

THANKSGIVING

By: Stan Jordan

The older a person gets the more he realizes that there is so much more to their day than food and football and relaxation.

Sit back in your chair and look all around you and yours. When you count your blessings don't include cash.

Look at this area. We didn't always get the rain we needed, but the soil brought us some pretty good crops anyhow. Our planting and harvesting times were not the greatest, but we got the job done.

Our employment in this area is a lot better than some places.

New home construction is moving along pretty good. Right now there is a new house on W. Canal going up and condos on Daggett Street being built. The Realtors tell me that this past year is better than last year. It looks like the economy is growing.

Last summer we had the annual Rib Fest down by the fire station. It was a blast.

In July we had the Big Boy\$ Toy\$ and Cruise-In on Main Street and it was well attended. As usual The Day in the Park was well attended and everyone had a good time. The kiddies sure enjoyed the

new little train ride and are looking forward to next year.

The Halloween celebration was enjoyed by young and old. It lets some of the older folks blow off a little steam.

Pauline and I spent the summer out in the yard just watching the world go by at 55 mph. That is if we didn't fall asleep. We have good children and a lot of friends and the fine people who deliver Meals on Wheels.

I am very pleased that I have been associated with The West Bend News for seven years.

That is how I met you fine folks.

See ya!

FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL TO BE OFFERED AT PAULDING SENIOR CENTER

The Paulding Senior Center is inviting anyone wanting to partake in a hot Thanksgiving meal to come to the Center on Friday, November 25, 2011. The center is planning a home cooked meal, and there is no charge for the meal. The times are 5:00-6:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Doug at 419-769-5793 or the Paulding Senior Center at 419-399-3650 by November 23, 2011.

BRINGING "LIVE" SCIENCE INTO THE CLASSROOM



Nik Hoot shows students how his prosthetic mimics the human knee cap and leg.

The students in Mrs. Salzbrenner's 5th grade classroom at Woodburn Elementary were very busy during the month of November learning about technology, engineering, and the design process in Science. The students first studied technology and how the design process has allowed scientist and doctors to develop machines to improve daily living. One of the advancements that they studied more in depth was prosthetics. The students read articles about the history of prosthetics and were amazed to learn that pros-

thetic toes, legs, fingers, and arms have been around for hundreds of years, dating back to the Ancient Roman times. Students also read a story, "The Amazing Ethan Z", about a 10 year old boy who does not allow his disability of being born with only two fingers on each hand stop him from doing normal activities every day.

Next, the students used their research and knowledge of technology, engineering, and the design process to build a robotic arm. Students used a variety of resources from erect-a-

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THANK YOU

The families of Harry Utterback cannot express all our appreciation for all the great outpouring of sympathy for the recent loss of our father and very dear friend.

It meant so very much for all the condolences, cards, prayers, food and phone calls, for the very nice lunch served by the Methodist women. We would also like to thank the staff and all helpers of the Gardens of Paulding for taking such good care of Harry while there. He loved each and every one.

Our thanks go out to Den Herder's Funeral Home for all their wonderful and caring services, also to Ben Lowe for his wonderful service and the Paulding V.F.W. for their service.

—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Utterback Families,
Harry Lyn Utterback,
Inella Finegan & Family,
Betty Laukhuf & Family

am. til 1:00 p.m. in memorial to Pauline Jordan, wife of staff writer and WBN family member, Stan Jordan.

MEETING NOTICE FOR ALL PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS!

The Community Improvement Corp. of Antwerp, Payne And Paulding County will host a meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Antwerp Town Hall on North Main Street.

For any questions, please contact David R. Derck at 419-258-5511.

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEART?

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

As we approach the Thanksgiving season the story I am going to tell you today is worth hearing:

During an extended visit with Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity, Dr. Mary Poplin discovered the depths of sin in her own heart. It happened while Dr. Poplin was trying to care for a five-month-old infant who was deformed, constantly sick, and often miserable. Dr. Poplin always found ways to avoid feeding this child, but one day it was unavoidable. She writes:

"When feeding time was over, the babies were falling asleep in their bassinets, and I was getting ready to go... I glanced at the infants on my way out [the door] and noticed that undigested formula was dripping out of this child's bassinet. He had thrown up what must have been the entire eight-ounce bottle. Looking around for someone to tell as I left [the room], I saw no one in the infant area, and the few adults in the room had their hands full with other children.

So I decided, with no little struggle, to stay and clean up the mess. I put on my apron again, lifted the baby out of his bassinet and helped him on my shoulder as I began to gather the dirty sheets together and use them to wipe up the mess. As I was cleaning, I heard a muffled sound from the infant in my arms. Tears were pouring out of his eyes, and the only sound he could make was a convulsive sob.

As I looked at him, I saw in myself what Jeremiah called "the desperate wickedness of the heart." I realized I had approached this task with a spirit of resistance and impatience. I had thought very little, if at all, about this child and his needs, other than to be clean. As I threw the sheets into the laundry pile, I began

to bathe his little misshapen body and change his clothes. Afterward I held him to me tightly as I... looked at him, rocked him, and prayed... In a short time, he was asleep...

I must tell you that the moment I saw him weeping and realized the wretchedness in my heart, I knew it was sin. There was no doubt in my mind that this is what Christ meant when he said, "Out of the heart come evil thoughts." I asked Christ to forgive and change me. In those moments as I rocked the baby, I could feel Christ's work inside my spirit just as surely as if he were sitting next to me.

Regarding our fallen human condition and the utter darkness that envelops our hearts, Jeremiah writes... Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV), "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

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

Mary Poplin, *Finding Calcutta* (InterVarsity Press, 2008), pp. 82-83.

THE RESULTS OF RUSHING

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A food editor of the local newspaper received a telephone call from a woman inquiring how long to cook a 22-pound turkey.

"Just a minute," said the food editor turning to consult a chart.

"Thank you very much," replied the novice cook, who immediately hung up!

Talk about being too quick on the draw. That turkey would have been so undercooked that he probably still gobbled! As I chuckled over that story I got to thinking about the phone-caller.

You know, I'm an awful lot like that lady: speaking and acting too quickly; zipping through life at breakneck speed and finding myself with undercooked turkeys because I just didn't take the time to listen.

Living in a hectic, fast-paced world is part of the problem. We want instant answers, instant results, instant EVERYTHING! And too often, in our hurry to rush and get it all done, we end up hurting ourselves and hurting others too.

When was the last time you truly took time to listen to your kids? I'm not talking about the Listening-to-my-son-while-I'm-reading-the-paper trick that I'm especially good at. I'm referring to taking some time to sit, relax, and talk with your son or daughter eyeball to eyeball without having to rush, hurry, or move on to the next thing to do.

Better yet, when was the last time you had a good conversation with your spouse? I mean really spending some concentrated time hearing the other person out and entering into his/her world.

Isn't it funny how days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and the time just keeps grinding away—and we KNOW we should be spending more quality time with those we love most but... well, you know how it is. How will I get everything done that

needs to be done and cover all my bases and...?

Tell me about it. I live there too. But I'm beginning to realize that unless I intentionally TAKE the time to give undistracted attention to my wife and family it probably isn't going to happen. You see, I know myself too well.

The only way it's likely to happen is if I DETERMINE to do it. Today. Or when I get home tonight. Because if I don't start doing it today, it probably won't happen tomorrow. Or the next day. Or the day after that.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Dr. Gray and his staff and the Paulding County Hospital nurses for their wonderful care.

To Father Fillman, Rosalie Martinez, family and friends for all of their prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital.

—Pauline Parrish

SAFE & SECURE PROGRAM FOR DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Buckeye Y Youth of Van Wert hosted a six week program with the first and second graders at Divine Mercy Catholic School titled SAFE and SECURE. Mrs. Deb Kleinhenny came into

our classroom once a week and taught us about the many ways to be safe and secure. She used songs, puppets, role-play, and much more to demonstrate what we must do every day.

CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT & PICTURES WITH SANTA BY PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

How about creating a new Christmas tradition for your Holidays this year? The Paulding Chamber of Commerce along with Verizon Wireless and The Paulding County Senior Center are joining forces and creating an evening filled with Christmas spirit and intrigue. This festive event will take place on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in a Treasure Hunt that will begin at Verizon Wireless. Pick up your Treasure Map at the store located at 837 N. Williams Street. During your hunt you'll stop at different stores in Paulding where they will provide you with Holiday goodies. The

final stop is seeing Santa at the Paulding County Senior Center. Upon arriving, if you have completed the Christmas Treasure Hunt, you'll be able to register for bigger prizes, including a phone from Verizon Wireless. The treasure hunt is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Paulding County Senior Center will be offering pictures with Santa. Professional Photographer Caci Hyman is taking the portraits. And while waiting to meet Santa, families can enjoy cookies and milk, along with other goodies.

Several prizes to be won include a phone from Verizon Wireless and other prizes from Marco's Pizza, McDonald's, Subway, Dairy Queen, Maramart and more. The final stop will be at the Paulding County Senior Center to meet Santa.

