

OBITUARIES



and five grandchildren: Hanna, Ethan, Jonathon, Thomas and Lily all of Cromwell, IN.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Meglich; a sister, Sharon Meglich; and an infant brother.

There will be a memorial held November 5, 2011 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion on South Erie Street in Antwerp, OH for friends and family.

Harry D. Utterback, 91, died Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding.

He was born December 21, 1919 in Paulding, Ohio (the son of Clyde W. and Mary (Ostland) Utterback. On March 1, 1947 he married Vanda R. (Welsh), who preceded him in death on February 13, 1963. He was a WWII US Army Air Corp veteran, a member of Paulding United Methodist Church; Payne American Legion #290; Paulding Eagles #2405; and a lifetime member of Paulding VFW Post #587.

He is survived by two sons: Chuck (Janice) Utterback of Massillon, OH, and Harry L. Utterback of Paulding; a brother, Rev. John (Nila Jean) Utterback of Tipton, IN; two sisters-in-law: Marilyn Utterback of Fort Wayne, IN, and Gladys Utterback of Payne; two grandchildren: Michael (Brandy) Utterback and Angie (Anthony) Harmon; great-grandchildren: Addison and Devin Utterback, and Braden and Hunter Harmon; and special friend, Inella Finnegan.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers: George and Earl Utterback; and a sister, Margaret Lightbourne.

Special memories were also shared with Betty and

Gerald Laukhuf and their children: Lorie, Amy and Gary Fitch, and sons: Jamie and Jeremy. The family would like to thank the staff of The Gardens for their loving care and support.

Funeral services were conducted October 29, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. Paulding VFW Post #587 will accord military graveside rites.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Senior Center or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ARE YOU A VAMPIRE?

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

With the Halloween season in our midst, I thought I would ask the question that many a *Twilight* enthralled teenager ponders, "Am I a vampire?"

When I was a kid, the only vampires out there were the evil villains of Fright Night or Count Dracula. Nobody wanted to be a vampire. But since my childhood, vampires have received a makeover. Since then we have had Lestat from Anne Rice's *Interview With The Vampire*, Angel from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and Edward from *Twilight*.

Now it is hip and cool to pretend to be a vampire. And not just on Halloween. You can find all sorts of lists on the internet to help you figure out whether you are a real vampire or not, so you don't even have to pretend. Why pretend to be something you are?

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise His Holy Name."

—Psalms 103:1

can join in on if we are willing to be life givers rather than life suckers.

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

12TH ANNUAL T.G.I.F. GIVE AWAY

The 12th annual T.G.I.F. Give-A-Way will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the Paulding County Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds and is sponsored by the Paulding United Methodist Church.

T.G.I.F., which stands for Thank God It's Free, is in need of donations of items for the annual give-a-way, which draws hundreds each year. Items accepted for donation include, but aren't limited to, gently used but clean clothing, shoes, boots, coats, household items, bedding, Christmas decorations or new items.

Please do not bring furniture, encyclopedias or other large items due to space limitations. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Drop off for donations will begin on Monday, November 28, through Wednesday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Extension Building. Donations are also accepted on Thursday, December 1, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Wannemacher (419-263-2972) or Vicki Kadesch (419-399-5424).

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER IS BACK!

The congregation of the Paulding United Methodist Church will be serving their annual Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 12 at the church which is located at 321 N. Williams St. in Paulding, Ohio (two blocks north of the courthouse). Serving will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon and conclude when the food is gone.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, desserts and beverages. The only charge for the meal is a free-will donation. Carry-outs will be available through the front entrance. Those wishing to dine-in should enter at the east door and take either the elevator or the stairs to the lower level.

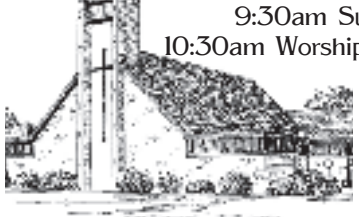

This traditional dinner was not served last year, but is back by popular demand. The congregation is looking forward to serving the community through this event as the public is invited to enjoy the meal and fellowship together at their tables.

SENIOR BREAKFAST at Gardens of Paulding

Tuesday, Nov. 8 8:00 a.m.

Any seniors are invited free of charge

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the 10/26 edition, I read mis-Rep. Wachtmann's support for Issue 1. This is strange coming from a guy who supported term limits! Oh, wait—he's still in office! He's used a revolving door approach to the statehouse for a job! Rep to senate, back to rep, and he's still there! I agree a farmer who has his health should (and probably needs) to work past retirement age, BUT the farmer doesn't decide other people's fate on a daily basis! Wachtmann is wrong on this issue, just like he's wrong to support Issue 2! He co-sponsored that bill that's divided the state, on collective bargaining! He's also supporting Issue 3, another wrong position! While I don't like some provisions of the healthcare bill, there's a lot of good things of major importance to our citizens, such as not allowing insurance companies to drop people for major illnesses, and not selling affordable insurance to those with pre-existing con-

ditions! I would encourage people of Paulding County to vote three "no's" in a row! Issues 1, 2, and 3 are bad for Ohio! The Paulding County Health Department is a good bill, please vote for it. It's important to exercise your right to vote, but make sure you look at both the pros and cons on the issues, this year the cons against issues 1, 2, and 3 will stand out plainly! Next year, remember those running for office who came up with these bad issues and bills to begin with, and put them out of a job!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This November will be the 51st anniversary of the vicious abduction and murder of Nancy Lee Eagleson of Paulding, Ohio. Nancy's family and those of us who lived through this tragedy still remember, still mourn, and still hope that, one day, this crime will be solved. To commemorate Nancy's death and honor her short life, the second annual candlelight walk will begin on Saturday, November 12th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the old Paulding (Movie) Theatre in the 100 block of West Perry Street. We will proceed from the theatre to Jackson Street and on to the abduction site on Flat Rock Drive for a brief prayer and moment of silence. We will then adjourn to the parking lot of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church for a few words of remembrance.

Please join us to mark this anniversary and show that our community still cares about this crime. We ask that you wear light colors, bring a flashlight, and, in case of rain, an umbrella, as this walk will take place, rain or shine.

Sincerely,

—Jeanne Windsor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Suppose the U.S. President and Vice-President were elected by popular vote. The largest states would always control the vote. New York, California, Florida and Texas would be the deciding vot-

ing bloc against the smaller states.

The electoral college, our current procedure, gives smaller states a more important position in elections since the system was established in 1868. Electors in the electoral college are the number of U.S. Representatives and Senators each state has in the Congress. Since each state has two Senators that helps equalize the effect of all states. Candidates must therefore campaign in every state instead of just the largest ones. Our time tested system has shown it to be the best.

—Robert Silliman

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/17/11

The Oakwood Arbor #759 had their meeting on Monday, October 17th, 2011 at the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall in Oakwood. We had twenty-five present with a speaker Tim Houck from Defiance Land Fill talking about the environmental details at the center. He told of the cost, acres of land involved, construction projects to use with one cell at a time. We must have goals, plans, and budget set for a few years ahead. He was very informative and had our attention for the evening.

President Kevin Hornish opened the meeting with the call to order. Chaplain Bill Bidlack gave the prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call of officers. The secretary minutes of last activities and treasurer report was given by ass't Edna May Spitalne.

Table decorations for the American Cancer Society Survivor Dinner, will be paid by our Arbor. Donations were given out as a 'thank you for our speaker and summer help with one of our recent projects.

We needed to sign up with ODOT for a renewal two year agreement on SR 66 Road Side pick-up. This was a 'yes' vote! New chairperson is Helen Maddock. We will be having a date set here in October for our fall pick-up. Caring Hands was discussed, along with a small ramp project and a family water problem. Paulding Historical Society will be setting up soon for the 'Festival of Trees' event. Eileen Kochensparger will be our chairperson and Mary Lou Lloyd will be a helper.

We celebrated our Society's 117th birthday, on Wednesday, October 12th with "Random Acts of Kindness". We had a few to report on.

Gleaner 55th Biennial Convention was held at Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza with eight Arbor members attending: Dorothy Hornish, Eileen Kochensparger, Kelly Tumblin, Shirley Lambert, John and Bonnie Pier, and Dale and Edna May Spitalne. We enjoyed the week-end and look forward to the next biennial.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman
The Huber Opera House

On Sunday, October 23, 2011 was the dedication of the reopening of the remodeled and refurbished Huber Opera House. What a program it was! Pre-Show Entertainment was given by Mr. David Snyder and the

Antwerp Community Band played under conductor, Mr. Steven Hahn.

Presenting the "Huber Boys" was Ms. Lin Bransom. They were Richard (Bud) Amaden (dec. 2011), Lowell Applegate, Stanley Applegate, Ralph Art, Norman Byers, Carl Clark, Doug Evans, R.P. (Dick Green (dec. 2010), Lynn Haver, Rex Hurni, John Kaduk, Gary Luderman, Bill Metz, James Rath, Kenneth Rodocker, Ronnie Snyder, and Wayne Thurman.

Music was contributed from the Hicksville Music Dept., Miss Angel's Dance Company, and a trio sang "A Mighty Fortress" from the Methodist Church (Mary Smith, Virlyn Rex and Andy Gross with Kris Miller accompanying. "A Tribute to America" was beautifully played by pianist Ms. Nancy Shenk.

Five Star Dance Studio did clogging to "Girls with Guitars" and tapping "Oogie Boogie". The Huber Chorus sang a medley of MGM tunes directed by Virlynn Rex, accompanied by Nancy Shenk. The Five Star Dance Studio danced to "Car Wash" and "Funky Monkey". The Antwerp Community Band played in closing.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Colleen Richter.

As you can see when you enter the great doors, that no expense has been spared. The refurbishing has been beautifully and tastefully done.

