

MEET SANTA AT THE PAULDING LIONS CLUB

The Paulding Lions Club is hosting its annual "Meet Santa" at the Paulding Eagles on Saturday, December 3, 2011. This holiday event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. Santa will arrive via the Paulding Fire Department Fire Truck at 12:00 noon.

Crafts, activities, and a magician will also be present to entertain the children. The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary will provide a free lunch to the children. There will be a small charge for an adult lunch.

Santa will be present for about one hour during which time the children will have the opportunity to meet him. The parents are welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa. A prize drawing for the children will be held following meeting Santa. All children will receive a sack containing some candy. Arrangements are being made for door prizes for the adults.

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT OAKWOOD FIRE DEPT.

The Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its 1st Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The bazaar will take place at the station on N. Sixth Street. Crafts and vendors on call that day will be Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Celebrating Home, Avon, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Lia Sophia, Mary Kay, Gold Canyon Candles, Premier Designs Jewelry, Scentsy, Homemade Jewelry, embroidery and misc. crafts, hair bows, tutus, accessories, Initial Outfitters – personalized gifts (jewelry, bags, etc.) as well as some hand made items, and Exotic Jerkys.

Taylor Made Photography from Paulding will also be set up to do mini-Christmas photo sessions. A bake sale and raffle drawings will round out this festive shopping day.

ANTWERP EMS MORTGAGE BURNING OPEN HOUSE

The Antwerp EMS will be celebrating on Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at the EMS station on the corner of Cleveland and Daggett Street in Antwerp. The EMS has paid off its mortgage on the building. Come visit and meet the EMTs and drivers, and see the inside of our squads—without having to ride in one! Snacks and refreshments will be available, rounding things up with the burning of the mortgage. This is an exciting time for the EMS and we would like to celebrate it with the community.

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PAULDING MS ANNUAL HOG ROAST



Sunshine-Rae Newsome, Logan Bradford, Cassidy Clemens, Ethan Rhonhouse and Michael Kohart show off their 'fun' skills at the Paulding Middle School Hog Roast. Many other events took place that all the students participated with and had a great time.

On Friday, November 18 the Paulding Middle School 6th graders held the annual Hog Roast. It all started 16 years ago: 6th grade science teacher, Mr. Ted Wunderle, cooked a turkey for his class as a reward for doing so well. This continued until 2000, when he decided to roast a hog for the larger group of 6th grade students that year.

The hog roast has gotten larger each year, adding events along the way. Friday's event actually started Thursday with the hog prep committee and teachers (Mr. Wunderle, Mr. Parrett, and Mr. Leach) preparing the hog for the grill and the ice cream committee mixing up the ice cream, with the help of Bill and Martha Straley (coming through every year with support). The three teachers sat out all night Thursday grilling the hog for students and other attendees. Friday morning teachers, students, and many parent volunteers started coming to the school around 7:30 a.m. At this time tables were set up, baked beans and scalloped potatoes were put in roasters and the apples were pressed for cider. Jack and Marie Moore, Jan Commers, and Greg Reinhart all volunteer their day coming to the school to help out. They help cut the hog and serve food, and have done this for years. Close to 11:00 a.m. some 200 people were served. Students, teachers, donors, and parents alike enjoyed the delicious food.

After lunch, a fire starting competition began. Students started contained fires with materials provided which did NOT include matches, lighters or magnifying glasses. All were successful with

the task. Students then went to different stations to learn various life skills. Brian Schlatter taught how to make cheese, a black smith showed his skill, Gene Scarborough demonstrated his artist talents, and students shucked corn both by hand and crank with Mr. Parrett. There were also game stations with different races and egg tosses.

This year's event consisted of 23 different committees of students, each taking care of a different aspect of the day. Some of those committees include: cider pressing, history, hog prep, grill cleaning, photography, games, homemade ice cream, indoor clean up, outdoor clean up, and decorations, to name a few. The student planning started the first week of school and have worked hard making the event a success.

Of course the day would not have been possible without generous local donors. Baughman Tile, Williamson Insurance Agency, Kathy's Lawn Kare, Shisler Insurance, Grasschoppers Lawn Care, Nicelley Goat Farm, Suds to Shine, Roberts Manufacturing, Chief Supermarket, McDonald's, Danny & Jane McGarvey, Gorrell Brothers and many parents chipped in for the kids.

This is an awesome opportunity for 6th graders to learn how to plan an event, work with groups, and see different processes they normally would not. It was a great day for all who attended. This day was mostly due to Mr. Wunderle, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Parrett who were willing to stay up all night to make this happen, as well as Mrs. Weller for helping with the day.

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Most people don't understand why they have to buy licenses for their dog. It is simple, the license is worn by the dog for identification so that the dog can be returned to its owner as soon as possi-

ble. Another reason is that all money collected from the sale of licenses is put in a separate "dog and kennel" fund to be used only by the County Dog Shelter. This money is used to house, feed, and provide medical care for the sick and injured dogs. It is also used for the purpose of defraying the cost of furnishing all blanks, records, tags, nets, and other equipment, for the purpose of paying the compensation of county dog wardens, deputies, pound keepers, and other employees necessary to carry out and enforce sections 995.01 to 995.261 of the Revised Code.

Licenses go on sale beginning December 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012. Licenses can be purchased at the Paulding County Auditor's Office or online at <http://www.doglicenses.us/OH/Paulding/>. You can also purchase the license by mail. If purchasing by mail the following descriptions need to be provided for each dog; age, sex, spayed/neutered, color, coat length, breed and rabies vaccination number with SASE.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS SEE FIRST ACTION

In an attempt to rank wrestlers without bias, a new computerized ranking system has been developed in Ohio. There are a few enthusiasts that compile rankings as the year goes on based on their specific criteria and then formulate rankings for each of the three divisions in Ohio. Now, a system of ranking wrestlers based upon RPI (rating percentage index) has been developed. It is very comparable to the football computer rankings and ranks a wrestler based upon prior accomplishments and record, strength of opposition faced and wins against opposition, and current record. The first preseason rankings are posted for all wrestlers that wrestled last year at the varsity level.

Wayne Trace Wrestling

has five wrestlers that have cracked the top 25 in the state: Joe Stahl, 23rd at 113lb., Kamaron Clemens, 6th at 138lb., Zach Cotterman, 13th at 145lb., Sawyer Temple 11th at 152lb., and Tyler Arnett, 15th at 160lb. Currently, Wayne Trace Raider Wrestling is ranked 20th overall in D-III. Rankings will be updated as the wrestling season progresses. The Raider wrestling team now has some of the elite and premier wrestlers in the area.

Five weeks ago premier wrestlers from the southwest and extending towards the north in Ohio received their first notice of selection. They were among the very best, hand selected by invitation only, to attend and wrestle in

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OBITUARIES

Roger W. Ruger, 43, of Haviland, left us to join our Heavenly Father and to run, laugh and play with Michelle on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

He was born in Fort Wayne, IN on January 16, 1968 the son of Edwin and Patricia (Spiros) Ruger. On June 30, 2009 he married Vickie Marie Carter, who survives. He was employed by Titan Tire, Bryan, OH as a tire builder and a member of USW Local 890L union. He enjoyed dogs, gardening and snowmobiling. He graduated from Paulding High School where he excelled at wrestling in high school.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Ruger; his parents: Edwin and Patricia Ruger; son, Ryan; a brother Ronald Ruger of Haviland; a brother-in-law, Curt Carter of Lansing, MI; and two nieces: Amanda and Steffany.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Erin Ruger in 1999.

Funeral services were conducted November 22, 2011 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastor Ron Johnson officiated. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Benton Township, Paulding County, Ohio.

Donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House, Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana in memory

of Michelle Erin Ruger. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Teresa Cottrell, 56, of Paulding, died Tuesday, November 22, 2011 while under hospice care in Hot Springs, AR. She was born in Paulding County on May 27, 1955, the daughter of Vern and Violet (Guingrich) Riggenbach.

She was a graduate of Paulding High School and Fort Wayne International Business College. She worked most recently as an accountant at the Area Agency on Aging in Hot Springs, AR. She was an active member of the National Park Church of Christ in Hot Springs. She was a gifted singer, loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her four children: Janel (Todd) Deaver of West Chester, PA, Zachary Cottrell of Alexander, AR, Holly Wilder of Glenwood, AR, and Katie (Larry) Cottrell of Toledo, OH; her mother, Violet Riggenbach of Paulding; two brothers: Jerry Riggenbach and Tom Riggenbach; three sisters: Rita Fahrlander, Shirley Graham and Natalie Garrick and eleven grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father; and a brother, Rex.

She endured a lengthy illness with cancer and the family is indebted to the wonderful Hospice staff of Mercy Hospital in Hot

Springs, AR.

Funeral services were conducted at Paulding Church of Christ on November 28, 2011. Todd Deaver officiated. Burial followed at Live Oak Cemetery in Paulding.

Donations may be made to Breast Cancer Research or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Bill Zartman, 84, of Antwerp passed away Thursday, November 24, 2011 at his daughter's residence in Ottoville.

Justus William Zartman was born in Briceton, OH on May 17, 1927, a son of the late Viola (Matthews) and Harold Zartman.

He served in the U.S. Army as a PFC in WWII and worked at Casad Depot, New Haven, from 1952 to 1992. Bill was a member of Antwerp VFW and American Legion Posts. Bill never knew a stranger and was always willing to share his sense of humor with everyone.

On May 18, 1948 he married Edith Carr, who passed away February 5, 2007.

He will be sadly missed by his children: Cherri (Joe) Clementz of Ottoville, Kathy (Charlie) Amburgy of Middletown, Mark (Lucy) of Bartleso, IL, Terry (Pam), Billy (Becky), Kelly (Danielle) all of Antwerp; siblings: Hilda Lyons, Olive Dinger, Genevieve Hoaglin, Edie Mills and Lennis all of Payne, and Larry (Carol) of Sherwood; 20 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Bill was also preceded in death by his siblings: Katherine Fegley, Denene Yenser, John, Wesley and Harold Zartman.

His funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on November 29, 2011 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding Hospice 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all who sent flowers, cars, and brought food during our bereavement of our wife, mother and grandmother, Pauline Jordan. We would like to thank Meals on Wheels, Rev. Mike Schneider, the ladies from Antwerp UMC, Antwerp EMS, Dr. Gray and Paulding County Hospital.

—Stan Jordan,
Gale Jordan family,
Jessi Getrost family,
Eric W. Jordan

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.”
—Proverbs 29:25

WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

Winning the Battle for a Generation column by: Rick Jones, Executive Director, Defiance Area Youth for Christ

Do you recall when you were young who your childhood heroes were? It may have been a sports icon, a music legend, a family member or some other cultural giant. We live in a world that is desperately looking for heroes; you know, the kind of stuff that sent men to the moon, or caused grown men to cry when they saw a sports legend like Mickey Mantle toughing it out while he was suffering terribly from injury and disease. Regarding the need for heroes, Professor Daniel Taylor writes this:

“Professor Daniel Taylor notes that as a child Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian leader who was executed for resisting the Nazis, was greatly moved by reading a book entitled Heroes of Everyday.

“It was filled with stories of courageous young people who, with selflessness and clear thinking, often saved others’ lives, sometimes at the cost of their own. And, apparently, shortly before his execution, Bonhoeffer was also reading Plutarch’s Lives, a book that explores the courageous character of ancient figures. Based on Bonhoeffer’s example, Taylor asks:

“Can we doubt that Bonhoeffer’s reading shaped his acting, including his decision to risk his life to save others? Ethics are more formed by the stories with which we surround ourselves, than [just] by the rules that are drilled into us.”

The Bible also speaks of heroes in what we’ve come to call “The Hall of Faith.” For example, we read in Hebrews 11:32-34,38, (KJV) “³²And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephtha; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: ³³Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁸(Of whom the world was not worthy).