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Kenn-Feld Group operates three locations: Lefeld Implement of Coldwater, OH; Kennedy-Kuhn of Van Wert, OH; and East Allen Ag and Turf, of Woodburn, IN.

Liechty Farm Equipment operates seven locations. Four full service John Deere Agriculture dealerships in Ohio: Archbold, Edgerton, Napoleon, and Paulding. The other three locations are primarily involved in rental and John Deere consumer products. The two locations in Wauseon and Archbold, Ohio operate as Brush Creek Sales & Rental, while the Angola, IN location operates as Hal-Mark Sales & Rental.

All of the locations will continue to operate under their current name.

"The combination of Liechty Farm Equipment and Kenn-Feld Group offers our organizations a unique opportunity to assemble a single organization that can be more efficient, more customer focused and more value driven than the two organizations separately" stated Chris Liechty, Rental Operations Manager. "We are very excited to implement the integration process over the coming weeks and months."

The focus of the combined organization will continue to be working to understand the needs of our customers and assist them in solving their operational problems, whether they are involved in agriculture, construction, professional landscaping, or their own residential landscape maintenance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to Gary and Rose Kever's letter which addressed the RR crossing on Harrmann Rd.

Everyone knows this crossing is in very bad shape and has been for a long time. The Mayor, Village Administrator and Council members have not just been sitting on our "duffs" as the Kevers stated. We have worked very hard along with the Ohio Rail Commission in trying to get this repaired. Unfortunately, when working with the RR everything goes at their pace and their way. This is not a problem that falls entirely on the Village, thank goodness. The repairs needed are very costly.

I am very sorry this project is taking such a long time to get done, but please know that we are doing everything we can to get it repaired. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or anything else pertaining to the Village, as Council President, I am inviting you to attend a Village Council meeting to hear all the facts and ask any questions you might have. We

meet on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

—Jan Reeb

WOODBURN'S 2ND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The 2nd Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, November 25 at the corner of Main and College Streets. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. with carolers from the local churches and all Woodburn's talented singers can join in. Santa will arrive on the fire truck to visit with all the children and then he will light the tree at 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy the evening to start off the holiday season with the community.

On Saturday, November 26 Santa will be at Bob's Restaurant to enjoy breakfast from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Children up to the age of 10 will enjoy a free breakfast from the children's menu, but must be accompanied by an adult. Young and old can take time to sit on Santa's lap and ask for all those things that are on your Christmas list. Remember though, he knows if you've been bad or good! Don't forget your cameras to make those memories unforgettable.

This event is sponsored by the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce and Woodburn Association.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Zachary Leroy Sullivan was born on October 26, 2011 at Defiance Regional Medical Center at 12:37 p.m. Zachary entered the world weighing in at 8 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Zachary is welcomed by his parents, Dan and Jami Sullivan and 19 month old sister, Rebecca of Continental, OH.

Grandparents are Bill and Rainell Koenn of Cecil, and Toby and Carol Sullivan of Continental.

Great-grandparents are Virginia Brow of Oakwood, Ted and Madonna Koenn of Cecil, Jean Jorkos of Defiance, and George Jorkos, Sr. of Defiance.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS HOLIDAY COFFEE

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a Holiday Coffee on Monday, December 5, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. Retired administrators, teachers, secretaries, teachers' aides, bus drivers, custodians, husbands, wives, and friends are all invited to attend. There will be no program, and those planning to attend do not need to make reservations. Items for the Food Pantry and donations for the Scholarship Fund will be appreciated. Anyone having questions may phone Marcia at 419-587-3651.

TURKEYS AND THANKSGIVING

By: **Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator**

Turkeys are a part of the American Thanksgiving tradition dating back hundreds of years. However, many of us know little about these birds.

Early explorers to the New World quickly acquired a taste for turkey and took birds back to Europe. By the 1500s, turkeys were being raised domestically in Italy, France and England. When the Pilgrims and other settlers arrived in America, they were already familiar with raising and eating turkey and naturally included it as part of their Thanksgiving feast.

Wild turkeys should not be confused with their cousins, the domestic turkeys. The domestic turkeys are often served during the holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Year's while wild turkeys are usually enjoyed eaten during the hunting season.

Domestic turkeys are descendants of the wild turkey and are farm raised or commercially grown for their fast growth and excellent meat quality. Domestic turkeys can weigh twice that of wild turkeys and can reach market weight in 18 to 22 weeks. Wild turkeys, on the other hand, are much smaller, more agile and can fly. Wild turkeys can reach speeds of up to 20-25 miles per hour on the ground and can fly for short distances at speeds approaching 55 miles per hour. They also have better eyesight and hearing than their domestic counterparts.

Domestic turkeys have to make do with mostly white feathers, while their wild cousins come in a wide variety of colors, including brown, black, reddish and iridescent blue. Wild turkeys, by the way, were almost hunted to extinction about a hundred years ago but through conservation efforts have been successfully reintroduced to Ohio.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation and the Poultry and Egg National Board have presented the President of the United States a turkey at a White House ceremony. The annual presentation of the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President has become a traditional holiday ritual in the nation's capital, signaling the unofficial beginning of the holiday season and provid-

ing the President an opportunity to reflect publicly on the meaning of the Thanksgiving season. It wasn't until the first Thanksgiving of President George H.W. Bush, in 1989, that a turkey was officially pardoned for the first time.

In conclusion, some 46 million turkeys are served on dinner tables for Thanksgiving, which is 1/3 of all turkeys sold in the United States each year. Also, we need to keep in mind that turkeys play a major part in the life of Big Bird, of Sesame Street fame. Big Bird is actually dressed in turkey feathers. Although he is not a turkey, his costume is made of nearly 4,000 white turkey feathers, which have been dyed bright yellow.

LATTA DISCUSSES BLANCHARD RIVER PROJECT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) held a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Jo Ellen Darcy regarding the Blanchard River Flood Reduction Project (BRFRP). Joining Congressman Latta was Representative Jordan, local elected officials and private representatives from Putnam and Hancock counties, along with staff from the offices of Representative Kaptur and Senator Portman. After the meeting, Congressman Latta issued the following statement:

"Today we had a very good dialogue with the Assistant Secretary Darcy regarding the urgency of the Blanchard River project. I believe the Assistant Secretary gained insightful knowledge as to the importance of this project and the timely completion for review of Phase I and Phase II of the project.

"In addition to timeliness, we wanted to ensure that the Corps continues to keep the BRFRP high on their priority list. The local communities have always been, and continue to be, supportive of the project. They have continued to provide funding for the local match of the project, and are prepared to go above and beyond the needed amount. The BRFRP is a national example of local communities working diligently and swiftly to prevent any future damaging flooding in Ottawa or Findlay."

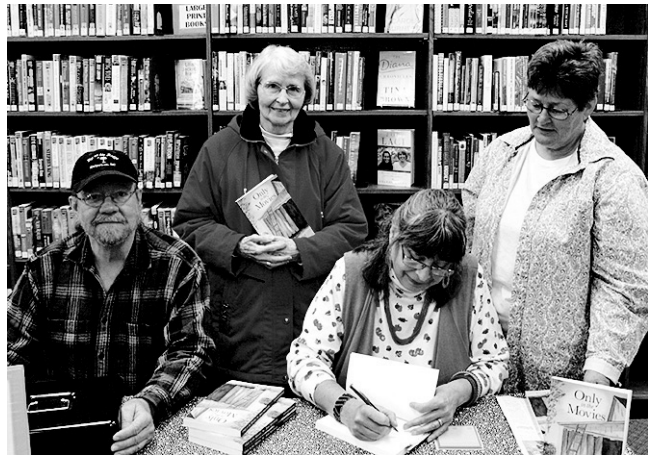
After the meeting Mayor-Elect Lydia Mihalik said, "Our objective was to encourage all parties to move the plan at a faster pace and I'm confident we did just that. We, as community leaders, now have a much better understanding on how to move forward with effective funding and approval."

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Jean Ann Geist, Sue Meyer, Kathy Gormley and Chris Geist (Jean's husband and assistant).

By: **Sue Knapp**

Jean Ann Geist grew up in Payne, Ohio. She graduated from Payne High School in 1966. In high school she was the editor of the Payne High School newspaper, *The Spotlight*. Jean always knew she wanted to write. She has written poetry and also wrote a novel in the 8th grade. She attended St. Francis College majoring in English and Library Science. After 1½ years she transferred to Bowling Green University earning a Library Science Degree and Teaching Certificate.

She met her husband, Chris, at Bowling Green and married. They had a daughter born at Paulding County Hospital after which Chris joined the Navy and they moved to Norfolk, VA. Jude, their son, was born in Virginia and lives in Oregon and has two sons: Eli, 6 and Noah, 2. Daughter, Sascha designed the cover for the

book.

After the Navy, Chris and Jean went back to Bowling Green where Chris received his Masters then a Ph.D in Popular Culture. Meanwhile, Jean was raising kids and working part-time at Wood County Board of Education designing and organizing a catalog system. She was also involved in 4-H.