References to the Huber House (Hotel) that became the Huber Opera House are



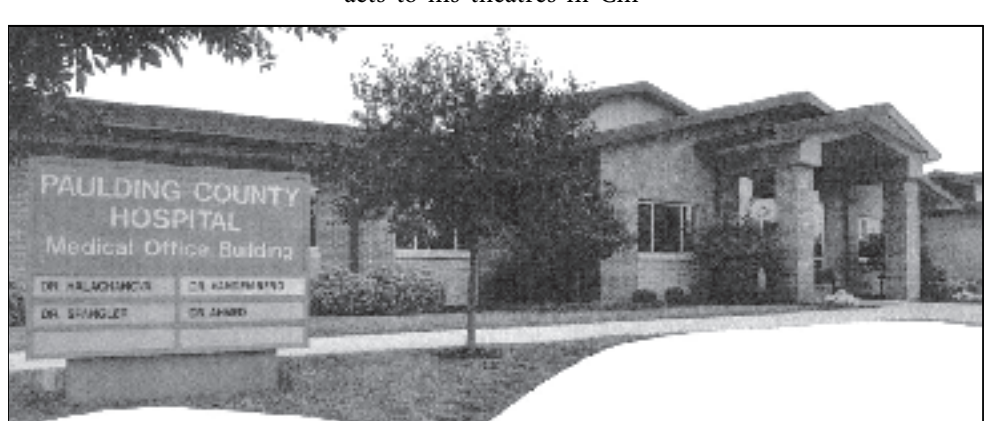
Shown above: Corinne Hurni - Huber Opera House Director and Caroline Wells Zimmerman. Mrs. Zimmerman is donating a 1910 framed "Hicksville Bank" calendar to the Huber House History Room: "In Memory of Albert F. and Kathryn (Soule) Wells". Mrs. Zimmerman's parents used to bring their family to this theatre a lot when they were young and when Helen and Waldo May used to manage it.

as follows: 8/31/1882 - Foundation laid for S. Mackey's Brick Hotel; 7/12/1883 - Exchange Hotel opens, S. Mackey Landlord; 4/3/1884 - Mackey Hotel bought by John Barr; 2/26/1884 - Mackey Block sold to George and Francisca Huber of New York for \$5,333.00, will continue as a hotel; 5/27/1886 - Naming the Hotel: ALDINE, Mrs. Huber puts balcony on front; 12/1/1886 - Aldine Hotel occupies two lots, two stories, two large sample rooms with access to alley for drayage, Upstairs: Two elegant parlors with Brussel's carpet 26 sleeping rooms, five lit by skylights, six have stoves. Opened by Mrs. Huber 6/15/1886; 1894-5 - Mr. Huber added the Auditorium w/horseshoe balcony to begin using as a tryout theatre before taking acts to his theatres in Chi-

cago and New York City.

Mr. Huber was a pioneer settler of Hicksville, spending much of his childhood days in this neighborhood. He went to New York as a young man to make his fortune, which he did, and gave it back to Hicksville by way of the Huber Opera House. In addition to the opera block he owned the livery building next to it and the two properties representing a considerable investment in Hicksville. (This info was taken from his obit. — he died July 1, 1916 at his home in New York City).

It is certain that he would be proud that the community has taken it upon themselves to refurbish this beautiful old building for the purpose that George H. Huber wanted it to be used for.



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WHEN DID ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL CHANGE COLORS?

By: Stan Jordan

Again this week a couple people asked, "When did Antwerp High School Change Colors?"

We have written about this before, but this might be a new wrinkle in it.

When I graduated in 1942 my graduation sweater was black with orange strips and the letter 'A'. Jack Bickhard and Max Donat graduated in 1943 and their sweater was black and orange. I talked to Mrs. Estell Cottrell and she took the time to look into Stretche's memorabilia (as Stretch was in the hospital) and she said his 'A' award for that year was black and orange, that was in May of 1944.

I have talked to Dick Smith and he graduated in 1945 and his sweater is blue and white. Now that tells me that sometime over the winter of 1944 and the spring of 1945 the colors were changed from black and orange to the now blue and white.

Now that might be long and drawn out, but let me tell you about some of the middle history of Antwerp High School.

As you know, Tim Copsey, is the official/unofficial guru of all the athletic events in Antwerp High School since time immemorial and he is doing a top-notch job. He is very helpful to me.

Well, a few weeks ago, Tony Seslar attended a sale in Defiance and he bought a few pages from an old 1914 Antwerp High School Yearbook—I never knew there was one!

Well, he shared it with Tim Copsey and Tim ran off some pages for me. They did not have football at that time, but they did have basketball. The team did not have a name, just Antwerp High School.

Some of the basketball team at that time was: Russell Duval 1915; Gerald Hummel 1914; Leroy Hughes 1914; Raymond Overman 1915; Don Hudson 1915; Edwin Schmuck 1915 and Louis Schmunk 1915.

They had games with Defiance, Payne, Paulding, Harlan and Van Wert, and always with very low scores on both sides.

I don't think that Antwerp played football at that time. At least it (the yearbook) didn't mention it. I know they played football in the 1930's. The early 1930 games were played on the city ball diamond at the end of Stone Street. We have ran some of these pictures in the WBN before.

Well, I think that date is close to when AHS changed the colors from black and orange to blue and white. Although along about 1940 or 1941 the varsity basketball players wore blue and white when the school finally bought some uniforms. I think the Archer Logo with the man and the bow and arrow were already in use.

We started playing basketball here in 1937 and for the first years we wore the shirt and trunks (50 cents each) bought from J.H. Hadcock, the local clothing store.

I am indebted to Tony Seslar and Tim Copsey for this information—I sure appreciate all their help.

See ya!

BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 29: NEVADA AND BEYOND

By: Stan Jordan

We are in Nevada Territory and to the right is the 10,076 feet high mountain called Pilot Peak with a beautiful snow cap.

We go by a Pony Express stop called Elko and past mountain streams, but we can ford all of them.

We cross the Cortez Mountains and then the Shoshone Range. They all look the same to me, just rock after rock, day after day, bump after bump.

We rest for a whole day at a joint called Battle Mountain. It's a battle just to get here. Now we turn and go northwest for 53 miles to get to Winnemucca, and by golly, we will turn and finally head south on the California Trail. We now follow the Little Humboldt River all the way down to Truckee.

It is now June the 1st at our most northern point and we keep plodding along. Hiram says this is the West Humboldt Range. I guess he gets his information from a rough map he has. But to me, it is all the same, big tall rocks for hundreds of miles and then maybe a tight mountain pass. Another place Hi called Diamond Lake with a new tribe called Paute.

We are in the area of Nevada and California. Lots to see here—all rock. The altitude here around Truckee is 5,817 feet. We will start descending a little bit now.

What a place to be, Blue Canyons, steep cliffs all around. We go by a place called Baxter. How can people live in an area like this? I sure long for the flat land of Ohio.

It is now late in July and we are heading for a place called Auburn on the California Trail to Sacramento. We turn off there and head for Coloma, the nearest settlement to Sutter's Mill and the gold strike.

What a day it was! We are headed south in northern California somewhere south of Truckee between Soda Springs and Cisco.

Jim, Chief 'Yellow Pencil', and Hiram are in the first wagon, Sam is in the middle and I am bringing up the rear. We are going along in good shape, mountains all around, rocks all over and steep sides all around. I guess maybe I was dozing off a little.

There are some stones rolling off the mountain right down to my wagon. I am awake by now and rocks in front of me and rocks behind me. And now a rock bounced up and went right through my left rear wheel and crashed into my corn box on the side of my wagon. The rear of the wagon fell down on the few spokes that are left. The horses got excited and made a lot of action and noise, but they couldn't move the wagon.

I was still on the front seat looking the situation over when another small boulder

went through my left front wheel and now that is on the ground.

Well, Jim and Hi and Sam all came back to see what has happened as none of them had any trouble with falling rocks.

Hiram said it was a small earthquake as he has felt them before, but none of us had felt any motion because the wagons have bounced and bounced for a thousand miles and our fannies are sort of used to that. Well, we all stood and looked at the situation and started to make a plan on repairing my wagon.

Well, first my wagon has both left wheels broken and the wagon lifts to the left badly and because of this we can't get my extra tongue out of the bottom as the body is twisted. Thank goodness all the wagons have the same size wheels. I only have one spare and we will get another from Sam's wagon.

Well, we get out my saw horses and the spare tongue from Sam's wagon and get the rear end jacked up and blocked. We use the spare tongue as a pry. I cleaned the hub of the new wheel and axle and greased them both good and we got it on the axle.

About then Jim said, "Why don't Billy make a pot of coffee while we get the other wheel ready? It is after twelve and we can rest a bit and have coffee and cookies."

All agreed. The coffee was good and the half hour of rest was okay also.

Well, we got the new wheel over onto my left front and greased it up, and then we lowered the wheels to the ground. After a good search, I guess that was all the damage, those two broken wheels.

On our lunch break we all talked about the earthquake and actually things could have been a lot worse. Hiram said we could have another quake at any time.

Hiram said, "I believe a place called Cisco is just down the road and the traffic will be picking up pretty soon. But the trail seems to be pretty hard underneath. We are up in the mountains pretty good, but headed south and down hill. It is about four or five days going down south on the California Trail.

We go down through Blue Gap, Blue Canyon, Meadow Lake and down to Auburn and a place called Cool and then we turn off to a place called Coloma and that is the nearest town to the gold strike at Sutter's Mill.

We are bouncing along with traffic going both ways. Even some prospectors along the rivers and streams. I don't know if they are making any money or not.

Well, we finally hit Cool and turned off the California Trail and we are heading for Coloma, the next stop.

