

OBITUARIES

Robert Rister, 77, of Antwerp passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at Paulding County Hospital.

Bob was born in Lowder, Kentucky on June 19, 1934, a son of the late Gertrude (Newsome) and Fred Rister.

While serving in the U.S. Marines from 1954 to 1956, Bob had the distinguished duty of serving as and honor guard at Camp David under President Eisenhower.

Bob was a mechanic at Materials Handling Equipment for 38 years; a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Three Rivers Woodworkers Club & Antwerp American Legion Post 253. On July 20, 1956 he married Betty Schmidt.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Betty; sons: Rolan (Karen) of Antwerp, Andrew (CA, Normane (Suzanne), Jonathan (Jodie) and Dean (Gayle) all of Antwerp; sister, Eunice (Harold) Bell of Antwerp; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Bob was also preceded in death by his siblings: Tyrone and Dewey Rister, and Stella Schomburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 303 S. Monroe Street, Antwerp, on October 15, 2011. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, with military honors.

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

Terrill S. Landers, 57, of Antwerp died Wednesday, October 12 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, OH.

He was born October 20, 1953 in Chicago, IL the son of Monte and Sylvia (Bakowski) Landers. On June 14, 1986 he married Sonja K. Lewis, who

survives. He was employed by Paulding County Highway Department retiring in 2008 and was a US Army Drill Instructor serving in Viet Nam and Desert Storm. He was a member of Ohio National Guard and the Army Reserve. He was a member of Paulding VFW Post #587; Paulding Eagles #2405; and Defiance AMVETS #1991 and was an avid Harley Davidson owner and rider.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja Landers of Paulding; his mother, Sylvia (Ray Dean) Guyton of Melrose; four children: Angie (Marcos) Revilla of Toledo, Jason (Jayme) Landers of Antwerp, Shauna Gloor of Sandusky, OH, and Jacob Landers of Paulding; a brother, Duane (Connie) Landers of Melrose; two grandchildren: Jayvin and Jagger Landers of Antwerp; and his constant companion, "Rusty".

He is preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were conducted October 17, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Mike Pennington officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Relay for Life; CHP Hospice, Defiance; or Paulding County Home Health/Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Timothy J. Bowers, 62, of Columbus, OH passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at Mount Carmel West Hospital, Columbus.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 30, 1949, a son of the late Ruth (Fields) and George R. Bowers. Tim proudly served in the U.S. Marines as a Cpl. from 1969 to 1975. He was an electrician. On April 7, 1978 Tim married Shirley Copey.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Shirley; children: Laurie (Dan) Wilhelm of Oakwood, Pamela Hanson of Cleveland, Timothy of Defiance and Shad of Paulding; siblings: George (LeAnn) of Grover Hill, Ken (Judy), Kathy (Brad) Clemens, Pat (Rose) and Susan (Harvey) Clemens all of Paulding and Barb Farquhar of Cecil; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by his brother, Frank.

Memorials are to Shirley Bowers and may be mailed to PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Mickae Lee Schlatter, 20, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2011 suddenly in a vehicular accident in Van Wert County.

She was born in Fort Wayne, IN on March 4, 1991, a daughter of Cynthia (Savage) and Benjamin Schlatter.



She was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp. She was an outstanding student and athlete at Antwerp High School, where she played volleyball and basketball, and ran track.

After graduating from high school in 2009, Mickae attended Bowling Green State University, but was now studying computer science engineering at Ohio State, while working at UPS in Co-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid of them for I am with you and will rescue you, declares the Lord."

—Jeremiah 1:8

lumbus. She was still active in sports at OSU, especially club volleyball.

Mickae will be sadly missed by her parents: Ben and Cynthia; sisters: Bryn and Kole; brother, Lee; grandmother, Peggy Savage all of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Helen and Ben Schlatter, and Rex "Pete" Savage.

Visitation is Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp. Services are private.

Please omit flowers. Memorials are to Shelly Litzenberg Scholarship Fund, PO Box 727, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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MELROSE UMC WOMEN'S GROUP TO HOST SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The women's group at the Melrose United Methodist Church is having a Soup and Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, October 19, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A variety of soups and sandwiches will be served as well as pies and other desserts. A free will donation will be accepted for this meal and everyone is welcome.

Along with the soup and sandwich supper, the women will have a bake sale and bazaar. Bazaar items include handcrafted articles such as angels, earrings, bracelets and candles.

Raffle tickets will be available for a 72"x90" quilt. The squares feature hand-embroidered animals and garden people, and was hand sewed as well. Drawing for the quilt takes place at the end of this event.

All proceeds go to mission projects.

For more information call Genevieve Noggle at 419-594-3411.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ANTWERP TO HOST A REVIVAL

The First Baptist Church in Antwerp, OH is holding a Revival on October 31, November 1 and November 2, with music beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the Revival starting at 7:00 p.m. The building is located on CR 424 east of Antwerp.

The speaker is Pastor Allen Miller of Millsboro, Delaware. Pastor Miller is a nephew of the late Pastor Jim Edwards.

The theme of the Revival comes from Psalm 51:10-12, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

Pastor Todd Murray and the congregation from The First Baptist Church welcomes all to this revival.

For more information, please call 419-258-2056 or email fbcantwerp@frontier.com

MEN SUNDAY AT MELROSE UMC

The Melrose United Methodist Church will observe U.M. Men Sunday on October 23 when the men are in charge of the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Guest speaker on this Sunday is Rev. Steve Bennett, the district superintendent of the Northwest Plains District of the United Methodist Church. He has been the D.S. since July 2008. Before his appointment as district superintendent Rev. Bennett served as senior pastor of Westwood UMC in Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary, and earned a Master of Sacred Theology Degree from Yale University Divinity School. Rev. Bennett is deeply committed to the spiritual vitality and health of clergy and lay leadership, and congregations. Rev. Bennett is married to Madora, who is a former school teacher, and they have two grown sons.

Everyone who wishes to be invited to attend this special worship service at Melrose UMC. Melrose is located on SR 613 two miles west of Oakwood, and the church is one block south of the 4-way stop. For more information call Rick Noggle at 419-594-3411.

WHAT A WONDERFUL COUNTY - JEFF KLENDER FAMILY BENEFIT UPDATE

When we hosted the benefit auction/dinner for the Jeff Klender Family, we had no idea how great of a response we would receive. Our town and county rallied around a hurting family to help meet their needs. It is a reminder to me that rural northwest Ohio is a great place to live.

Due to the generosity of everyone, we were able to provide for the family in a variety of needed ways. We were able to purchase a replacement vehicle for the family so that they could get around and travel to and from the hospital. We covered the house bills and related expenses to keep the family in their house and not have to worry about the roof over their heads. Gas and restaurant food cards were given to allow Jeff regular visits from his family and food nearby while staying at the hospital. Food for the family at home and other household supplies were replenished. Replacement eyeglasses and other medical related expenses were taken care of. New coats were given to the children. And, along with other things, Christmas gifts have been prepared. Through the generosity of our county, the family was provided for during a very difficult time.

This stage of our help is

completed. The account at the Antwerp Exchange Bank will no longer be accepting donations. We are grateful for all of the support. Jeff is home now and has had a remarkable recovery so far. Jeff and his family still have a difficult, yet completely possible, road ahead of them. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. If you feel the prompting to help the family further, please contact them directly.

—Regan Clem

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Acts 18:5 - What did Paul say to the Jews after they opposed him? NKJV

2. Also in Acts 18:5 Paul also said from now on I will go to whom? NKJV

3. What does the word Gentile mean? NKJV

4. Acts 18:7 - When Paul departed from the Jews, whose house did he go to? NKJV

5. Acts 18:7 - What was Justus house next door to? NKJV

6. Acts 18:8 - Who was the ruler of the synagogue? NKJV

7. Acts 18:9-10 - What did the Lord tell Paul?

8. Acts 18:11 - How long did he continue there? NKJV

9. Acts 18:11 - What did Paul do while in Corinth? NKJV

Comments, good or bad, Bible questions tough or easy that you may have please call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. If asking a Bible question the answer can be found in the Bible. Please spend time in Bible study and prayer. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Loved ones please continue to pray and study so that you can know God and His word. Bible answers coming up next:

1. Jesus the Christ
2. God
3. We will hear you again on the matter
4. Damaris
5. To Corinth
6. A certain Jew named Aquia
7. Italy
8. Cadius
9. Tentmaker
10. Silas and Timothy

October is *the* month to have a mammogram. **Paulding County Hospital** is offering the best technology, special pricing and a FREE heel screening for bone density thru the end of October.

Why have a mammogram?

- Mammograms can detect breast cancer at an early stage (up to two years before it can be felt)
- 92% of breast cancers can be cured if treated early

Why have a Digital Mammogram?

- A digital mammogram takes an electronic image of the breast and stores it directly in a computer, allowing the recorded data to be enhanced, magnified or manipulated for further evaluation.
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Call PCH's radiology department, 419-399-1131, to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Cost: \$100 if payment is made at the time of service.

You must be 35 years or older to participate.

OF BAROMETERS AND HURRICANES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I stumbled upon a true story of a man living in the Stamford, Connecticut, suburbs who decided to fulfill a long-standing desire. He had always wanted to own a real-life barometer. After doing some catalog shopping and reading about the various types available, he finally walked two miles to the Abercrombie and Fitch Department store in downtown Stamford.

There he purchased the exact model he wanted. Delighted with his acquisition, the man took his new barometer home and spent the rest of the afternoon reading the directions and owner's manual. He then proudly hung the instrument on his living room wall.

There was one small problem—the reading indicated “Hurricane!” Disgusted, the man wrapped it back up and walked back to the department store. He handed the barometer to the clerk and snorted, “You sold me a defective instrument! All it does is register “Hurricane!”

The sales person, quite embarrassed, replied, “No problem, sir. We'll replace it with a perfect one.” Again the man headed for home with his new barometer. When he arrived, though, he discovered that his house had been blown away by a hurricane!

It was the great 1938 New England hurricane that came almost without warning—except for those people who had barometers, and—more importantly—those people who believed what the barometers said.

As I read that account I was immediately reminded of how the Word of God is like that barometer. It unashamedly states the truth. It tells us that we are sinners. It states that God's principles will give us freedom and blessedness when obeyed. And it warns us of the severe problems that will result when God's principles are violated.

Yet, like that man, we refuse to believe what the instrument tells us. We think that the “barometer” is wrong—I mean there is no way that WE could possibly be wrong. Perhaps the largest lesson I've learned since serving in the role of a pastor is this: the terrible consequences that result when people choose to ignore scripture and go their own way.

The devastation, pain, and lasting consequences in people's minds, emotions, spirits, marriage relationships, parent-child relationships, finances, and reputations has been all too real. And I've observed it first-hand. So have you.

As a wise preacher once stated, “We don't break God's laws... we break ourselves on them.” His Word is unchanging. It is clear. It will not pass away. The only question is, will we obey it or disobey it?

I trust that we can be people who not only HAVE the barometer of God's Word, but who also BELIEVE what it says. It can protect us from the hurricanes of life. But only if we act upon what it says.

TRY IT OUT

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Have you ever wondered why everything seems to go bad all at once?

Or do you ever wonder why bad things always seem to happen to you?

What if circumstances going bad weren't actually a bad thing?

That seems difficult to grasp because “bad things” are bad. Hence their name. Likewise, good things are usually viewed as good. Also, hence their name. But what if the good keeps us from better? What if the bad is given to prompt us to change? What if being in a bad situation can be better than being in a good one?

