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LOCAL SINGER MAKES IT ON IDOL



Lead singer, Luke Mitchell, from Friday Night Fever (FNF) band struck out five times before making it through try outs for the famous American Idol auditions. On his sixth try, he earned the coveted gold ticket to Hollywood in Milwaukee, WI. Family and friends were a constant support throughout this process.

Luke credits the beginning of his musical career to his 7th grade choir and music teacher. He's been performing with FNF for two years in the "Crunk Room" in Antwerp, OH. They've been on stage in 40 states, performing every day and living out of a van. Luke acknowledges that it was his parents who inspired him to follow his dream of singing and performing, and to have a strong work ethic. His favorite music artist is Katy Perry. He loves her unique sense of style & artistic song writing abilities.

Luke couldn't have made

it without the help of his awesome FNF crew: Joe Bereszgazi, guitar & back-up vocals, and Landon Myers, drums; and his background crew: Chelsea Leininger, Kelsey Claus, Rebekkah Ferrebee. These ladies take care of the sale of all the band's merchandise, help with set up—but most importantly they love and support FNF.

West Bend News will be following Luke Mitchell's adventure through the American Idol process. Look for FNF on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and iTunes. Sidenote: FNF is looking for 3,000 friends by February 5th on Facebook.

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A benefit for Lilly Dearing will held on February 7th from 3:00 p.m. to close Los Gallitos in Paulding. The restaurant will be donating 50% of all sales to help her family with expenses. All the employees have pledged to donate their time and tips to help also.

This family needs help. Please join in this cause to make a difference. This little girl is only four years old here in Paulding. She has an inoperable brain tumor called Intrinsic Pontine Gluoma. She has only been given a few months to live. Her family has found an experimental medicine that may help separate the tumor from the brain. Angel Flight will take the family to Texas for the treatment, but she has to raise \$18,000.00 up front to start the treatments.

A big Ohio State rock will be raffled off that night (valued at \$450.00) with all proceeds going to the family also.

PAULDING-PUTNAM HOLDS THE LINE ON ELECTRIC RATES

Electric rates are rising across the nation as utilities grapple with higher costs and increasing regulation, but Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative plans to hold the line in 2011.

Paulding-Putnam General Manager George Carter says, "Our board took a hard look at our rate structure and completed a cost-of-service study and determined that a rate adjustment of our distribution charge was not needed at this time."

Recent surveys of electric utility rates show that Paulding-Putnam continues to have one of the lowest electric rates of any utility in the State. Carter stated, "Our employees, staff and board work hard to maintain rates and still provide reliable and safe service to our members. That is the overriding commitment behind everything we do each day."

2011 SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER CLASS

The 2011 Severe Weather Spotter class, hosted by Paulding County EMA, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The class will be held at the OSU Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

This class is free and is open to the public. It will be taught by personnel from the National Weather Service Office in North Webster, Indiana.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

At Vantage Career Center, students find the "best of both worlds". They receive a first-class career technical education while meeting all of the academic requirements for high school graduation. In addition to Trade and Industry programs and Business programs, Vantage also offers specialized education in Service careers described below.

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In the Early Childhood Education program, high school students discover that working with young children can be very rewarding.

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Vantage junior Early Childhood Education students Angela Wells (Crestview) and Joe Shoppell (Lincolnview) work with preschoolers on large motor skill development on the playground.

This program prepares students to work in a licensed child care facility, operate a day care center, become a nanny or teach young children. Students create and provide developmentally appropriate preschool materials for children, learn the day-to-day operations of a state-licensed preschool, and explore careers that deal with the education of young children. In addition to receiving instruction in planning and conducting lessons, the students apply principles of child development and child psychology as they prepare the children for kindergarten. Upon

completion, students are prepared for college and immediate employment in the childcare field.

The Culinary Arts program is the starting line for many students who are interested in careers in restaurant services and hospitality management. Students in this program operate the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, a full-service restaurant located at Vantage, which

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On Friday, Feb. 4th the Antwerp Athletic Boosters will be offering a Homemade Beef and Noodle Dinner. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30 in the auditorium. Dinner includes homemade beef and noodles over mashed potatoes, dinner roll and dessert for \$5.00.

Carry out will also be available. Thank you for your continued support.

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OBITUARIES

Mary V. Snyder, 83, of Hicksville died Friday, January 28, 2011 at the Bryan Care and Rehabilitation Center, Bryan, Ohio.

Mary was born April 20, 1927 at Joliet, Illinois, the daughter of Ray and Hazel (Alford) Phillips. She graduated from Bryan High School in 1945 and attended Bowling Green State University for one year.

She was united in marriage to Robert D. Snyder on October 1, 1976 in Pioneer, Ohio. Mary was the owner of the Coffee Cup Restaurant in West Unity, Ohio as well as a sales person for Sears and JC Penney. She enjoyed antiques and was an avid dealer and collector.

Mary was a 65-year member of the Bryan Eastern Star Chapter #248. In 1974 she was awarded the Grand Cross of Color. She was a Past Matron and a Past Mother Advisor for the Rainbow Girls. She was a member of the Bryan VFW Auxiliary, Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Hicksville, a 30-year Red Cross Volunteer and served on the Election Board for many years.