We left Coloma and went through Garden Gate and the gold strike is a few miles down this road yet. We are in a lot of traffic now going both ways. We see miners and people all along the road and streams. It started to rain and getting late and we pulled over to the side for the night.

Next Week: Out of Coloma See ya!

HI CALIBRE

By: Stan Jordan

I was born in Prairie Dog Creek, Texas in 1850. It was September 1st on a Wednesday

and at low twelve.

We were a common family, three boys and two girls. Dad raised cotton and some vegetables. He had some chickens, pigs and cattle to butcher. We all went to a one room school through the eighth grade. I worked out a couple of years wherever I was needed.

The railroad hadn't arrived in the west yet and I got a job as a Pony Express rider. I ran from West Texas on into Southern California Territory. I learned a lot about life and this big country of ours by just living it.

I knocked around the southwest for years because I loved it. The colors, the ages, the sands and the superstition mountains. I hope I never leave this place—I'm talking about Arizona Territory.

It is 1881 and I am a U.S. Marshall for Cochise County in the town of Cochise. Here in Cochise we are very peaceful. The Earp and Clanton problems are a few miles south of us. In some of my estimations the Earp's are as bad as the Clanton's when they are in town. The can keep their travels down there.

We don't have a "no gun" law. You can carry a pistol here in Cochise but it must be out in plain sight. No hide-away arms. The catch is, if you fire a gun for any reason, it is \$100 fine and that is over three months wages. So no one fires his pistol.

The hotel called me at my office and said there is too much noise and commotion coming from The Broken Toe Saloon.

I went in to The Broken Toe Saloon and Big Mike McGood had the floor doing some hugging and a lot of laughing madly.

Now, Mike, is about 6'8" and 280 pounds of muscle, no fat at all. He could throw me bodily right out those bat wing doors if he wanted to.

I said, "Mike, I've got to take you over to the lock up. The hotel people say you are breaking the peace and quiet of the area."

Big Mike says, "Marshall, I ain't going to the lock up. I'm having a good time right

here."

I knew very well that if he didn't want to go, he wouldn't go, because he was as strong as a horse.

He is also the Arm Wrestling Champion of Cochise for many years. He is so strong, no one has ever bested him.

I had an idea and maybe I could get him to jail sort of peaceful like. So I challenged him to an arm wrestling contest to see if he went to jail.

"Ho, ho, ho, sure I will wrestle you to see who goes to jail. Ha, ha, ha, shorty!"

"Well, these are the rules, we will wrestle and if Mike wins, I walk out the door. If I win, Mike walks peacefully out the door to the local jail. The winner also gets a quart of whiskey from the top shelf. So open the whiskey and set it here on the table."

We were seated in the contest position with the whiskey on the table—all was in readiness. I excuse myself to go wash the axle grease from my hands.

When I got to the rest room, I plunked two pieces of garlic into my mouth and chewed it up and then washed.

I came back to the table and sat down in position and didn't say a word. I watched the starter's mouth and the split second that he said 'go', I blew my stinking garlic breath right into Big Mike's face. He was shocked and upset by the downright stink, he lost control and weakened his arm and I was able to pin him quickly.

I grabbed the whiskey and took two big snorts and then one more and swished my mouth out. There was no remaining odor of garlic around me. Big Mike was sort of dizzy, but he got up without any argument and went with me to the lock up.

At the jail, Charlie the restaurant man brought in Big Mike's supper. It was two full plates of stew. In the morning I told Charlie to bring Big Mike's usual breakfast down at Charlie's Place.

Charlie brought Mike a plate with three big pancakes that covered the plate. Soon Charlie brought in a plat-

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Woodburn Lutheran School

Student of the Month - October '11



Robby Bennett, son of Robert and Tiffany Bennett, is the West Bend News student of the month. Robby is a first grade student at Woodburn Lutheran School. Robby sets a wonderful example for the other students with his pleasant disposition and hard working attitude. He

looks for every opportunity to share God's love with others. We are very happy to have Robby at Woodburn Lutheran School.

Congratulations Robby and keep up the good work!

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ter filled with biscuits and sausage gravy. I was about to leave and Charlie brought in a platter of four eggs, potatoes and bacon.

I guess this was Big Mike's usual breakfast. So I paid up and I went back to my office and Mike went home to get a nap.

Well, I stopped to review the night and morning happenings. I got Big Mike into jail okay, but I spent a whole day's wages on Big Mike's breakfast.

Well, you win some and you lose some. See ya!

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Regular November Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC, 813 North Franklin, Suite A, Van Wert, OH.

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1ST ANNUAL PANTHER 5K RUN/WALK

On Saturday, November 12, 2011, the Paulding Panthers will host the 1st Annual Panther 5K Run/Walk at the High School. The Mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K starting at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, please contact the Paulding High School office. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Track and Field/Cross Country programs.

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2011-12 FIRST 9 WEEKS

GRADE 6:

All A's - Abigail Adams, Brianna Gorell, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Emma McMaster, Marcus Miller, Caitlyn Myers

All A's & B's - Lily Arend,

Isaac Baldwin, Cassandra Bishop, Logan Bradford, Miah Coil, Chloe Foltz, Savannah Habern, Stephanie Habern, Shawn Jackson, Kalen Kelly, Corbin Kohart, Michael Kohart, Zachary McCorkle, Cade McGarvey, Abbigaile McMichael, Sunshine-Rae Newsome, Kaylee Plummer, Devon Smith, Gabriella Stahl, Jordan Weidenhamer

GRADE 7:

All A's - Allison Arend, Christine Clapsaddle, Hannah Farr, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, Jo Ellyn Salinas, Faith Vogel

All A's & B's - Tyler Bauer,

Angelica Chandler, Daleigh Davis, William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Kaleb Goshia, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Preston Ingol, Preston Johanns, Matthew Karia, Emily Knodel, Andrea Kremer, Cheyanne Lucas, Skyler McCullough, Molly Meeker, Ava Moats-Landis, Ryan Nicelley, Jared Paschall, Bailey Pieper, Dayton Pracht, Morrissa Rue, Logan Shaner, Simeon Shepherd, Ashley Snipes, Cameron Strahley, Sabrina Switzer, Kourtney Thomas, Brooke Weidenhamer

GRADE 8:

All A's - Lucas Arend, Kelsey Beck, Victoria Bradford, Allison Harpel, Matthew Martinez, Branson Minck, Emily Moore, Megan Reineck, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, Tzu-Mei Tenwalde, Cullen Wenzlick

All A's & B's - Zachary Buchman,

Kasandra Cogswell, Damon Egnor, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, Nathan Gee, Mayah Goings-Nance, Jo-waine Grimes, Henry Hohemberger, Lauren Johanns, Kacie Karlstadt, Sabrinah Leaman, Taylor Manz, Kimberly Matson, Victoria Meadows, Bridgett Moore, Haley Porter, Emilee Ringler, Johnathon Rose, Jarrett Sitton, Jaycie Varner, Nicholas Warnimont, Ruth Weible, Drayson Wenzlick, Katlyn Wesley

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST NINE WEEKS OF 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

FOURTH GRADE:

Drew Forrer, Catie Strable, Camden Thompson

FIFTH GRADE:

Grant Baumle, Emily Dyson, Korbin Slade, Kaleigh Thompson, Hayden Williamson

SIXTH GRADE:

Jacob Kuhn, Hunter Vogel

Paulding County's Students of the Month

OCTOBER 2011

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



Sarah Feasby has been selected as the Wayne Trace High School West Bend News Student of the Month. Sarah is the daughter of Kathy Feasby and Rex Feasby. She also has a younger sister, Brenda.

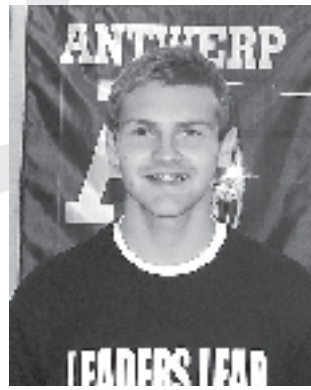
Being a senior, Sarah has been involved with many events at Wayne Trace including: National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Volleyball - 4 year letter winner; Basketball - 3 year letter winner; Softball - 3 year letter winner; Toys for Tots, canned food drive, and a teacher's aide.

Does Sarah have time left for anything else? She sure does! She loves hanging out with family and friends, watching Ohio State football and basketball games, and recording statistics for the Wayne Trace football and

basketball teams. Sarah has set a great example for other Wayne Trace students to follow.

October's Student of the Month for the West Bend News for Antwerp High School is senior Bryant Miesle.

Bryant is an active member of the student body at Antwerp. He participates in cross country, basketball, track; a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Student Teacher Services, is senior class president, a member of SADD, member of the International Club, and participates in the morning announcements. He is also a member of the yearbook staff, and participates in the school plays. Great job Bryant!



8th grader, Jaycie Varner, has been chosen as the West Bend News Student of the Month at Paulding Middle School. Jaycie is a wonderful young lady that sets a very positive example for her classmates and all of our students every day. She is very deserving of this recognition.

Jaycie has been an honor roll student her entire career at Paulding Middle School. She takes her education very seriously. Her hobbies include reading, photography, and hiking in the woods. She participates in volleyball, basketball and track. She also plays the flute in the MS band. She has been a past member of the Paulding Middle School Student Council, as well.

Jaycie is the daughter of Jim and Jenni Varner of Oakwood. Congratulations to Jaycie on being selected as our Student of the Month.