The writer of Hebrews wrote, “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives... God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?” [Heb 12:5-7 (ESV)].

Ten years ago, a leadership book was written that challenged my thinking. Jim Collins wrote *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't*. It is an examination of great companies and what made those companies great. Now that might sound boring, but I always read things with kingdom goggles on. When reading about great companies, I was thinking about great people. What makes those great people around me great?

The premise of the book is that being good is the biggest obstacle to being great. Things are fine. We are able to make ends meet. We don't worry about our next meal. Our children are doing well in school. All of those things that are good prevent us from changing because we are scared of messing things up. In the process of being afraid to change, we miss the greatness in store for us.

People usually do not experience greatness by accident. It is something that people have to strive and work hard for. And greatness, when we see it, appears easy. What we don't see is all of the hours of hard work behind the scenes that made that greatness possible. We don't see all of the good risked in order for greatness to be achieved.

So what does this have to do with us?

Chances are things are good in our lives. Because they are good, we don't want to make the changes neces-

sary to strive for greatness. Steve Jobs, in his commencement address at Stanford in 2005, stated, “I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me.” He lost his good and went out to go after great. And I am thankful he did. After being fired from Apple, he went on to make Pixar. Without Pixar I would not be blessed with great movies like *Finding Nemo*, *Cars*, or *Toy Story*.

The good can hold us down. The good can keep us from trying new things. The good can keep us from going after what we really need to go after. The good is comfortable. The good is alluring. The good slowly suffocates and destroys. The bad can be better than the good.

If you're down on your luck and things seem to be going bad, you are doing better than someone who just has it good because you are in a position to change. Whether you take advantage of that position or not is really what will decide whether you are living in the midst of God's blessings tomorrow or once again wondering why you are down on your luck.

The choice is yours. Will you choose to remain down on your luck or just good enough, or will you choose to be a person of faith and pursue the dreams laid on your heart?

If things are bad, you have nothing to lose. You might as well try faith out. Things going bad should be viewed as discipline from the Lord to guide us onto the more perfect path. It's time for change.

If things are good, it will be much more difficult to risk it all. I hope we all have the strength to pursue the great even when the comfortableness of the good ensnares us.

Imagine. There. On the other side of faith. Right there is the future you were destined for. Will you surrender your life to Jesus and go after it? Or will you remain good? Comfortable? The choice is yours.

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regan-sravings.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.

WHEN A PARENT'S HEART ACHES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

In his outstanding book, *Come Share the Being*, the late Bob Benson writes of sending one of his sons off to college. In his own personable, reflective way, Benson writes:

“Nearly a year ago Peg and I had a very hard week. Sunday night we were home and (our son Mike) was 700 miles away... Now we had been through this before. Bob, Jr. had had gone away to college and we had gathered ourselves together until we had gotten over it.

“So we thought we knew how to handle separation pretty well. Yet when we dropped Mike off, we came home lonely and blue.

“Oh, our hearts were filled with pride at a fine young man and our minds were filled with memories from tricycles to commencements, but deep down inside somewhere we just ached with loneliness and

pain. “Somebody said, ‘You still have three at home’ and they were right – we still had three fine kids and there was still plenty of noise, plenty of ball games to go to, plenty of responsibilities, plenty of laughter.

“In fact, I guess there was pretty near plenty of everything... EXCEPT MIKE. And in parental math, five minus one does not equal plenty.”

Then Benson turns to the reader: “And I was thinking about God. He sure has plenty of children – plenty of artists, plenty of singers and carpenters, and candlestick makers, and preachers, plenty of everybody... EXCEPT YOU. And all of them can never take your place.

“And there will always be an empty spot in His heart – and a vacant chair at His table when you're not home. And if once in awhile it seems He's crowding you a bit – try to forgive Him. It may be one of those nights when He misses you so much He can hardly stand it.”

As I read those poignant words I began to think about that last sentence, “It may be one of those nights when He misses you so much He can hardly stand it.”

Have you ever thought about that? Ever considered how the heart of God must feel when you're away from Him? The longing and pain He senses when His family is not complete because of your absence?

I wonder today... are you away from Him? Perhaps you're miles away from God doing your own thing, not really giving Him any consideration in your life. Perhaps you are a believer but just haven't been giving Him rightful place in your heart recently. Maybe you've been running from God, desperately trying to find fulfillment but only finding emptiness.

Just a thought for you to consider: come home. Come home to what you know is right. Come home to the One Who's always loved you and truly cares for you. Come home to the Lord.

Because maybe right now He's missing you so much He can hardly stand it. Profitably Engaged

CMH FOUNDATION TO HOLD LEGACY LUNCHEON

The Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation will hold its 2nd Annual Legacy Luncheon on Saturday, November 5, 2011, in the Community Rooms at

the hospital. Appetizers will be served at 12:30 p.m. and lunch will begin at 1:00 p.m. The featured speaker, Dr. Todd Wiley, will share information about his family's trip to Israel. Other activities taking place will include the Festival of Trees and a silent auction.

All proceeds from the Legacy Luncheon will support the Foundation's scholarship program. Last year, the Foundation awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to local individuals pursuing a career in the medical field.

As part of the luncheon, each of the ten tables is sponsored by a local individual or organization. The table sponsor is responsible for decorating the table and selling the tickets for that table. This year's table sponsors are: Peggy Vaughn, Christa Steiner, Le Fleur de Terre/Jeanine Luderman, Hix TV/Bill Murphy, Janis Meyer, Corrine Hurni/Martha Green, Jane Boylan, Ann Burrows/Carol Weidenhamer, Karen Smith, and Carol Smith. If you would like to attend the Legacy Luncheon, please contact a table sponsor or contact Carol Weidenhamer at 419-542-5690.

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

Historians have argued whether or not Abraham Lincoln, one of America's best-known presidents, ever became a committed Christian. Christian History online reports that... As a youth Lincoln mocked the scriptures. After the death of his favorite son, Willie, he groped for some hope which could give him solace. The cares and trials of the war drove Lincoln increasingly to his Bible.

His lifelong friend Joshua Speed remembered, “As I entered the room near night, [Lincoln] was sitting near a window reading his Bible. Approaching him, I said, ‘I am glad to see you profitably engaged.’ ‘Yes,’ said he, ‘I am profitably engaged.’ ‘Well,’ said I, ‘if you have recovered from your skepticism I am

sorry to say that I have not!’ Looking me earnestly in the face, and placing his hand upon my shoulder, he said: ‘You are wrong Speed; take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith and you will live and die a happier and better man.’”

Many of Lincoln's communications allude to God. In his personal correspondence to Mrs. Gurney, a Quakeress, he wrote, “We hoped for a happy termination of this terrible war before this; but God knows best and has ruled otherwise.”

He wrestled to understand why the North continued to lose although its cause, the abolition of slavery and preservation of the union, seemed the more justifiable side. In the end, in a note not written for public consumption, Lincoln concluded that “the will of God prevails... Both [sides] may be wrong... in the present civil war it is quite possible God's purpose is something quite different from the purpose of either party.”

On August 12, 1861 he issued a proclamation in the Northern States for a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, later observed on September 26, 1861. One thing is for sure, Lincoln he was a man seeking God.

Lincoln probably read and understood the truth of Psalm 66:7 (NIV), “He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations...”

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: defyfc@embarqmail.com

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HICKSVILLE MASONS TO HONOR WIDOWS

Steve Schilb opened Hicksville Masonic Lodge and the Pledge was given. This meeting was a "move-up" meeting. All officers moved up to the next chair in anticipation of the coming year. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Russell St. John, Dick Gordon, Max Kemerer, Jim Diehl and Paul Culler.

There were 14 Past Masters in attendance. The 50-year members included Estel Cottrell, Fred Shaffer and Elmer Woodcox. Others members present included Hanson Lilly, Ron Farnsworth, George Underwood, Ken Crouch, Lee Kallsen, Max Kemerer, Brian Kemerer, Steve Kemerer, Jamie Chapman, Walter Schilb, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Steve Schilb, Robert Stotler Jr., Scott Ruppert, Mike Villena, Jim Klince and Richard Wann. Ed Bruce of Bryan Lodge was a welcomed guest.

It was reported that Nye Roofing and Construction was contacted and will continue with the metal siding on the west wall. Scott Ruppert stated that there will be a Turkey Shoot held at the Antwerp conversation Club on Sunday, October 16. All proceeds will go towards the Special Olympics Charity.

Mike Villena contacted Hickory Hills Country Club for the annual Widow's Night and secured a date of October 27 for the buffet. Invitations were sent. The meal is for widows and any member and guest wishing to attend. Those members requesting reservations to date included Mike Villena, Joe Stotler, Walter Schilb, Ron Farnsworth, Ken Crouch, Scott Ruppert, Bill Metz, Steve Schilb.

WB Betts acquired an appreciation card and ordered it to be sent to Hicksville member Antwerp Police Chief George Clemens. BR Clemens worked with Federal Agencies and took a felon off the streets. WB Betts also reported on the Thanksgiving morning sausage. He will take care of ordering the same amount as last year and will have it at the Lodge on the second meeting night in November.

The Secretary's minutes were signed and approved. With no further business, Steve Schilb then closed the Lodge in full form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday October 26th and the time will be moved up to at 7:00 p.m. Two Degrees will be conferred at that time.



SCHRECK, ENT, TO SPEAK AT CMH

Stephen J. Schreck, MD, an otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon, will speak on Wednesday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m., in Community Rooms 1 and 2 at Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus St., Hicksville, Ohio. This lunch and learn educational session is geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse will also be on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are requested and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

Dr. Schreck, based in Fort Wayne, is a board-certified otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon (sometimes called an ENT, or ears, nose, and throat doctor) is a doctor who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of ear, nose, throat, and head and neck disorders. Examples of common conditions treated by an otolaryngologist or ENT include ear infections, facial plastic surgery and reconstruction, sinusitis, laryngitis, nosebleeds, hearing loss, swallowing disorders, and cancers of the head and neck.

Dr. Schreck graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1991 and from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1997. Following graduation from medical school, he trained in General Surgery at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana; completed his residency in Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo NY; and completed further training in Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery, University of Florida-Shands, Gainesville, FL.

He has been in private practice since 2002. Dr. Schreck is Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology in Head and Neck Surgery. His special interest areas include Head and Neck Surgery, General ENT, and Pediatric and Adult Disorders.

FAQ ABOUT THE PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH LEVY

What is this Health Levy?

The Paulding County Health Levy (PCHD) is a one-half (0.5) mill renewal levy that will cover the operating cost of the Paulding County Health District for the next 10 years.

Why is PCHD asking for a Levy?

This is not a new levy but a renewal of the existing levy set to expire in 2011. This levy helps continue operations and services provided by PCHD. PCHD is asking the community to support the same one-half (0.5) millage voters approved in 2001. Because PCHD has made every effort to control costs over the past 10 years, PCHD is able to maintain the same millage in spite of drastic changes in the funding of public health.

What is Public Health?

Public health is a branch of public services devoted to preventing disease/injury, promoting physical health through organized community efforts and protecting the public from communicable diseases. Public health responsibilities include maintaining a sanitary environment; control of community infections; educating individuals in health lifestyles; organizing medical and nursing services for the early diagnosis and treatment of disease; and developing the community's capacity to promote health.

The great thing about public health services is that even if a service is provided to a single person, the entire community reaps the benefits. Each time a person is immunized, the health of our community is improved.