Chris and Jean are retired now. Jean has completed her first published novel, *Only in the Movies*. She has been to book signings and seminars in several states, including a signing at the Antwerp Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

Only in the Movies is about a woman facing divorce from a husband facing embezzlement charges. It is what I would call a 'comfort novel'.

You may contact Jean at www.jeanangeist.com or jean@jeanangeist.com

WOODLAN'S SCHWARTZ SIGNS WITH INDIANA TECH



Zach Schwartz, a senior at Woodlan Jr/Sr High School is shown above signing a letter of intent to play college baseball at Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne. Also shown with Zach are his parents Jon and Bendice Schwartz of New Haven; Standing (l-r) are Woodlan coaches John Stapleton, head coach Gary McKibben, Indiana Tech coach Kip McWilliams, and Woodlan AD Todd Thieme.

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BILLIE METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 32: WE LEAVE SUTTER'S MILL

By: Stan Jordan

We have been on the road for a few days now. We left on the morning of August 13, 1850 headed for Independence.

We talked about this would be my last trip and me going to college at MSU. We shook hands all around and all said it has been a nice relationship. You bet I'm going to miss all of these people and that includes Wee, our Chinese friend.

We have bounced along for a few days and we are heading to Truckee the last stop in California. We have moved right along and meeting a wagon train every few days. We usually stop and rest the animals and let the other folks use the trail.

We are north of Truckee now. The elevation there was 5,817 and I guess we are used to that thin atmosphere.

We are headed northeast to Winnemucca, Nevada. The altitude there is a little lower, about 4,495 feet. The fall is here now and the leaves are very colorful, if they have leaves.

We have gone through into West Humboldt Range and somewhere between Lovelock and Mill City. We are heading north beside a mountain pass that would lead us into Winnemucca, a big turning point for us. This is all mountain and nothing but rock with a pine sticking out of a crevice once in awhile.

Well, right in the middle of the trail, and a narrow trail at that, a big pine tree lay across the trail. We all walked up to the area and looked the situation over. Each wagon carried an ax and a hand saw and we got those and figured where would be the least chopping. Well, the trail is narrow here and we have to pull the trunk and limbs out of the main part of the trail. We started, we got to the top and pulled the limbs off and put it in a pile by the side of the road. Then we had to cut the trunk up in smaller pieces that we could handle and lay them in a line by the side of the road out of the way. We have to cut the trunk up in three pieces and the axes were not to sharp. But we got the job done and used the mules to move the logs as much as we could.

Jim said we can't stay here because a wagon train might come along and want to go through so we will travel on until we find a place we can pull off to the side.

Well, it was darn near dark when we found a spot and we got the chores done as quick as it gets dark up here early.

We ate the last of our stew with beef in it. From now on it will be venison or deer meat.

We drank two pots of coffee and sat around and discussed the cutting up of the pine tree and the day's traveling. I haven't written for a few days as it is still rocks and mountains. But we are about to Winnemucca and maybe we can rest up a little.

Well, we can see a place called Bloody Peak at over 7,300 feet. We have traveled The Humboldt Range and River.

It is now the middle of September and we are leaving Winnemucca, NV and heading east.

We stopped here for a couple days to rest the animals and to do all the maintenance on the wagons.

We are on the road beside the Humboldt River headed for Battle Mountain. We have big, tall snow covered peaks all around us. The weather is nice but you need a coat in the mornings until the sun comes up over the mountains.

We go past a stage station called Elko, then heading for a place called Wells. Hiram says we are knee deep in the Humboldt Range with tall peaks all around. I'm glad we are running empty with no load.

At Wells we turned north and followed Salmon Creek into a place called Jackpot and then into Idaho Territory.

I don't see any difference yet. Nothing in all directions—nothing—and we are into the Saw Tooth Range, just more mountains.

We go up to Salmon Falls and along Salmon Creek to Twin Falls. We work our way east along Banncock Creek around a place called Pocatello and we leave the well-traveled trail to getting back on the east bound part of the Oregon Trail. All of this is Snake River country.

That leads us on into Soda Springs and we are heading for Wyoming Territory and we should be as it is almost November 1st.

We still follow the Snake River over into Wyoming Territory through a place called Bridger Forest.

Hi says we are in the Green River country now. We go through Pine Bluff and follow the Big Sandy into South Pass. I tell you it's a million acres of nothingness that leads us into South Pass.

This is wild country, it is called The Wind River Range. The one peak over there is 13,192 feet and a beautiful snow cap the whole year around.

The South Pass is 7,549 feet and I guess we drop down a little now as Hi says, "This is the Continental Divide." We then head east for Sweet Water.

We stopped at the Sublette Cut Off and was there a couple of days.

There was not much there, just a place where the main Oregon Trail goes north and the California Trail turns south in an area called Sublette, named after an early mountain man. There is a Pony Express station there and a post office.

Mom had sent me a letter there and left us her mailing address. I was really glad to hear from her. She told me about all that happened to them after we parted two

years ago. "They got into Oregon alright and Dad found the twenty acres that he had dreamed of, but the man would not part with the twenty acres, we had to buy the whole half quarter section of 160 acres. So we did but it took all of our money and we were about destitute when we received your fine money order. What a Godsend! It paid our bills and food for us and the animals. We had enough cash to buy our saplings of a couple types of apple trees. We received your second money order and we needed it badly again. It sure came in handy. We are so grateful, Billy. Thank you so much.

"Margo goes to a Community College and that helps with cost. Mazie goes to the local high school. She rides in the buggy with the neighbor girl. Mazie is such a great help in the orchard. She just goes ahead and doesn't have to be told. Dad is so proud of her.

"We should be able to harvest some apples this fall and end up in the black.

"Well, thank you so much for everything, it was needed so badly, now we even have a little working capital.

"Oh, yes, Margo is going to be a C.P.A. and she already does our books and looks ahead for our marketing.

"Our children have been so good to us."

Next Week: More about Mom's letter.

PADEMONIUM ON THE SUBWAY

By: Stan Jordan

They got off at Union Station in Washington D.C. The entourage included our heroine, Sue Knapp, sister Sandy Young, nephew Blake Young and Chip (Ray) Bradway, Sandy and Sue's brother. They decided to take the subway over to Arlington to their hotel.

They were entertained by street singers while they waited. Sue told me, "They were cool."

Sandy has a really bad knee and can't walk long distances so she had a wheel chair which Blake pushed. That left Chip pulling two large suitcases.

After they got down into the Metro all kinds of people were wondering hither and yon, all with cell phones texting and talking as they milled about.

The group found the car they wanted and pushed their way on and the sign said, 'sit down or hang on' and the train will move out, and it did.

They rode to their stop-called R4. The doors flew open and Blake pushed Sandy out and Chip followed with the two big suitcases, along with everyone else that wanted out. That left Sue, literally, that left Sue behind, in the Subway, while all were frantically trying to keep the doors open. The last they saw of Sue was her waving goodbye.

The whole scene reminded me of that hit song years ago by The Kingston Trio about handing Charlie a sandwich as he was to ride forever on The Boston Transit.

In the meantime two people came up and told Sandy and crew to call Sue and they would tell her what to do. "Sue doesn't have a cell phone."

At the next stop the doors flew open and Sue flew out. The platform was covered with people, all were on their

cell phones and oblivious to our heroine's plight. All those people were soon gone and Sue started walking looking for an information booth. She turned around and a lady in a Security shirt was walking by. Sue told her she was lost. The lady said, "Well, call your sister."

"I don't have a cell phone," Sue replied.

So the lady got hers out and called Sandy and told her what the group should do. The lady then went with Sue on the subway back to her family. She told Sue that they would be on the platform somewhere.

Sue left the car and looked around and didn't see any of her group. She then heard someone yell her name. She then saw Blake coming toward her. They had to cross over the tracks to get to Sandy and Chip.

After plenty of hugs all around Chip called for transportation to the hotel in Arlington and the next leg of their journey started.

Before Sue went to bed she made the statement, "Guess who's getting a cell phone?" and she did.

See ya!

WOODBURN CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

It's that time again for the annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Residents of Woodburn and surrounding area - let's light up Woodburn this year! There will be prizes and we will be judging on Thursday, December 15, 2011. Some of the categories will be theme, use of lights, animation. Get your thinking caps on and your decorations out and light up Woodburn!

ANTWERP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO MEET REGARDING U.S. 24/49 ANTWERP DEVELOPMENT

The area chosen for development is a 64 acre tract of land, in the Antwerp Village limits, south of the Antwerp School. It is on the north side

of the new 4-lane highway. The reason for this location selection is that it has water and sewer service readily available. The Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is in the process of getting an option on this property.

All development and funding will be done through the Antwerp CIC, whose President is Randy Derck. The Antwerp CIC has been in existence for over 30 years and owns 48 acres on the Cement Plant Road east of Antwerp. That land was originally chosen as the Antwerp Industrial Park. Tony Langham, PCED Director, interviewed six development consultants and recommended one to the 24/49 Discussion Group. The Group interviewed this person and is recommending him to the Antwerp CIC to hire as a consultant. Everyone agrees that it will be much better to focus on the good of the whole town of Antwerp and not just the small geographic area on the south side of Antwerp.