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

SEMI-ANNUAL 4-H TACK & MISC. AUCTION

Green Valley 4-H is having their semi annual Tack & Misc. Auction in conjunction with Running W Tack Shop on Saturday, November 5. Auction starts at 6:00 p.m. Preview auction items and food serving begins at 5:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Sherwood VFW, 115 Cedar Street, Sherwood. All types of horse items will be up for auction including halters, leads, saddles, brushes, hoof picks, buckets, and pads. There will be something for everyone, not just horse lovers. All types of animal equipment and household items too. The menu for the evening consist of chili soup, sloppy joes, hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and home baked treats. Green Valley 4-H Club is working towards earning \$500 to donate to Horse Committee to put towards building much needed additional stalls. For more information contact Cheryl Brown at 419-658-2626 or cheryla@defnet.com

If you mailed 11,300 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$3164 not including printing cost. A postcard size ad only cost \$96

MAUMEE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DEADLINE

For the past forty years, The Maumee Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC & D) Council mission has been "To assist in the education and leadership for communities, to protect natural resources and improve economic and conservation conditions for the enhancement of land, water and life in northwest Ohio."

This past year, the Administration and Congress eliminated funding for the RC & D program. Due to the uncertainty of funding, the Maumee Valley RC & D Council will discontinue operations in the ten county northwest Ohio area. The RC & D Council is now in the process of closing operations

and services within the RC & D Area. The process will involve the transfer of assets and programs to other organizations. The Council wishes to express our thanks to the Boards of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Boards of County Commissioners for their past support of the program.

If you are a 501c3 non-profit organization located in Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Williams or Van Wert county and you have a conservation project that is in need of funds to carry out a specific project, you may contact Paul Barnaby, Fulton County Commissioner, at the Fulton County Commissioner's office, 419-337-9255. Your request must be received before November 11, 2011 to be evaluated and considered to receive funds.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The second class of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools Academic Hall of Fame was inducted during Commencement last May. It was truly a pleasure meeting the inductees and learning about their experiences and memories of Paulding Exempted Village Schools. It is time to begin nominations for the Academic Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Graduates of any high school currently within the boundaries of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools district are eligible for nomination. Other criteria for nominations and the application can be accessed on our website at pauldingschools.org under *Academic Hall of Fame*. All applications are due by February 1, 2012.

November 13-19 has been designated as *American Education Week*. This is the 90th observance of the event, which began in 1921 as a joint venture between the National Education Association and the American Legion. The annual theme is "*Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*". *American Education Week* spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. Research shows that parental involvement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores confidence among parents in their children's education. I am thankful for the dedicated faculty, staff, administration and parents that we have working with our children daily. Education is the key to a better future for our children.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Stephanie Tear

The link between successful partnership and student achievement is supported by research. One way for you to support your child's education is by attending Parent-Teacher conferences. The insights you share with your child's teacher is valuable information. The support you provide at home is another important piece to successful student achievement. We hope to see you here at Paulding Elementary for conferences November 1st and 3rd.

The importance of student recognition is valued here at Paulding Elementary. There is a connection between positive student behavior and positive student achievement. We are proud to recognize our children for their positive choices. Each month we choose a Student of the Month from each homeroom class. There is a bulletin board with the child's picture and a brief summary of their positive characteristics. We host a luncheon for them to enjoy with an invited guest of their choice. The room is decorated with fancy tablecloths, placemats and centerpieces. The student is honored at this luncheon with a certificate and prizes. Everyone leaves smiling with more motivation to continuing being that positive role model within our school community.

Student Achievement is also recognized. Students, who have perfect attendance, achieve Honor Roll and those who improve their averages are recognized on a main bulletin board in our school. We want them to take pride in their accomplishments. We also have a school-wide assembly with guest speakers and special acknowledgement to each student's achievement.

John Gardner said, "Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." Excellent things are happening at Paulding Elementary and I am proud to be a small part of the process.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a chilly, wet fall morning! Today, we complete the first quarter of our 2011-2012 school year; and to celebrate this milestone, our PTO invited our students to a Fall Festival set up in our cafe where students were able to play with playdoh, play bingo, decorate a cookie, tour the kitchen, and much more. (Our PTO is the best!!) Today, we are also holding our September PAWS reward - a pep rally with our PHS fall varsity athletes! Oakwood Elementary students are loud and proud Panthers, and we are excited to show our support of the fall teams - GO PANTHERS!! We have had some wonderful successes in the first quarter of our school year, and we will be acknowledging our Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance students at an awards assembly very soon.

In October, we recognized Fire Safety Week. We were visited by the Oakwood and Auglaize Firefighters and Oakwood EMTs. They conducted our monthly fire drill, had a presentation for each grade level, ate lunch with our students, and gave tours of different types of fire trucks and an ambulance. Older students were able to experience a smoke trailer (training simulator) and spray the fire hose at a target "burning window". We want to extend a very special thank you to the local firemen and women who took time out of their busy schedules to come teach us some important safety tips.

October had two other "special weeks:" *October 17th -21st was School Bus Safety Week. Each day on the morning announcements, a brief message was read sharing information about safety on the school bus. Did you know PEVS busses pick up students over a 178 square mile area every day? Did you know yellow became the official color of school busses in the US in 1939, and the color is specifically named National School Bus Glossy Yellow? Frequent reminders at home of the importance of following bus rules are much appreciated. As we all know, a moment's distraction while driving can have horrible, lasting results. *October 24th - 28th was Red Ribbon Week; and activities for this week have been organized by our guidance counselor, Karen Schlatter, to reinforce and to promote the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle. If you grocery shop at Rhee's Market over the next week or so, your paper grocery sack may be decorated with a drug-free message by an Oakwood Elementary student.

In early November, we will hold our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an opportunity for parents to ask questions about what they are seeing their child learn and do in the classroom, on assessments, and for homework. If you have questions or concerns, if you are wondering why your child is expected to master a certain skill, or if you are looking for ideas of how to help reinforce new concepts with your child at home, a parent/teacher conference is the perfect time to address any of these topics. The children who are most successful in school are those who know their parents and teachers are working together in their best interests. By forming a solid team, we can help our children excel.

Oakwood Elementary invites all Veterans to our Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11th beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School: A big THANK YOU to everyone that supported our middle school fund raiser. The final totals are not officially in yet, but it looks like we netted a profit of close to \$6900. The items have been delivered and should be in your hands. If you are writing a check, please make all checks payable to Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Thank you again for your continued support.

Grade cards for the first nine weeks grading period were mailed home on October 26th. Please look over this report very carefully and discuss any pertinent information with your student. For the most part, I have been very pleased with the academic progress of the students. Homework still seems to be a major issue, but we will continue working to get that solved.

Our fall sports seasons have ended. Congratulations to all coaches, players, cheerleaders, and fans for making the fall sports fun and exciting. Now on to the winter sports of wrestling, cheerleading, and basketball.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 1st, and Thursday evening, November 3rd. You will be receiving a letter requesting a conference if the teacher wishes to see you or needs you to come in. If you do not receive a letter and still wish to see your child's teachers, please feel free to contact Marcy at the school office and set up an appointment to do so. *I highly encourage ALL parents to visit their child's teachers to make sure home and school are always on the same page.*

On Wednesday, November 9th, our 8th graders will be taking their annual tour of the Vantage Career Center. They will be going by bus to tour this wonderful facility. We thank Vantage for allowing our students to visit.

On Friday, November 11th, our students will be treated to an all school assembly. Beginning at 8:10, a program to honor our Veterans will be held in the auditoria. This assembly will then be followed by a school pep rally to recognize our fall and winter sports teams and cheerleaders. Then at 11:25, those students that have not received a discipline referral for the first nine weeks will have a dodgeball tournament in the middle school

gym. Sounds like a full day of fun activities.

On Friday, November 18th, we will be having our annual 6th grade HOG ROAST. This is always a great event and the 6th graders put in countless hours preparing for this day. I thank everyone that is involved and especially those that have donated their time, money, energy, and supplies to help with this event. I would especially like to thank Mr. Ted Wunderle, sixth grade teacher, who chairs this event every year. He, along with Mr. Joel Parrett and Mr. Mike Leach, stay up all night cooking the 'hog for the next day's feast. It is always delicious and we look forward to a great meal.

Picture re-take day is scheduled for Monday, November 21. Mid Term reports for the second nine weeks grading period will be coming home on November 22. There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 23rd. This is the start of Thanksgiving break. School will resume on Monday, November 28th. Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

I THANK YOU for your continued support of Paulding Middle School and I look very forward to seeing many of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Have a great month!

High School-Todd Harmon

As the leaves of Autumn show their colors unraveling a welcome carpet to Winter and the upcoming Holiday season, November is a time for an opportunity our forefathers fought for and have protected to this day in this country, and that is your right to vote. As we use that powerful tool as a means to hold the system accountable, we also want to invite you to Parent-Teacher conferences where we can work with you to hold our children to high standards as they get through the first nine weeks. Conferences will be November 1st and 3rd from 4:30 - 7:30 P.M. Our friendly staff looks forward to meeting you and working to help your child.

Thanks to all the fall coaches and advisors for getting students involved in extra-curricular activities which are an important part of the student school experience. These opportunities give students the opportunity to develop character and leadership skills which lead to better programs, opens doors up for student opportunities, and build a stronger community. May the upcoming holidays bring family and friends together and let you enjoy that time with each other.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first parent-teacher conferences for the 2011-2012 year are scheduled for November 1 and 3 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. These conferences not only provide an opportunity to learn about your student's work but allow you to show your student that his/her education is important to you. Attending the conference will give you ideas on how you can help your child be more successful in school. If you are not contacted for a conference, please feel free to call the school offices to schedule an appointment.

NOVEMBER 8 - ELECTION DAY

All residents are encouraged to vote Tuesday, November 8. This is a great example for the students to see their family members participate in the most basic citizen's responsibility-the right and opportunity to vote.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

All Veterans living in the Paulding School District are invited to attend the Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11, either at the High School Auditoria, beginning at 8:10 a.m. or at Oakwood Elementary beginning at 8:45 a.m.