How is PCHD funded?

The PCHD is currently funded by a one-half (0.5) mill levy and inside millage. The present levy expires in 2011. Federal and State Grants also contribute to our services in the Children & Family Health Services Program, Women, Infant & Children Program and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. But funding is limited and is decreasing as is our State Subsidy which is received from the Ohio Department of Health. The remaining portion of funding comes from service and permit fees.

What would the proposed Levy cost me?

The average home owner in Paulding County will pay 5 cents a day for continued health services. The owner of a \$100,000 home can expect to pay \$17.50 a year to support all of the different services and programs that the health department provides to all residents of Paulding County.

Who does the health department serve?

PCHD serves every member of our community through both direct and indirect services. Direct services include immunizations, primary care clinics, etc. Indirect services are community services we provide every day that you might not even think about, such as restaurant inspections to ensure safe dining and well and sewage system inspections that protect our streams from pollution.

What will I get for my money?

All of the current services that county residents have come to depend on will continue with funds from this levy. In addition, on-going development of new programs to meet emerging public health needs like H1N1 Flu and emergency response will continue to be an important focus for the health department. Without the levy the health district would be forced to limit services to those mandated by law. It will also increase our response time to requests for services.

I've never used any of the Health Department services. Why should I support the Health Levy?

You ARE a consumer of Health Department services, although you may not realize it.

The Health Department touches our lives from birth to death by:

- **Providing birth and death records.
- **Inspecting restaurants and groceries to make sure food is safe.
- **Making sure that water and sewage systems are safe
- **Keeping the community free from infectious diseases
- **Making home visits to address concerns about family health and public nuisances
- **Giving immunizations for all ages to prevent illness
- **Inspecting public swimming pools

These and many other services are provided to make Paulding County a safer and healthier place to live for all of its residents.

THE CHORDS VOCAL ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT GRACE UMC



The CHORDS Vocal Ensemble from Fort Wayne, IN returns to present their unique style of music ministry during the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 West High Street, in Hicksville, Ohio. The ten-member ensemble plans to present a special program of contemporary settings of traditional songs and hymns. The CHORDS Ensemble is accompanied by acoustic piano, bass guitar & brass instruments and is recognized as one of the

premiere vocal groups in Indiana. Come experience this unique and wonderful ensemble in Grace UMC's beautiful sanctuary.

The ensemble was founded in 1989 and is directed by Mr. James Zanker.

Their website is: www.ChordsMusic.org and excerpts from their latest CDs can be heard on the MUSIC page. For additional information, please contact, James Zanker, Director - The CHORDS Vocal Ensemble at 260-402-0308 or email at Jpzank@aol.com

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm writing to let people know how bad of a job our U.S. Rep. is doing in Washington! I just got Bob Latta's mailer card he's sent across the district (at taxpayer expense!) and, boy what a joke! Mis-representative, Bob Latta, is so far out of touch with reality, who's he trying to kid? He accuses President Obama of raising energy costs? I didn't know we had government-controlled petroleum, electric, or other types of energy. When did Obama become CEO of Marathon? He wants to take out government regulations that make it harder to hire new workers? How about cutting tax breaks to oil companies who make billions off the tax-payer, while reeling in trillions of profit the last 8 years under Bush? We obviously never read Latta's history books about how to fix a broken economy! He blasts Obama on stimulus spending, but he cut the ribbons at every opening of a project finished up, or takes pictures at a local General Motors plant that, if the bridge loan he voted against, would have failed! Doesn't he realize those construction jobs from the stimulus put butts in the seats of the trucks, and construction equipment, and the checks those workers cashed in town was spent up town on groceries, clothes and other necessary things that keep the economy growing! If GM would have gone under, he thought, "Oh, it's only 50-60,000 jobs." But if you add in all the supporting jobs it takes to make cars, the total would have been in the millions!

I want our seniors to know that Latta voted for cutting and eliminating Medicare programs, then sends the card saying he's for these important programs! I know not many like the health-care program we have now, but if you have or know someone who has a pre-existing medical condition, they can get insurance now! If Mis-rep Bob had his way, this wouldn't be possible! I hope the voters figure out this guy is NOT your friend, and does NOT represent our best interests here in Paulding County! Write to him, or call him and tell him he's wrong on these issues, and if he can't change, he needs to join the ranks of the unemployed in 2012! He

needs to represent ALL the people in Paulding County, and not the campaign contributors from out of state!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This November 8th, the Paulding County Health Department will be asking for a renewal of an existing 10-year levy that helps fund their operations and services providing the Paulding County residents. This is not a new levy and is the same one-half (0.5) millage voters approved in 2001.

The Paulding County Health Department is devoted to protecting the health of the entire population of the county through education, promotion of health lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. Their goal is to prevent problems from happening or re-occurring.

You may not think you are a consumer of the Paulding County Health Department's services; however, their services touch all our lives from birth to death by:

- Providing birth and death records
- Inspecting restaurants and food service providers to make sure food is safe
- Making sure that water and sewage systems are safe
- Keeping the community free from infectious diseases
- Making home visits to address concerns about family health and public nuisances
- Giving immunizations for all ages to prevent illness
- Inspecting public swimming pools

These and many other services are provided to make Paulding County a safer and healthier place to live. Support our county Health Department this November 8th at the polls.

—Paulding County Commissioners:
Tony Zartman,
Tony Burkley,
& Fred Pieper

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to encourage the citizens of this county to vote to renew the one-half mill (0.5) for the Paulding County Health Department on November 8th.

As a public health nurse for 27 years, I know what a challenge it is to stay within budget and at the same time deliver excellent service to protect our community. It is evident that our health department is doing just that by only asking for a renewal.

The health department provides many services to promote health and protect us from infectious diseases. Some of the programs provided are: immunizations, flu clinics, WIC (food program for pregnant women, infants, and children), infectious disease follow-up to prevent the spread of disease, health education (providing information to help individuals improve their health), inspections of restaurants, water and sewage systems and more.

Please help our health department do its job of keeping our county safe and healthy by voting "yes" on November 8th.

—Sally Heiss, Paulding

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Citizens of Paulding County:

November is nearly here and there will be an election on November 8. On the ballot will be a renewal levy for the operating funds to fund the Paulding County Health Department. The expiring levy of one-half mill (0.5) was originally passed in 2001 and has been in effect for the past 10 years. The Health Department is asking only for a renewal of this levy for an additional 10 years. The Health Department affects each of us in one way or another. They provide essential services such as maintaining a sanitary environment, control of community infections and inspections of food service businesses. In addition they provide immunizations, birth and death certificates and school inspections. Please join me in supporting this important department for our county.

—Ronald Eschbach, Antwerp, OH

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION

General election absentee ballots for the voters are ready for the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Polling locations on Election Day will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any qualified Ohio voter may request an absentee ballot without stating a reason. The ballot must be applied for in writing or in person for each election that you wish to cast an Absent Voters Ballot. You may, but are not required to, use the application form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (form 11-A). Your request must contain ALL of the following information:

- Your name;
- Your signature;
- The address at which you are registered to vote;
- Your date of birth

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(a) Your Ohio driver's license or state ID number; or (b) The last four digits of your Social Security number; or (c) A copy of your current and valid photo ID, military ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you.)

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An application by mail must be received by the Board of Elections office by NOON Saturday, November 5th. Applications by the voter in person must be received by Monday, November 7, the day before the election, by 4:00 p.m. You may not vote in the office Election Day. You must vote in the precinct where you reside on Election Day. Applications for persons who are hospitalized by a medical emergency will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you request an absentee

ballot, you will not be allowed to vote a regular ballot at your polling location, nor turn in your absentee ballot at your polling location on Election Day. If you return your absentee ballot by mail, the envelope which the ballot is enclosed must be postmarked with a date not later than November 7, 2011, or you may deliver your absentee ballot in person to the Board of Elections office no later than the close of polls on Election Day to be counted. The polls close at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like more information or have questions concerning absentee voting, contact the Board of Elections at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding or call 419-399-8230. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 NOON and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our email address is pauldingohiosecretaryofstate.gov. You may find our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/pauldingboe/> or electionsonthe.net.

TWO DIFFERENT DEADLINE DATES FOR FALL PREVENTED WHEAT PLANTING

Farmers and producers in Ohio who were prevented from planting wheat because of a natural disaster, must report the acreage to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Ohio has two different deadline dates, either October 20, 2011 or October 31, 2011 depending on which county you farm in.

Producers that farm in twenty-five counties in Ohio, have until the final planting date of October 31, 2011 to timely plant fall wheat. These counties include: Cuyahoga, Butler, Hamilton, Warren, Clinton, Clermont, Brown, Highland, Adams, Ross, Pike, Scioto, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs, Athens, Morgan, Washington, Noble, Monroe, Guernsey, Belmont and Jefferson. Producers and farmers who were prevented from planting wheat by the final planting date in these counties have until November 15, 2011 to visit their local FSA county office and timely report the prevented planting acreage.

Producers that farm in the other sixty-three counties in Ohio, had until the final Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) planting date of October 20, 2011 to timely plant fall wheat. Producers and farmers who were prevented from planting wheat by the final planting date in these counties have until November 4, 2011 to visit their local FSA county office and report the prevented planting acreage.

Prevented planting is the inability to plant the intended crop acreage with the proper equipment during the established planting period for the crop type because of a natural disaster, (does not include late maturing crops due to the late spring planting of 2011 crops). Producers, who request prevented planting acreage credit must report the acreage on an FSA-578 and complete a manual CCC-576, part B within 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Visit your local FSA county office if a natural disaster condition has prevented you from planting wheat this fall.

NEW CHEVY VOLT WILL HELP PAULDING-PUTNAM GAIN DATA ABOUT POSSIBLE ELECTRIC-MOTORED FUTURE



caption: Showing off Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-op's new Chevy Volt are (from left) Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives Vice President of Statewide Services Ken Keylor, PPEC CEO/General Manager George Carter, and Bob Estle, owner of the Beckman Chevrolet & Cadillac dealership and a co-op member.

When Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) energy advisor Peter Niagu rolls up to a member's home for an appointment, it will be in a car that hardly makes any noise and leaves a light carbon footprint.

With the help of power supplier Buckeye Power, Inc., the co-op has acquired one of first plug-in electric vehicles in this area. The Chevy Volt will help PPEC learn more about how cars powered by electrons perform and the challenges or benefits posed to utilities.

The Volt was purchased from a local dealership, Beckman Chevrolet & Cadillac. Powered by a lithium-ion battery, the car has a driving range of 35-40 miles in all-electric mode, perfect for short trips out and back from the PPEC headquarters. Once battery power is depleted, the Volt uses a gasoline engine to power an onboard electric generator that extends the car's range.

Battery-only operation produces an equivalent estimated fuel economy of more than 90 mpg. Overall combined electric-gasoline fuel economy is estimated at 60 mpg.

The Volt and Nissan Leaf are the first electric vehicles mass-marketed to American drivers. Sales growth has been slower than expected due to limited availability in most markets, but production has now ramped up.

PPEC plans to monitor the Volt closely.

"We are interested in performance, of course. But what we really want to get an idea about is the possible impact of electric vehicles like this one on electric utilities when they need to be recharged," said CEO/General Manager George Carter.

Advocates of battery-powered vehicles maintain that recharging should not have a negative effect on electric transmission and

distribution systems because the cars mainly will be charged at night and during off-peak periods.