The Antwerp CIC will be meeting, November 29, to discuss the project and make a decision on the proposed consultant, according to Randy Derck, CIC President.

There will be a public meeting at the new Antwerp School auditoria on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m., to hold discussion on development of the village. All Antwerp residents are welcome to come to the public meeting.

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PAULDING SWCD TO HOST EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: SMALL STEPS MAKE LIFE-TIME CHANGES

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding an educational seminar presented by Mark Holtsberry, Education Specialist. This seminar will be the first in its series entitled "Reduce-

Reuse-Recycle". Part one is titled "Reduce" and slated for Thursday, December 8th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served at intermission. This seminar is open to the public of all ages! Remember, small steps make life-time changes!

ALEX PRODUCTS INC. HONORED AS "THE BEST OF THE BEST"

Johnson Controls, a Fortune 50 and globally diversified company in the automotive, building efficiency, and battery industries, honored one of its top performing suppliers, Alex Products, Inc. with plants in Ridgville Corners, Bryan, and Paul-

ding, with an employee award presentation ceremony of JCI's first ever Platinum Supplier Award. Alex Products has earned a perfect score in the performance expectations areas of Quality, Commercial, Supply Chain Management, Service, and Social and Environmental Sustainability. Greg Tamas, JCI Director of Purchasing presented the Platinum Supplier Award to the employees at each of the API locations and personally to Dave Von Deylen, President and CEO; Kevin Bock, Exec. VP/CFO, John Dunn, VP Sales; Joe Curto, VP Manufacturing; Jay Fleischmann, Corporate Quality Manager; James Eiden and Jade Crossland, Plant Managers; David Weber and Scott Sallows, Engineering Managers.

Following Mr. Tamas presentation of the Platinum Award was a presentation by Jim Bos, Vice President of Purchasing, JCI North America Automotive Experience, who sincerely thanked the API employees for their year after year diligence in supporting JCI with best in class execution and performance, stressing API leadership's alignment with key JCI values in a trusting relationship. He announced that Alex Products has been the only company of several thousand JCI suppliers to receive a Johnson Controls Supplier Performance Award every year, fifteen straight now, year after year labeling Alex Products, "The Best of the Best". Mr. Bos then surprised the API employees by presenting them with a 2011 Excellence in Execution Award, noting this was one of five awarded this year in Mil-



(l-r) John Dunn - API Sales, VP of Sales & Business Development; Greg Tamas - Johnson Controls Inc., Director of Purchasing; Joe Curto - Alex Products, Chief Operating Officer; Jay Fleischmann - Alex Products, Corporate Quality Manager; Jade Crossland - Alex Products, Paulding Plant/Stamp-Bryan Plant Manager; Dave Von Deylen - Alex Products, President and CEO; Kim Schumm - Alex Products, Corporate Human Resources Manager; and Jim Bos - Johnson Controls Inc., Vice President, North America Automotive Experience

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The Paulding United Methodist Church was honored to receive the many letters of thanksgiving from students of all ages. We are truly thankful for the many joys, gifts and blessings we have been given.

Writing Winners below!

Are you looking for a place to belong?
Does your heart tell you there is more to life than just looking forward to the weekend?
Do you think your not "good" enough for church?
Don't worry, none of us are. We are all sinners and thank God that He takes us as we are, washes away our sins, and makes us whole.

In 1863 President Lincoln declared that the United States Citizens should:

"observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens".



9-12th Grade winner

As Thanksgiving approaches, we wonder what are we thankful for. Then we appreciate it for a few days and go right back to taking each and everything for granted. Why aren't we thankful each and every day? Why does it take some holiday to open our eyes and see what God's given us? Tough question right? I admit, sometimes I take the simple things in life for granted, and don't thank the Lord every day for what he's given me. This Thanksgiving, I'm going to share some of the things I'm thankful for...

I'm thankful for my teachers, who give me an education that betters myself in life and as a person. Without teachers, I could never follow my dreams of being an astronaut, or doctor. It's hard to get anywhere in life without an education these days. Teachers not only provide help on homework, but they're also there in times of need, as a role model, or open ear willing to listen. Teachers prepare us for our futures, and lead us down the path to following our dreams.

I am also thankful for doctors. Doctors play such an important part in our lives. They make us feel better when we're sick and overall try to make our lives better completely. I'm especially thankful for doctors because they've brought my grandma back three times, and have helped her improve every day. When someone is terribly ill in your family or someone close to you, or even yourself, you know that feeling when they say something is wrong. It's like you whole world is turned upside down, and the person you look to, (besides God) is the doctors. They're the ones who are going to make it all better. Doctor's dedicate their life every day to bettering other people's lives.

I am extremely thankful for both of my families. My home family and my church family. They both shower me with love and guidance. Although my parents and I argue sometimes, I know they do everything keeping my best interests in mind. They push me to do my best, if not better. They tell me I can be anything I want to be, and support me in everything I do. Except flying lessons... mom's not too sure on that. My church family is filled with nothing but good, caring, fun, reliable people. I couldn't ever imagine life without them, especially my youth group and my youth leader. My group is like my rock. The only kids my age that completely "get me". They can connect with me better because they're strong Christians as well.

These days, teen Christians are looked upon as weird or crazy just because we express being a Christian. My youth leader is the one that I look to as a role model. He's always there willing to listen to any crazy story we have. He's the one that really helped me grow as a Christian in an enormous way! He has helped me grow into a very strong teen Christian, without any of my family I wouldn't be the person I am today. I'm extremely truly thankful for each and every one of them.

I'm thankful for my friends as well. I've been blessed with great trust worthy friends. Although we might fight sometimes, and get annoyed with each other, we always continue talking, and go back to be the best of friends. They're always there for me, and immediately know when something is wrong. I love my friends a ton, and love them each to death!

I'm thankful, grateful, and extremely blessed to just have what I have. I see TV. commercials all the time showing kids that don't have a home, clothes, clean water, or food. They have disease, and die because of starvation. It makes me realize that I take a warm home, clean clothes, and water, and a warm meal for granted. I don't think twice about opening up the fridge and getting something to eat at my pleasure. When there are kids who starve and wait weeks for food. I take the luxuries such as the computer, TV., Wii, and iPhone for granted. There are kids who don't own any of that, yet we still want more like the new Ipad2 or iPhone4s, Xbox, or a new laptop. We have plenty, yet want more. I'm thankful for what I have, and thank God for blessing me with the things I do have. When I grow up I plan to become a nurse anesthetist, and do missions like work in the medical tents and at the same time spread God's word!

Last but definitely not least, I'm thankful for God, and the love he provides. I'm thankful that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and that I can now spend my life eternity in Heaven. God provides an indescribable love. He loves you no matter what you do, and is always there to listen! He doesn't tell your secrets, and will love you more than anyone in the world!

My wording may not be perfect but it is the thought that counts. So this Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for many things, even more than what I listed here. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Mikayla Pieper, Paulding School, Grade 11

I am thankful for a lot of things. Even though sometimes I don't show it, there are a lot of things in my life to be grateful for. I have a great family that supports me in almost everything I do. They are there for me in tough times, but most of all they love me.

Next are my parents, they have been there for me since day one. I can count on them, and they don't let me down. They are the ones that have shaped my Christian based life, put a roof over my head, provided my needs, and give me never ending love.

Then comes the sister. Even though we have our differences, and fight most of the time, she is my best friend, and has taught me a lot in life. She can always make me laugh, and always knows what I'm going through. I couldn't ask for a better sister!

Now the friends! They never cease to amaze me! Through the years, I have found my true friends that I can always count on. They know how to cheer me up, and would do almost anything for me in a heartbeat.

But most of all, I am thankful for God. Even though sometimes I start to lose faith in Him, He never leaves me. He is always looking over me, and has everything under control. Sometimes it's hard to just let it go, and put it in His hands, but I have really learned to trust Him. He is the one responsible for the wonderful friends and family I am blessed with.

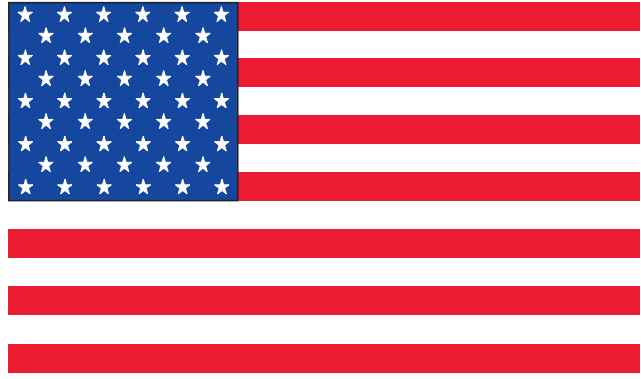
Bailey Pieper, Paulding Middle School, Grade 7

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3-5th Grade winner

I am thankful for my family because they help me get through a lot. I am thankful for my friends because I can go to them for anything and I have someone to hang out with. I am thankful for God because He is the one that made everything we need and He made me have life. I am thankful for a house because it keeps me safe from storms and stuff like that. I am thankful for food and water because it keeps me alive. I am thankful for my teachers that teach me because they will help me pass college for someday. I am thankful for the heat in my house because in the winters it will keep me warm I am thankful for the air conditioning in my house because in the summers it keeps me cool. Usually in the summers if I get to hot I faint so I need my air conditioning. I am thankful for my health because I have a lot to do in my lifetime. And I am also thankful for the people that love me. That is what I am thankful for.