WINTER SPORTS SEASON TICKETS

Tickets for PHS winter sports will be on sale in the commons Nov. 15, 18, 22 during scrimmages and Meet the Team Night, and also during lunches the week of Nov 28 at the following prices:

SEASON TICKET:

	Adult/Student
Boys' Basketball: (11 games)	\$55/\$30
Girls' Basketball: (8 games)	\$40/\$25
All Sports (all winter sports)	\$75/\$40
Family Pass:	\$200
(Includes children in grades K-12)	
Student Athlete:	\$10

◇ Boys' basketball presale tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets at the door are \$6.

◇ Girls' basketball and varsity wrestling are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.

◇ Jr. High basketball and wrestling, and Freshman basketball are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door.

FALL PLAY

The PHS Drama Dept. will present "It was a Dark and Stormy Night" on Nov. 18 and 19 in the Auditoria at 7:00pm. In this spooky comedy, you will visit the Ye Olde Wayside

Inn in which you will meet a most unusual family, The Saltmarshes. The family has a strange hired girl and also another member called "The General". Thunderstorms bring out the worst and best in this unusual family and give guests and visitors a night to remember. It is sure to delight all those who love a mystery with a twist and a giggle. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All tickets at the door will be \$6. See Beth Kelly, Sandy Dobbelaere, or any cast member for tickets.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

The annual Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on Wednesday, **December 7**. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m.. We will be showcasing the talents of our students from each building. Please call the administration office at 419-399-4656 to reserve a seat.

YEARBOOK SALES NOTICE

All high school students will be receiving a yearbook flyer in the mail in mid November. Students may now order their 2011-2012 yearbook online by following the information on the flyer, or they may fill out the flyer and return it to school with a check enclosed. A second flyer will be mailed in the spring if a book has not been ordered by then. At that time, the cost of the book will go up from \$50.00 to \$52.00. Students are encouraged to order their book before Feb 14 to get the book at the current price. Please contact Carolyn Connelly if you have any questions at 419-399-4656 ext. 1157 or c.connely@pauldingschools.org.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Our school district is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairment, speech or language disabilities, mental retardation or other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Our school has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of a child's disability. But before we can serve children they must be found. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they cannot function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available. Our school district is interested in meeting the needs of the children with disabilities. If you know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for information or help.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 5	Sidney/Wapak-T	10:00a
Nov. 8	Riverdale-T	6:00p
Nov. 15	Ayersville/Edon-H	6:00p
Nov. 19	Fayette-H	11:00a
Nov. 22	Hilltop-H	5:00p
Nov. 29	Antwerp-H first game	6:00p
Varsity Boys Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 11	Elmwood/Swanton-T	5:30p
Nov. 15	Edgerton-T	6:00p
Nov. 18	Marion Local/Montpelier-H	5:00p
Nov. 22	Liberty Center-H	5:00p
Jr High Boys Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 14	Ottoville-H	5:00p
Nov. 21	Liberty Center-T	4:30p

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Nov. 1	Parent/Teacher Conf	4:30-7:30p
Nov. 2	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Nov. 3	Parent/Teacher Conf	4:30-7:30p
Nov. 4	Deadline for Dec 10 ACT Test	
Nov. 7	Band Boost Mtg. Band Room	7:00p
Nov. 9	8th Graders Tour Vantage	
Nov. 10	PLAN Test	
Nov. 11	Pldg Veterans Day Program	8:10a
Nov. 11	OE Veterans' Day Program	8:45a
Nov. 11	OE Student/Month Lunch	
Nov. 12	Panther Fun Mile & 5K Run	8:30a
Nov. 14	FFA Chapter Mtg	
Nov. 14	FFA Fruit Sales End	
Nov. 17	PE Fund Raiser Pick-up	
Nov. 18	MS Hog Roast	
Nov. 18-19	HS Play	7:00p
Nov. 21	FFA Alumni Meeting-Ag room	7:00p
Nov. 21	PE & MS Picture Retake Day	
Nov. 22	FFA Dist Food Science-WT	
Nov. 22	MS/HS Mid-Terms sent home	
Nov. 22	Board Mtg. Admin. Bldg.	5:00p
Nov. 22	Meet the Team Night-HS Gym	7:30p
Nov. 23	NO SCHOOL (due to teacher conf)	
Nov. 24-25	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Break	

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IMPROVE YOUR FINANCIAL PICTURE DURING "OPEN ENROLLMENT"



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones

Late fall marks the beginning of the holiday season, which probably means that you'll have a lot going on over the next couple of months. However, busy as you are, you'll want to take the time to review your employee benefits package, since November also is a popular month for employers to offer open enrollment. And the decisions you make now could have a big impact on your financial outlook for years to come.

So, if you are in an open enrollment period, here are some steps you may want to take:

****Boost your 401(k) contributions.** It's almost always a good idea to put in as much as you can, up to the contribution limit, in your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. After all, you typically contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Also, your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it has the potential to grow faster than an investment for which you paid taxes every year. At the very least, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. For example, if you work for an organization that will match 50 percent of everything you put in up to, say, 6 percent of your salary, then you should contribute 6 percent of your salary — which is like getting a three percent raise.

****Rebalance your 401(k)**

portfolio. You may have a dozen or more investment options in your 401(k). Ideally, you'll want to spread your money among these options in a way that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. But over time, your 401(k) portfolio can become "unbalanced," even if you made no changes. For example, if you've invested in a couple of aggressive-growth accounts, and these accounts have gained significantly in value, they may now be taking up a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had originally intended, exposing you to more risk than you'd like. Consequently, if your plan doesn't offer an automatic rebalance option, you may need to rebalance your portfolio by moving some of your assets into less aggressive vehicles.

****Be cautious about adding company stock.** You may be loyal to your employer, but try not to hold too much company stock in your 401(k). After all, your company, like all businesses, may go through ups and downs, and if your portfolio is dominated by this single stock, you may experience considerable volatility. And if your company matches your 401(k) contributions with its own stock, you may want to invest all your own money in vehicles other than company stock.

****Take all the insurance that's offered.** Typically, when employers offer life insurance as a benefit, it's at little or no cost to you, so you'll probably want to take all that's offered. However, this amount may still be less than what you really need to fully protect your family, so you may well need to purchase an individual policy to supplement your employer's coverage. And always be aware if your employer reduces or eliminates the insurance that's offered as an employee benefit, because you'll then need to adjust the policy that you've bought outside work.

You can review and improve your financial picture during open enrollment — so take advantage of this opportunity.

LADY PANTHERS FALL TO CAVALIERS IN VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Paulding volleyball ended their 2011 season at Lincolnview on Saturday, October 22. They played the Coldwater Cavaliers in a close set of games.

Scores:
21-25C, 23-25C, 23-25C

Panther stats of the game:
Blocks - Jessica Farr 7, Kristen Beck 3, Abbey Edwards 3, Mesa Pracht 2

Kills - Jessica Farr 5, Mesa Pracht 1, Abby Pease 1, Kristen Beck 5, Abbey Edwards 5, Haylie Forrer 3, Sierra McCullough 2

Serving Aces - Kristen Beck 3, Katie Kohart 1, Abbey Edwards 1

Setter Assists - Mesa Pracht 13, Kristen Beck 2

Digs - Katie Kohart 1, Haylie Forrer 3, Abbey Edwards 2, Kaley Varner 5

EAGLES SOAR OVER WARRIORS IN 2A SECTIONAL OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan started their 2A football sectional opener at home, had the ball in great field position at their own 42 on the first possession of the game, and 2 plays later Churubusco ran play an errant pass 55 yards to score the first points of the game. With the 2 point conversion, the Eagles were on their way to flying to a 38-0 win over the Warriors to advance to the sectional semi-finals. Jason Nicodemus rushed for 192 yards and touchdown runs of 10, 57, and 29 yards for Churubusco. Alex Zolman was 3 for 3 passing and hit Corey Sarrazin on a 40 yard scoring strike for the Eagles. Churubusco picked off 6 Woodlan passes in the game, leading to 4 scores in the game. Woodlan's offense went 3 and out 4 times in the game and twice turned the ball over on downs to the Eagles. Woodlan finished their season with a 1-9 record while the Eagles advance with a 10-0 record.

Plays of the game:

C - Adam Boggess, 55yd interception return (Jason Nicodemus run)

C - Corey Sarrazin, 40yd pass from Alex Zolman (run failed)

C - Jason Nicodemus, 10yd run (kick failed)

C - Jason Nicodemus, 57yd run (kick failed)

C - Josh LeFever, 3yd run (run failed)

C - Jason Nicodemus, 29yd run (kick failed)

WINNERS OF THE 2011 YOUNG ADULT SCARY STORY WRITING CONTEST AT WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY

Recently the Woodburn Branch Library sponsored a Scary Story Writing Contest. Listed below are the contest winners. Each winner received a gift card for Target.

5th Grade Woodlan Intermediate:

First Place - Payton Ashcraft

Second Place - Caden Gerber

Third Place - Brendon Halloway

6th Grade Woodlan Intermediate:

Rebecca Speer
Woodburn Lutheran School:

Cameo Farias

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER AT AUGLAIZE FIRE DEPT.

The Auglaize Fire Department Auxiliary will be having their Annual Soup and Sandwich Supper on Saturday, November 5th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the fire station located at the corner of St. Rt. 637 and Rd. 169.

A variety of soups and sandwiches will be served as well as pies and other desserts. A free will offering will be accepted for this meal and everyone is welcome.

Along with the soup and sandwich supper the women will be selling their homemade noodles.

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

The Classic Feathers Bird Club will meet on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at the Bryan Community Center on Buffalo Road at 2:00 p.m. We welcome visitors and new members.