"This is the hypothetical explanation," Carter added. "What will happen to the grid when millions of electric cars are plugged in and recharging at the same time? How will we at the local utility level be affected when co-op members plug in their Volts? These are questions we hope to help answer."

Niagu, who conducts home energy audits and works with co-op members on becoming more efficient with their electricity use, said the Volt is another tool the co-op will use to educate about pros and cons of green alternatives. PPEC recently moved into a new headquarters on McDonald Pike. In remodeling the former manufacturing facility, the co-op added variety of energy efficient features, including a geothermal system, wind turbine and array of solar panels.

Data collected from these systems and first-hand experience on a day-to-day basis will help Niagu and other co-op personnel answer members' question about renewable energy and energy efficiency.

"We feel this information will be a tremendous asset to our members in understanding the pros and cons of these energy technologies," he said.

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BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 28: GOING WEST OUT OF NORTH KANSAS

By: Stan Jordan

We have been going west through Kansas. We crossed the Vermilion River and heading northwest towards Nebraska. Then we crossed the Black Vermilion and through Potawotomi County and then beside the Little Blue River and then into Nebraska.

The trail has been pretty good, it is into March now and we just plod along as usual.

We have eaten all the hot dogs and beans. That was a pretty good meal, fact is, we got two meals out of it.

The Oregon Trail is pretty well marked here because it is used quite a bit. We run pretty much northwest and hit the North Platte River west of Grand Island. We cross over here and the trail follows this river for hundreds of miles.

We stopped at a stage coach stop and the old timers said about thirty miles to Fort Kearney. We got into Fort Kearney on March 9, 1850. I took all the wagons down to the livery stable and blacksmith shop. We put up all the animals and had the smithy look for shoes that needed replaced.

We went into the commanding officer's office to renew old acquaintances. We also had a long talk with the Sgt. Major. I told the General I would be

18 on June 27th of next year and I would be joining the Army. "Do you remember that I wanted to go to West Point and you were going to check on it?"

"Oh, yes," he said, "but I don't think you can go to the Point. It says you must be a high school graduate and they stick to the rules pretty close. But the U.S. Army has opened a college, Missouri State University, in Columbia and they have a good Veterinarian School along with R.O.T.C. and paid for by the Army and I know I can get you in there in September of that year. You can do your basic training here in Kearney from June 27th until September, and we will send you to Columbia in time for enrollment and all that for the fall term."

We talked about this for a while and I guess I will settle for the Missouri school. I want to go to a vet school and this is government approved. They will pay all of it and I will get a good education.

Slim Jim agreed on all of these points and assures me that it will be good for me and the Army.

We stayed in Kearney all the next day to let the animals rest. Sam and I greased all the wagons and Slim checked his wagon along with the rest. We left Kearney early on March 11.

It sure has been nice weather, warm in the sunshine, no rain or not much.

We just keep going west on the Oregon Trail right beside the North Platte River. Our goal is to get to North Platte

City by March 21 and then on northwest to Scott's Bluff by April 16. We can do it, if no trouble.

I haven't written for awhile, nothing has happened. We are going west and nothing but flat country, not many trees, some rock formations and a lot of clear blue sky every day. We haven't had a lot of rain yet, even though it is March.

The other day Sam said he saw some Indians way off to the north. Now that could be Limping Buffalo's people because this is their area. We are getting into a place called Gothenburg. Well, I feel that if Limping Buffalo knew we were in the area he would come visit us.

Well, there was a stage coach stop there in Gothenburg. We stayed one day and two nights there. We rested the animals and greased all the places and checked all the wheels and rims.

We talked to all the drivers and express riders and all said it is peaceful and the winter is not too bad. A little snow on the ground, but the ground is solid.

Well, we left that stage stop and we are headed for North Platte city, probably sixty miles.

You didn't notice it but around here the elevation is 2,892 feet. We are slowly gaining altitude again but that hasn't been a problem yet.

Well, things got different in a hurry. We were heading for the Aspen Tree Stage Stop and a Northerner hit us. It was snowing and blowing and you couldn't see very far. Again we had to walk and lead the animals to keep them on the trail. This lasted probably six miles until we got into the stage stop. After we got there it took all the boys to get the animals inside the shed and fed and watered down for the night.

We all went inside the stage office, lunch and rest area and I took in my little 'Jim Dandy' oil stove and what a difference that made!

I made coffee nearly all the time. Some of the people there, I think, were stage coach passengers, two drivers, the manager and his wife and we four fellows from the Three M Wagon Train. That little stove made a hit with everybody.

We were there three nights and two days. Boy, what a storm. It snowed and the wind howled. It stopped snowing after about six inches, but the wind kept up. We weren't in too much of a hurry to leave, we let the stage coach and the six-up go ahead and break a trail towards North Platte.

Well, we stopped at the Half Way Stage Coach Stop last night and then we went on into North Platte City. We didn't do much there, greased all the wagons and checked everything out. All seemed to be alright. After a good breakfast we hit the road again.

I haven't written for a while. We are north of the river and heading toward Scott's Bluff. We have been doing well on time. It is now March 21st and we are out of North Platte. We want to be at Scott's Bluff by April 1st, we are now north of a place called Ogalla.

The trail here is solid and clean. The temperature is great when in the sunshine. The stage lines keep the trail open so we just sit and drive. I haven't written for days.

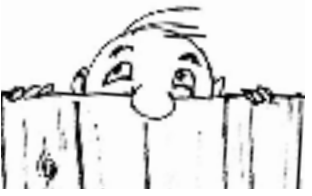
Nothing happens, we are on the Oregon Trail headed northwest toward Scott's Bluff. That is a huge nature rock formation with a stage stop and Pony Express stop. We have been there a few times when we went west and coming back east. We pass Court House Rock and Chimney Rock. It is quite a busy area and the trail is a busy place but it makes good time for us. It is about twenty miles to the Wyoming Territory. This is the last big stop for quite a ways.

We had the animals taken care of, greased the wagons and checked all the wheels.

We are headed for Laramie, Wyoming Territory, the altitude there is 4,139 feet so we will be going up hill most of the time, until we get there and then it gets steeper.

Next Week: Heading to Laramie

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

An elderly couple went to bed and the lady wasn't very sleepy yet. She asked her husband, George, "Would you like to hold my hand like you used to?"

So George held her hand for awhile.

Then she said, "George, would you like to nibble on my neck like you used to do?"

George started to get off bed and she stopped him and asked, "Where are you going?"

George said, "To get my teeth."

RELAY FOR LIFE DUCK RACES

It is that time of year again for our 3rd Annual Live Duck Races put on by the Foltz Insurance team. The event will be on October 22, 2011 at the Paulding Eagles. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the first race will be at 7:15 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Relay For Life of Paulding County. The past two years have raised over \$2500 each year and we are hoping to continue that trend.

How can you help us continue to be successful? One way would be to come out and enjoy the evening betting on the races. Another way would be to name a duck. We have 100 ducks that need names. The names are usually funny such as "Quacky", "Butt Quack", or "Driving Me Ducky" to name a few. The cost per duck would get your duck name and your name in the program. Kids love naming a duck, seeing it in the program that evening, and betting on their duck to win. The final way would be to sponsor a race. A race sponsorship gets a ¼ page advertisement in the program that night along with being announced as the race sponsor. If you or anyone or company you know would be interested in sponsoring a race, please let me know.

If you have not attended yet, don't miss out. Everyone has a great time including the kids. It is a great family and community event. If you have any questions, please contact Stephany Foltz at sfoltz@firstfed.com or call 419-769-1754.

FIRE SAFETY DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



The KA Smarties have been learning about fire safety and had a visit with the Oakwood/Auglaize firemen. They had lots of fun looking at all the fire trucks and equipment the firemen use.

PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Route 24:

At 24 and 127. The big challenge at this interchange is water and sewer service. The possibility of getting water from Paulding has proved too expensive, the possibility of using a well at the site has been considered, but must be approved by the EPA. Sewage treatment is a big issue. Building an on-site sewage treatment plant, or having the sewage treated at the Cecil treatment plant, or creating a sewer district, all have disadvantages, mainly being cost. As of yet, the solution has not been found for funding for these services.

Route 24:

At 24 and 49 on the south side of Antwerp the village sewer and water is available on the north side of 24. Pipes were installed for sewer and water lines to go under the new 24 at the time of its construction. However, on the south side of 24 the cost is still prohibitive to run sewer and water lines. The Village of Antwerp, Mayor Ray Delong and Administrator, Sara Keeran and the Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation, President Randy Derck, and Tony Langham, PCED Director, are working with land

owners and developers on the project. ODOT says that the new US 24 will be open for traffic to I-75 in late 2012. To the west, Indiana is expecting to open US 24 to I-69 at about the same time.

The ODOT is reorganizing under the new Governor Kasich, new contacts for the PCED office have been named by the state and Paulding County is now part of a 17 county region instead of an 8 county region. Our region central office is now in Toledo rather than Lima. The new name for the organizational change is now Jobs Ohio rather than the Ohio Department of Development. Paulding County also belongs to a 12 county consortium called the NW Ohio Regional Economic Development (NORED). This organization lobbies as one voice in Columbus, conducts informational meetings and networking possibilities for economic professionals.

September 29, PCED held its annual Business and Industry Appreciation Banquet and many awards were given to local businesses.

PCED joined with the Paulding Chamber to put on a Small Business Seminar in April of this year. Start-up business information was given and a panel of volunteer business professionals participated. 32 persons inter-

ested in starting businesses in Paulding County attended the seminar. PCED plans to do this seminar again in the spring of 2012. The Small Business Development Center of Defiance gives lessons on this subject monthly at the PCED offices in Paulding. Call for information at 419-399-8282.

PCED does an Annual Retention and Expansion Survey of the largest businesses in Paulding County and plans to expand that activity in 2012. However, budget constraints may limit the hours of office operations. PCED is currently open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Tax Incentive Review Committee was held in March, PCED gives a report to all the governmental agencies, all school districts on all the tax abatements in effect in Paulding County. Then PCED sends the report to the commissioners and on to the State. Currently 16 county businesses have low interest loans, and 17 businesses have real estate tax abatements made available through the PCED office. These incentives help businesses stay competitive and create new jobs.

October 22, PCED is hosting a Brown County and Winery Tour - a few tickets are still available.

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ANTWERP VOLLEYBALL TAKES DOWN HOLGATE



Antwerp took on Holgate at home for a volleyball game Thursday, October 13. The Tigers fell in a quick 3-0 game, scores: 25-15, 25-23, 25-11. Shown above is Antwerp junior Lydia Yenser faking a well-timed hit while senior Ashlee Smith slams the ball to Holgate. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Antwerp beat Holgate on the Archer court, last Thursday night: 25-15, 25-23, 25-11 Antwerp JV won in 2. Archer varsity stats: Ashlee Smith - 9 kills, 9 digs
AJ Stuck - 8 kills, 2 blocks, 12 digs, 2 aces
Jessica Langham - 7 kills, 2 aces, 4 digs
Lydia Yenser - 3 kills, 3

blocks
Rachel Colley - 3 kills, 7 digs, 2 aces, 16 assists
Alex North - 2 kills, 7-7 serving, 11-12 serve receive
Emily Hamman - 1 kill
Alexis Jones - 6 digs, 7-8 serve receive
Katie Bissell - 2 aces, 8 assists
Varsity record now stands at 8-12, 4-3 GMC.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER 5TH QUARTER

Youth, are you tired of not having a place to hang, talk with other youth, and have a place to escape and relax?