Tell us what stories you value, who your heroes are and we’ll have a good start on knowing who you are and how you will act in the world. For more information

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

Daniel Taylor, “Story-Shaped Ethics,” Daniel Taylor Blog (8-8-11); source: Eric Metaxas, Bonhoeffer (Thomas Nelson, 2010), pp. 18-19.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Acts 20:13 – Who went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos? NKJV

2. Acts 20:14 – Who was taken on board at Assos? NKJV

3. Acts 20:16 – Why was Paul hurrying to get to Jerusalem? NKJV

4. Acts 20:20 – How did Paul teach the Ephesians? NKJV

5. Acts 20:21 – Who did Paul testify to? NKJV

6. Acts 20:23 – What was the Holy Spirit testifying to Paul in every city, that would happen? NKJV

7. Acts 20:24 – How did Paul want to finish his race? NKJV

8. Acts 20:25 – What did Paul tell the Ephesians elders? NKJV

9. Acts 20:26 – In this verse, Paul said he was innocent of what? NKJV

10. Acts 20:27 – Paul had not shunned to declare what to the Ephesians elders? NKJV

Comments, good or bad, and questions you might have, call James Potter 419-393-4775 or 419-300-5022 for Lonnie Lambert. Loved ones please continue to pray and study the Bible and God will truly bless you.

Next is Bible answers:

1. 3 months
2. Return through Macedonia
3. Sopater
4. Troas
5. Philippi
6. 5 days
7. To break bread
8. Please read 1 Corinthians chapter 11

9. Until midnight
10. Eutyclus

THANK YOU

Paul and I wish to thank everyone who participated in the card shower and expressed good wishes for our Golden Anniversary. All the kindnesses shown made our special occasion an event to cherish. Especially thank you to our family for everything they did to make it so memorable.

Also, at this time I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, food, gifts and visits and the many thoughtful kindnesses shown during the past few weeks while I was recovering from heart surgery. A special thank you to Father Fillman and my family for all you did to help me during this stressful time. Living in this community is the best place on earth to be. May God Bless Each One of You!

—Jean & Paul Reinhart

CMH AUXILIARY’S HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA CHRISTMAS WALK

Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a Holiday Extravaganza Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th. Saturday’s hours will be 1:00–6:00 p.m. and Sunday’s will be 2:00–5:00 p.m. The walk will span several participating houses on High Street, plus several around the town on SR 49N, Bryan Street, Buckskin Rd, Casebeer-Miller Rd., and Cicero Rd. At the Hospital the cookie walk and bake sale will be showcased from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 Noon both days, and the book fair will be open 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd, and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 on the 3rd. JoAnne and Paul Yoder, Five Star Dance Studio, and Creative Images Salon will only be open on the 2nd.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at the Sunshine Gift Shoppe and the Bargain Box in Hicksville.

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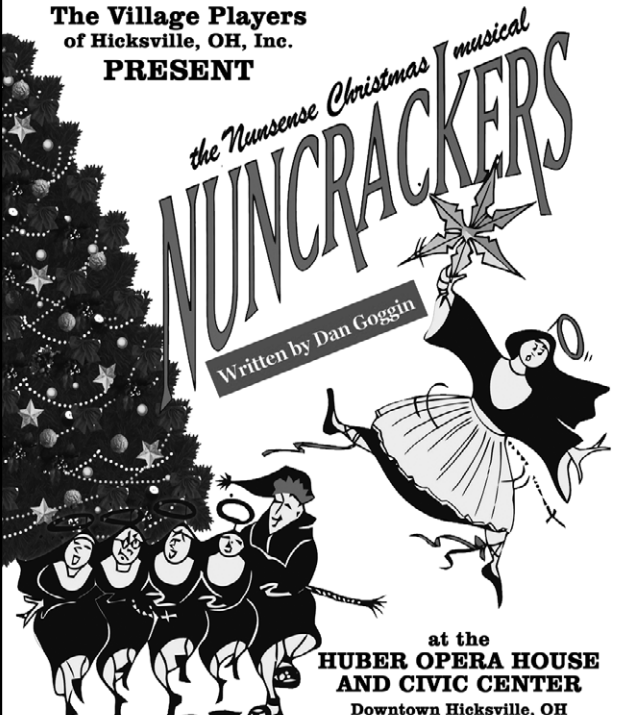
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GRANDPARENTS VISIT DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Divine Mercy Catholic School students celebrated their grandparents and special grown-ups in their lives. The students and their special guests enjoyed lunch together. Drew Forrer, Kyle Forrer, Tyler Davis and their

grandma, Ann Olwin, take a break from lunch to smile for a picture. Students and their special guests also shopped at the Scholastic Book Fair. The money raised was used to buy new books for the classrooms and library.

AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL CONSERVATIVE RATINGS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The American Conservative Union (ACU) today announced its inaugural ACU Ratings of the Ohio General Assembly during an event in Columbus, Ohio, honoring the Buckeye State's true conservatives. The nation's oldest and largest grassroots conservative organization recently announced a new initiative to expand the highly touted ACU Congressional Ratings program to state legislatures for the first time ever, grading members on their votes on key conservative issues. The 2011 Ohio Legislative Ratings Guide is now available online at www.conservative.org.

"On behalf of the American Conservative Union, I am pleased to present our 2011 State Legislative Ratings for members of the Ohio General Assembly," said

Chairman Cardenas. "Just as we hold every member of Congress accountable for his or her voting record on the most important issues facing our nation, the ACU will ensure voters in Ohio have access to the latest information on their state representatives' conservative credentials."

The ACU tracks a wide range of issues before state legislatures to determine which issues and votes serve as a clear litmus test separating those representatives who defend liberty and liberal members who have turned their backs on our founding principles - constitutionally limited government, individual liberty, free markets, a strong national defense and traditional values. The votes selected for our inaugural State Legislative Ratings were chosen to create a clear ideological distinction among those casting them.

The 2011 Ohio Legislative Ratings Guide includes scores for each individual member in both the State Senate and

the House of Representatives, a description of the votes scored in each Chamber and lists of members receiving special recognition as "Defenders of Liberty," "ACU Conservatives," or "True Liberals of the Buckeye State." The full guide can be accessed and downloaded now at www.conservative.org.

"We are proud to honor so many true patriots of the Ohio General Assembly for adhering to conservative principles, and especially want to applaud them for their leadership in repealing the Ohio Death Tax," said Chairman Cardenas. "We also applaud Governor John Kasich for his courageous support of government reform and for signing a state balanced budget that does not raise taxes."

Chairman Al Cardenas today recognized the winners of the "Defender of Liberty" award, given to those members of the Ohio General Assembly who scored 100 percent. In the State Senate, these members included:

Kevin Bacon, Troy Balderston, Bill Beagle, David Burke, Bill Coley, David Daniels, Keith Faber, Cliff Hite, Shannon Jones, Kris Jordan, Frank LaRose, Peggy Lehner, Thomas Niehaus, Larry Obhof, Tim Schaffer, Mark Wagoner and Chris Widener. "Defenders of Liberty" in the Ohio House of Representatives include: John Adams, Richard N. Adams, Ron Amstutz, William G. Batchelder, Peter Beck, Terry Blair, Louis W. Blessing, Jr., Terry Boose, Andrew Brenner, Danny R. Bulp, Jim Buchy, Jim Butler, Courtney Combs, Margaret Conditt, Rex Damschroder, Timothy Derickson, Mike Dovilla, Anne Gonzales, Bruce W. Goodwin, Cheryl L. Grossman, Bob D. Hackett, Christina Hagan, David Hall, Bill Hayes, Michael Henne, Jay Hottinger, Matt Huffman, Al Landis, Ron Maag, Jarrod B. Martin, Jeffrey A. McClain, Todd McKenney, Craig Newbold, Bob Peterson, Kristina Roegner, Cliff Rosenberger, Margaret Ann Ruhl, Barbara R. Sears, Lynn Slaby, Robert Sprague, Peter Stautberg, Andy Thompson, Joseph W. Uecker, Lynn R. Wachtmann and Ron Young.

The winners of the "ACU Conservative" award - given to those members who scored 80 percent or higher - in the State Senate are Jim Hughes, Gayle Manning, Tom Patton and Bill Seitz. In the House, winners include Marlene Anielski, Nan A. Baker, John Carey, Randy Gardner, Terry Johnson, Casey Kozlowski, Ross W. McGregor and Kirk Schuring.

In the Senate, the members who scored an atrocious "zero" on the ratings earned "True Liberal of the Buckeye State" awards, including: Michael Skindell and Charleta Tavares. "True Liberals" in the House included: Nickie J. Antonio, Mike Ashford, Barbara Boyd, John Patrick Carney, Kathleen Clyde, Teresa Fedor, Mike Foley, Nancy J. Garland, Ronald V. Gerberry, Jay P. Goyal, Robert F. Hagan, Tracy Maxwell Heard, Tom Letson, Dale Mallory, Zack Milkovich, Mark D. Okey, Dan Ramos, Alicia Reece, Stephen Slesnick, Michael Stinziano, W. Carlton Weddington, Sandra Williams, Roland Winburn and Kenny Yuko.

Coming on the heels of

ACU's first regional Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Florida, this program expansion is the first wave of a massive state-level education campaign on conservative issues, policies and candidates. In coming years, the ACU will increase the number of State Legislatures graded, adding to these initial five targets - Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio and the Commonwealth of Virginia - and further growing this successful initiative.

Founded in 1964, the ACU represents the views of Americans who are concerned with economic growth through lower taxes and reduced government spending and the issues of liberty, personal responsibility, traditional values and national security. ACU first began rating members of Congress on key conservative voting issues in 1971, and since then their ratings system has become the most important conservative measuring stick in American politics.

For more information on the American Conservative Union or to download the full 2011 Ohio Legislative Ratings Guide, please visit our website at www.conservative.org.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the following for their care and support during and after Penny Hertel's long illness: Pastor Robert and Ruth Becker, the ladies of Mt. Calvary Church, Dr. James Gray, Tom Hunter and their staff, the caregivers at the Gardens of Paulding, the staff of the Paulding County Hospital, Shawn and Michelle Dooley, and all those who visited, sent cards, prayed, and expressed their love and sympathy for such a wonderful woman, wife and mother.

—Mike Hertel,
Jim Hertel,
Ann & Ray Steup,
Micki & Doug Dunakin
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DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS



Father Fillman has been instructing the children of Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne every Friday about the Sacraments of the Church. He began the year telling the children of grades kindergarten through sixth about Baptism. It has been very interesting and informative. Father Fillman then organized a pretend baptism with the

whole school. Parents, Emily Dyson and Jacob Kuhn, were chosen along with the godparents Molli Shepherd and Drew Forrer. A small doll baby, named Bella Ann by the kindergarten class, was chosen as the "baptismal child." Cupcakes and punch were enjoyed by all following the "baptism."

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Randi Guilford, an RN at Community Memorial Hospital, has successfully passed her board exam administered by the International Board of Lactation Consultants. She is now a Certified Lactation Consultant and is available for consultation and education for nursing mothers. Contact the OB Department at Community Memorial Hospital 419-542-6692 for more information.

About Community Memorial Hospital:

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 25-bed

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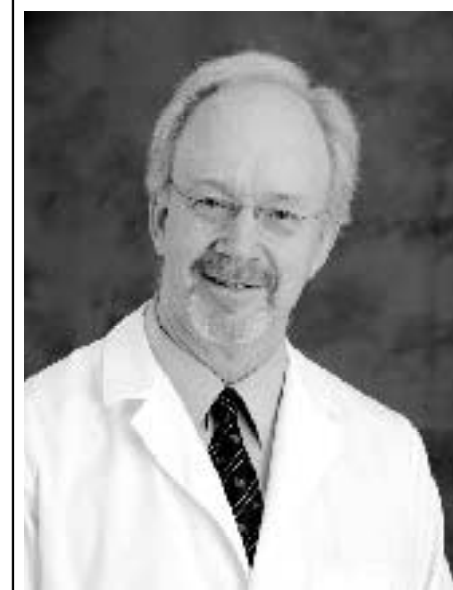
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ROSES NEED WINTER PROTECTION

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

In our area, roses such as the hybrid teas, floribundas, and grandifloras need some kind of protection to survive winter's cold winds and wild temperature swings. Exposure to low temperatures and rapid temperature changes can severely injure and often kill unprotected roses.

Most gardeners don't think about burying their roses, but that's essentially what they should do to protect them from winter's extremes. Similar to hibernation in animals, roses and other woody plants go through a dormant (rest) period in the winter.

The first step to winterizing roses is to keep them healthy through the growing season. Gardeners should protect roses from insect and disease damage and maintain adequate fertility and moisture. If the soil is dry, give the soil a thorough soaking. Plants underneath overhangs of buildings often are very dry, even during wet seasons.