The Club is also sponsoring an Avian Photo Contest now through our December Meeting. All Photos will be posted online at www.classicfeathersbirdclub.com. Send your photos along with your name, address and phone, email - bird name, age and breed, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like to have your photo returned. Categories - Most Colorful, Funniest Antic, Most Lovable, Most Photogenic. Photos must be received by December 9, 2011 at PO Box 7001, Bryan, OH 43506. The Club members will be voting on all the photos at our December meeting and winner will be notified by mail and e-mail. They will also be featured on the club website.

Sunday, November 6, 2011 - The Hoosier Bird Buddies is sponsoring a Bird Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Fort Wayne, IN. Vendors will be present with food, toys, cages and birds; also hourly raffles and great food.

WAYNE TRACE CLOSES SEASON WITH A WIN



Wayne Trace took on Ayersville at the Pilots Stadium for a fantastic finish of the Football season. The Raiders shot down the Pilots 34-0 Friday night, October 28.

Dylan Horner, became the all-time leading rusher for the Raiders. He totaled 3,011 yards for his career. Great Job! Shown above is WT sophomore Kolby Speice helping to ground the Pilots. More pictures at www.archerpics.com



The Archers took on Holgate in Football action Friday, October 28 at the Tigers field. Antwerp scored two touchdowns in the 1st quarter, leading into the 2nd quarter, but failed to score thereafter, leaving with a final score of 14-43. Shown above Justin Butte and Brandon Dunderman making the tackle. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

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A.C.D.C. ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD 11/15

Antwerp Community Development Committee, Inc. will hold its annual meeting in the Antwerp VFW on November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. An election will be held for the office of President of the Board of Directors. Written request to have a name placed in nomination may be submitted to: Secretary of A.C.D.C., PO Box 251, Antwerp, OH.

WACHTMANN ATTENDS THE JAMES CANCER PROGRAM ADDRESS

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) recently attended the 2011 State of the Cancer Program Address, which was given by Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

Caligiuri discussed past accomplishments as well as future endeavors in the effort to create a cancer-free world.

"Here in Ohio we are blessed to have some of the best cancer centers in the world," said Wachtmann, who serves as chairman of the House Health and Aging Committee. "With cancer touching almost every family in Ohio, whether directly or indirectly, it is comforting to know we have some of the best cancer care and cancer research available right here in our home state."

Ohio State University Medical Center is one of only 41 National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated comprehensive cancer centers and one of only 7 centers funded by the NCI to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials. NCI rated Ohio State University's cancer program as "exceptional," which is the highest rating available. U.S. News and World Report ranked Ohio State University Medical Center as one of the top 20 cancer hospitals in the nation.

Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee and Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph A. Alutto also provided remarks at the event.

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

What a week! I had another great-grandson and my son-in-law cut his thumb on a table saw... but life does go on.

I was in the drug store and Belinda asked me if I wanted to taste this great spread that Kelly made. It was fantastic! It was very different from what you usually have in a spread.

This recipe came off of the Hometown Pantry Facebook page.

The Potter House Dip

2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

2 cups chopped pecans

2 cups chopped green onions

1 cup mayo

Mix and spread in dish, top with hot pepper jam or raspberry jalapeno jam.

If you want to share a recipe or a comment please call me at 419-258-2000 and we'll talk.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1ST 9 WEEKS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

SENIORS:

4.0 - Kristen Beck, Drew Burnett, Jill Busch, Derrick Echols, Jessica Harpel, Lindsey Hitchcock, Ian Moore, Mesa Pracht, Derek Shrider, Marissa Thomas

3.5-3.99 - Anthony Arellano, Samantha Branham, Tanya Collins, Logan Englehart, Jessica Farr, Haylie Forrer, Spencer Hatcher, Iesha Ingol, Jason Koenn, Katie Kohart, Austin Land, Kyle Mohr, Aly Munger, Audra Phlipot, Britany Roberts, Beth Salinas, Amber Simpson, Andrew Smiley, Tawnika Weller, Rebecca Wilhelm

3.0-3.49 - Cody Bradford, Michael Coak, Jaime Deatrick, Tiffany Dix, Alberto Flint, Ashley George, Steven Heilman, Ashley Kesler, Sean McMichael, Jacob Mourey, Kayla Owens, Cody Pack, Tylene Schlegel, Emily Shuherk, Jade Vogel

JUNIORS:

4.0 - Savannah Roughton, Zane Wilhelm

3.5-3.99 - Anna Bartels, Kara Burak, Elizabeth Chandler, Sydney Early, Abbey Edwards, Tyler Hayner, Ashley Justinger, Austin Miller,

Sarah Myers, Sarah Nardone, Samantha Owens, Catlyn Pavel, Marlee Pease, Breanna Schmidt, Jacey Schroeder, Courtney St. John, Steven Strayer, Yu-Chi Tenwalde, Dalton Thomas, Patrick Troyer, Maggie Wilhelm

3.0-3.49 - Austin Carlisle, Nicholas Clippinger, Logan Doster, Evan Huebner, Mikayla Pieper, Kaitlyn Radel, Chance Robinson, Neil Roehrig, Alexis Rue, Trey Schroeder, Kayla Simon, Elaine Smith, Destiny Starry

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, Nicholas Hitchcock, Andrew Layman, Sierra McCullough, Kaylyn Rager, Kaitlyn Roughton, Julian Salinas, Alesha Simon, Tiffany Spangler, Kaley Varner

3.5-3.99 - Sarah Bales, Jerika Bland, Eric Busch, Megan Coak, Melissa Durham, Tyler Fry, Chase Gideon, Javier Gonzales, Gered Harder, Guy Harder, Ashley Johanns, Joe Kauser, Rachael Kesler, Kande Manson, Kelsi Manz, Brad Matson, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Nicelley, Abby Pease, Sydney Provines, Sidney Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter, Chelsie Schoepflin, Alyssa Shelmadine, Shelly Stafford, Meagan Weller, Mindy Yates, Bailey Zeller

3.0-3.49 - Tim Bush, Justin Carnahan, Nicholas Dangler, Taylor Dangler, Taylor Deatrick, Emily Farr, Taylor Farr, Natasha Garcia, Cody Jarrell, Shaunna Keezer, Kenny King, Ashlyn Laney, Sonny Manz, Janey McCourt, William Mefferd, Michael Mott, Avery Rice, Chelsea Rose, Ryan Schindler, Kayla Shaffer, Allison Singer, Andrea Singer, Victoria Stephens-Vazquez, Jenifer Switzer, Jade VanCleve, Cecilia Weidenhamer

FRESHMEN:

4.0 - Kathryn Clapsaddle, Ellie Miller, Isaac Nice, Shayla Shepherd, Ashlyn Strahley, Malayna VanCleve, Laurel Wehrkamp

3.5-3.99 - Taylor Ankney, Katie Carnahan, Jerrod Clark, Kayla Deitrick, Felita Guyton, Ben Heilshorn, Alexis Howell, Erin Johanns, Greg Kurtz, Amanda Locastro, Ashleigh Marable, Morgan Riley, Haley Schlegel

3.0-3.49 - Cody Barnes, Chris Bauer, Jacob Bland, Julia Brown, Rachael Burkhart, Christian Burtch, Lyndi Clinton, Bailey Combs, Brooke Combs, Adam Deatrick, Jacob Dye, Hannah English, David Fisher, Claudia Foltz, Kyle Gardner, Treton Gonzales, Preston Gross, Phillip Grubb, Porfinia Guerra, Sean Holman, Chelsea Kelly, Katin Kelly, Jacob Long, Micki MacFarlane, Emily Pastor, Suzanne Reinhart, Jessica Schroeder, Bill Smith, Michael Tope

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:

10/17 - Doris Baksa, Paulding

10/18 - Ronnie Hostettler, Cecil

10/18 - Kathryn Parrish, Paulding

10/19 - Fred Long, Oakwood

10/20 - Ricky Miller, Paulding

10/22 - John Jackson, Paulding

10/23 - Alfonse Verfaillie, Paulding

Dismissals:

10/20 - Doris Baksa, Paulding

10/21 - Fred Long, Oakwood

10/22 - Ronnie Hostettler, Cecil

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Members Present: Mayor Richard Hoepfner, Clarence Reichhart, Bob Zimmerman, and Jim Norden, Clerk Treasurer Holly Sarrazine, Utility Superintendent Ryan Walls, Police Chief Kyle Carpenter

Mayor called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor addressed the audience for comments/concerns: Resident said yard was finally done, another resident said driveway is now done, resident was curious about Harlan Elementary School being turned into a Nursing Home. Mayor responded sighting other areas that had done the same thing with their abandoned schools.

Andy Dailey presented his Service agreement to maintain the city computers. Councilman Zimmerman made a motion to go with the contract with an amendment to have unused hours roll over for three months. Councilman Reichhart 2nd the motion, Councilman Norden, Zimmerman, Reichhart voted yes, Clegg abstained.

Police Chief Carpenter - Requested the city budget for new radios in 2012 due to a federal mandate that the city change frequencies. The police department has one radio that is compatible three are not. The cost would be between \$15,000-\$18,000. Councilman Zimmerman also said this would affect the sirens.

Mayor - Blueprints are out to the contractors and the city will receive bids at 10:00 a.m., October 27 for Phase III of the Sewer Separation Project. There are easements that need to be signed for residents living on Woodburn Road East and State Rd 101 West. The paperwork is in the office and can be notarized by the Deputy Clerk or the Treasurer. Mayor asked councilmen to walk their district to survey distressed trees and report back. The canopy on Park street needs trimmed to allow the dumpster down street. Mayor also addressed the issue of the dead trees behind Councilman Norden's shop three times during the meeting. Mayor stated he was not happy with the survey that was done by Pfisters. The Lutheran School drainage problem will be fixed by Severn Trent and not Bercot who's bid was \$2,189 to fix a problem. API finished asphalt work on Becker and Ash St. Mayor requested a middle stripe on Becker Road. He was quoted 18 cents a foot so it will cost around \$300. Councilman Reichhart made the motion to approve, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved.