Now there is one! The Antwerp Community Youth Center is located just across from the Riverside Park on CR 424. A wonderful story of turning something bad into something good, The Antwerp Community Youth Center (ACYC) is in the newly renovated Park Station. The ACYC is equipped with an air hockey table, pool table, Wii, TVs and several computers that can be used for homework. Local churches have been involved in the establishment of the ACYC and have strived to create an open and fun atmosphere for high school and junior high students.

The official opening of the ACYC's 5th Quarter will be on October 21st from 9:00-11:00 p.m. or after the last home football game. There will be a bonfire, complete with marshmallows and apple cider, games and the ACYC building will be open for all who attend. This is a free event.

IHSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

The 2011-12 IHSAA girls volleyball sectional pairing for 3A will be played at Bishop Dwenger High School.

October 20th:
Opening Matches - Woodlan vs Concordia; Leo vs Angola
October 22nd:
Semi-Finals - Woodlan/Concordia winner vs Leo/An-

WARRIORS FALL TO STARFIRES

By: Jeff Abbott
South Adams built a 14-0 lead on Woodlan in the first quarter and extended the lead to 21-0 with a second quarter TD and the Starfires finished with touchdowns in the third and fourth period to get a 35-14 win at Etzler Field in ACAC football play. Cody Zink scored for Woodlan on an 11 yard pass from Brock Hines in the second quarter and T.J. Sewell added a score on a 13 yard scoring strike in the third quarter for the only Warrior points in the game. Zach Morgan scored 3 touchdowns for South Adams, getting 2 on the ground and 116 yards. Dustin Wanner added 128 ground yards to go with 5 for 5 in the passing department and 116 yards. Brock Hines was 12 of 17 for 103 yards for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:
South Adams - 14 7 7 7=35
Woodlan - 0 7 7 0=14

Plays of the game:
SA - Nick Batt, 59yd pass from Dustin Wanner (Hiro-taka Asaoka kick)
SA - Zach Morgan, 3yd run (Hiro-taka Asaoka kick)
SA - Zach Morgan, 1yd run (Hiro-taka Asaoka kick)
W - Cody Zink, 11yd pass from Brock Hines (Brock Hines kick)
W - T.J. Sewell, 13yd pass from Brock Hines (Brock Hines)
SA - Marcus Rich, 5yd run (Hiro-taka Asaoka kick)
SA - Zach Morgan, 10yd pass from Dustin Wanner (Hiro-taka Asaoka kick)

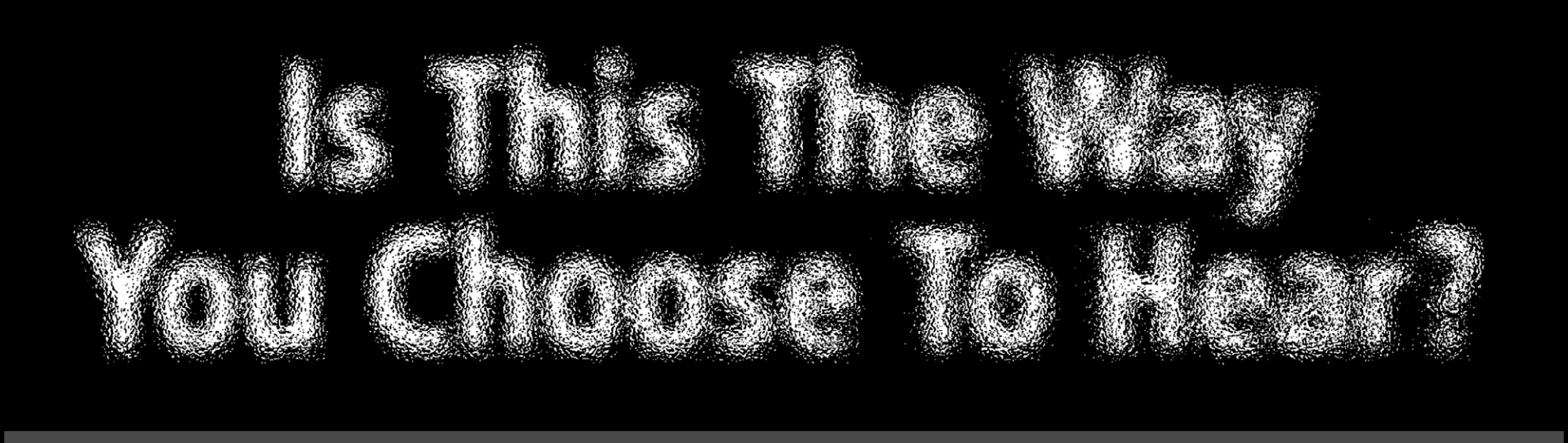
ARCHER XC TAKE COUNTY MEET



Antwerp hosted the 2011 Cross Country county meet on October 11 at Riverside Park. Shown above is Antwerp's Colin Krick followed closely by Wayne Trace's Eli Cook. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

All three Paulding County high schools were in attendance on October 11th as Antwerp hosted the all county cross country meet. The Archers took all three divisions: Junior High, Varsity girls, and Varsity boys.
In Junior high boys racing, Sam Williamson came in first for the Archers (1st overall) with 11:01; Chase Gerken came in 2nd for the Archers (2nd overall) with 13:15; WT's Jonathon Krouse came in 3rd overall with 13:29; Tanner

Cook of WT took the 4th place spot in 13:47; and Paulding's Dayton Pract came in 5th overall with 14:03.
In junior high girls, only four girls were recorded as running. Wayne Trace's Holly Wannemacher placed 1st overall with 13:44; Antwerp's Mackenzie Hart grabbed 2nd with 14:35; Paulding's Daleigh Davis and Allison Harple came in 3rd and 4th, with 17:54 and 18:09.
In varsity girls, Antwerp's
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WOODLAN BRINGS DOWN NORTHRUP



Woodlan took down Northrup in three straight wins Monday, October 10. Shown above is Warrior junior Hannah Robbins bumping the ball back to the Bruins. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan took control early and went on to defeat Northrup in straight games to sweep the Bruins in girls' volleyball. Misty McSorley and Burgundy Price each put in 4

service aces. Hannah Robbins added 9 kills and 3 blocks for the Warriors. Northrup won the reserve match 25-8 and 25-15.
Scores: 25-18W, 25-18W, 25-14W

2011 SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT - WOODLAN VOLLEYBALL

Lily Keller, daughter of Tom and Bambi Keller. Lily played volleyball for four seasons at Woodlan and played softball for three years. She has been a member of Woodlan's musical for three years, been on the Student Council for three years, and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. Lily plans to attend college after graduation and major in interior design.

WARRIORS BATTLE THROUGH 4 GAMES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan battled Snider through 4 games, falling to the Panthers in the regular season finale at the Warriors' gym in volleyball action. Snider nipped Woodlan in the opening game with the Warriors coming back to take game 2. The Panthers moved ahead in the match with a third game win. Woodlan built a 10 point lead in the fourth set before a Snider rally gave the Panthers the lead for good late in the set and Snider the final 2 points to take the game and match. Burgundy Price had 3 service aces to go along with 11 kills and 28 digs. Snider swept

the reserve matches 25-9 and 25-9.
Scores: 25-23S, 17-25W, 25-21S, 25-23S

PANTHERS SLAM PAST BEARCATS

Paulding Lady Panthers took the Spencerville Lady Bearcats to the court on October 11th.
JV Scores: 25-15, 25-10; Paulding wins.
Varsity Scores: 25-10P, 25-9P, 25-14P
Panther stats:
Blocks - Jessica Farr 5; Kristen Beck 3
Kills - Jessica Farr 5; Marlee Pease 1; Haylie Forrer 3; Kristen Beck 5; Abbey Edwards 6
Setter Assists - Mesa Pracht 14; Sierra McCullough 3
Digs - Haylie Forrer 2; Kristen Beck 4; Katie Kohart 2; Kayley Varner 3; Marlee Pease 2
Serving Aces - Mesa Pracht 4; Kaley Varner 1; Kristen Beck 1; Courtney St. John 1
Earlier in the week, Paulding traveled to Wauseon where they also won.
JV scores: 17-25W, 25-20P, 25-22P
Varsity scores: 22-25W, 25-14P, 25-21P, 24-26W, 15-13P

LADY ARCHERS TRIUMPH AT TRI-MATCH

On Saturday, October 8th, the Antwerp Lady Archers battled in volleyball action with Hilltop and Montpelier.

Antwerp Varsity beat Hilltop: 26-24, 25-17. Antwerp JV lost to Hilltop.

Archer stats:
Alexis Jones - 3 aces, 11 digs
Jessica Langham - 5 kills
Ashlee Smith - 6 kills, 1 block, 6 digs
AJ Stuck - 4 kills, 4 digs
Rachel Colley - 18 assists, 5 digs
Katie Bissell - 2 assists
Alex North - 12-12 serve receive, 8 digs
Antwerp beat Montpelier: 25-12, 25-18. Antwerp JV beat Montpelier.
Alexis Jones - 3 aces, 10 digs
Rachel Colley - 6 kills, 10 assists
AJ Stuck - 10 kills, 10 digs
Ashlee Smith - 4 kills
Katie Bissell - 7 assists
Lady Archer Record now stands at 7-11.

PILOTS GROUND ARCHERS

Antwerp lost to Ayersville this past week in volleyball action: 25-22, 12-25, 14-25, 13-25.
Antwerp JV lost in three.

Varsity Archer stats:
AJ Stuck - 11 kills, 18-19 serve receive, 19 digs, 1 ace
Ashlee Smith - 6 kills, 12 digs, 3 aces, 2 assists
Jessica Langham - 2 kills, 5 digs, 2 assists
Emily Hamman - 2 kills, 2 blocks
Lydia Yenser - 2 kills, 3 blocks
Alexis Jones - 9 digs, 1 ace
Katie Bissell - 8 digs, 4 assists
Rachel Colley - 8 digs, 8 assists
Alex North - 15-15 serving 2 aces, 7 digs

LADY ARCHERS VOLLEYBALL RACK UP 2 MORE WINS

The Antwerp Lady Archers recently competed in two matches. One against Van Wert and another with Lincolnvew.

Antwerp beat Van Wert in two: 25-22, 25-20. Antwerp JV also beat Van Wert.

Archer stats:
AJ Stuck - 4 aces, 8 digs, 6 kills
Katie Bissell - 2 aces, 13-13 setting with 3 assists
Rachel Colley - 27-27 setting with 11 assists, 6 kills
Lydia Yenser - 2 blocks, 5 kills
Alexis Jones - 5 digs
Ashlee Smith - 6 kills, 1 block
Jessica Langham - 6 kills
Antwerp also beat Lincolnvew in three this time: 22-25, 27-25, 25-14
Archer stats:
Alexis Jones - 15 digs
AJ Stuck - 13 digs, 7 kills
Ashlee Smith - 5 digs, 5 kills
Rachel Colley - 6 kills, 9 assist
Katie Bissell - 12 assists
Jessica Langham - 4 kills
Alex North - 8 digs
Emily Hamman - 2 blocks
Lydia Yenser - 3 kills
The Lady Archer's record now stands at 10-12.