After several killing freezes in late fall, plants become dormant; this is the time to protect roses from winter's extremes. Pick up and remove debris, such as leaves and dead stems on and around the plants to prevent diseases from overwintering.

The most foolproof method of protection is to mound soil around the plant to protect the graft union. A 12-inch high mound—approximately 5 gallons—of soil provides excellent protection. A soil mound will also prevent rabbits from feeding on the stems. Dig the soil for the mound from an area away from the roses, so as not to damage their roots.

Some gardeners prefer to prepare the rose plant by tying the canes up with twine, not only to prevent excessive wind whipping but also to make mounding easier as well. Other gardeners, like me, prefer to prune the roses to a height of about 15 inches and then cover them with soil, compost or mulch. Branches cut in fall tend to die back few inches from the cut through winter weather so plan to prune off a couple of more inches of the canes

in the spring.

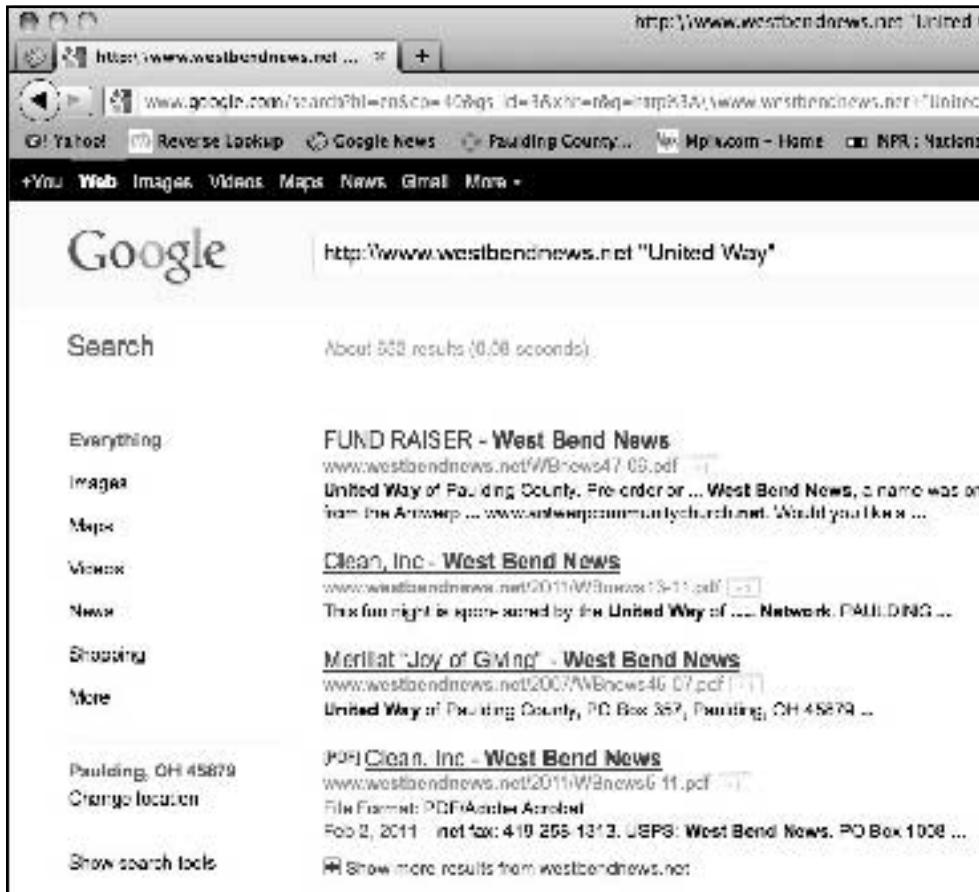
Commercially available rose cones have been used with varying success. Some soil mounding is still advisable—about 6-8 inches to protect the graft union and to anchor the cone. Plants must be pruned to fit under the cone which can require a lot of work. And it's important to provide holes or slits in the top of the cones to provide air ventilation, because excessive moisture buildup encourages fungus growth. A heavy rock or brick placed on top of the cone will help secure it in place.

In early spring, both soil mounds and cones must be removed in March as soon as plants begin new growth.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Trent and Audrey Henning lovingly and proudly welcomed their son, Bradyn Wesley Henning, on November 18, 2011, at 10:04 p.m. in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne. Bradyn weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 inches. Proud grandparents are Damien and Kym Henning of New Haven, IN; Bryan Winhover of Antwerp, and Lori Winhover of Auburn, IN. Great-grandparents are Susan Nichols and Chuck Vanderwell of Adrian, MI; Earl (Sr) and Agatha Coleman, of Antwerp; the late Bill and Patsy Winhover of Antwerp; the late Robert Wisniewski, Jr, of LaOtto, IN; and Marceille Hummel, of Bryan, OH. Bradyn also has a proud uncle, Seth Puckett, who resides in Arlington, VA.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/2/11

This 2nd day of November, 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 182809 through 182853 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00007/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Medicare

TO: 001-001-00011/General Fund/Commissioners/Medicare

AMOUNT: \$365.24

Commissioner Pieper left the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A LINE ITEMS AND AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE SVAA FUND (FUND 177):

The SVAA Victims' Assistance program, Fund 177, is on a fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012; and appropriations are made based on a calendar year; and it is necessary to track expenses for Fund 177 auditing purposes for fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line items in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 177, for the period October 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011:

- 177-001-20121, FY12 Salaries, \$833.33
- 177-001-20122, FY12 Rent, \$600.00
- 177-001-20123, FY12 Telephone, \$195.00
- 177-001-20124, FY12 Supplies, \$375.00
- 177-001-20125, FY12 Travel/Training, \$250.00
- 177-001-20126, FY12 PERS, \$116.67
- 177-001-20127, FY12 Medicare, \$12.08
- 177-001-20128, FY12 Workman's Compensation, \$15.17

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):
The Board of County Commis-

sioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-013-00008/General Fund/Coroner/Workers' Comp
TO: 001-013-00002/General Fund/Coroner/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$9.52
IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-013):
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-013-00008/General Fund/Coroner/Workers' Comp
TO: 001-013-000052/General Fund/Coroner/Travel
AMOUNT: \$190.00
Commissioner Pieper rejoined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:09 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

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

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and

Grounds/Supplies
TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$9,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Supplies

TO: 001-016-00016/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/AEP Balance New Jail

AMOUNT: \$1,795.92

Meeting Notes of Appointments: Claudia Fickel, County Auditor -

Ms. Fickel met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss audit costs.

Defiance County Commissioners - telephone conference - Discussed generators for the Auglaize River Sewer system. Ken Maag of Poggemeyer Design Group suggested purchasing generators if there is grant funding left once the project is completed.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her investment report and delinquency report.

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey requested permission to sell a dump truck.

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

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DON'T READ THIS!

By: Stan Jordan

Friends and readers, I am very upset so let's get right down to the nitty gritty!

Some of our glorious leaders in Washington are going to do away with the greenback one dollar bill! That's right, they are going to take the greenback dollar right out of existence. They are going to replace it with a metal dollar like they have twice before and it didn't work then either. Those meatheads mean business because they have already minted 200 million of the little round rascals.

Yes, they have issued metal one dollar coins before. One was to honor the Indian lady Sacajawea, that led Lewis and Clark on their mission through the Great Northwest back in 1801. They minted another one to honor Susan B. Anthony, the Women's Right Activist, and that fizzled out also.

That size dollar won't work because there is no compartment in the common cash register for another coin size. The coins were nicknamed by some store owners as the P.I.A. Dollar—that means a pain in the abdomen!

Now let's get down to brass tacks on this idea. That committee in Washington who fostered this plan is all about saving money. Well, they said that a paper dollar bill will be worn out in 30 months, that they would save 5 billion

dollars over a 30 year period with these coins. Well, they are probably right, but think of the inconvenience that that type of dollar will cause. Ladies will not be able to carry a clutch purse type for their 'ones' anymore.

You are behind me in the check out line at the market and I am behind a lady who wants to pay her bill with the metal one dollar bills because they are making her purse too heavy. She dumps her shoulder bag on the counter and starts wading through the contents sorting out the one dollar coins.

I do have an appointment with a client in about ½ hour. I hope she is done by then.

She has in her purse a package of kleenex, a pair of gloves, a cellphone, camera, numerous pens and pencils, a handful of letters, church bulletins, some old tickets from a 50/50 drawing, a half eaten Hershey bar, a group of keys that weigh a half a pound plus her car keys, and she found some more metal dollar pieces, several lipsticks and numerous cosmetics besides some girl-type articles, her glasses case, a number of credit cards, a photo album of her grand-children's pictures. Oh, No! Now, she is going to show the check out clerk her grand children's pictures.

Then the clerk has to inspect each coin singly to see that it is a dollar and not a quarter. My feet and legs hurt from standing and by now there is sizable line behind us at check out number 7.

But that lady is not to blame! The customer wants to lessen the weight of the purse. The clerk must be careful and be sure of the coin size, this is all caused by the use of metal coins as opposed to that lady pulling out her wallet and putting a few dollar bills on the counter. Gee!

Or look at this scenario: you are in a fancy restaurant and in comes two well-

dressed and sharp looking ladies. They are not carrying a clutch purse but have a binder twine around their waist with a farmer's type sock with a red toe and a red ring around the top. This is to carry their money for their meal and drink because we don't use the famous old greenback dollar.

We are all going back to the biblical days when the tax collectors and the money changers waited around the synagogue and temple and they wore a little leather pouch to put in the shekels and 30 pieces of silver.

Here we are, the strongest nation in the world, as well as one of the best in electronics and geometrics and we are going back to Jesus' time in some of our financial areas.

There are times in your life when you have to spend money and get nothing tangible for it, such as gasoline for your car. You must buy it so you can get to work and earn your daily living. You have nothing in your hand to show for your cash, but it is a necessity so you can pay your bills and daily expenses.

What I mean is the narrow-minded committee in Washington must realize that the ease and handiness of the paper one dollar bill far exceeds the cost of the service. Please give the common American taxpayer something for his tax money.

We are being horns-waggled! There I've said it, and I'm glad!

See ya!

long enough to get all our business done and all the maintenance done on the wagons and animals. Again we didn't dip down to the south to see Jim Bridger.

We had to take a ferry over the Greene River and after we came to the Pacific Creek we followed it all the way to South Pass. I'm telling you there is nothing here, all rocks and mountains.

After we leave South Pass we run along the Sweetwater River until we get to Sweetwater Junction and still going east on the Oregon Trail.

We head east to a place called Alcova, but we passed a place called Split Rock, another place called Marlin's Cave and another stone outcropping called Devil's Gate.

We turned to follow Fish Creek all the way up the Immigrant Pass and the Mill Creek and finally into Casper.

That is where we pick up the North Platte River. We travel on the north side of it for hundreds of miles. This is the well traveled part of the Oregon Trail. It is December 5th and we have move right along.

We stayed two nights and one day in Casper. I tended to the animals and Slim and Sam tended to all the wagons and wheels. We pull along pretty fast going east out of Casper right past Glen Rock and Douglas and Hartville and Sunrise.

We haven't had any trouble, thank goodness. We have snow on the ground but not too much. It is also cold but we push right along.

We stop at the Pony Express and Wells Fargo stage stops. They usually have buildings for the animals and we usually eat with them and get all the news and rumors about the Indians.

We pull into Fort Laramie on December 15, 1850. The people there remember us as the 3M Wagon Train. The livery stable man took care of the animals and we parked under his overhang and we did all the maintenance on the wagons.

We rested and ate at Mom's Place and slept on the floor of the hotel in front of the fireplace as the hotel was full.

We had Mom bake us a good supply of cookies and biscuits—yes, we pay her well. We gave her a new pin watch that Sam and I bought in Columa, CA way last August. It is the type that hangs up side down on her blouse and when she turns it up it is just right for her to see the time. She was very appreciative of this gift and thanked us a number of times for remembering her.

We only stopped a couple days in Ft. Laramie, there is a little snow and it is plenty cold. It is about 30 miles over to Nebraska Territory and then a couple of miles to Scott's Bluff. There is nothing there but another stage stop. They are very handy for us as there are only four of us and we sleep on the floor with our bed rolls and buffalo robes. Oh, yes, and we bring our oil stove and coffee pot.