Abigail Leaman, Paulding Elementary, Grade 5



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PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Fort Wayne In 1871 - Part 2

"The triumph of the present was always a measure of a guarantee of a bright future; because all must see in Fort Wayne a destined commercial center of vast importance to the South and Southwest. The city at present contains about 24,000 inhabitants, and its growth has been regular and healthy. In the year 1810 the population was about 500; in 1830, 800. Shortly after that a charter for its corporation as a city was granted, with the population scarcely numbering 1,200 persons. From this time on to 1850 the city gradually, but surely, increased in size and importance until in 1860, when its population was estimated at 10,300. This, to our eastern neighbors, seemed almost fabulous, but they in their lethargy never imagined that our bold and sagacious citizens grasped every opportunity and pursued a policy which would secure commercial advantages.

Although comparatively poor, railroads were projected and completed. Liberality and determined spirit was manifested, and a railroad center was the coveted and secured prize.

The Canal was teeming with laden boats and the Indian village seemed to stay as you saw it. Business blocks and splendid residences had lined the streets. Factories were started and made successful. The railroad shops were established, giving employment to hundreds of men, who came here to reside

and live by the sweat of their brow.

Various well stocked stores were thrown open. How many at that time could look back and remember how brief the period since the spot on which this fair city stood was a desolate western wild place whose slumbering echoes were undisturbed by any civilized voice, or the hum of industry, with no hand of agricultural man to mar the silent grandeur or deface its natural beauty.

How striking the swift transformation! How beautiful the emerald clad avenues of Berry and Wayne! Many theories are advanced as to the origin of this rapid and standing growth, but the post sensible many be found in the following:

Our city is surrounded to a great distance by a country of exceeding beauty and fertility, to which Nature seems to have loaned all her charms. The country around is dotted with well tilled farms, the soil of which cannot be surpassed in our great sovereign state. Having no city of any importance to compete with north of Indianapolis, possessing every facility for carrying on trade, every means for shipping from or conveying to us commodities. Of these the Wabash and Erie Canal going into Ohio stands prominent, and though now in comparative disuse, still has been of great importance to use as an avenue for the transporting of all bulky goods or merchandise" (in this area).

Note: These accounts were taken from Fort Wayne Newspapers in June and November in 1871.

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

After getting back from Washington D.C. I realized that it's almost Thanksgiving. So I'm thinking pumpkin. I found this recipe in a cookbook that I have. My guinea pigs really loved it. It is really a rich dessert but one bite just isn't enough.

- Pumpkin Pie Squares**
crust:
 1 c. flour
 1/2c. quick oats
 1/2c. brown sugar
 1/2 c. butter
filling:
 1 #2 can pumpkin (but I used the small can)
 1 can evaporated milk
 2 eggs
 1 1/2 T pumpkin pie spice
 1/2 tsp. salt
 3/4 cup brown sugar
topping:

- 1/2c. brown sugar
 1/2c. chopped pecans
 2 T butter

Crust: mix all ingredients together and press in ungreased 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.

Filling: mix all ingredients together and pour over crust. Bake for 20 minutes longer.

Topping: mix together and crumble over the top. Bake for 15 minutes longer or until set (I had to bake for much longer than 15 minutes. Just keep checking until knife comes clean.) Enjoy!

If any of you have a recipe you would like to share please e-mail, fax or send to West Bend News. You may also call me at WBN. I'm here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
 11/9 - Betty Smalley, Antwerp
 11/9 - Joyce Kimmel, Scott
 11/9 - Ralph Brown, Antwerp
 11/10 - Herbert Monroe, Paulding
Dismissals:
 11/10 - Ralph Brown, Antwerp
 11/11 - Joyce Kimmel, Scott
 11/12 - Betty Smalley, Antwerp

RIP IT FIT

By: Sue Knapp

Reta Ptak, independent fitness instructor of Rit It Fit, was born and raised



along with one brother and sister to Robert and Gloria Cass in Ayersville. Reta was always a tomboy, played volleyball and was involved in track in the Ayersville School system.

After school, Reta worked and eventually went to college for fitness and nutrition. She is now certified in Zumba, Yoga, and Toning. She and husband, Mark, have four children and one grandchild.

Reta worked at Live Fit in Hicksville and Curves in Paulding. She now has started her own business in fitness and nutrition. Rip It Fit is located in the Curves building in Paulding and the Crystal Fountain Auditorium in Sherwood. Reta helps all ages from age four on up to and including seniors. Eventually Reta will offer personal training.

Reta's classes are in six week increments and are offered in the mornings and evenings for your convenience. She also welcomes walk-ins.

Rip It Fit is offering a Holiday Challenge. This is a six week class starting November 28 through January 4. This class will help avoid the Christmas weight gain. A food journal will be kept for the duration of the class (you'd be surprised how much you eat when you write it down!). Classes for the Challenge will be Zumba, Toning and Yoga. Regular weight and measurement checks will document a participants progress.

Why wait, start your life changes now!

Call Reta at 419-487-2590, e-mail retaptak@gmail.com or Facebook at Reta Lyn Ptak-Fitness with questions or to register for the Holiday Challenge.

3-D WRESTLING COMPETES IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

3-D Wrestling competed in the Clifkeen Border Wars National Folk Style Championships and the Wayne Trace Raider Fall Open recently.

At the CK Border Wars National Championships, two of the four 3-D Wrestlers placed.



Dominic Carnahan, 8 years old, has been in wrestling for 4 years, he's also been in National Championships.

Taking a National Championship was eight year old wrestler Dominic Carnahan and coming in 5th was Tate Ankney. Griffin Freisner and Logan Shaner did not place.

Also placing at the Wayne Trace Raider Fall Open were Dakota Shaffer earning a 1st, Michael Fred Humphreys, 1st, Kage Seals, 1st; Juan Castillo, 1st; Tate Ankney, 2nd; Dylan Gerbers, 3rd; Austin Skala, 4th; Gabe Sutton, 3rd; Chris Puffinburger, 4th; James Dodson, 4th; and Sal Gomez, 5th.

3-D Wrestling, Inc. serves kids from Northwest Ohio and Woodburn. It is located at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

For more information contact Sam Carnahan at 419-670-2402.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE SKILLSUSA OFFICERS TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS FOR FALL CONFERENCE



Vantage SkillsUSA officers pose with guest speaker, Harvey Alston.



Vantage SkillsUSA Officers and their advisor, Mr. Ted Verhoff, are all dressed up for the Fall Conference!

By: Sr. Rebecca Baker, Vantage SkillsUSA Secretary


On November 3-4, more than 1,000 students representing over 60 schools attended the SkillsUSA Ohio Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus. Among those students were the seven officers from Vantage Career Center. They are Ian Munger, Industrial Mechanics (Paulding), President; Kaylee Contreras, Cosmetology (Van Wert), Vice-president; Danielle Taylor, Cosmetology (Lincolnview), Treasurer; Rebecca Baker, Health Technology, (Parkway) Secretary; Kendra Stocklin, Cosmetology (Delphos Jefferson), Reporter; Lizzy Craft, Cosmetology (Parkway), Parliamentarian; and Jared Fortman, Industrial Mechanics (Kalida), Ambassador.

The students learned about their offices and thought about their goals and plans after high school. They also listened to presentations made by inspirational speakers Erahm Christopher and Harvey Alston, who spoke about bullying and doing their best.

President Ian Munger said, "We all had a marvelous time here at the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. We learned many things from

guest speakers and from our national delegates to enhance our leadership abilities." Rebecca Baker said, "This was a fantastic experience! I learned a lot of skills that I will use in the future and for the rest of my life."

The High School Fall Leadership Conference is the premier professional development opportunity for High School SkillsUSA students and Advisors. This conference was open to all students, advisors and administrators enrolled in High School Career-Technical programs affiliated with SkillsUSA.


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TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN (AND PARENTS) ABOUT SHARED FINANCIAL PICTURE



Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

It's Thanksgiving week. And if you're fortunate, you can look around your Thanksgiving table and see several generations of your family. Of course, as you know, many types of cohesiveness are involved in knitting a family together. But one connection that frequently gets ignored, at least in terms of family dialogue, is the financial linkage between parents and their children on one hand, and these same parents and their parents on the other. So if you find yourself in this "sandwich" group, it may be worth considering your financial position.