THE WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC DISCUSSES THE TWO COUNTY IN-SERVICE DAY CONDUCTED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in the Paulding ESC Board Office. Board President Mr. Jerry Zielke welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the WBESC Board on the two county In-service day. The focus of the In-service centered on the New/Revised Standards. Participating schools included Antwerp Local, Crestview Local, Lincolnvew Local, Paulding Exempted Village, and Wayne Trace Local. Mr. Gerber expressed his thanks to Pat Ross, superintendent and Paulding Exempted Village Schools for hosting the In-service. 470 educators from the two counties participated in the in-service. Each school district assigned a lead person to help organize this event. Topics of the In-service included "On the Road to College and Career Readiness" as well as "Literacy Across the Curriculum." Academic Acceleration, Specialty Areas K-12, Four Core Subject Areas K-12, and Crosswalk Activities/Comparative Analysis were also topics included during the In-service. "A lot of work and organizational pieces took place in creating this in-service for five school districts and 470 educators. We sincerely appreciate all those people who worked in a collaborative manner to make this in-service meaningful for our area educators."

Mr. Gerber also informed the Board that Western Buckeye ESC operations have been relocated to the Thomas Edison building. He thanked everybody who played a part in making this transition as smooth as possible. In particular he thanked Carol Williman, Matt Krites, Jody Dunham, and Jim Stripe for working together during this transitional period. Change is difficult for everybody. The only constant thing in education is change. I want to thank our WBESC employees for being reasonable, flexible, and cooperative during this time of change. We have fantastic employees who work for the Western Buckeye ESC and we appreciate the positive attitudes they have demonstrated with this move. The dates and hours of operations will remain the same during the 2011-2012 school year.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

- Consent Items - WBESC
- A. Motion to accept the resignation of Helyn Zartman as a Paraprofessional for retirement purposes, effective December 20, 2011.
- B. Motion to approve Harry Florence as a substitute non-certified special needs aide for the 2011-2012 school year, to be used on an as-needed basis, salary as presented.
- C. Motion to approve the agreement to reorganize the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) as a Regional Council of Governments (COG), as presented.
- IX Consent Items - NOACSC
- A. Motion to accept the resignation of Denise McDaniel, effective September 16, 2011.
- B. Motion to approve the FY12 MCOECN ISP Agreement as presented.
- C. Motion to approve the Auditor of State's SOC-1 report for April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 as presented. There were no issues to report; no management items in a separate letter.
- D. Motion to approve the Exchange email fee change as presented.
- E. Motion to approve the NOACSC Council of Governments Agreement/Bylaws and local resolution template as presented.
- F. Motion to approve the proposed 2012-2013 Internet Service Fee reduction as follows:
2 Mg Connection and under - \$9,600/year, \$8,400/year (2012-13)
5Mb Connection - \$19,200/year, \$12,000/year (2012-13)
10Mb Connection - \$24,000/year, \$16,800/year (2012-13)
20 Mb Connection - \$30,000/year, \$22,800/year (2012-13)
50 Mb Connection - \$50,400/year, \$36,000/year (2012-13)
100 Mb Connection - \$64,800/year, \$48,000/year (2012-13)
- G. Motion to approve a supplemental contract for Terri Shutt for INFOhio Central assistance.

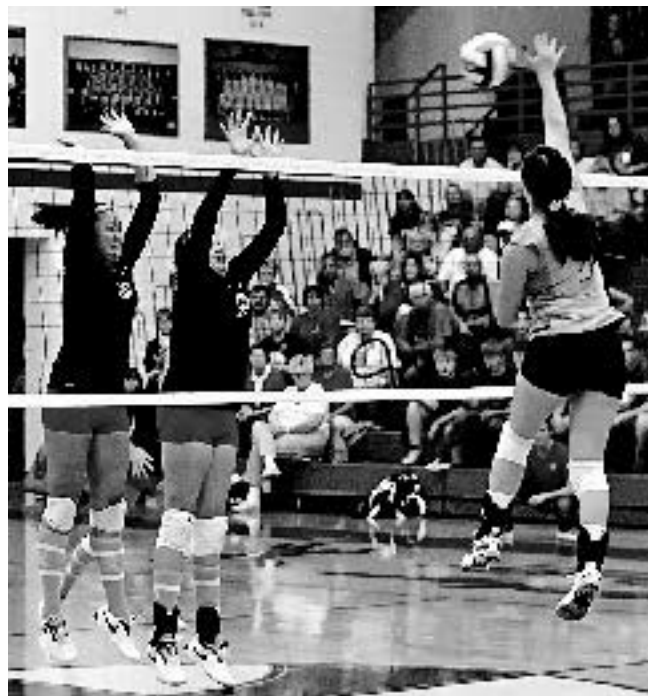
The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on November 9, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Edison building.

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Ellise Wetli scored 1st place overall with 22:01; WT's Lindsay Matthews took 2nd overall with 22:06; Antwerp's Bailey Sigman snagged 3rd place with 22:54; Erin Jewell and Maddie Poling, both of WT, took the 4th and 5th place spots with 23:15 and 23:27.

In varsity boys, Antwerp's Colin Krick finished 1st overall with 18:08; Eli Cook of WT, took 2nd with 18:24; WT's Arlen Stoller and Andre Spinner earned the 3rd and 4th place spots with 19:03 and 19:06; and Antwerp's Joe Hilton took 5th place overall with 19:08.

AYERSVILLE WINS AT PALACE



Both teams were undefeated in the GMC, making this game a big match. Ayersville came to Wayne Trace for the GMC title match Thursday, October 13. The Pilots flew high over the Raiders and won 3-0. The final game was close 29-27 but not enough to win. Shown above is Raiders Krystal Wannemacher and Sylvia Young blocking the spike. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION NEWS

The next meeting for the Antwerp Ball Association is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the Antwerp School. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF 4-H IN OUR COMMUNITY! PAULDING COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET

Paulding County 4-H has planned a fun filled afternoon as a way to congratulate and recognize its members and volunteers for their time and dedication to the 4-H Program. The banquet is set for Saturday, October 15th in the Extension Hall from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This program will feature a huge make your own ice cream sundae station with all the toppings. There will be a slideshow commemorating the past achievements of our members featuring

project judgments, photos from fair, and members taking part in their 4-H club meetings. At conclusion of the slideshow, Tim Mabis, a local magician from Payne, will be performing a magic show featuring live animals as part of his act.

The event will conclude with a 4-H awards ceremony. Members will be recognized for their years in 4-H along with other achievements including Camp Counseling, Jr. Leaders, and Jr. Fairboard. We will also be honoring our advisors and volunteers who help make the program a true success.

This is going to be a great afternoon for the whole family. RSVP is requested to the Extension Office or email Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant, at hiler.23@osu.edu no later than October 10th. Please come out and show your support of the Paulding County 4-H Program.

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DO MEN AND WOMEN INVEST DIFFERENTLY?



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones

Several years ago, a book titled *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* was quite popular. As the title suggests, the book argues that men and women are vastly different from each other, particularly in their emotional needs and in the way they communicate. While not everyone agrees with the notion that men and women might as well be from different planets, most of us would probably concur that the two genders frequently behave differently — and this divergence in behavior may also show up in the way that we invest.

In fact, various studies and anecdotal evidence suggests these differences in the way that men and women invest:

****Men tend to trade more often than women. Men seem to buy and sell investments more frequently than women.**

This difference could result in an advantage for women investors. For one thing, if women do trade less, they may incur fewer commission charges, fees and other expenses, all of which can eat into investment returns.

Also, by holding investments longer, women may be able to take better advantage of market rallies. During the 2008-2009 financial crisis, for example, men were more likely than women to sell shares of

stock at market lows, which led to bigger losses among male traders — and fewer gains when some of the stock values began to rise again — according to a study by Vanguard, a mutual fund company.

****Men tend to invest more aggressively than women.** Perhaps not surprisingly, men seem to be more willing to take risks with their investments. This trait can be both positive and negative. On the positive side, risk is associated with reward, so the more aggressive the investment, the greater the potential for growth. On the negative side, taking too much risk pretty much speaks for itself. Ideally, all investors — men and women — should stick with investments that fit their individual risk tolerance.

****Women are more likely to look at the “big picture.”** Although both men and women investors want information, women seem to take a more “holistic” approach — that is,

instead of focusing strictly on performance statistics, they tend to delve deeper into their investments’ background, competitive environment and other factors. This quest for additional knowledge may help explain why all-female investment clubs have achieved greater returns than all-male clubs, according to a study by the National Association of Investors Corp., which represents thousands of investment clubs across the country.

****Men may be more optimistic about the financial markets.** Some studies show that men are more optimistic about key economic indicators and future stock market performance. Optimism can be a valuable asset when it comes to investing; if you have confidence in the future, you’re more likely to invest for it, and to continue investing. On the other hand, false optimism may lead to overconfidence, which can have negative results for investors.

Neither men nor women have a monopoly on positive investment behaviors; each gender can probably learn something from the other. Ultimately, of course, it’s your decision-making, not your x- or y-chromosomes, that will determine your ability to make progress toward your long-term goals. So educate yourself about your choices, and get the help you need from a financial professional, as you invest through the years.

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MEETING NOTES

The Oakwood Arbor #759 of Gleaners Life Insurance held its September Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Twin Oaks UM Fellowship Hall. We had 27 members and one guest Terry McClure from Grover Hill, OH.

Mr. McClure, a farmer presented a very informative talk on the area Wind Turbines. Questions and answers followed. Thank you. This completed our “Learning as an Arbor” activity.

The Arbor sponsored the copying, postage and folding of the John Paulding Historical Society Fall Newsletter, earlier this month. Also, twelve members helped in the cleaning of the downtown streets and Memorial Park area after Oakwood’s Homecoming Labor Day Weekend.

The 2011-12 Arbor calendars were distributed, thanks for all the extra help of the Arbor members to get this readied.

Mum plants were given to several of our recent members, who have had surgery.

Thanks goes out to Fenter’s Flooring employees for watering our town plants, storing ferns for winter and replacing the ferns with mums.

The “Designated Beneficiary 2012” was selected to be the Twin Oaks UM Fellowship Hall.

The “55th Biennial Convention” in Cincinnati next month was the topic, with our “Crayons to Computer” donations being brought in at our next meeting, October 17th, 7:00 p.m. this will be guest night, with speaker Tim Houck from the Defiance Land Fill.

Gleaner Communicator Ruth Benien gave us highlights of the weekend and told that more information would soon be in the mail or on email for us.

“Lifetime Gleaner Memberships” were given to two of our earlier CSRA volunteers.

RAIDERS PIERCE ARCHERS



Antwerp took on Wayne Trace in football at home Friday, October 14. The Archers had the first field goal with an impressive 15 seconds of time into the game. The Raiders, however, didn’t let it stop them from winning 67-6. Shown above is WT senior Dylan Horner scoring another touchdown. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding also struggled on another cold, windy night at home Friday against Columbus Grove. The Panthers tried hard but could not overcome the C.G. defense, falling 14-69. Shown above is sophomore Julian Salinas, ball carrier, being stopped by the Bulldogs defense. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

IHSAA FOOTBALL SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

- Friday, October 21:**
 - Class 2A, Sectional 27 - Churubusco at Woodlan
 - Class 4A, Sectional 12 - Norwell at Leo

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Antwerp Veteran’s Book

If you have not already done so, now is your chance to put your Veteran down in written history. On August 29, 2010 a beautiful new Veteran’s monument was commemorated in Antwerp’s Veteran’s Park on old US 24. It was a hot day, but a beautiful, memorable one. The bands were playing and the speakers were speaking and the families were proudly crowding around the monument to see the names of their loved ones.

