURE BAY FULL OF ADVENTURE



There were pirates among us in Oakwood Friday night, September 2nd as the Homecoming committee kicked off the weekend with their traditional Dinner Theater. Even though the weather was better matched for a tropical theme, the committee stuck with the scheduled Treasure Bay theme. The tent resembled a real pirate ship after a successful plunder. There

was "gold" on the tables, and Capt. Hook was "hosting" the hors d'oeuvres spread. Many of the diners came in costume complete with eye patches, treasures, and even some weaponry. All enjoyed a delicious three course meal—including a ship cake—to please any pirate.

The after dinner play did not fail to entertain. Capt. John led his crew down the

mighty Auglaize, with a hair-brained genie, and a cranky wench. Despite the last minute glitches with the cast, the crew pulled through with a performance to bring a smile to the face and a chuckle to the throat. A salute for the professional job of "the show must go on." Looking forward to 2012 Homecoming dinner!

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS GOLF OUTING

Warm weather isn't over yet! Join in the fun at the annual Paulding Chamber of Commerce annual fall golf outing Wednesday, September 14, at Auglaize Golf Club. The event is open to the public.

Registration for the 18-hole scramble begins at 11:30 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for the top teams, plus for longest drive, closest to the pin, skins game and more.

The entry fee per team (silver level), includes green fees, carts and lunch for four players. The gold level entry fee includes special recognition at the event and a hole sponsor sign. Entry is limited to the first 36 teams. Register a foursome today by contacting the chamber office at 419-399-5215 or email pcoc@paulding-net.com. Deadline is September 9.

Individual players can sign up and will be assigned to teams.

New this year: a celebrity foursome will be comprised of Paulding Mayor Greg White and representatives from the police department, fire department and sheriff's office. Your business or organization

can sponsor any or all of the celebrity players.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for golfers and non-golfers alike. Be associated with one of the most popular and successful programs offered by the chamber. For information on becoming an event sponsor or hole sponsor, contact the chamber office.

All proceeds from this event will go to fund chamber projects throughout the year.

SMOOTH START OF SCHOOL YEAR REPORTED TO VANTAGE BOARD

The regular September monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 1, 2011. The annual public records meeting was held at 6 p.m. The treasurer's report included the approval of the August 4, 2011 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for July, 2011. The board approved permanent appropriations and revenues for FY12.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the OSFC renovation and construction project during a quick tour of the swing space and new space on the north side of the building. New staff members were also introduced.

Director Bob Vennekotter thanked the summer maintenance team and the technology crew for working extremely hard to be sure the school was ready for instruction and to begin on time. He also thanked board members Lonnie Nedderman, Ken Mengerink, and Dana Smith for being the "grill masters" for the staff back to school workday. An updated enrollment report was given to board members.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported that Alex Rompilla (Alternative Energy Academy) has redesigned the HVAC and Electrical Trades curriculum, integrating parts of the two curriculums where possible, for submission to the Ohio Board of Regents. ABLE classes and several other Adult Education classes begin the week of September 12. He reported on the Instructional Leader/Coordinators meeting held on August 29, which included last year's accomplishments and goal setting for this year.

In new business, the board: —Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as

scheduled: Maureen Teman, Cosmetology - 5/8 per day;

—Approved supplemental contracts for the following Virtual Learning Graders: Angie Shellabarger, Ashley Cline, Theresa Mengerink, Kelly Horstman, Laura Stocksdale, Katie Drerup and Tillman Karl;

—Employed the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Theresa Snyder, Computers; Mark Figert, Police Academy; Sonya Yenser-Hammon, Stephanie Calderon and Cynthia Krizan, Health Careers; Carlo Lee, Patricia Beams and Thomas Hunter, ABLE Instructor;

—Resolution to accept a grant of \$500 from the Van Wert County Foundation to the Vantage Career Center Adult Literacy Education Program GED Testing;

—Resolution to set student fees for the 2011-2012 school year at \$75. All students qualifying for free lunch through the National School Lunch program will have their fees waived;

—Resolution to accept a donation of electronic components, worth \$2,500 from Schnipke Engineering for use in the Vantage Career Center career technical programs;

—Resolution to accept a donation of a Grizzly table saw, worth \$1,700 from Myra Miller for use in the Vantage Career Center career technical programs;

—Resolutions to approve the Community Reinvestment Area Agreements between Unverferth Manufacturing and Vantage Career Center, Brown Contracting LLC (Family Dollar) and Vantage Career Center, and Westwood Senior Apartments and Vantage Career Center;

—Resolution to approve Virtual Learning fees for the 2011-2012 school year;

—Resolution to appoint Bob Vennekotter as the Compliance Officer for Healthy Choices for Healthy Children SB210.

In other items, the board voted to approve the bids on 1275 Madison Blvd. and 410 Race St. properties and reject the bid on the 408 Race Street property from the public auctions held on August 9, 2011.

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, October 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

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