If your children are very young, you might want to start by emphasizing the importance of three separate concepts: saving, spending and sharing. If you give them an allowance, or if you pay them to do some minor tasks around the household, you can encourage them to put the money in three separate containers. The "spending" jar is for them to use as they choose, the "saving" jar is to be put in some type of savings or investment account and the "sharing" jar is to be used for contributions to charitable causes. You can extend the spending, saving and sharing themes by encouraging your kids to spend wisely, watch

how their savings grow and feel pride in the work done by the charitable groups their dollars support.

Later, when your kids are older, and can earn money by baby-sitting, mowing lawns or working part-time, you can further encourage good financial habits by offering to match their contributions to a Roth IRA. And be sure to discuss the different types of investments available; they may enjoy learning about the ways in which they can participate in the financial markets.

Above all else, talk to them about the importance of developing good financial skills and how these skills will play a part in your family's overall well being.

Now, let's turn to your parents. If they're elderly, you may find that talking to them about financial issues may be considerably more challenging than talking about these issues with your children. It's unfortunate, but true: People are sensitive about money and often don't want to talk about it.

You may find that you need to be persistent, especially if your parents are getting on in years. Perhaps you encourage them to consider their current position, and what planning might need to be considered. Do they have accounts in a local bank? Where are their investments held? Do they have a financial advisor? Have they worked with legal professionals on any arrangements?

If your parents have expressed interest in leaving a legacy or passing assets to family members, you might consider encouraging them to seek assistance from the appropriate professionals. After all, if something were to happen to your parents without them having made the proper arrangements, their wishes may not be carried out.

So this Thanksgiving, as you think about the value of your family, you might take some time to consider issues that need to be addressed. It may take time and diligence — but when it comes to your loved one's wishes and well-being, it's probably worth the effort.

AREND, LAUKHUF & STOLLER, INC. ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL PEER REVIEW

Arend, Laukhuf & Stoller, Inc., with offices in Van Wert and Paulding, were recently notified that the firm has successfully completed its most recent peer review. The Peer Review Program of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and administered by the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, is a review of the firm's accounting and auditing practice. The objective of the peer review is to determine whether the CPA firm has suitable quality control policies and procedures in place and is complying with them. The reviewer, John Keller of Vanderhorst & Manning, a Dayton CPA firm, concluded that Arend, Laukhuf & Stoller, Inc. complies with the stringent quality control standards required for membership in the AICPA.

Arend, Laukhuf & Stoller, Inc. provides a full range of audit, accounting, tax and consulting services to individuals, businesses and organizations throughout northwest Ohio. To learn more about the firm visit their website at www.als-cpa.net. You can also contact them at their Paulding office by calling 419-399-3686 or their Van Wert office by calling 419-238-0658.

A YEAR IN REVIEW: ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (ACDC)

Antwerp Community Development Committee met for their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Dan Fowler was elected as President of the Board.

The Board and guests reviewed the accomplishments for the past year; included are the following fund-raising events: sold advertisements to fund the decorative banners that beautify Main Street and East River Street, annual Corn Hole Tournament, 2nd Annual Cleveland Street Rib Fest, our first ever 5K run/walk, "Big Hole" golf outing, and Winter Sale to be held at the Dana building December 3-4.

The following are items that ACDC donated to and supported throughout the year: Caleb O'Donnell with his landscape project at the Antwerp tennis court to receive his Eagle Scout, a "Duck" for Antwerp Ball Association's "Duck Race", a batting cage at the ball diamond which will be coming this spring as well as sponsored a Pee Wee baseball team and All-Star baseball team. ACDC donated to Big Boy\$ Toy\$ car show, Friends of the Library for the carpet project, Antwerp Fire Department, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's Day in the Park, Manor House gymnasium repairs and the Antwerp's Riverside Church's "Family Feud" event which raised money for the Antwerp Community Youth Center and Ball Association. ACDC purchased snowflake banners as well as assisted in funding of additional American Flags for the East River Street light posts. The major project for the year was the completion of four "Welcome to Antwerp" signs at each main entry of the community for

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FALL SPORTS AWARDS



Front Row (l-r): Ellise Wetli (MVP, Rotary Award and 4-year Letterman - Cross Country); Jessica Marlin (4-year Letterman); Amanda Zielke (Coaches Award - Cheerleading); Samantha Provines (Team Spirit Award - Cheerleading); Ashlee Smith (Pursuit Award - Volleyball); Katie English (4-year Letterman); Harlee Hudson (4-year Letterman); Rachel Colley (Mickae Schlatter Leadership Award - Volleyball)**; Keslea Burns (Most Improved

and 4-year Letterman - Cross Country); Alysha (A.J.) Stuck (MVP - Volleyball); Tricia Smalley (Guts Award - Cross Country); and Jessica Langham (Rotary Award - Volleyball)

Back Row (l-r): Jarett Godeke (Most Improved - Cross Country); Colin Krick (MV - Cross Country); Joe Hilton (4-year Letterman - Cross Country); Bryant Miesle (Rotary Award - Cross Country); Thomas (Tommy) Taylor (Rotary Award - Football); Justin Bute (Defense MVP - Foot-

ball); Corbin Jones (Offense MVP - Football); and Brandon Dunderman (Mental Attitude Award and 4-year Letterman - Football)

Not Pictured: Justis Harvey (Guts Award - Cross Country); Angelo Manella (4-year Letterman - Football); Hannah Tempel (4-year Letterman - Cheerleading).

**The Mickae Schlatter Leadership Award winner will receive a plaque and her name will be the picture plaque which will be housed in the trophy case.

which ACDC donated over \$10,000. Landscaping and lighting to these signs will be completed in 2012 by the Village of Antwerp.

New events and fund-raisers that are being planned for 2012 are: Washer tournament/Poker Run, Cemetery walk, Paint the Town Pink, Community Calendar and a Haunted Walk. If you are interested in participating in these or any project for the community, please contact President Dan Fowler at his office at Leland Smith Insurance or call him at 419-258-1363.

The ACDC committee would like to remind you that the "Winter Sale" will take place December 3-4 at the old Dana building. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. the day of the sale.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/31/11

This 31st 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 Joan Tope, Assistant Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 182703 through 182764 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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 27, 2011, Warrant numbers 182588 through 182655 in the amount of \$25,032.07; 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. Now, therefore 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 032):

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 032 - Certificate of Title, 032-001-00006/Other Expense, \$16,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Ms. Gray discussed the Port Authority and the Area Office on Aging with the Commissioners.

Corey Walker, PC Department of Job and Family Services - Presented the Cor-

rective Action Plan for the Commissioners' signatures.

Mary Jo Ward, Pontiac Title Agency, Inc. - Ms. Ward presented HUD paperwork for signatures to close the sale of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program home.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss indirect costs.

LATTA: "KEYSTONE DELAY MEANS JOBS MIGHT GO ELSEWHERE"

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after the Obama Administration delayed until after the 2012 election a decision on the Keystone XL pipeline. The pipeline would bring Canadian oil to the United States.

TransCanada agreed to move the pipeline to a route more favorable to the wishes of Nebraska. Officials in Nebraska have indicated they could complete a thorough environmental review in approximately six months to get the project back on track. However, even if Nebraska and TransCanada agree on a new route a state department spokesperson has said that nothing will change because of an agreement.

"The President's delay on the Keystone XL pipeline is disappointing. Construction of Keystone XL would create an estimated 20,000 direct jobs and over 100,000 additional spin-off jobs for businesses nationwide," said Rep. Latta.

As a result of the President's decision Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has already met with

Chinese President Hu Jintao to discuss China's interest in importing oil from Canada. This would require building a pipeline to Canada's West coast, rather than across the Southern border into the U.S., where the oil would be loaded onto barges and shipped to Asia.

On November 15, 2011, Congressman Latta met with the Premier of Alberta, Canada, Alison Redford about the project.

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



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MARINE PRIVATE TAYLOR GRADUATES

Dustin T. Taylor graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina on October 28, 2011. After a 10 day liberty, he worked at the Lima, OH Marine Corps Recruiting Office for one week. Then on November 14, Dustin departed for Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA, where he will complete his SOI (School of Infantry) training and then begin training for his MOS (Military Occupational Training) in Reconnaissance. Dustin is the son of Jamie and Lisa Hughes of Haviland, OH, and Kent and Lori Taylor of Celina, OH. His grandparents are Wally and Teri Daniels of Cecil, OH, Dennis and Wendy Oberlin of Fort Wayne, IN, and Roger and Chris Taylor of Grover Hill, OH. Dustin is a 2011 graduate of Wayne Trace High School.

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB ANNOUNCES DECEMBER MEETING

Classic Feathers Bird Club will meet on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bryan Community Center on Buffalo Road. The Club is sponsoring a Avian Photo Contest beginning 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; bird name, age and breed, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like to have your photo returned and send it to PO Box 7001 Bryan, OH 43506 or email them to classicfeathers@gmail.com. Photos must be received by December 9, 2011. Categories - Most Colorful, Funniest Antic, Most Lovable, Most Photogenic. Gift Certificates from local businesses will be awarded as prizes.