We want to be in Fort Kearney by January 5th and that means we must average twenty miles per day. We can do that if the weather cooperates.

We plan on hitting the stage stops and that will give us a good average of twenty miles per day. We are getting soft with all the sleeping inside.

Traveling along the Platte River is more colorful and interesting than in the mountains, but then that was pretty also.

We have gone through Bridgeport and Broadwater. About all that means is the Wells Fargo and the Pony Express people have went through, but the stages usually make the first trails, we appreciate that.

We left Osh Kosh and headed for Lewellen, that is a junction for a trail that leads off to Oglala and I guess that is one tough town.

We ran into a blizzard about half way to Lewellen. It blew and snowed and drifted and soon the stage coach tracks were filled in and we had to break our own trail.

It wasn't a complete white out, but the driving snow made it uncomfortable in every sense of the word.

We walked and led the team, the mules and wagon first. It helped to make the tracks through the drifts.

We plodded on for miles because we knew that at Lewellen is a complete stage stop with shelter for the animals and for us also.

Next Week: More of this Blizzard

See ya!

notch player in every category: hitting, fielding, bunting, running and all around athlete.

We had a fast runner, 'Legs' Lamont, who could steal second on any catcher. He was plenty fast alright but I told the catching coach that I could throw him out at second if I was given a chance. So the situation came up with 'Legs' on first and I saw the first base coach nod to 'Legs'. Well, when the pitched ball came to the plate, I was ready and leaped up and fired it to second and the second baseman caught it right down on the bag and 'Legs' slid into the ball and was out. Well, I got to catch more after that and sometimes for the Dean boys. I tell you, my left hand would burn for hours after nine innings of catching the Dean brothers.

To say Dizzy Dean was a card was putting it mildly. He was always telling a good story—some true, some not—and his southern humor and delivery made you laugh nearly all the time. He was never serious, even when he should be, here is a case in point. In the final game of the 1934 World Series with the Detroit Tigers, it is the last of the ninth inning and the Cardinals led the Tigers 4-3 with two out in the last of the ninth, the Tigers have the bases loaded and a 3-2 pitch on Muscles McGoo, the Tigers best hitter.

Dizzy walked off the mound toward me and I knew he was very serious about this last pitch to McGoo, the winning of the game and seven all went to this next pitch.

Would he discuss throwing, slider, or a fast ball, or his blue darter, or his fade away pitch or try to get him to bite on a change up?

Dizzy leaned over and asked me, "What is the daily bag limit here on possum?"

See ya!

BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 33: PART OF MOM'S LETTER

By: Stan Jordan

Mom said they traveled for many weeks and miles on the Oregon Trail:

"We live in the north part of the Oregon Territory, almost into Washington. Our mailing address is Hood River, Oregon. This is in the apple-growing country and Dad gets a lot of advice on the subject of apple growing.

"Our town has a post office, a couple livery stables, a Pony Express stop, a Wells Fargo stop, and a hardware and lumber yard together, a general store, a hotel and saloon combined including a barber shop. We also have a Marshall, this is the police force. We also have a grade school, a one roomer from the first to the eighth grade. We have a high school, not many students, that also doubles as a Community College, but it is a degree college. We have a small church building, but a lot of people attend. We have a fine young minister. We have a piano at the church that rode all the way from Independence, Missouri in a covered wagon. It belonged to a tavern called Dry Bones, over in the next town called Hard Times, that went out of business.

"The son of the proprietor quit the saloon and he acquired a seminary degree and is our fine pastor. The piano formerly was a player piano, but one of the parishioners changed it over and it does the job for us."

Mom sometimes gives lessons on the piano, I guess the Metzger family fits in pretty good in the community.

I went over to the post office and got a money order of almost all that I had. I know the folks can use it and I don't need it right now.

We stayed in Sublette just

HI-CALIBRE: THE YEAR I CAUGHT FOR DIZZY DEAN

By: Stan Jordan

I was born in Mule Shoe, Wyoming in 1900. Dad had a small spread but it was a good one. We raised good cattle and good crops to feed them.

We three boys all hunted and fished a lot when we could get permission from Dad. We had all kinds of rifles and weapons for little and big game. We three were all handy with guns but Dad always pushed safety first. No horse play with firearms.

When I served in the Army in the First World War, I qualified as an expert with the Springfield Rifle.

I played sand lot baseball around those towns in Wyoming and did a good job at being the catcher. I usually batted around .285 or .290 which isn't too good, but not too bad either.

I caught a ride down south to the St. Louis Cardinals spring training camp. Like everyone else, I was a walk on and we had a lot of hopefuls. We practiced a lot and played scrub ball in the afternoon. I was one of the catchers, but I didn't get to catch the Dean boys.

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 the 6th annual The Best of the Southwest All Star Wrestling Preview hosted by perennial wrestling power house St. Paris Graham. To be selected, you typically had to be a district qualifier or junior high state qualifier. This preview had 12 Junior High state qualifiers, seven JH state placers, 59 high school district qualifiers, seven HS state qualifiers, eight HS state placers, and six state champions all under one roof for one night of spectacular wrestling action!

Wayne Trace coach, George Clemens stated, "This is exciting for our wrestlers to be hand selected to go to St. Paris Graham and wrestle against some of the best wrestlers Ohio has to offer. The competition and intensity down here is unbelievable." The preview is a true test to see how each wrestler stacks up against very stout competition and gives both coach and wrestler an idea on what needs to be improved upon over the next couple of weeks before their first tournament. In all, eight Raiders were invited: three freshmen, a sophomore, junior, and three seniors.

Aaron Miller was first up for the Raiders wrestling 120lb. and drawing a district qualifier from Graham. The match was close and hard fought with Miller taking a loss, 2-0. Tyler Showalter followed at 126lb. with win, 11-7, against a junior high state qualifier from Northwestern. Next at 132lb., Jacob Dingsu drew a Graham district qualifier and projected state placer. He lost the match 15-5. Cameron Clemens was up next at 138lb. and drew the current

Graham state runner up and projected runner up for this year. Clemens lost the match 14-5. Zach Cotterman then righted the Raider ship with a win, 5-1, against a district qualifier from Goshen. Following suit, Sawyer Temple notched a shutout victory over a Valley View wrestler 7-0 at 152lb. Tyler Arnett received an invitation to wrestle and would have at 160lb., but is still recovering from a broken leg. The last Raider of the night at 182lb. was Justin Pierce, and he dropped his match to a tough opponent from Colerain.

After the preview, Coach Clemens was quick to point out the Raider wrestlers "wrestled well for the most part. Down here any mistake you make is only magnified due to the level of competition. We were wrestling some of the best division II had to offer and were in most matches until the end." The wrestling season has not officially begun, but these select wrestlers had a taste of big match, hardnosed, intense wrestling competition to prepare them for their first official action. "We now know where we are and what we need to improve on... it is back to work on Monday," noted Coach Clemens.

WOODLAN GIRLS TIP OFF SEASON WITH BB WIN

By: Jeff Abbott

It was a day later than scheduled, but Woodlan tipped off their 2011-2012 girls' basketball schedule at home against Belmont and came away with a 46-40 win over the Squaws. The game was moved back a day, from

Friday to Saturday, due to the Belmont football team playing a regional game on Friday evening. Woodlan held the lead throughout the first half of the game and headed to the locker room with a 22-17 advantage. Belmont came out in the third period to outscore the Warriors 17-10 to take a 34-32 lead heading into the final 8 minutes. Woodlan responded with a solid defensive effort, holding the Squaws to just 6 points in the final stanza and put in 14 points on offense to reclaim the lead and get the season opening win. Lauren Ehle led the Warriors with 13 points in the game.

Score by the quarter:
 Belmont - 5 12 17 6=40
 Woodlan - 8 14 10 14=46

Player points:
 Belmont - Gutierrez 19, Quinn 7, Piper 5, Kuhnle 5, Zimmerman 2, Bowman 2
 Woodlan - Ehle 13, Price 10, Knoblauch 10, Malfait 6, Gerbers 5, Hostetler 2

WOODLAN PICK UP SECOND WIN OF SEASON

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan picked up their second win of the young season, getting a 75-61 victory over Lakewood Park at the Warriors' gym. Woodlan led the whole game over the Panthers with Lauren Ehle putting in 26 points and Burgundy Price adding 19 points in the win.

Score by the quarter:
 Lakewood Park - 12 12 8 29=61
 Woodlan - 20 19 13 23=75

Player points:
 Lakewood Park - Grimm

24, Kruse 10, N Faur 8, J Mafera 8, R Faur 6, Taulbee 3, N Mafera 2

Woodlan - Ehle 26, Price 19, Malfait 11, Gerbers 9, Hostetler 6, Knoblauch 4

LADY WARRIORS POST WIN OVER EAGLES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan pulled away from Churubusco in the second quarter, outscoring the Eagles 20-8, and the Warriors posted a 73-41 win in girls' basketball. Lauren Ehle scored 11 of her game high 25 points in the period to help the home team get the win. Burgundy Price added 13 points while Haley Hostetler put in 11. The reserve team dropped their game to the Eagles 22-14 with Sarah Voors getting 5 points for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:
 Churubusco - 8 8 10 15=41

Woodlan - 11 20 16 26=73
 Player points:
 Churubusco - Blake 11, Gross 8, Wakeman 8, H. Monk 8, Bechtold 4, Labenz 2
 Woodlan - Ehle 25, Price 13, Hostetler 11, Gerbers 9, Knoblauch 9, Malfait 4, Voors 2

LADY WARRIORS FALL TO CAVALIERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Perennially state-ranked 1A Canterbury flexed their muscle against Woodlan in girls' basketball and stormed to a 92-50 win over the Warriors. The Cavaliers led 42-30 by halftime and then proceeded to outscore Woodlan 26-6 in the third period to stretch the lead further and coast to the win in the fourth quarter. Burgundy Price had high point honors for the Warriors, getting 16 points.

Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 13 17 6 14=50
 Canterbury - 23 19 26 24=92

Player points:
 Woodlan - Price 16, Ehle 13, Malfait 11, Gerbers 8, Hostetler 2
 Canterbury - Maggard 25, Fincher 25, Gaines 18, Farley 15, Johnson 4, Hyndman 3, Troxel 2

ALLEN COUNTY VOICE.COM TO BROADCAST WOODLAN BASKETBALL GAMES

AllenCountyVoice.com will be on the air, broadcasting Woodlan boys' and girls' basketball games this season. The games are available to anyone with an Internet connection and are streamed online. Longtime Woodlan PA announcer Jeff Abbott will handle the play-by-play duties on the games. Go to www.allencountyvoice.com and click on the Woodlan basketball link to connect to the Warriors broadcast throughout the season. All games are archived and can be listened to at any time.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/7 THROUGH 12/13

Breakfast:
 12/7 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 12/8 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
 12/9 - Turnover, juice, milk
 12/12 - Pizza, juice, milk
 12/13 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

WOODLAN BOYS FALL TO NH



Woodlan boys started their game against New Haven a little weak but narrowed the game at half-time down to 5 points. The Bulldogs came on strong in the 2nd half and crushed the Warriors 80-42 final score. Shown above is Woodlan sophomore Kadin Gerig scoring for the home team. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Lunch:
 12/7 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hashbrowns, 100% juice, milk
 12/8 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, apple, milk
 12/9 - Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk
 12/12 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, pineapple, milk; WTHS: Bacon cheeseburger
 12/13 - Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter sandwich, carrot stix, sherbet, milk
 Menus are subject to change.

STEER TAGGING & WEIGH-IN FOR 2012 PAULDING COUNTY JR. FAIR

The Paulding County Jr. Fair will be holding its annual steer tagging and weigh-in on Saturday December 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. All members planning to exhibit at the 2012 Paulding County Fair must have their steer/stears tagged on this date. Livestock trailers should enter through the west gate and weigh-in will take place at the scales in the east end of the hog barn. Members please note that The Ohio State Fair is going back to the nose print policy only for the 2012 entry. Nose print cards are due to the Paulding County Extension Office by Wednesday December 14th as they must be postmarked to the Ohio State Fair by December 15th. In the event of bad weather the snow date for tagging will be Saturday December 10th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions about steer tagging and weigh-in please contact the Extension Office at 419-399-8225 or email Staci Hiler, 4-H Program Assistant at hiler.23@osu.edu

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(ORC 955.21) All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. No dog shall be harbored, kept, or owned without displaying a valid registration tag. (The law applies regardless of whether the dog is kept inside or out.)