Now is the time to get their pictures and biographies into a lasting and memorable keepsake that is going to last for, hopefully, centuries. (Copies are being sent to the National Libraries and the Latter Day Saints Library as well as the Fort Wayne Allen

County Genealogical Library (the 2nd largest collection in the USA). All of these copies will be kept from mold and mildew because of the lasting nature of the preservation systems at each facility.

Do miss getting your own picture and biographical information into this book because you are too shy to ask for the help to prepare the biography. There is a staff on hand who will help you with this if you will provide the information. Just take your picture and your military information to them at the designated places at the designated times. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Antwerp residents. The deadline was October 1, 2011, but it has been extended for two more months because more information is needed before they can go to print. If I can help, my phone number is 419-258-2222 (Caroline Zimmerman).

Your picture will be returned to you and will be handled with care. They are all being numbered and each filed separately. Please restrict your biography to 150 words. Anything over that, there will be an extra charge of 15 cents per word. However, if you have a story to tell, I would certainly not hesitate to tell

Woodburn Lutheran School
Student of the Month - September ‘11

Cameo Farias is the student of the month for Woodburn Lutheran School. Cameo and her family recently moved to Woodburn from Florida. Cameo, a sixth grade student, excels at reading and all other academic areas. She automatically uses appropriate study skills in completing her work. Cameo is also quite artistic. Her use of color and her ability to show great detail have enabled her to create some beautiful art work. She played volleyball for the Woodburn Lutheran girls’ JV volleyball team this year. She is described by her coach as an example of someone striving to do her best, and as a result she became one of the natural leaders on the team. We wish God’s continued blessings on Cameo as she progresses in her studies at Woodburn Lutheran School.

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it because of the word limit. It is free to get into the book, but then you can buy a copy of the printed book when it comes out, the “Antwerp Veteran’s Biographical Book.” It can also be embossed. What a great Christmas gift for your Veteran or anyone for that matter.

Please be a part of this book either by contributing as a sponsor, submitting your photo and biography and just purchasing a Patron Page for your family.

For more information on this worthy cause call Sandra Wann 419-258-4065 or email at sew@paulding-net.com “VETSBook” in the subject line. Other contacts are Lori Manon 419-899-4010; Judy Copney 937-631-3502; Karen Sanders 419-399-5764; and Starlet Levy 419-542-6523.

Please know also, that you can still get your name embossed permanently on the Soldier’s Memorial in the Antwerp Park. If you are a Veteran or know someone who was missed PLEASE get this done for them. All of our Veterans need to be recognized. This can be paid for and taken care of by the same committee named above. Address: The Antwerp VETS-CH Veterans Book, PO Box 747, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Forms can be picked up Essen House Restaurant, also. Please remember, you don’t have to pay to be in the book, but unless the committee has enough biographies out of the hundreds that served, they will be prevented from printing from lack of interest. Please don’t let that happen. They need all the Veteran’s help.

Note: If you have any information on Civil War Vets (i.e. GenServAdm papers) or Vets from any other wars that are buried in Antwerp, that would be helpful information (and pictures) to the committee.

If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$3220 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$36

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

I recently went to my sister’s in Kokomo and spent a weekend there. We watched a show on the Cooking Channel called “Pioneer Woman.” This show is on in the mornings so I can’t watch it, but if I were home I would.

This show takes place in Oklahoma where this woman and her family have a ranch. On this episode she made Chicken Fried Steak.

I never attempted to make anything like that because I thought it would be a mess. You’re double dipping of all the things. I did make it and my husband loved it. It turned out pretty good, especially with mashed potatoes and gravy. There is only two of us to cook for, so you can adjust this recipe for your family size.

Chicken Fried Steak

- 2 cube steaks
 - ¾ c. milk
 - 1 egg
 - 1 c. flour
 - 1 tsp. seasoned salt
 - pepper (to taste)
 - ¾ tsp. paprika
 - ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- oil for frying
- Mix dry ingredients; in separate bowl, mix egg and milk together; dip meat in dry mix then in the egg and milk mixture, and then back in dry mix. Fry in a heated skillet with oil—I use an iron skillet.

After the meat is done make your gravy by adding flour and milk to the drippings. Stir until thickness is right. Mash your potatoes with butter and (sigh) sour cream. Serve with your favorite vegetable or salad, and your ‘meat & potato’ man will let you have the remote that evening!

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": GILBANE CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS WITH VANTAGE FOR JUNIOR BUILDER PROGRAM



Vantage Junior Builders and Gilbane Building Company representatives.



Matt Niemeyer and Candy Lammers of Gilbane Building Company, interview Vantage Welding junior, Kasi Edwards (Paulding) for the Junior Builder program.

By: Candy Lammers, Gilbane Building Co.

Nineteen Vantage juniors have the opportunity of a lifetime. They have been nominated by their teachers and selected to participate in the Junior Builder program with Gilbane Building Company.

Gilbane is the construction management firm responsible for the Vantage renovation and expansion project. The Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC) encourages some type of student inclusion on their projects to get students involved and informed about the exciting improvements being made to their school buildings. Gilbane Building Company believes student involvement is one of the most rewarding aspects of school construction and a great way for them to give back to the communities in which they work. These select students will meet with project managers once a month for the

next 15 months and will have the chance to experience the Vantage project from the inside out.

Gilbane developed their "Junior Builder" program several years ago to enhance student involvement and provide active student interaction with the firms and tradespersons building and renovating their schools. With Vantage being a Career Center, this project provides a unique opportunity for the "Junior Builder" program to have students who are enrolled in technical programs that are directly associated to the construction industry and activities which are happening right outside their classroom on the job site.

Gilbane worked with the school administration to develop a tailor made "Junior Builder" program specifically for the Vantage Career Center project. Gilbane and the school felt it important to

include aspects into the program aimed at providing students with real life employment search experiences. As part of the selection process, Gilbane provided sample job applications from several of the trade contractors working on site. The students were given a deadline for submitting their applications in hopes of getting an interview. Gilbane then scheduled and conducted interviews with proposed "Junior Builder" students. "We felt that the application and interview process was a great experience for the students to go through and use as a learning tool as they prepare to enter the work force," said Candy Lammers.

All the candidates did an excellent job on the interviews resulting in 19 students being selected to participate in the "Junior Builder" program. The students will "report to work" to the Gilbane site office trailer the first Friday of every month. They will be divided into four groups that will specialize on different areas of the project, learning and having fun while doing so. The students will get to tour the job site monthly and gain valuable practical experience while shadowing trades related to their particular field of study. "Some of these students may have never submitted a job application or had to go through an interview process before. Hopefully being part of this program will provide them with experiences they can use after graduation as well as provide real exposure to the things they are learning in the classroom," commented project manager Chad Stevers.

One of the most exciting things about the Vantage "Junior Builder" program is the possibility of the contractors identifying some high performing students that they might be interested in hiring next summer for an internship. Of course, this will depend on the contractor's manpower needs at the time, but the students are aware of this possibility and are certainly going to be working hard to make it happen.

The 11th graders that were chosen will be staying in the program for the rest of the school year and joining Gilbane again as Seniors for the 2012-2013 school year to see the project through completion. Gilbane is extremely excited about the "Junior Builder" program and the opportunity it provides to the students of Vantage Career Center.

Students from Carpentry, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics, and Welding were chosen for program. Eight different home schools are represented in this group. The

following students have been selected to participate in the Jr. Builder program. From Carpentry: Christian Fischer (Delphos Jeffers), Heath Girardot (Ottoville), Dylan Lawson (Paulding), Kavon Pierce (Van Wert), and Alexandria Strickland (Lincolnview). From Electricity: Tyler Farris (Crestview), Nathan Maas (Delphos St. Johns), and Blake Myers (Crestview). From Industrial Mechanics: Matt Burgei (Ottoville), Tyler Dobson (Lincolnview), Cody Dugan (Parkway), Zach Miller (Ottoville), Andrew Schnipke (Ottoville), and Luke Wrasman (Delphos St. Johns). From Welding: Gary Carter (Van Wert), Brandon Combs (Crestview), Kasi Edwards (Paulding), Jody Richey (Lincolnview), and Chase Stahl (Van Wert).

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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN HOWL



It is time for children ages preschool through 1st grade to put on fun costumes and join Kooky Kirk and all his wacky library friends at the Spooktacular Halloween Howl. This library event is open to preschool through first grade children and will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and join the party held in the Children's Room at the main historic

Carnegie library in Paulding. This "Howling" fun evening will include a costume party for the most creative, the staff favorite and the scariest. There will be storytelling, games, refreshments, crafts and a bunch of spooky surprises. Since space is limited, party-goers are asked to pre-register at 419-399-2032. For more information contact the library.

LEAF PICK UP BEGINS IN WOODBURN

The City of Woodburn started leaf pick-up on Monday, October 17th. Mondays and Wednesdays will be north/south streets and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be east/west streets. Please keep this in mind when raking leaves and parking vehicles.

—Holly Sarrazine
Woodburn Clerk Treasurer

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The Oasis Bar & Grill donated the proceeds from their annual golf outing that was held recently to the Antwerp volleyball program. The fund-

raiser was ran by Doug Bragg and Jennifer Nestleroad. We appreciate their generosity and support to this program.

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY INCREASES GUARANTEED LOAN LIMIT

Steven Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that the loan limit for the Guaranteed Loan Program will increase to \$1,214,000. The limit is adjusted annually based on the "Prices Paid to Farmers Index," compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"Raising the guaranteed loan limit will allow FSA to better meet the financial needs of producers across the state," said Maurer. Another change to the guaranteed loan program will affect the one-time loan guarantee fee charged on all FSA loans obligated after October 1, 2011. The one-time loan guarantee fee will increase from 1.0 percent to 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan.

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers apply for a guaranteed loan through a commercial lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Producers who are unable to obtain financing through a commercial lender, including a guaranteed loan, could be eligible for an FSA direct loan. These loans are made by FSA with government funds and the limit is \$300,000 (except

for Emergency Loans which have a limit of \$500,000). The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness is now \$1,514,000.

For detailed information on loan eligibility or the different loan programs available, contact your local FSA office to setup an appointment with a Loan Approval Official.

TSCHANZ-LICHTY WIN POOL TOURNAMENT

Sue Tschanz of Hicksville and Lynn Lichty of Antwerp won both the Paulding County and Antwerp Par Pool Tournaments. The tourneys were played at the Antwerp V.F.W. And the Paulding Eagles.

This was Lynn's 46th straight year that he won the county tourney as well as 46 straight years winning the Antwerp tourney. It was Sue's 2nd win in each of these mixed doubles tourneys.

One entrant was from Dupont, Ohio and the balance were from Indiana.

Par Pool was again shot in the tourneys. In Par Pool a contestant tries to pocket the 15 balls in the fewest shots possible.

The lowest score shot in a practice round was a 17 by Sue at the Eagles. Prizes were winner's choice of cash or trophies donated by Candace Bankhead Movie Actress Promotions. The lowest score ever registered in over 40 years by anyone was 11 and once a 61 was shot.

Stella Gomez of Dupont, OH, and Lynn won the Tri-County Par Pool Tourney when all the other teams forfeited.

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AUXILIARY'S BUSY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SUPPORT CMH

The Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) Auxiliary has a busy schedule of events lined up through the end of this year. Proceeds from all events benefit the CMH Auxiliary and its projects.