LATTA SUPPORTS A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

In preview of the Balanced Budget Amendment, H.J.Res. 2, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement: "For too many years, Washington has lost control over federal spending. Washington's reckless spending has produced horrific results: \$15 trillion in debt - \$1.3 in deficit spending and rising - and almost a \$48,000 debt burden on every child born today. "To end Washington's spending binge and to help America's hard working taxpayers, small business owners, future generations and seniors is through a balanced budget amendment, which would force future congresses and presidents to stop spending money they don't have. "In fact, over 30 consecutive months have passed and the unemployment rate has been at or above 8 percent—the level the president said unemployment would never reach if the "stimulus" was approved. Since the enactment of the "stimulus," unemployment had not been above 8 percent for this long since the Great Depression. "The time to act is now. Passage of a balanced budget amendment will ensure American taxpayers that Washington's spending will get under control. "In Ohio, every level of government has to balance

its budget and the federal government should as well. Forty-eight other states have to balance their budgets." Congressman Latta is a co-sponsor of H.J. Res 2. Sixteen years ago, a Balanced Budget Amendment passed the House with bipartisan support, only to lose by one vote in the U.S. Senate.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2011

Members Present: Councilmen Mike Mason, Clarence Reichhart, Bob Zimmerman, Jim Norden, Ron Clegg, Mayor Hoepfner, Clerk Treasurer Holly Sarrazine, Utility Superintendent Walls & Officer Carpenter. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoepfner and the pledge of allegiance said at 7:00 p.m. Audience - Local resident suggested a grocery store, a medi-quick type facility, a meat market, a chicken restaurant and suggested the City meet with Mitch Daniels. Mayor responded that we have been in contact with the Lt. Governor on this very subject. Resident said she lived in the yellow apartments downtown and she has contacted the owner about making improvements in the landscaping. The residents are going to petition the owner for change. Officer Carpenter - Radio update: We are trying to figure out which model is a good fit for us. Fort Wayne, Allen County, etc. all have different models. Mayor - Talked with Kristy Sturtz who suggested that we get a project in line before we do an income survey because it is only good for two years. It was approved at the last meeting to get an income survey. Councilman Zimmerman pointed out that we need the income survey to know if we qualify for certain grants. Most cities are not seeking grants or doing anything until after the elections. The tree on Core Street will be taken down when Pfister's is here to do the tree canopy on Park. There is an evergreen on Bull Rapids that Pfister quoted \$200 to cut the bottom branches up so it doesn't interfere with the sidewalk. Councilman Reichhart also suggested that they trim the limb on Park St. at Herb Anderson's house. It is hanging down and the dumpster is getting caught up on it. Pfister's waved their survey bill and are throwing in for "free" the leveling of the tree stumps at Elm and Main Street. Councilman Norden wanted to know if we let them dump their tree refuse in our composting site if the price would be less. The price to do the work discussed here in the city is \$2500. Councilman Zimmerman made the motion to go ahead for \$2500, Councilman Mason 2nd all approved, motion carried. Pre-bid meeting was held last week on Phase III. There will be a public bid opening on Thursday October 27 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be awarded November 7th. Work will start toward the end of November. We got an invoice from Underground on Jerad Schortgen's property, we have already closed the project so we are going to hold this invoice until we see if we can use SRF funds if not we will have to take out of our sewer utility. Ossian started a downtown revitalization. They are in their 7th year now. They have a wine tasting event that is sold out every year, with corporate sponsors and individual sales. Talked with Sam Graber about the trees next to the fire station but we have not been able to contact the owner. Sam will get back with us on the cost and the mayor will contact Allen County Solid Waste to see if they might have funds available. The county surveyor's office came out to look at Brobst Road and estimated to fix the erosion would cost \$50,000-100,000. This is not a city problem yet, but if the erosion continues it will affect our ponds. The surveyor's office only has \$1500 to put towards the project and suggest we get two commissioners out to see the project. Treasurer - Councilman Reichhart made a motion to approve October 10th meeting minutes, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved. Resident requested a sewer discount due to installing a new yard after building a garage. Councilman Zimmerman 1st, Councilman Mason 2nd - all approved. Resident requested a sewer discount for leak, Councilman Zimmerman made a motion to give the discount one time, Councilman Norden 2nd Councilman Mason obtained motion carried. Reminder there will be no collections of trash on November 24 so Friday collections will be done on Saturday. Superintendent Walls - City utilities were waived for asbestos testing. TTHM and AA% came in high for Woodlan. Drop box sign is installed. It was suggested that we look into putting a light on it. Storm drain is done at the Lutheran School. Havenwood plumber was suppose to start today. New handheld read meters on the 21 and 24. Pump for Havenwood lift station is put in. Leaf pick up has started with N/S streets on Mondays and Wednesdays and E/W streets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Councilman Mason - Asked Superintendent Walls about water discharge.

Councilman Reichhart - Asked Superintendent Walls about water at the Community Center. Councilman Zimmerman - Would still like to see the water-line replaced from Bull Rapids to Fahlsing Road before it becomes an emergency. Councilman Norden - No report. Councilman Clegg - No Report. Mike Mason moved for adjournment, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Meeting minutes prepared by Holly Sarrazine, Clerk Treasurer.

SHRINKING GOVERNMENT, GROWING THE ECONOMY

Guest Column from Representative Lynn Wachtmann

In recent months, our nation has witnessed an uprising of citizens expressing opposition to the principles of free market capitalism. The "Occupy" movement, which claims to represent the bottom 99 percent of income earners in the country, holds the belief that the top one percent is to blame for the country's unstable economic situation. While we can choose whether to admire the group's strong commitment to its beliefs, its economic vision is based entirely outside of reality. Their primary misunderstanding, however, might not be in their opposition to how things are currently operating, but rather where they are directing their displeasure. The biggest problem we face, particularly in Ohio, is the need for jobs. A strong economy depends on productive citizens, and growing the government—which has been the routine of late—works in direct opposition to that goal. The government is incapable of creating jobs or wealth. Restoring a vibrant economy requires removing the roadblocks set in place by burdensome government and granting greater opportunity for individuals to pursue their own self interests. That has been the defining principle of the 129th General Assembly in the Ohio House. Since we started in January, House Republicans have remained committed to peeling back needless government regulations and taxes in order to make Ohio more attractive to private businesses and entrepreneurs. Actions we have taken, such as eliminating the estate tax, will be helpful in ensuring that owners seeking to establish their businesses no longer overlook Ohio. It is already showing positive signs. Since the beginning of the General Assembly, Ohio has increased employment by about 30,000 employees, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. Additionally, CNBC named Ohio the most improved state in the country for business growth. The belief that we can tax ourselves to prosperity is greatly misguided because it ignores the negative long-term effects. Government might be able to tax "rich" business owners quite a bit of money before they will be unable to provide for themselves. But the people who work for those business owners, on the other hand, will likely meet the brunt end of the deal by either having to accept pay cuts or being laid off altogether. I strongly believe that Ohio is once again on the path to prosperity, but this will only be true if oppressive government continues to yield to personal freedom.

CLOSURE



By: Sue Knapp

My aunt (Dad's sister) had a baby around the same time I was born. My mom and aunt kind of compared the two of us—you know, who did what first, blah, blah, blah. I remember Robin and how later on I thought he was cute. The years passed and Robin joined the Army and went to Vietnam. By that time we had lost contact and I didn't hear much about him until we found out he was MIA. My aunt became quite busy with the organizations for the missing in action. This was 39 years ago. Two years ago my aunt received a phone call. They found Robin's dog tags. She went out to Washington and they presented them to her. They continued with the excavating of the site where the helicopter crashed. They found more dog tags (there were three men in the helicopter), bones, safety pins, a watch and a watch back and a pocket knife among other things. Pictures were taken of all the items found and a book was made for each family. My aunt was the only surviving mother and there was a wife of one of the men. My aunt sent out information about the memorial and burial and myself, my sister, brother and nephew decided

to go. The evening we arrived a memorial was held. The three families came together along with members of the unit the men were in. It was very moving. The next day was the burial in Arlington Cemetery. The ceremony was very emotional starting with the caisson taking the casket to the grave site. The three men were of the Vietnam OH-6A Crew of the CPT Holm Group. The men involved were Captain (CPT) Arnold E. Holm, Jr. Specialist Four (SP4) Robin R. Yeakley and Private First Class (PFC) Wayne Bibbs of Troop F, 8th Calvary, 11th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade. They were in a light observation helicopter to perform a visual reconnaissance of a ridge in the area. CPT Holm reported enemy living quarters, bunkers and trails. On the second pass the aircraft exploded and burned. Three attempts were made to rescue but after receiving enemy fire and not observing anyone leaving the aircraft and not receiving distress signals or radio transmissions they left. My aunt now has closure and I can say, "Robin, I'm glad I knew you. Thank you for all your sacrifices and to all those who have left their families to fight for this country."