Treasurer - Councilman Reichhart made the motion to approve September 26 meeting notes, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved. State Board of Accounts requested we read the name of the fund garbage collection was going into so R-623-34403 Garbage Trash Collection was read and put into the notes. A resident requested a sewer discount due to a broken pipe. Councilman Reichhart made the motion to give discount Councilman Clegg 2nd, all approved. Warrants were presented Councilman Zimmerman made the motion to approve payment, Councilman Reichhart 2nd, all approved. A motion was made by Councilman Zimmerman to give the Treasurer the approval to "write off" old accounts under \$50, Councilman Reichhart 2nd the motion, Councilman Norden abstained, motion carried.

Superintendent of Utilities - Ryan presented the paperwork on all properties needing a plumber for Havenwood 32 +/- 3-4 properties will need pit meters. Ryan reported that he got the paint to paint the crosswalks and he re-ordered the signage for the drop box on the east side of City Hall.

Councilman Reichhart - Lions Club Halloween Party will be at 7:00 p.m. October 29 at the Community Center. Trick or Treats will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on October 29. A quote for a Wirly Gig Mower \$11,975 was presented (it will cut a 3" tree) a trade in for our present mower of \$950 would bring the price down to \$11,025.00.

Councilman Zimmerman - No Report

Councilman Norden - Trash man missed lady on Woodburn Road - National Serv-all has been contact on three separate calls. Someone dumped a huge pile of chips at the compost site. Councilman Norden reported that he saw a contractor ready to dump sod there and told them they couldn't.

Councilman Clegg - When will they sweep streets again, Ryan said this week. Meeting adjourned 9:12. Notes prepared by Holly Sarrazine, Clerk Treasurer.

LATTA VOTES TO REPEAL 3 PERCENT WITHHOLDING RULE

On Thursday, Congressman Latta voted in support of H.R. 674, a bill to repeal the 3 percent contractors' withholding tax rule, which is set to go into effect in January 2013. Unless the bill is passed by the Senate and signed by the President, all federal and state contracts for goods and services will be subject to a 3 percent withholding tax on every payment over \$10,000 to a contractor. The rule also applies to large local governments that make \$100 million or more in annual expenditures for goods and services.

"This broad tax law is problematic for everyone," said Rep. Latta. "It imposes another set of burdensome taxes on businesses large and small, and also on governments and agencies across the country. In

this struggling economy, businesses and governments are cash-strapped and are not able to pay these taxes. If we don't repeal this provision, the cost will be passed to customers through higher prices."

On October 20, 2011 the White House issued a statement backing the repeal, saying it would "avoid a decrease in cash flow to these contractors, which would allow them to retain these funds and use them to create jobs and pay suppliers. This would complement the administration's other efforts to help small businesses."

Top Democrats in the House Ways and Means Committee support the bill.

ODOT'S TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Armed with advanced traffic monitoring technology and innovative communications systems, the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Traffic Management Center (TMC) recently won Project of the Year from ITS Midwest - a member-based professional organization focused on the development and research of intelligent traffic systems.

"This system is all about safety, which means communicating accurate and timely traffic information to motorists," said Senior ITS Engineer George Saylor. "I am pleased to accept this national award, not just on behalf of the department, but for all Ohioans who use the state's roadways."

The ultimate goal of the TMC is to manage congestion and reduce secondary crashes - accidents which take place shortly or long after the initial crash. Secondary crashes make up nearly 15 percent of all crashes and are often caused by motorists speeding, tailgating and not paying attention.

The traffic communications system is comprised of more than three hundred traffic cameras, over a thousand speed and roadway sensors, 60 dynamic message boards and highway advisory radios. This technologically advanced system helps ODOT reduce freeway congestion, secondary crashes and roadside fatalities.

As part of the entire traffic communications system, motorists have access to all traffic cameras, speed and road condition data via the state's premier traffic website - www.BuckeyeTraffic.org.

"The beauty of the system is that Ohioans can access up-to-the-minute traffic data through a single website,"



DEE MILLER TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT ANNUAL OSU ALUMNI FALL BASH

Attention Buckeye fans, the Ohio State Alumni club of Van Wert/Paulding counties has announced that Dee Miller will be the featured speaker at their annual fall bash. The bash will be held on Thursday, November 17th at Grant's Catering at 503 Canal St. in Antwerp, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Reservation deadline is November 10th. To order tickets contact Dr. Carl Jeffery at 419-238-5810, Burl and Ellie Barnes at 419-399-5355, Emily Tempel at 419-258-2837, Dr. Missie Bowman at 419-399-2871 [Paulding Animal Clinic].

Dee is a former famous wide receiver for the football team and is now a commentator on the Buckeye Blitz TV show [channel 431 on the Dish]. He will have great insights into the current situation at Ohio State in regards to the NCAA and the football program. Please plan to attend. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be an alumnus to attend.

explained TMC Supervisor John McKnabb. "No matter your destination, whether it is to work, home or school, our website will provide you with accurate roadway information to ensure you arrive safely."

Although the entire system is still under construction, ODOT's traffic management center is centralized in Columbus, Ohio and will eventually be responsible for managing traffic communications in Ohio's six major metro areas - Akron/Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton/Springfield and Toledo.

Currently, there are four operators, each assigned to a single metro area, including Akron/Canton, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton/Springfield. All metro areas will be integrated into the TMC by end of 2014.

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MASONS TO HAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Steve Schilb opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Birthday cards were sent to Bob Phillips, Darren Brown, Bruce Guilford, Kenny Kinzer, Bob Marsh, Walter Schilb and Lyle Kaiser. Get well cards were signed and sent to Dick Savage, Jim Corkwell, Dick Rowan, Estel Cottrell, Bob Skinner, Bill Lower, Cal Worden and Elmer Woodcox.

There were 13 Past Masters in attendance. The lone 50-year member in attendance was Fred Shaffer. Others members present included Hanson Lilly, Scott Ruppert, Tim Betts, Jamie Chapman, Dan Hahn, George Underwood, Max Kemerer, Brian Kemerer, Aaron Kemerer, Lee Kallsen, Mike Villena, Ken Crouch, Walter Schilb, Joe Stotter, Steve Schilb, Bill Metz, Jim Kline, Steve Kemerer and Richard Wann. Ed Bruce of Bryan Lodge was a welcomed guest.

The summary of the Grand Lodge was read in its entirety in open Lodge. Widow's night was held at Hickory Hills Country Club on October 27. There were 31 members and guests in attendance enjoying the buffet. The widow's attending included Vivian Schilb (Richard), Martha Bender (Raymond), Maxine Haver (Woodrow), Evelyn Phillips (Richard), Evelyn Gorrell (F.B. Chuck), Emma Conley (Alvin), Esther Whonsetler (Bernard), Rowena Holt (Robert), Bonnie Poper (Ira Allen) and Mary Fogle (Edwin).

The Thanksgiving Master Mason Breakfast committee reported that all is going well. Jim Kline will take care of ordering the kitchen supplies. Tim Betts has the hogs ordered for the "Whole hog Sausage". Invitations will be in the mail next week.

The annual meeting will be November 9th at 7:00 p.m. Election of Officers is scheduled for that time. It was also decided that an "Open Installation" will be held at the Lodge on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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 November 9 at 7:00 p.m. Degree work will be conferred.

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MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/12/11

This 12th day of October, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 182073 through 182244 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Claudia Fickel, Northwest Ohio Auditor Meeting, Lima OH - October 28, 2011

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on October 5, 2011, Warrant number 182019 in the amount of \$150,00; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. The Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 250):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 250 - Civilian Webcheck, 250-001-00001/BCI, \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD:
On December 9, 2009, Mr. Charles LaBounty was re-appointed to serve as board member of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2013; and Mr. LaBounty is now residing outside of the county and has resigned his position. The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as board member of the Paulding County Developmental Disabilities Board for the unexpired term of Charles LaBounty, beginning October 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2013: Ms. Pam Walker, 16407 Rd. 53, Antwerp OH 45813

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:28 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (FY 2010 CDBG):
Five (5) bids were received Wednesday, September 7, 2011, for the Jackson Township Road Improvement Project; and after review of the aforementioned proposals, Maumee Valley Planning Organization and the Jackson Township Trustees have recommended that the project be awarded to Jennite Company, 4690 W. Bancroft Street, Toledo OH 43615. The Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the Jackson Township Road Improvement Project to Jennite Company in the amount of \$32,801.70, with CDBG funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 allocated to the project. The balance due on the project will be the financial responsibility of Jackson Township, Paulding County.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENT:
Jane Gray, WPAU Radio - Commissioner Zartman reported on EDP Renewables' recent ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Several state representatives were there, along with representatives from the Ohio Department of Development, National Wind Citing Board, and the CEO of EDP Renewables from Portugal. EDP Renewables has invested \$175 million and plan to construct three more phases if the power can be sold. SB 232, passed in 2010, set the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) at \$9,000.00 per megawatt. Each current turbine is expected to produce 2 megawatts of power per year. The fifty-five turbines in phase one are in Benton Township and are expected to produce 99 megawatts of power. The next phase in EDP Renewables' project will have thirty-eight turbines

and will be located in Harrison Township. EDP Renewables plans additional phases east and north of Payne. Commissioner Zartman explained the drive behind the alternative energy projects stems from the state legislature requiring that by 2025, 20% of Ohio's energy will be renewable. Half of the 20% will come from wind energy.