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 Register your dog on-line at www.pauldingcountyauditor.com. Credit card payments only; \$2.00 per dog processing fee applies plus \$.50 postage.

- IN PERSON OR BY MAIL**
1. Complete this form. Be sure the correct owner, street address, and pet description(s) appear on all applications.
 2. Use this form to register 1 to 5 dogs. If you have more than 5 dogs, please list them on a separate sheet of paper and return it with this form. Ohio law requires a license for every dog more than 3 months old.
 3. If you no longer own the dog(s) please contact our office or mark through the appropriate line below and return the form so we can update our records.
 4. Enclose a check or money order for the correct fees payable to: **Paulding County Auditor**. Please do not send cash. **Before January 31**, licensing rate is **\$15.00 per dog**. **After January 31**, statutory late penalty increases the licensing rate to **\$30.00 per dog**. Your application cannot be processed without the correct fees.
 5. Please return the application, check or money order, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** in the enclosed return envelope. A receipt will be returned to you with your 2012 license tag(s).

You may purchase the tag(s) in person at the Paulding County Auditor's Office, 115 North Williams Street, Paulding or at the Dog Shelter, 13387 US 127, Paulding. Please bring the attached form when purchasing tags.

Certificate of registration and registration tags shall be valid only during the CALENDAR year in which they are issued, AND DURING THE FIRST THIRTY-ONE DAYS OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR. ORC Sec 955.09.

Color Codes: BL=Black; WEI=White; GR=Gray; BD=Brindle; TA=Tan; BR=Brown; YE=Yellow; RE=Red

APPLICATION for the registration of dog(s) For the year 2012

Age		Sex	Spayed /		Color								Hair	Breed	Rabies #	Fee Paid
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PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/7 THROUGH 12/13

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/7 - Egg, ham & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 12/8 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
 12/9 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 12/12 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 12/13 - Cheese sauce w/tator tots, sausage, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/7 - Macaroni & cheese, chicken tenders, caesar salad or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 12/8 - Potato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk
 12/9 - Oven potatoes, cheeseburger w/bun or Max-sticks w/pizzasauce, assorted fruit, milk
 12/12 - Pizza sticks, green beans or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit & milk
 12/13 - Salad (grilled chicken), herb butter breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/7 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 12/8 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 12/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 12/12 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 12/13 - Muffin, string cheese, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/7 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
 12/8 - Pizza, salad, fruit cup, milk
 12/9 - Cheese breadstick

w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit cup, milk
 12/12 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit cup, milk
 12/13 - Sloppy joe scoops, green beans, fruit cup, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Breakfast:
 12/7 - Breakfast egg, bacon & cheese pizza, fruit, milk
 12/8 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 12/9 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
 12/12 - Mini pancakes, juice, milk
 12/13 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish crackers, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 12/7 - Pepperoni breadstick w/cheese sauce, toss salad, fruit, milk
 12/8 - Chicken fajitas, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 12/9 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk
 12/12 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 12/13 - Breaded chicken w/bun, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, fruit, milk
Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR 12/7 THROUGH 12/13

12/7 - Chicken nuggets or Pizzaburger on bun, applesauce, corn, milk; PLUS: Hot dog bar
 12/8 - Tex-mex chili or Corndog, pears, peas, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cottage cheese
 12/9 - Pepperoni pizza or Chicken salad sandwich, salad, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cooks' choice
 12/12 - Chicken fajita or Mac & cheese, green beans,

mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Chicken salad
 12/13 - Sloppy joe or Meatball sub on bun, potato wedges, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cheesy breadsticks
Menus are subject to change.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/7/11

This 7th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
 Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 182854 through 182937 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 November 3, 2011, Warrant numbers 182812 through 182853 in the amount of \$13,216.89; 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 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 November 1, 2011, Warrant numbers 182729

through 182764 in the amount of \$30,376.36; 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 210):
 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 210 - Public Safety Tower - 210-001-00002/Utility Expenses, \$200.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 210):
 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 210 - Public Safety Tower - 210-001-00003/Other Expenses, \$800.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Supplies
 TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Contract Services
 AMOUNT: \$9,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Supplies
 TO: 001-016-00016/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/AEP Balance New Jail
 AMOUNT: \$1,795.92

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 001-017-00003/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries, Employees-Jail
 TO: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries, Employees-Sheriff
 AMOUNT: \$15,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 001-017-00003/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries, Employees-Jail
 TO: 001-017-00005/General Fund/Sheriff/Supplies-Sheriff
 AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 008):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 008-001-00005/Auditor-Real Estate Assessment/Work-

TAKING CARE OF OUR EYES!



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers were recently visited by Dr. Larry Tope and his assistant, Mrs. Elizabeth Dasher who read stories and sang songs with us! Dr. Tope talked with us about taking care of our eyes and also checked our vision while he was here. Shown here with

Dr. Tope and Mrs. Dasher are from left: Kaelyn Clementz, MaKendryk Coler, Alan Griffiths and Ariel Thomas-Masih. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

ers' Comp.
 TO: 008-001-00011/Auditor-Real Estate Assessment/Technology Services
 AMOUNT: \$700.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 013):
 The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
 FROM: 013-001-00002/Ditch Maintenance-SWCD/Contracts/Projects
 TO: 013-001-00006/Ditch Maintenance-SWCD/Equipment
 AMOUNT: \$6,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET:
 Pursuant to Section §339.06(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby approve the Paulding County Hospital 2012 Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:
 Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Burkley reported the Paulding County Board of Elections have poll workers have been trained and are on board for tomorrow's election. Commissioners Pieper encouraged everyone to ex-

ercise their right to vote. Mr. Burkley encouraged Paulding County residents to support the Paulding County Health Department levy. He also noted the County Treasurer reported her estimated interest income for 2011 is almost met. Delinquent taxes total \$918,000.00 for the current year, which is about \$100,000.00 higher than 2010. The economy has a big impact on collection of taxes. The schools feel the biggest impact. The Treasurer has implemented payment plans for county residents, which has helped in collecting current and past year taxes due.

Matt Peterson, Pitney Bowes - Mr. Peterson met briefly with the Commissioners to request permission to evaluate current county postage services by reviewing various offices' postage needs.

Rob Goshia and Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Goshia presented the hospital's 2012 budget for the Commissioners' review.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met with the Commissioners to discuss the TIF notes.

CLERK'S NOTE:
 The Paulding County Board of DD presented a request for levy revenue certification. It was determined this can not be done until spring 2012 for a levy expiring December, 2011, payable in 2012. PCBDD may request the certification for the primary election.

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You can purchase your "Chamber Bucks" at the Paulding Chamber Office at 220 North Main street in the lower level of State Bank & Trust Or Call 419-399-5215

A complete list of stores where your employees can redeem "Chamber Bucks" is posted at www.PauldingChamber.com

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,
 December is a busy month for the school district with many Christmas programs as well as the beginning of the winter athletic events. We are very proud of our many talented students and invite the community to attend our December concerts, programs, and athletic contests. What a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season. Check the calendar at the right side of this page for dates and times. Most programs and concerts are free and it's not too late for our district residents, 65 years and older, to stop at the administration building and pick up a senior citizen pass for free admission to all athletic contests. We are also preparing for our 15th annual Senior Citizen's Breakfast on December 7th. This is a free event that showcases talented students throughout the district. Call the school switchboard at 419-399-4656 or 419-594-3309 to make reservations.
 Nominations are being accepted for the Paulding Exempted Village Academic Hall of Fame. The second class was inducted last May during our graduation ceremony. Nomination forms are available on our website at www.pauldingschools.org or may be picked up in any office. Nominations will be accepted for graduates of Paulding High School, or any high school that was within the boundaries of the current Paulding Exempted Village Schools District. The deadline for submitting names for our third class of inductees is February 1, 2012. This class will be recognized during our Graduation Ceremony on May 27, 2012.
 Yours in Education,
 Pat Ross
 Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary- Stephanie Tear
 As we enter into the holiday season, Paulding Elementary is working to help others. We want the children to learn that helping others is a way to make the world a better place. We are donating cans of food and participating in a change war for the 'Neighbors in Need' organization. Many students were also involved in the Festival of Trees at the Historical Society. It is important to build character and citizenship and one terrific way to do this is through giving. Making opportunities available for children to give has been a rewarding part of our year!
 It is enjoyable to see parents giving to our children as well. The PTO works hard to ensure our students are provided for. The PTO meets monthly and I would encourage everyone who would like to be more involved in our school to attend. It is wonderful to have parent volunteers in the building helping in the cafeteria, on the playground and in the classroom as needed.
 The PTO recently supported Mr. Manz in presenting to our children. He is a parent and it was delightful to have him in our school presenting the Thanksgiving story to all grade levels. He has made his visit an annual event and our students are fortunate to get the opportunity of this presentation. I am grateful to many parents and the PTO for both their service and support. Our school could not be as successful without you!
 Paulding Elementary wishes each and every family a safe and blessed holiday season. My hope is that you enjoy one another and embrace time together.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz
 Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a rainy, chilly November day! Time continues to fly by, and we are now halfway through the second quarter of this school year. Thank you to all of our parents who attended Parent/Teacher conferences earlier in November. Many of our teachers reported 100% attendance at conferences. Our students definitely benefit in a positive way when we all work together. Please remember, parent/teacher communication is not limited to twice a year at fifteen minute appointments. Any time questions or concerns arise regarding your child's education, please contact us.
 Our second graders and kindergartners would like to thank the members of the John Paulding Historical Society for inviting them to tour the Festival of the Trees on November 14th and 15th. The second graders enjoyed decorating their Christmas tree with ornaments created in Mrs. Stork's art class. Once again, the talking tree was a BIG hit with both the 2nd graders and the kindergartners. On the topic of Christmas trees, our first

graders created ceramic tree ornaments during their art classes; and those ornaments are on one of the Christmas trees in the children's department of the Cooper Community Library.
 Our character building theme in November has been 'Citizenship' and our theme for December is 'Caring'. Oakwood Elementary students are demonstrating citizenship and caring in a big way right now as our annual penny pitch is under way. Our penny pitch is sponsored by the 6th grade student council, and our collection goes to the Oakwood Christmas Elf Project. All the money stays right here to help families in the Oakwood Elementary community. Thank you to each who has donated to help make our service project a success!
 The fifteen days of December are very busy at Oakwood Elementary - no different than at your homes, right?! Our bands and choir are practicing and will be performing at different times throughout the month; and our 5th and 6th graders are busy learning lines and songs for their Christmas program. Amidst all of the special events, teachers are working hard to help our students make positive academic gains!
 Oakwood Elementary wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Middle School-David Stallkamp
 Hello from the Middle School!
 I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break and that we all took time to let those we are thankful for know how much we care and think of them. It is a wonderful time of year to express our sincere thanks for all we have been given. I am thankful for all of you. Without wonderful, caring, dedicated parents, our job here would be harder than it is. Thank you very much.
 Mid term reports went home last week. PLEASE stay on top of your child's progress in the classroom. Time is going by very quickly and the year can rapidly slip away if we do not stay on top of things. If they are experiencing difficulties, please contact the teachers and ask them for ways to help. The staff here are very dedicated and only wish the best for every student. The Second Nine Weeks Grading Period ends on December 21st. Grade cards will be coming home after the first of the year.
 A big THANK YOU to all that purchased items for our annual fund raiser. We profited close to \$6900 for the students. That is a tremendous amount for the economic times we are living in. Thank you for helping the school purchase neat things for the kids with this profit money that we wouldn't be able to do for them without it. Thanks again. I always look forward to our annual school Senior Citizen's Christmas Program. I enjoy spending time with our seniors and listening to their wonderful stories. This year's program is set for December 7th. Make sure to call the switchboard at 419-399-4656 and reserve your spot for this morning of activities and fun.
 On December 18th, at 3:30 p.m., we will be holding our annual Band and Choir Christmas Concert in the auditoria. Come on out and enjoy a fun afternoon of wonderful Christmas music.
 Our winter sports seasons are preparing for their schedules to start. Check out our school website or the schedule in this newsletter for your favorite teams and come watch our kids play. They love playing in front of large crowds. Let's get that Paulding Spirit back into our school sports.
 Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep in touch.