"It's hard to express how important the Auxiliary and its members are to our hospital. They have been key supporters of all our major projects. They contributed funds for the new building, the aquatic therapy pool... they have purchased equipment and are always there when we need them. We simply couldn't do what we do without our Auxiliary," said Mel Fahs, CEO.

A Jewelry Trunkload Sale is scheduled on October 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Choose from tables and tables of fashion jewelry - necklaces, earrings, rings, bracelets, watches, and more.

The annual Festival of Trees will take place November 3-14 and will kick off the CMH Auxiliary Holiday events. Trees, wreaths, and table decorations are donated by area businesses, friends, and members of the CMH Auxiliary for silent auction.

A Collegiate Trunkload Sale will be held on November 18 from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ruskaup's Fine Jewelry Sale and Remount Clinic will be held November 30 and December 1. In addition to fine jewelry for purchase, receive free estimates on jewelry repairs, custom remounting of your stones, watch battery replacement, missing gemstone replacement, and special order jewelry is available.

A Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be held December 2-3 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Baked items will be priced individually and by the dozen.

A Book Fair will be held December 2-3 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The annual Christmas Home Walk will take place December 3-4. Homes on the tour include Linda and Ron Owens, Sara and Tod Green, Katrina and Duane Thompson, Rhonda and Greg Vandyke, JoAnn and Paul Yoder, Shelly Bauer, Five Star Dance Studio, and Shelter 127 at the Alley. The participants at Shelter 127 will portray the lives of the people of Haiti and how the Haitian holidays are spent.

All activities, except for the Festival of Trees and Christmas Home Walk, will be held in the Community Rooms at the hospital.

In addition to fundraisers, the Auxiliary operates the Sunshine Gift Shoppe at the hospital and the Bargain Box Thrift Shop in downtown Hicksville. In addition to providing a much-needed service to the community, the Bargain Box is the major fundraising source for the Auxiliary. Volunteers are always needed to support these two operations.

Please contact Carol Weidenhamer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-542-5690 for more information about any of these events or to volunteer.

BOARD SEES CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The regular October monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The treasurer's report included the approval of the September 1, 2011 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for August, 2011. The board approved an FY12 advance from the General Fund to the Full Service Center account, GOALS account, and the Cafeteria account.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the OSFC renovation and construction. The north addition's walls are being constructed, as well as walls in the south addition, which will house student dining and adult education and high school offices. Second shifts and weekends have been worked frequently by various trades. HB153 and its impact on non-certified staff was reviewed. She discussed the Capital Conference, NOACSC reorganization, and the visit to Vantage by the Governor's NW Ohio Regional Representative Chase Francis, earlier in the day. New staff members Daniel Joyce, Jaime Kipfer, and Matt Miller were also introduced.

Director Bob Vennekotter announced 2011-2012 FFA officers, Blue Chippers for the 4th quarter of last year, and upcoming events. He updated the board on lab activities throughout the building and areas of community involvement.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on activities for each area. He recapped the Green Energy Ohio Tour event which took place at Vantage on Sunday, October 2nd. A program effectiveness rubric was developed and will be used throughout the year for adult education meetings to focus on continuous improvement.

- In new business, the board: -Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Brenda Wurst, 1 year Teacher Aide; -Employed the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Charles Fowler and Robin Sonstegard, Health Careers; Cynthia Krizan, ABLE; Michele Prichard, Substitute secretary; Patrick Jackson, Computers and Edward Klausung, Police Academy; -Resolution to amend Sonya Yenser-Hammon's adult education contract; -Resolution to approve the purchase of #FACET CAI Base Unit/Power Supply (USB) and related Facet Boards from Advance Technologies Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$44,018.00 for the Adult Education Alternative Energy Academy; -Accept a donation from the Paulding Wind Farm II, LLC in the amount of \$30,000 towards the Vantage Alternative Energy Academy; -Approve the construction documents and authorize bidding for the technology package for the OSFC/Vantage Building Project; -Approve the NEOLA replacement forms for Adult and Student Network Acceptable Use Agreements.

OHIO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Paulding and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm, or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot.

There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: (1) at the annual meeting, which will take place November 10, 2011 at 5:45 p.m.; (2) at the SWCD office until 1:00 p.m. on November 10, 2011; or (3) vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the SWCD office at the following address:

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions: 10/3 - Tracy Dix, Paulding 10/3 - Harry Cluts, Payne Dismissals: 10/5 - Tracy Dix, Paulding 10/7 - Harry Cluts, Payne

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

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

THURSDAY & FRIDAY (20TH & 21ST) 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

LEINARD MOBILE HOME PARK, ANTWERP

Lots of Misc. items; Holiday Decorations; Stain Free Girls Clothing Kindertarten through 9th. Rescheduled Due to Bad Weather!

THANK YOU



We would like to say "Thank You" to all our family and friends for all the food that was donated to the Antwerp Food Pantry, cards, phone calls and your presence at our 50th Anniversary Cele-

bration given by our children. We are so blessed by all giving so generously to the Food Pantry.

May God Bless all of you. Thanks again.

—Jim & Clarehilda

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL REUNION UPDATE

The Antwerp Community Development Committee (A.C.D.C.) announces that the tri-annual AHS Reunion will be held the weekend of August 11, 2012. This coincides with the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's Day in the Park weekend event. The AHS Reunion event was first held in 2006 and again in 2009. The last Antwerp Alumni gathering was in 1993.

The AHS Reunion is attended by approximately 700 people and all those who ever attended the Antwerp School are welcome to come. The agenda will follow basically what has been done at the previous two reunions and A.C.D.C. hopes that those who helped put on this big soiree will come forward again. To find out more or be a part of the committee please call 419-258-1985.

A preliminary fun fest committee meeting will be held soon.

SEASONAL NEEDLE DROP

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Despite their name, evergreen needles do not remain green forever. The older, inner needles discolor and drop off after one or more years, depending on the species. Sometimes the drop occurs slowly; other times, large numbers of needles yellow simultaneously in late summer or early fall, creating concern about the health and vigor of the evergreen.

Fall is the time of year when deciduous tree leaves change colors and fall. Conifers like arborvitae, pine, and spruce remain green throughout the winter. What we may not realize is that evergreens do keep their needles but also shed their needles; just when the oak trees lose their leaves, most evergreens also drop needles — but not all of them. While an oak tree grows all new leaves every year, most conifer trees produce new needle growth on the tip end of a branch, adding to the several years'

worth of needles on the evergreen.

Each year in the fall, evergreen trees lose the oldest needles, which are closest to the trunk. This normal phenomenon is called seasonal needle loss or fall needle drop. Some of the most noticeable examples of seasonal needle loss occur on white pine and arborvitae. The innermost needles turn bright yellow before dropping in the fall, and usually the ground under a white pine is covered with fallen needles, even though the tree is perfectly healthy. The fallen needles can serve as natural mulch under the tree.

Seasonal needle loss is least obvious on spruces, which retain more years' worth of needles, but even on these plants the natural loss can be noticeable in occasional years. Although some needle loss occurs on conifers each autumn, it tends to be more noticeable on some trees than others and more pronounced in some years than others. It is not unusual for a tree's needle loss to be unnoticeable for many years, before an especially dramatic autumn. Some stresses such as drought seem to make the needle loss more severe in certain years.

Two conifers that lose all their needles in the fall are the bald cypress and larch trees. All the needles on these two species turn a golden brown and all foliage is shed until the trees appear to be dead. Bald cypress and larch trees are considered "deciduous conifers," and they are not truly evergreens. Although they are barren all winter, they sprout new needles each spring.

Brown needles on an evergreen really can mean trouble. Sometimes serious issues such as insects and diseases, or other stresses such as transplant shock, improper planting, drought or winter desiccation can turn evergreens brown. Needle browning that occurs anytime other than the fall, or that includes needles other than the oldest, innermost needles, should be investigated. Some diseases cause browning of a few entire branches, or only the bottom branches or the newest, outermost growth.

Remember, the loss of the oldest, innermost needles on an evergreen in the fall may be alarming, but in most cases, it simply reflects the normal growth cycle of a healthy tree.

SWCD WELCOMES MARK HOLTSBERRY

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District would like to welcome Mark Holtsberry to our team. Mark has joined us as an Education Specialist to reinstate our community educational outreach programs. He has been very involved both with schools and extracurricular programs in Paulding County for over 10 years. Mark holds an extended list of professional memberships, educational training, and community elected position. With his knowledge of history, passion for conservation, and drive to inform others, we hope to get Paulding SWCD more involved with classroom activities, host special conservation events, and conduct adult educational workshops. For more information on presentations available or upcoming events, please contact the office at (419) 399-4771 or visit www.pauldingswcd.org.

LATTA NAMED 2010 "TAXPAYER HERO" BY CITIZENS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WASTE

The Citizens Against Government Waste named Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) "Taxpayer Hero" in its 2010 Congressional Rating. Congressman Latta received a 96 percent for his supportive voting performance during the second session of the 111th Congress. Congressman Latta is one out of five Ohio Representatives to obtain the award this year and this is the second time during his time in Congress to have received the award.

"I am honored to receive this award, said Congressman Latta. "The goal to eradicate wasteful government spending, reduce debt, and promote economic growth are the right things Congress should be doing on behalf of taxpayers," added Latta.

The CCAGW is an organization whose purpose is to encourage the cutting of inefficient government spending. Since 1989, CCAGW has acknowledged U.S. Members of Congress for their support on taxpayers' rights by evaluating members every session for their voting performance on issues such as tax and spending, and rated on a 0-100 percent scale. Members who score anywhere between an 80-99 percent is titled a "Taxpayer Hero."

MR. & MRS. PAUL KORTE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Charlotte (Burhardt) Korte of Woodburn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 20, 2011. On October 20, 1961, they were united in marriage at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, by her uncle Rev. Herbert C. Rose.

They were blessed with four children: David (Lisa) Korte of Woodburn, Denise (Kevin) Scholz of Fort Wayne, Marsha (Eric) Armbruster of New Haven, Monica (Sean) LaLonde of Fort Wayne and nine grandchildren.

An anniversary celebration trip was taken in June when all 19 members of the family joined together at a chalet in Gatlinburg, TN.

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, they will have a dinner with their wedding party and family at Goeglein's Homestead.

Paul retired from BF Goodrich after 32 years of service and continues to drive grain semi. Charlotte retired from Woodburn Lutheran School after 20 years and continues to be the organist at Zion Lutheran Church.

DCP AND ACRE PROGRAMS WILL BEGIN SIGN-UP IN JANUARY 2012

Steven Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to announce that enrollment for 2012 DCP and ACRE will begin on January 23, 2012 and continue through June 1, 2012. The 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012.

"The beginning enrollment date for 2012 DCP and ACRE will begin later to allow County Office employees time to begin sign-up of 2010 SURE program and finalize the supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs," Maurer stated.

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LATTA APPLAUDS FCC'S RURAL CALL COMPLETION TASK FORCE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement upon the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) creation of the Rural Call Completion Task Force. According to the FCC, the task force will investigate and address the growing problem of long distance phone calls to rural customers that are being delayed or fail to connect.

"I applaud the Commission's efforts to examine the problem of phone calls being terminated in rural areas," said Congressman

Latta. "In the fast-moving world that we live in, individuals, families, farmers, small businesses, organizations, corporations, and government entities all rely on instantaneous communication. It is critical the Commission address these issues because it adversely affects family and business communications, as well as public safety," added Latta.

Congressman Latta learned of the issue through companies in the district. Since April of this year, Congressman Latta has been working to ensure the issue is resolved.



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