Commissioner Burkley then explained the PRC (Prevention, Retention, and Conservancy) plan for Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services. The goal of the PRC is to provide assistance for people trying to work through barriers they encounter preventing them from working. He noted this is not a permanent, ongoing solution; however, may be helpful for people who may not qualify for full services.

Commissioner Pieper reported the building inspections are going well. Mr. Pieper is the Loss Control Coordinator for the county. Part of his duties includes inspecting the buildings for safety issues. By completing this task, the county enjoys a discount on their liability insurance premium.

Doug McVeey, PCBDD - Mr. McVeey met briefly with the Commissioners to recommend an appointment to the Paulding County Board of DD (see resolution above). Mr. McVeey reported there are currently five students at Parc Lane School. The PC Workshop continues to struggle to piece work for their employees. Mr. McVeey reminded the Commissioners the PCBDD has a levy coming up in the fall of 2012.

Defiance County Commissioners - telephone conference - The Commissioners discussed the status of the Auglaize River Joint. Sewer Project. The Defiance County Commissioners will declare substantial completion of their portion of the project soon. Discussion followed regarding the operation and maintenance fee, effective the day Defiance County goes on line.

Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker reported the Jacob Eaton Children's Home roof has been repaired. He then reviewed the CAP (Corrective Action Plan), noting Paulding County residents will be able to work at the Putnam County recycling building located next to their county fairgrounds to earn the required hours required to meet benefit criteria. Paulding County DJFS has a work agreement with Putnam County DJFS and will provide transportation or gas vouchers to assist Paulding County benefit recipients with travel expenses.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham presented the PCED October 11, 2011, board meeting minutes. He also presented a tentative PCED operating budget worksheet for 2012. The proposed budget offered three case scenarios with days of operation being the variance. Mr. Langham also stated he and his staff have been volunteering hours at the office to keep up with the paperwork required to process EZ agreements, as well as CRA and RLF documents. Mr. Langham then reminded the Commissioners of the October 22, 2011, wine tasting/fall color bus trip to Brown County, sponsored by PCED.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met with the Commissioners to discuss the exempt status of the wind turbine sites. She hopes to hear soon from John Taylor of EDP Renewables. He will assist the Auditor's office in identifying landowners for tax bill adjustments.

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To apply, email a resume or application to pchhr@saa.net, or apply in person at Paulding County Hospital, 1035 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

ATTENTION
Harrison Township Trustees are taking resumes for any person interested in being appointed to the position of Township Fiscal Officer until such time as an election can be held.
The successful candidate will be 1) a resident of Harrison Township; 2) with a background or education in business/bookkeeping; 3) and have a willingness to work with government officials.
Please send letters of interest to: C.R. 94 Payne, OH 45880 by November 20, 2011
-Signed: Gary Benschneider, James Overmyer, Edward Stabler

RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATED AT PAULDING & OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



The week of October 25-31 was celebrated throughout the nation as Red Ribbon Week. This is a special week where students are encouraged to make wise choices and especially the choice to remain drug free throughout their lives. Students in the fourth through sixth grades at Paulding and Oakwood

Elementary Schools were encouraged to enter an essay contest on why it is important to be drug free.

Pictured above are Savannah Shepherd, a 4th grader, and Hailey McDaniel, a 5th grader, are both from Paulding Elementary and their essays were chosen as the most outstanding for their school.



From Oakwood Elementary, Taylor Long, a 4th grader; Morgan Edgar, a 5th grader; and Kylie Lane, a 6th grader, were chosen for this honor. Following are their essays for the readers' enjoyment.

Savannah Shepherd - grade 4:

I am a fourth grader at Paulding Elementary. My three favorite colors are purple, green, and aqua. In the summer I like to play outside and go swimming. My teacher is Mrs. Altenburger. My favorite subject is Math. I like lattice multiplication. I love to play battle ball in P.E.

I think that everyone should be drug free. When I get older, I am going to say "No" to drugs. They are bad for your body. Drugs are illegal so I don't know why people take them. If I had it my way nobody would take drugs. Every day there are probably lots of people who take drugs. So make it a choice for your life, be DRUG FREE!

Hailey McDaniel - grade 5:

My name is Hailey McDaniel and I was born in October 6, 2000. My mom's name is Desiree and my dad's name is Todd. Ever since I have been alive, I have known that my parents have NEVER done drugs! My parents don't do drugs because they know it can affect how they live and how their body works. When I grow up I know that I want to stay as far away as possible from drugs. My whole family believes that doing drugs is TOTALLY wrong! Drugs can cause brain damage and sometimes even cancer. Certain types of drugs can kill you. My opinion is that everybody should say "No" to drugs! A lot of people agree with me, a lot of people don't agree with me. When you choose to do drugs, you are making one of the worst choices of your life. Sometimes drugs can affect how others love you - this is one of the saddest effects of drugs. Drugs can cause you to go to bad places like prison and jail. Even if you are NOT taking drugs but you are selling drugs, you can go to prison or jail. Also, drugs can be highly dangerous, especially when you are driving. I am somebody who will NEVER DO DRUGS! I am very proud of myself to say that I will NEVER do drugs. Drugs can also affect the ones you love and your career. When it comes down to it, the decision is that drugs are never a good thing. You should always think twice before doing drugs. Don't lose the good things in your life.

Taylor Long - grade 4:

Look at me... I'm drug free. Don't do drugs that may hurt you or end your life. Be like me. I'm drug free. If you don't do drugs, better things will happen to you.

You don't want to do drugs because when you keep doing drugs, you try to stop but you can't. I don't do drugs because they can harm your body or kill you. People think when you do drugs it is cool but it is not. You need to be a leader, not a follower. Do what you think is right. Choose your friends wisely. Don't hang around people who do drugs or other bad things. I'm proud to be drug free!

Morgan Edgar - grade 5:

These Paws Don't Touch Drugs. I am a proud student of Oakwood Elementary and I am a proud Panther of the Paulding Panthers. I do NOT touch drugs. Drugs are SUPER bad for you. I have accomplished a lot by not touching drugs like... playing guitar for 1 1/2 years, and now I play the flute in our school band. I also have been taking dance lessons for seven years. I plan on going to college and having a great career!

I have too much to throw away by doing drugs. I do not think drugs are worth the chance of losing your life. Red Ribbon Week should not just be celebrated for a week but for a LIFE! Drug free is the key so don't even try to do drugs because if you do drugs you just lost the key.

Oakwood and Paulding Elementary students think drug free is the key. If this was a quiz and your choices were Drug Free or Drugs the correct answer would be Drug Free.

I am proud I don't know anyone who does drugs and I hope that goes for you too.

Kylie Lane - grade 6:
I am drug free and always will be. I have known for a very long time that drugs are bad for you and can kill you. My mother always taught me to stay away from them and from people who do drugs. Drugs tear peoples' families apart and ruin their lives. Why would someone want to do this? Usually this happens because teens or people my age are influenced by other kids and might see their parents or family members do it. Other people might do it because people bully them and these people that get bullied might overdose or commit suicide.

I am drug free and live in Defiance, Ohio near the town

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Oakwood Kindergarten students recently invited their grandparents to come to school with them. Students and grandparents had a great time eating breakfast

and completing an art project together. Enjoying their time in Kindergarten are Garrett McClure and his grandparents, Marlene and Charles McClure.

ONLY IN THE MOVIES BOOK SIGNING AT THE ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY

Paulding County native, Jean Ann Geist, will be signing her book *Only in the Movies* at the Antwerp Branch Library, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Ms. Geist drew on her experience as a lifelong resident of Northwest Ohio to develop her self-published novel of romantic intrigue, set in a village along the banks of the Maumee River.

Reviewer Dawn Hendricks of South Carolina's *Independent Voice* says of *Only in the Movies*, "Jean Ann Geist has written a romantic mystery that will satisfy both the mystery buffs as well as the romantic reader... Ms. Geist has woven an intricate story with surprises at the turn of every page... Family dynamics and secrets, accidental deaths that may not have been accidental, small town corruption and diabolical evil are the ingredients that Geist mixes in to concoct her plot. I admit to shedding a few tears of both angst and joy as the emotions played out."

In addition to her signing at the Antwerp Branch Library, Ms. Geist, who has recently ordered a second printing of her book, will be presenting, "Sharing the Journey: The Path to Success-

of Junction. I go to Oakwood Elementary School and am in the sixth grade. My teachers' names are Miss Brimmer, Mrs. Pier, and Mrs. Thornell. My Mom is Kelly and my step-dad is Billy. My favorite activities are jumping rope, being with friends, and learning about science. I love my life. I have fun doing all of my favorite things and spending time with my family. I don't need drugs in my life to keep me happy. People who do drugs are not happy and are trying to make themselves feel better in the wrong way but it never works. It only makes things worse and by the time the family finds out what is wrong, it may be too late.

I will be drug free for the rest of my life because of what my mother has taught me. I will teach the same to my kids when I have them so they know that drugs are bad too. For all of you students who read this, remember that drugs are bad for you. Remember to say "No" if someone offers drugs to you. My way to go is to be DRUG FREE!

ful Self Publication," at the Napoleon Public Library at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 14.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2011

Defiance County:
Ohio 249 east of Farmer will be restricted through the work zone for drainage and shoulder work. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

U.S. 127 just south of the Williams County line will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for tree removal. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 249 from Ohio 2 in Farmer to U.S. 127 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County:
Sealing of pavement cracks will take place at the following locations with traffic maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT:

- Ohio 49 South of Payne
- Ohio 66 south of Oakwood

—U.S. 127 South of U.S. 24
Ohio 111 between County Township Road 119 and Township Road 121 is now open.

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