High School-Todd Harmon
 Paulding high School would like to thank the staff and students involved in the production of "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night." A lot of time and effort were put in to create this production and all involved did a great job preparing for this production. Thanks to Student Council and their advisors Shawn Brewer and Julie McCullough for hosting a blood drive this last month. Meet the Teams night was held on the 22nd. Prior to the event, the boys and girls basketball teams scrimmaged. We look forward to the winter sports season as it gives students another opportunity to develop skills, character, and leadership opportunities. Paulding High School would also like to recognize Mrs. Melissa Harder and her Scholastic bowl team accomplishments. The Team placed 3rd which was a significant achievement and we want to thank the students for their efforts.
 We are fast approaching the Holiday season,

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so please mark your calendars for the following events. The annual Senior Citizen's breakfast will be held December 7th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. This event will be hosted by musical performances by the bands and choirs. Sunday, December 18th at 3:30 p.m., the band and choir will perform in the Auditoria. High School students will be taking exams December 19-21. Please help your child by making sure they get plenty of sleep and eat properly before having to take these rigorous tests.
 The Student Council will be having a 'can drive' during the month of December. Each student is encouraged to bring in 3 cans of food to donate to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry.
 Winter is here and it often leads to an increase in depression. Please encourage positive activities for your child to be involved in. Encourage them to come out to a wrestling match or a ball game to make positive connections with friends in a fun atmosphere. Students who are involved and have a positive support system can have greater success weathering the season in a positive way.
 We greatly appreciate your support and encourage you to contact the school if there is a question you may have for a teacher or the high school office. We look forward to serving you and wish all Happy Holidays.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST
 The annual Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast will be on Wednesday, December 7. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:15 a.m.) in the auditoria for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the school at 419-399-4656 or 419-594-3309 to register. Parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Emerald Road and Caroline Street.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
 American Education Week was a great week for our students and staff. Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to thank our school community for its support. The partnership of students, parents, teachers, staff and community helps PEVS reach its goal of providing students with a quality education so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century. Again, thanks to everyone in the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District for all you do to make our school a great place for students to learn.

WINTER SPORTS
 Good luck to our athletes and coaches as their seasons begin. The scheduled activities will provide an opportunity for students to participate and for fans to enjoy the events. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association advises the following for parents and other fans:
 • Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
 • Respect decisions of contest officials.
 • Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
 • Respect fans, coaches and participants.
 • BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC
 All students are to remain seated once the game starts until half time. Once the second half starts, students are to remain seated until the end of the game, even if they are seated with parents.

WALKING FOR EXERCISE
 Walkers may use the buildings according to the following schedule: **Oakwood Elementary-Monday-Thursday, 6:45-8:00 a.m.** and 4-6:00 p.m. Please use the First Street entrance by the flag poles. **Paulding High School-Monday-Thursday, 6-7:30 a.m.** on the balcony and 5-6:30 p.m. on the ramp.

EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE
 If your child attends an Ohio school, your family has access to INFOhio resources. These databases provide current, accurate, reliable resource for students. New this year is World Book "Early World of Learning" designed for preschool and early elementary students. The Early World of Learning provides skill-building activities and age-appropriate topics and games. Contact Ellen Williams, or your school Media Center, for a username and password.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS in Grades 4-6
 The Mini-Panther Basketball league for boys

basketball players in grades 4-6 begins on Saturday, January 7. Registration forms will be sent out the first week of December. If you don't receive one, you may go to the school's website at www.pauldingschools.org, click High School, Athletics, and Forms to download a form there. Forms will be available at Oakwood and Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School after December 7. Try-outs for the 5th and 6th grade boys traveling teams are as follows:
 6th grade-5:00 to 7:00pm Dec. 1st in the High School gym and Dec. 5th in the Paulding Elementary gym.
 5th grade, Dec 1st, 4:30 to 6:30 in the Paulding Middle School gym and Dec 6th, 4-5:30 p.m. in Paulding Elementary gym. If you have any questions please contact Coach Brewer at 419-399-4656, ext. 1147.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)
 Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. Please go to the school's webpage at www.pauldingschools.org. On the Parents drop down list, click District Policies, Board Policies, & Forms (on the left side of the screen). Click 8000 Operations, then 8330 F9 Annual Notice to Parents Regarding Students Records and Specific Events/Activities.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling		
Dec. 5	Lincoln/FV/Lima North-T	6:00p
Dec. 10	Bryan Invitational-T	9:00a
Dec. 12	Delphos St. Johns-H	4:30p
Dec. 15	Fairview/Antwerp-T	4:30p
Dec. 19	Col Grove/Ayersville-T	5:30p
Dec. 20	Defiance-T	4:30p
Varsity Wrestling		
Dec. 3	Montpelier Invite-T	9:30a
Dec. 10	Lancer Invitational-T	10:00a
Dec. 17	Edgerton Invitational-T	10:00a
Dec. 19	Grove@Ayersville-T	6:00p
Dec. 30	LCC Invitational-T	9:30a
JH Boys Basketball		
Dec. 6	Crestview-H	5:00p
Dec. 8	Van Wert-T	5:00p
Dec. 12	Bryan-H	4:30p
Dec. 13	Spencerville-T	5:00p
Dec. 15	Tinora-H	4:30p
Dec. 29	Wayne Trace-T	4:30p
Freshman Basketball		
Dec. 8	Spencerville-T	5:00p
Dec. 9	Defiance-T	4:30p
Dec. 13	Wayne Trace-T	5:00p
Dec. 15	Bluffton-H	5:00p
Dec. 19	Van Wert-H	5:00p
Dec. 22	Bluffton-T	5:00p
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 2	Continental-H	6:00p
Dec. 3	Antwerp-H	6:00p
Dec. 9	Defiance-T	6:00p
Dec. 10	Wayne Trace-H	6:00p
Dec. 16	Allen East-H	6:00p
Dec. 20	Van Wert-T	6:00p
JH Girls Basketball		
Dec. 1	Wayne Trace-T	4:30p
Dec. 5	Antwerp-H	5:00p
Dec. 6	Crestview-T	5:00p
Dec. 8	Van Wert-H	5:00p
Dec. 12	Bryan-T	5:00p
Dec. 13	Spencerville-H	5:00p
Dec. 19	Edgerton-T	4:30p
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 1	Edgerton-T	6:00p
Dec. 6	Hicksville-H	6:00p
Dec. 8	Spencerville-H	6:00p
Dec. 13	Wayne Trace-H	6:00p
Dec. 15	Allen East-T	6:00p
Dec. 22	Bluffton-H	6:00p
Dec. 29	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA
Dec. 30	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA

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DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 1	FFA Sub Dist. Parli Pro-Up Sand	
Dec. 2	OE Kdg Family Reading Day	2:30p
Dec. 5	Band Booster Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 5-9	PE PTO Book Fair	
Dec. 6-9	OE PTO Santa's Secret Shop	
Dec. 7	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 7	Senior Citizens' Xmas Breakfast	8:30a
Dec. 8	PE Xmas program, Auditoria	7:30p
Dec. 9	OE November Student/Month Lunch	
Dec. 9	FFA Fruit Pick-up Day	2:30-5:30p
Dec. 10	ACT Test Commons	7:30a-1:00p
Dec. 12	FFA Chapter Meeting, Ag Room	
Dec. 12	Sci Olymp Bstr Mtg, Auditoria	7:00p
Dec. 15	OE/PE 5th gr Band Concert-Aud	7:00p
Dec. 16	OE Preschool Family Day	
Dec. 18	Band & Choir Concert, Auditoria	3:30p
Dec. 19	Band & Choir Concert Makeup	7:00p
Dec. 19	OE 5th/6th gr. Xmas Prog	7:00p
Dec. 19-21	High School Exams	
Dec. 20	Board Meeting, Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Dec. 21	End of Second Quarter/First Semester	
Dec. 22-Jan. 3	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Jan. 4	Classes Resume	

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HERE'S YOUR YEAR-END INVESTMENT CHECKLIST

Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

As an investor, you've pretty much seen it all in 2011 — including slow-but-steady gains early in the year, a market correction during the debt ceiling debate and the U.S. credit downgrade, and huge one-day price movements, both up and down — and there's still a month to go. But despite the volatility of the past 11 months, you can make some positive year-end investment moves, including the following:

****Boost your 401(k) contributions.** If your employer permits you to make extra contributions to your 401(k), put in as much as you can afford, up to contribution limits. You typically contribute pretax dollars, so the more you invest, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

****Consider converting to a Roth IRA.** You might

benefit by converting a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), which offers tax-deferred earnings, to a Roth IRA, whose earnings grow tax free, providing you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least age 59½ and you've held your account for five years. Keep in mind, though, that you'd need the money available to pay the taxes that would be due on such a conversion. Also, income limits apply to Roth IRA contributions. This is a complex decision that you should discuss with your qualified tax professional.

****Set up automatic contributions for 2012.** Like most people, you may find it difficult to come up with a lump-sum payment to fully fund your IRA for the year. Why not set up an automatic investment plan for 2012? By directing your bank to transfer the same amount each month from your checking or savings account to your IRA, you'll find it easier to "max out" on your IRA — and, at the same time, you'll boost your investment discipline.

****Contribute to a 529 plan.** When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to income tax and a 10% penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. Discuss this with your tax professional.

****Re-evaluate your investment mix.** It's a good idea to review your investment mix

at least once a year to help ensure your portfolio is still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Due to changes in market value, your portfolio can undergo subtle, but significant, changes — even if you took no action yourself. Consequently, take the time to review your holdings with your investment professional to help ensure you're still "on track."

****Review your insurance coverage.** If you've experienced any changes in your life in 2011 — new spouse, new child, divorce, new job, etc. — you may need to review your life insurance coverage to make sure that it's still sufficient for your needs and that you still have the correct beneficiaries in place.

To determine if any of these actions are right for your situation, consult with your financial advisor and qualified tax professional. By taking these and other steps, you can close out 2011 on a positive note and get 2012 off to a good start.

OFFICIAL FORECAST THROUGH DECEMBER

By: Josh Steiner

As quite a few meteorologists have, I have come to the conclusion that I need to make few corrections to my long range forecast. Originally made back at the end of October and early November, I stated that the second half of November would be very cold and somewhat dry. This didn't happen. In fact, quite the opposite happened, with a somewhat warm and very wet pattern. So, I will try to explain my revisions to the forecast and what went wrong.

For these final days of November, I expect very cool temperatures after the last storm system comes through. Wednesday, I expect temperatures only in the mid to upper 30's, under partly to mostly cloudy skies. During this time period, I expect the teleconnections to become favorable for winter weather across the U.S., especially as we head into the first and second weeks of December. Currently, the Arctic Oscillation Index is still strongly positive. The Arctic Oscillation (AO), is a teleconnection (mode or phase of the atmosphere) that changes due to changes in temperatures in the lower stratosphere (layer of the atmosphere just above the troposphere). When these temperatures are above nor-

mal above the Arctic, surface temperatures warm, and create an atmospheric phenomenon called the Greenland Block. The Greenland Block is a ridge of high pressure above Greenland that causes a metaphorical "road block" in the jet stream. Instead of the jet stream traveling west to east through the Atlantic, it takes a large northward swing into the Arctic. This sets up a major trough in the upper atmosphere over much of North America, sending very cold air southward during its Negative Phase. Usually, when the AO is negative cold and wintry weather is prevalent over the United States. During its positive phase, just the opposite is true. The positive phase causes a zonal or more west-east flow in the jet stream, allowing for warm air to penetrate farther north into the United States. Another index called the NAO, usually correlates strongly with the AO. When these two are both in their negative phase, and there is very cold air in Canada and Alaska, a major arctic outbreak is likely in the Lower 48 states. Over the last month or so, ever since that big Nor'easter hit the East Coast, both the AO and the NAO have been mainly positive, suggesting a warmer pattern for much of the United States. This is exactly what happened. Over the next several weeks, I expect both teleconnections to go negative, but it will take longer than originally thought. It seems the computer models are all over the place with where these indices will go over the next few weeks. I think that they will go negative by about December 15. After this, the winter forecast of a cold and snowy winter should hold prominent. During the transitional phase from December 1-14, I expect a few ups and downs in the pattern, with cooler than normal temperatures dominating, while drier than normal conditions take hold in the beginning.