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Friday, November 18th was the day to celebrate "Student of the Month" winners for the month of October at Paulding Elementary. Shown above are the four winners in the first grade as they were ready to receive their certificates and awards: (l-r) Larkin Yates, Brandon Vallejo, Ashton Manz, and Karli Gamble.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/24/11

This 24th 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 182466 through 182584 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUESTS:
Timothy Bauble, OSASVC Fall Conference, Dublin, OH - November 18-20, 2011
Gregory Geyer, OSASVC Fall Conference, Dublin, OH - November 18-20, 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 19, 2011, Warrant numbers 182388 through 182407 in the amount of \$6,479.27; 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)(I), 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 MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 007):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 007-001-00003/Public Assistance/Equipment
TO: 007-001-00002/Public Assistance/Supplies

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FROM: 007-001-00009/Public Assistance/Facility
TO: 007-001-00004/Public Assistance/Contracts/Repairs
AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 007):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 007-001-00035/Public Assistance/Unemployment Compensation
TO: 007-001-00006/Public Assistance/Medical Assistance
AMOUNT: \$950.00

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The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 007-001-00035/Public Assistance/Unemployment Compensation
TO: 007-001-00019/Public Assistance/Purchase of Service
AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 009-001-00003/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment
TO: 009-001-00035/Engineer-Gas Tax/Expenses
AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 010-001-00001/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Salaries, Employees
TO: 010-001-00013/Soil Conservation-Soil & Water/Nature Center Expenses
AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 042-001-00007/Extension Center/Gas
TO: 042-001-00010/Extension Center/Refunds
AMOUNT: \$250.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 073-001-00005/DRETAC/Supplies-Treasurer
TO: 073-001-00004/DRETAC/Salaries-Employees-Treasurer
AMOUNT: \$296.80

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 073-001-00006/DRETAC/Equipment-Treasurer
TO: 073-001-00004/DRETAC/Salaries-Employees-Treasurer
AMOUNT: \$249.98

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 073-001-00006/DRETAC/Equipment-Treasurer
TO: 073-001-00010/DRETAC/Other Expenses/Medic
AMOUNT: \$9.20

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 073-001-00012/DRETAC/Workers' Comp
TO: 073-001-00004/DRETAC/Salaries-Employees-Treasurer
AMOUNT: \$22.49

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER TO BE THE FISCAL AGENT FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST/HELP ME GROW PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2012):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center to be the fiscal agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council/Help Me Grow Program for Fiscal Year 2012, to be effective from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENT:
Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Ms. Gray began WPAU radio spot by interviewing Paulding County Auditor, Claudia Fickel. Ms. Fickel explained the reason for creating a new expense line item to better track the settlement fees for the Auditor and the Treasurer. Prior to creating the new line item, fees were shown as a credit in the revenue line item. By creating a new expense line item, both the revenue and the expenses will be inflated; however they will offset each other resulting in the bottom line being the same. Ms. Gray then spoke with Commissioner Zartman about this afternoon's Four-County Solid Waste District meeting held at the Fulton County Commissioners' office. He explained that Becky Suvar manages Paulding County's solid waste management and the recycling of various waste materials. Commissioner Burkley further commented there are goals set for the recycling of materials, whether they are residential or commercial. He stated the businesses and households in our four-county area are very conscious of recycling. Mr. Burkley also discussed the Regional Port Authority. With its ability to finance businesses, whether it is in start-up costs, relocating, or building a building to rent back to the company, the Regional Port Authority has a variety of ways to assist. Local people represent our county at the quarterly meetings. The Regional Port Authority serves most of northwest Ohio, with the exception of Lucas County, who has its own Port Authority. Mr. Burkley commented the Lucas County Port Authority and the Regional Port Authority work well together. Commissioner Pieper noted the work on the north entry steps to the courthouse is now completed. He complimented the contractor for the fine work and the attention to the brick work.

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently held a fundraiser with the top two sellers shown here. Izzy Ladd was our top seller out of all the preschoolers and Karrlie Grubb was the 2nd top seller.

They both received a pack of preschool puzzles for their efforts. Both girls are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller. Great job, girls!

ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Defiance County:
Ohio 18 in the village of Hicksville closed November 14 for four days for installation of a water line. Traffic detoured onto Elm Street, Meuse-Argonne Road/Hicksville Edgerton Road, Buckskin Road, Ohio 49, Ohio 2 back to Ohio 18. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Inc. for the village of Hicksville.

Ohio 66 north of Banner School Road will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for drainage repair. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County:
U.S. 127 south of Paulding will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.
Ohio 49 at County Road 144 will be restricted through the work zone for tile repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

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ANTWERP'S QUINN TEMPEL ON OSU SIDELINES



Quinn Tempel, a 2009 graduate of Antwerp High School, is shown here on the Ohio State Buckeye Football sideline at the November 5th game against Indiana. Quinn is currently a student manager for the football team and works with the defense. He is a junior at The Ohio State University where he is studying Sports Studies and he plans to specialize in sports management and minoring in business.

Quinn has an important job as student manager for the OSU football team which involves getting pads out for practice, working with the coaches to perform the drills



"Grey" is the sign Quinn Tempel is holding in the air.

and then working with recruits when they have their official visits. It is all volunteer work—so no salary—but he gets tickets to the games for his parents, Kurt and Emily Tempel of Antwerp, and then the apparel for the games and practices.

Quinn's love of the game of football and The Ohio State University is why he pursued the job at the university. His high school coach (Drew) Altimus, Kenny Stabler, Bryan Gray, his cousin Greg Peper (who actually works in the Equipment department for the athletic programs down here at Ohio State) and parents were instrumental in helping Quinn attain his position with the football team. Ultimately, Quinn would like to coach football at the High School or possibly even colle-

giate level. Working with the defensive line at OSU, he tries to listen to what the coach is saying and takes it in for possible usage in the future.

During the games, Quinn holds up cards for the defensive line that tells them what offensive players are coming into the game. The level of football at Ohio State is very different than at Antwerp but the core values Quinn has learned from football with Coach Altimus will always remain and are used daily at OSU—work hard, work for the people around you and take pride in all that you do as well as where you are from.

Hobbies for Quinn are pretty slim, with his rigid scholastic schedule, not to mention all the practices and games he attends. When given the opportunity he does enjoy working out, fly fishing trips with his dad and taking a nap whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Of being given this opportunity, Quinn comments, "Simply having this job is incredible because I have been a Buckeye fan since I was born—my grandpa and grandma (Ed and Donna Peper) wouldn't let it be any other way. My grandpa graduated from Ohio State in 1957, grandma worked for a doctor at Ohio State and ended up having their first child, my aunt Sarah, at the university hospital.

"From there they instilled in their kids a love for Ohio State that transferred into my Aunt Sarah and Mom going here for college. From there, my mom's older brother (Chris) and sister (Melissa) were Buckeyes at heart and all four of them drilled Buckeye traditions into my cousins and my minds. My first OSU football game was in 1995 when I was four and from there, I have had the privilege of going to many more with my Grandpa Peper and the rest of the family. Three (Greg, Jenna and Victoria Peper) of my other cousins are down here at Ohio State and that kind of goes to show how much of an impact Ohio State is on our family."

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10:00 am – A young woman, ready to begin nursing school, receives a Health and Housing grant to put a down payment on an apartment.

9:00 am – The House of Ruth takes in a woman and her two children after a night of abuse, giving them a safe place to stay and to learn what steps to take to start over.

8:00 am – A very ill 10 year old girl whose parents both work, but cannot afford to stay home with her, request home health care from Community Health Professionals.

7:00 pm – After dinner, a young man and his father visit the United Way Warehouse to receive items to repair the family home.

6:00 pm – A man from Payne on his way home from work uses a Family-wise discount pharmacy card and saves \$32 on a prescription.

12:00 pm – A 91 year old woman who cannot leave her home receives her Meals on Wheels lunch from the Paulding County Senior Center.

1:00 pm – A family, who has donated in the past, finds the father is recently unemployed and makes a visit to the Salvation Army for help with their utility bill so their heat won't be shut off.

2:00 pm – Troop 143 from Antwerp earned their 100 Year Anniversary badges working together to earn this once in a lifetime achievement

3:00 pm – After losing his job, a man and his family pick up their first food box from the Grover Hill Food Pantry.

4:00 pm – A young single mother-to-be travels about 18 miles one way to attend the Earn while you Learn Program at CPC Women's Health Resource to learn to be a good parent, budget her money and earn a crib in the process.

5:00 pm – American Red Cross volunteers are called out to assist a family who has just lost everything in a fire. Arrangements are made for shelter, food and clothing.

The clock is always ticking for those in Paulding County who rely on the many programs and services supported through the **annual United Way Campaign**. Every dollar counts because it adds up to provide help with emergency needs or programs that help others gain skills to maintain good health and well-being. Your gift remains here in Paulding County and is used to support those programs that are working hard to make a difference.

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