Another index that influences are weather quite a bit is the PNA. PNA stands for Pacific North American index. This teleconnection also has a positive and negative phase to it. In its negative phase, positive height anomalies (higher than normal pressure) exist over the Central Pacific, while a trough (lower than normal heights or pressure), exists in the Western United States and a large ridge is present in the Southeast. This, coupled with a positive AO/NAO will generally lead to very warm air spreading into the United States. In the positive phase of the PNA, negative height anomalies exist over the Central Pacific and above normal height anomalies exist over the Western United States, while the in the East, a trough dominates. When this is coupled with a negative AO/NAO, very cold air will likely dive deep into the United States, which explains the very cold weather during last winter. Over most of November, the PNA index ranged from neutral to strongly negative, leading to the development of a south-east ridge, allowing for warm and humid air to spread from the Gulf of Mexico into the East. Because it is not coupled with a negative NAO/AO for the time being, below normal temperatures will dominate for short periods of time, with some fluctuation in between. All in all, until all of the

teleconnections are in agreement, I expect only slightly below normal temperatures to continue from December 1-14. After the 15th, I believe all of these teleconnections will align themselves in such a way that winter will finally hit hard.

For a brief summary of the long range forecast, I expect temperatures to be slightly below normal, with highs in the mid to upper 30's. After this Friday, a clipper system will move through, bringing some colder air and temperatures farther below normal in possibly the low to mid 30's by next week. Next week, temperatures will fluctuate a bit from below normal with snow in the beginning of next week and temperatures near normal with some rain with any storm systems. The week of the 12th—the week of change—temperatures starting the week possibly slightly above normal, with temperatures in the lower 40's, and ending the week with highs in the mid twenties. This will also be the time when I expect the storm systems to start coming back into the region with an uptick in precipitation after the big cool down, likely in the form of snow. After this changeover, I expect the rest of December

to be cold and snowy. My personal hope is for a snowstorm or blizzard during the week of Christmas! For the end of December, unlike last year, I expect it to end cold and dry. By January, the same pattern may continue, but as of this time, I am really not sure if the pattern will reverberate back to what happened in November. If there are any updates I will revise my forecast again.

Visit Josh's blog at <http://stormcenteroh.blogspot.com> or email at storm_reports-joshua@yahoo.com and post a comment or question you'd like answered.

Upcoming WEATHER Forecast

Wed, Nov 30 – Snow Showers Hi 40° – Low 19°	
Thu, Dec 01 – Partly Cloudy Hi 37° – Low 27°	
Fri, Dec 2 – Mostly Cloudy Hi 33° – Low 21°	
Sat, Dec 3 – Partly Cloudy Hi 35° – Low 28°	
Sun, Dec 4 – Showers Hi 39° – Low 29°	
Mon, Dec 5 – Few Snow Showers Hi 36° – Low 23°	
Tue, Dec 6 – Sunny Hi 32° – Low 24°	

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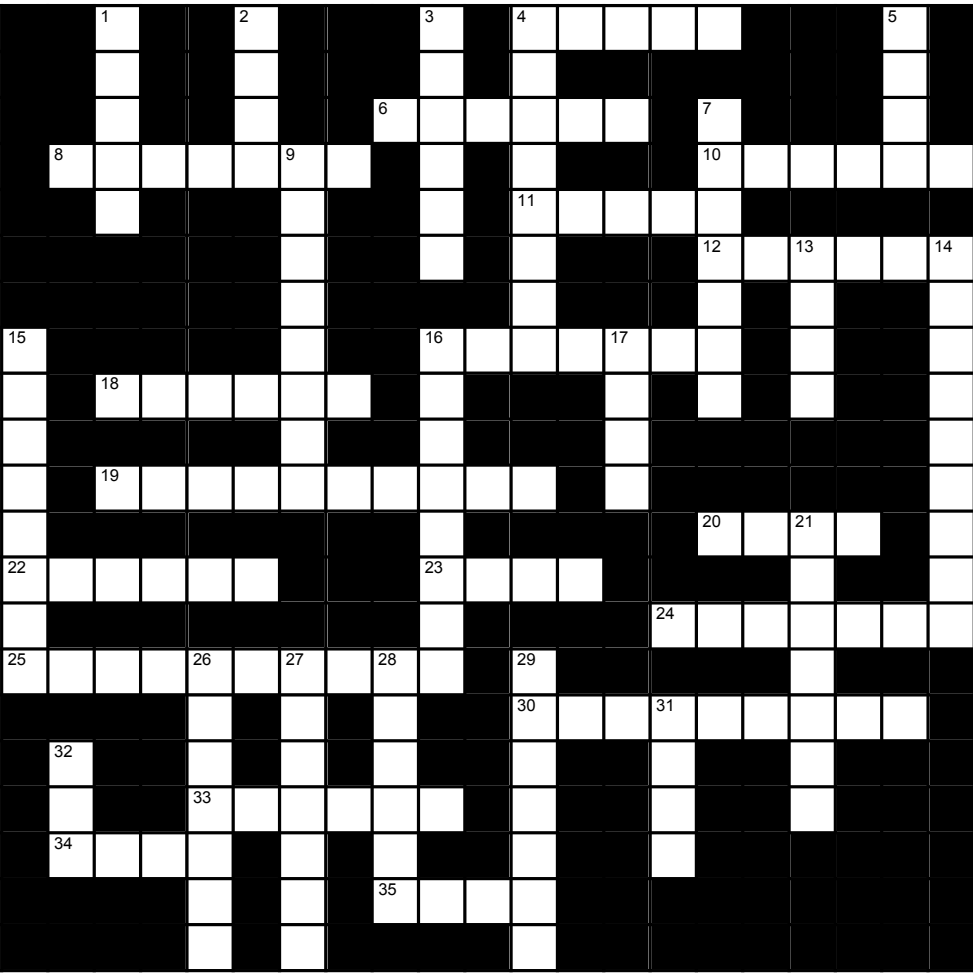
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- 4. This show was _____ live.
- 6. _____ half.
- 8. You have plastic _____.
- 10. He was with the _____ dead.
- 11. Free _____.
- 12. Hell's _____.
- 16. _____ reality.
- 18. She had a silent _____.
- 19. The Great _____.
- 20. She was pulled over for doing a rolling _____.
- 22. I need to have original _____.
- 23. The meat got freezer _____.
- 24. We're going to have a working _____.
- 25. It's the same _____.
- 30. That's a genuine _____.
- 33. We have a minor _____.
- 34. Sweet _____.
- 35. _____ odds.

Down

- 1. Have some hot _____.
- 2. It was a near _____.
- 3. _____ comedy.
- 4. You shouldn't be alone _____.
- 5. An _____ secret.
- 7. He is _____ confused.
- 9. Exact _____.
- 13. Oh, _____ grief!
- 14. That joke was _____ funny.
- 15. _____ basics.
- 16. Constant _____.
- 17. That bull is pretty _____.
- 21. Let me give you my unbiased _____.
- 26. That's almost _____ the same!
- 27. An _____ life.
- 28. It was my only _____.
- 29. The girl was found _____.
- 31. Now _____.
- 32. Remember to _____ naturally.

UPCOMING PAULDING SOIL & WATER EVENTS

The Black Swamp Nature Center is alive and buzzing with activities! Mark Holtsberry, Education Specialist, will be hosting a "Make Your Own Christmas Wreath" workshop on December 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The Nature Center has an overabundance of grapevines, and the best way to take care of them is to make wreaths! The workshop is free of cost and open to all ages! This is a great opportunity create a memory with the family, a gift for a friend, or just learn a new hobby! There is no RSVP required. For more information on this workshop and others, please contact (419) 399-4771 or visit www.pauldingswcd.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON US 24 INTERCHANGES IN PAULDING COUNTY

Whether it be location, transportation, workforce, or quality of life, NW Ohio stacks up as a contender for almost any industry or business. The new 4-lane US 24 is an improvement that helps NW Ohio to be that much more competitive. At the interchange of SR 49 and US 24 water and sewer are available inside the Antwerp Village limits and that area is being prepared for development. There will be a public meeting at the Antwerp School Auditoria, Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the plans for the development of Antwerp. Everyone is welcome.

However, at US 127 and US 24, water and sewer services are lacking. At a recent meeting with Tony Langham, Economic Development Director, and Chase Francis, the Governor's NW Ohio Representative, land owners Charlie and Susan Simpson related how the EPA has been a stumbling block to them in regards to developing their land at the interchange of US 127 and US 24. This area 5 miles North of Paulding has many instances of issues with the Ohio EPA. The Village of Cecil had installed a sewer treatment system a few years ago and this left the citizens of the small village and the village council with a large debt that is barely manageable. Actually many households are delinquent on their sewer bills. The Ohio EPA is contesting the treatment results at the sewer plant and recently fined the village \$2,000 for not being in compliance. This is money that the Village of Cecil doesn't have, let alone the millions of dollars more the Ohio EPA wants the village to invest in a newer treatment plant. In this area, two other businesses that the Ohio EPA would like to see invest millions of dollars for new sewer treatment are the Vagabond Restaurant and the Brentwood Trailer Park. Certainly everyone wants a clean environment, but there needs to be better, more cost efficient designs for sewer treatment and better financial opportunities to implement them.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
11/15 - Pauline Jordan, Antwerp; Marilyn Ladd, Paulding

9	7	4	2	8	1	3	6	5
1	5	6	7	4	3	9	8	2
2	8	3	9	5	6	1	7	4
6	3	9	1	2	7	5	4	8
4	1	5	8	6	9	7	2	3
8	2	7	4	3	5	6	1	9
5	6	8	3	7	4	2	9	1
3	4	1	6	9	2	8	5	7
7	9	2	5	1	8	4	3	6

11/18 - John Matson, Oakwood; Richard Wannemacher, Payne; Michelle Reinhart, Paulding

11/19 - Marilyn Ladd, Paulding

Dismissals:

11/16 - Marilyn Ladd, Paulding

11/19 - John Matson, Oakwood to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne; Michelle Reinhart, Paulding

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

The other day while at the office here at WBN, Kay Stoller came in with a gift box full of Soft Ginger Cookies for Stan. Well, it did not take long for Stan and I to sample one... well, maybe two.

This is a great cookie for the holiday time of year. The smell just reminds you of the holidays. The consistency as you bite into the cookie is out of this world!

Kay doesn't know what she got herself into because we told her that when the box was empty we'd give it back to her for a refill!

Soft Ginger Cookies

By: Kay Stoller

Cream together:

1½ c. butter Crisco

2 c. sugar

Add:

2 eggs

½ c. molasses

Add:

4⅓ c. flour

2 tsp. baking soda

3 tsp. ginger

1½ tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. gr. cloves

¼ tsp. salt

Beat well. Shape into balls, roll in sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes. Let stand on cookie sheet for 2 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

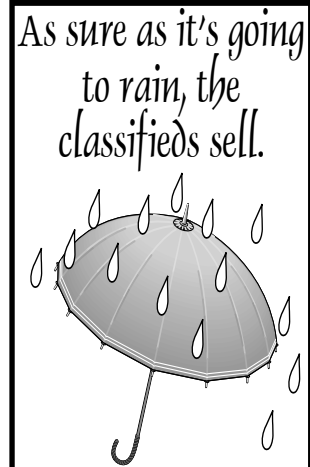
LATTA STATEMENT ON JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE OUTCOME

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction failed to reach an agreement on reducing the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, beginning in 2013:

"First I want to thank Co-Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) for his leadership in trying to find solutions that stop Washington's reckless spending.

"Unfortunately, the gridlock from the Joint Select Committee is a signal to American taxpayers that it must demand the Congress to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment in order to stop out-of-control spending. Failure to get our fiscal house in order and reduce projected growth in spending leaves our weakened economy at risk of another bond rating downgrade.

"The time to act is now. Families across Northwest Ohio and our country are living within their means and the federal government should as well."



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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/26/11

This 26th 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 182586 through 182655 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Carol Temple, Winter Conference, Columbus OH - November 15 - 18, 2011

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on October 25, 2011, Warrant numbers 182532 through 182584 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)(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 MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-002-99990/General Fund/County Auditor/Real Estate Fees
TO: 001-002-99992/General Fund/County Auditor/Rollback/Homestead
AMOUNT: \$441.66

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING 2011 APPROPRIATIONS (FUND 001-002):

It is necessary to reduce appropriations in the General Fund/Auditor/Real Estate Fees, Mobile Home Fees, and Rollback/Homestead in order to appropriate expenses to a new department to accurately track settlement fees for auditing purposes. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the appropriation in the following line items in General Fund/Auditor (Fund 001-002):
001-002-99990 - General Fund/ Auditor/Real Estate Fees, \$44,558.34
001-002-99991 - General Fund/Auditor/Mobile Home Fees, \$1,000.00
001-002-99992 - General Fund/Auditor/Rollback-Homestead, \$1,441.66

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW DEPARTMENT AND NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEMS AND APPROPRIATE TO ACCURATELY TRACK SETTLEMENT FEES:

It is necessary to accurately track settlement fees for auditing purposes. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following department: 001-038 - General Fund/Settlement Fees

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following expense line items and appropriate:

001-038-00001 - General Fund/Settlement Fees/Real Estate Fees, \$38,173.44
001-038-00002 - General Fund/Settlement Fees/Mobile Home Fees, \$752.44
001-038-00003 - General Fund/Settlement Fees/Rollback-Homestead, \$1,441.66

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-030):

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 001-030 - General Fund/Insurance-Loss Control, 001-030-00013/Health Insurance, \$3,095.66 (Advance)

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 053):

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 053 - Hospital Bond Retirement Fund, 053-001-00001/Principal, \$1,400,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 054):

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 054 - CCCP, 054-001-00001/Equipment Expense, \$3,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 155):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer

funds, to-wit:

FROM: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds
TO: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees
AMOUNT: \$12.64

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 041):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 041-001-20111/WIC/Salaries-Employees
TO: 041-001-20115/WIC/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$210.11

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 170):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 170-001-00005/Wireless 911/Equipment
TO: 170-001-00006/Wireless 911/Other
AMOUNT: \$2,330.14

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING LOAN FUND CHECK ISSUANCE - FUND 155:

The Paulding County Commissioners grant request of \$6,300.00 been approved by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and the State of Ohio Department of Development; and the grant dollars are needed to assist in funding the completion of a home repair project through the CHIP program; and there are funds available to make this grant in the Micro-Enterprise Fund 155. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to issue a check in the amount of \$6,300.00, payable to the Paulding County Commissioners to be paid in to the CDBG Fund 045.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:54 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.
At 12:02 p.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and to audit regular session.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

This 26th day of October, the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Fred Pieper met with the following members of the Audit Committee: Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts; Claudia Fickel, County Auditor; Carol Temple, County Recorder; Judge Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Court; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; and Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor.

Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed the Permissive Sales and Use Tax reports for October, 2011. Sales tax revenue was down from September, 2011, by \$15,650.34, however, up from October, 2010, by \$25,032.74 and also up \$34,304.65 from the three-year average for the month of October. Motor vehicle tax collected was up from September, 2011, by \$11,748.40.

Claudia Fickel handed out the General Fund Receipts and Expenses Reports for September, 2011. General fund receipts of were down from August by \$568,000.53 and also down from September, 2010, by \$47,058.83. September general fund receipts were also down from the three-year average for September by \$22,138.92. General Fund expenses for September were down \$331,341.81 from August expenses; and down from September, 2010, by \$93,450.92.

In other business, Lou Ann Wannemacher announced the Courthouse Feast carry-in lunch on Monday, November 21, 2011 from 11:30 to 1:00. Employees are welcome to bring a covered dish and are asked to donate the cost of what you would normally spend for lunch as a donation to the United Way. The elected officials appreciate Ms. Wannemacher's efforts in planning this annual event.

Ann Pease reported the north courthouse entry steps look very nice. She commented on the brick work and how it looked nice with the other bricking on the courthouse.

Carol Temple had questions about the increase in courthouse hours effective January 1, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be November 30, 2011.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met with the Commissioners to review the General Fund Receipts and Expense reports prior to the Audit Committee meeting. She also mentioned checking into one internet provider for all the offices in the courthouse. Ms. Fickel is continuing to look at various options for her accounting office software.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented bond paperwork for signatures. She also requested bank fees be appropriated for the month of September. Ms. Wannemacher reported the status of the County employees' health fund.

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Minnie Bok, originally from Antwerp, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is receiving chemotherapy at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis and has been put on the liver transplant list.

A benefit is being planned to help with her expenses on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the V.F.W. in Antwerp starting at 4:00 p.m. The menu is a soup and sandwich meal along with a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle with the drawing to be held at the benefit.

An account for Minnie is has been set up at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. You may call Beth Derck at 419-258-2512 or 419-506-1903 for information.

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The Village of Antwerp's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a Variance on the 12th day of December, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall. This application, submitted by Paulding County Hospital, requests a variance to replace a sign located at 107 Buffalo Street, Lot 13 of Jump's Addition, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. This lot currently is the location of a medical building, formerly known as Dr. Gray's Medical Office. As the lot is zoned R-1, single family residential, a variance is required to allow the replacing of a commercial sign in a residential area.

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LIVE NATIVITY AT PAULDING'S FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Preparations are being made for this year's Live Nativity on Sunday, December 4th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The performance will take place at the First Christian Church in Paulding. It will

feature scenes from the life of Christ and will serve as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. The Church is located at 1233 Emerald Road.

LATTA OP-ED: "LET STATES REGULATE FRACKING"

Too often, Washington ignores the complexities inherent in our vast and diverse nation and reverts to a one-size-fits-all approach in which Washington "knows" best.

Most federal agencies operate under this assumption. The Environmental Protection Agency provides a perfect example. It sets uniform standards for the effects of energy production on air and water, regardless of the characteristics of different localities. The obvious problem with this is that many of these municipalities are as dissimilar as my hometown, Bowling Green, Ohio, and San Francisco, entirely different geographically and demographically.

EPA's impulse to regulate is first and foremost contrary to the wishes of many states, which have spent years crafting stringent, well-tailored regulatory frameworks at the state level and desire little intrusion from Washington.

In the past decade, the combination of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing — techniques used to extract shale gas from tight pockets deep underground — has allowed access to large volumes of natural gas that were not accessible just a few years ago.

The production boom of natural gas from shale formations has sparked a vigorous debate about how much regulation is necessary and who should oversee it — Washington bureaucrats or state regulators who reside in the communities they regulate and have detailed knowledge of local geologic formations?

State regulators know their natural resources. They know the local geology, geography

and production characteristics, making them better suited to regulate local energy producers than distant federal bureaucrats.

The fundamental question that must be asked is: Who is best suited to protect the health and safety of Ohioans — experienced Ohio regulators and geologists, or somebody in Washington?

Today, I'll ask this question at a natural gas forum in Washington at which we will hear from esteemed energy experts and industry leaders who can help us better understand the natural gas revolution that's changing our energy landscape for the better.

At a similar forum that I co-hosted in Ohio, I posed this question to state regulators, shale oil and gas development companies and end-users.

The answer was loud and clear: Ohio has it under control, no need for Big Government to step in.

Dave Mustine, director of Jobs Ohio, a nonprofit focused on business development, said, "We have a very advanced oil and gas law that was updated in the last General Assembly. We believe we have the regulatory framework in place to provide effective oversight to this industry, protecting the environment, doing it right — and we're very proud of that here in our state."

In 2010, the Ohio Legislature approved the most stringent oil and gas laws in the country that address every phase of shale development: site preparation, drilling and well completion, hydraulic fracturing, production, treatment and storage, waste management and disposal, plugging and restoration and orphaned well sites.

Still, Ohio's work appears to fall on deaf ears in Washington, where the EPA

is spending taxpayer money to study the need for federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing, despite Administrator Lisa Jackson's recent statements that she's not "aware of any proven case where the fracking process itself has affected water."

EPA also recently announced its intention to set new regulations for shale wastewater, a process that Ohio has already perfected with numerous well-regulated and EPA-approved underground injection wells. As the old adage goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Kathryn Klaber, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, reiterated the point, stating, "EPA's announcement was yet another Washington solution in search of a problem."

Rick Simmers, statewide enforcement manager with Ohio Department of Natural Resources, who oversees wastewater management, says Ohio's 28-year-old state-run wastewater disposal program, composed of 180 underground injection wells, is a safe, well-managed, disposal program. The system in Ohio has been run so efficiently and effectively that drilling operations in Pennsylvania pay for wastewater disposal services in Ohio.

Still, Washington bureaucrats ignore the success of state regulatory bodies. This is especially troubling because one-size-fits-all EPA rule making could jeopardize the expected creation within the next four years of 204,500 jobs in Ohio and annual state tax revenues of \$478.9 million, according to the Oil and Gas Energy Education Association.

To avoid a scenario of cavalier regulations by federal agencies, Washington should take the advice of Tom Stewart of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and allow states "to follow the state review process," a program that has demonstrated success.

The practice brings together

a variety of stakeholders — the environmental community, state and federal regulators and industry — who go to state governments and peer critique one another's programs, finding out what works well and what doesn't. Based on their evaluations, they recommend how to make state-specific improvements. This is the most effective way to ensure the needs of states and their citizens are accounted for.

Finally, we have to understand that when we talk about regulations, we are discussing potential threats to employment opportunities at a time when our country needs new jobs more than ever. Right now, we are seeing an influx of Americans moving to towns across America in which shale deposits have been discovered.

As a father of two, I want my kids to be proud of their home state and to find jobs that allow them to stay in Ohio. But this can only happen if the federal government allows Ohio to manage its resources and foster an environment conducive to job creation. We need more jobs than more job-killing federal regulations.

Government cannot create jobs, but government can help create an environment that attracts job creators and allows them to hire workers. We have all the tools we need to spur an economic recovery and rejuvenate our society if we can get the right regulatory environment in place.

Our forefathers meant for states to be laboratories for experimentation with the right governance. Regulation of hydraulic fracturing is the perfect example of a process better left to state governments, which have the best, firsthand knowledge of how to deal with their specific circumstances.

Rep. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

MR. & MRS. ROLLIN CARDER CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Rollin and Mary Lou Carder celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2011. They were married on November 22, 1951 at St. John's Catholic Church in Delphos, OH. Rollin and Mary Lou have

four children: Cindy (Bill) Price, Tony and Rollie all of Oakwood; Leroy "Butch" (deceased); nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated the special occasion at Grant's Reception Hall in Antwerp.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 10/17/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on October 17, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, Randy Daeger, Mike Trausch and Jim Guelde. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present.

Trausch motioned to approve the minutes of the October 3rd Council meeting, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yeas.

Sierer presented the Utility Committee's report. The Committee had met to discuss the proposed franchise agreement with Ohio Power. The current agreement is set to expire November 1, 2011. The Committee recommended renewing the agreement for a ten (10) year term.

Resolution No. 1257-11 re: A Resolution Opposing State Control of Municipal Income Tax, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1427-11 re: An Ordinance Granting Franchise to Ohio Power Company, its Successors and assigns, the right to acquire, construct, maintain and operate in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, and its successors, lines for the (transmission and) distribution of electric energy to the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, and the inhabitants thereof for light, heat, power, and other purposes, and for the trans-

mission (and distribution) of the same within, through, or across said Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, was read for the third time. Trausch motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda notified Council of an assessment for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse for a property owned by Stephen W. Liskai. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yeas.

Wiebe noted the contractor started the 2011 Paving Project today, and anticipate being finished by the end of the week, contingent upon the weather. Wiebe relayed the grindings are being stored in the parking lot next to the shop. These grindings can be used for multiple purposes.

Wiebe also noted the Cherry St./North Dr. project is moving along smoothly, and that the Village is currently working with ODOT to repair rutting damage on Wayne Street.

Mayor White relayed Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

Sutton motioned to authorize Solicitor Jones to finalize the lease agreement with Certified Oil, seconded by Rife. Vote: Rife, yeas; Sierer, yeas; Sutton, yeas; Daeger, yeas; Trausch, no; Guelde, yeas.

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

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yeas.

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