Mary is survived by three daughters: Connie (Jack) Greek-Engle of San Antonio, TX, Kathy (Don) Balogh of Edgerton, OH, Karen (Lyman) Sidle of Bryan, OH; three sons: Tom Weaver and John (Becky) Weaver of Bryan, OH, Jeff (Tina) Weaver of West Unity, OH; three step-daughters: Diana (Neil) Cannon of Dayton, OH, Carolyn (Roger) Johnson of England, Marcia (Ed) Porath of Farmer, OH; two step-sons: Bob Snyder of Las Vegas, NV, Ronnie Snyder of West Unity, OH; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Maryleu Phillips of Harvest, AL; and a brother-in-law, Bill O'Bannon of Laguna Hills, CA.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard D. Weaver; her second husband, Robert D. Snyder; a son, Michael Weaver; step-daughters: Mary Ann Palmer and Linda Ankney; step-sons: Richard Snyder and Gerald Stanton; a sister, Betty O'Bannon; and a brother, Dick Phillips.

The funeral service was February 5, 2011 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. An Eastern Star Service was held February 4, 2011. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmer Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Temple Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.



William Albert Knapp, 75, of Pleasant Lake and formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at his home surrounded by his beloved family and friends.

William Knapp was born July 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne, to Ross Bolton and Mary (Sunday) Knapp.

He attended Scipio School and went on to finish his education in the armed forces. Bill loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, traveling, and just spending time with his family, friends, and extended family in the Amish community. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church where he enjoyed singing and activities with the church that surrounded him with his faith in God. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen (Hart) Knapp of Pleasant Lake; two daughters and a son-in-law: Nancy and Don Renner of Hamilton, and Billi Jo Robinson of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law: Kenneth Knapp of Antwerp, William Jr. and Chris Knapp of Osseo, MI, and Richard and Angela Knapp of Pleasant Lake; his grandchildren: Amy Klanderud, James Cook, Trisha Cook, Amy, Brian, Lori, and Jason Renner, Heather Huebner, Jared Knapp, Chelsea and Megan Knapp, Tasha, Ashley, Derek, and Dustin Smith; Ashley Oberlin, Cody and Paige Parsons, and Samantha, Christopher, and Jada Robinson; and his great-grandchildren: Gage, Ethan, Spencer, Keegan, Kyle, Max, Zane, Zion, Payton, and Richard.

He is also survived by three brothers and sisters-in-law: Larry and Melanie Knapp of Georgia, John "Butch" Knapp of Antwerp, and Steve and Sue Knapp of Antwerp; three sisters and brothers-in-law: Donna and Max Timbrook of Mitchell, Lou and Jack Payne of St. Petersburg, FL, and Judy Gray of Winston Salem, NC; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hissong of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Betty Hissong.

Services were January 29, 2011 at Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church, 5142 Old 27, Pleasant Lake. Pastor Lynn Eicher officiated. Burial was

in Hillside Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Memorials may be directed to Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church or to the family in care of Karen Knapp.

Wayne Humbarger, 92, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2011 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

Wayne was born in Paulding on June 18, 1918, a son of the late Iva (Hubert) and Theodore Humbarger.

He was a farmer, who enjoyed his hunting & fishing trips to Minnesota. On March 29, 1939 he married Betty Friend, who died Feb. 24, 2003.

He will be sadly missed by his sons: Ted (Janet) of Van Wert and Lynn of Antwerp; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters: Augusta Rodman & Alvera McIntosh.

His funeral service was at the First Baptist Church, 5482 CR 424, Antwerp on February 1, 2011. Pastor Todd Murray officiated. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Dallas Lamb Activity Fund. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

James G. Wonderly, 73, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice, Defiance, Ohio.

He was born in Hicksville on January 26, 1938, the son of the late Orton and Mary L. (Arend) Wonderly.

He attended Hicksville High School. In 1965, he was united in marriage with Mary Hollis and she survives. He served in the United States Army. Jim worked at Dana Corporation in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church and a 26-year member of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department. Jim loved working with electricity.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Diane (Jay) Rosen of Las Vegas, four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters: Genevieve Kolb of Ney, OH, and Teresa Devereux of Belfair, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Lori; two brothers; and five sisters.

There will be no services. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Forest Home cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Esther Florence Sanderson, 86, of Paulding died Sunday, January 23, 2011 at the Community Health Professionals of Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

She was born December

8, 1924 in Paulding County Ohio, the daughter of Fred and Bessie (Leslie) Hartwig. On February 23, 1945 she married Doyle J. Sanderson, who preceded her in death on November 16, 2007. She was previously employed as a bookkeeper by Baughman Tile Mill retiring in 1990. She was also previously employed by the Paulding Equity Exchange, the former Ducats Dry Goods, and Soil and Water Conservation of Paulding County. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paulding.

She is survived by two sons: Dennis (Cheryl) Sanderson of Paulding, and Delmar (Elia) Sanderson of Willoughby, OH; two brothers: Fred (Louise) Hartwig of Van Wert, and Ray (Wilma) Hartwig of Haviland; three sisters: Mary Gray of Paulding, Deanna (Robert) Adkins of Oak Hill, OH, and Frieda (Ralph) Hammond of Cloverdale; four grandchildren: Craig (Ranae), Kurt (Marie), Brett (Samantha), and Carrie; and two grandchildren: Logan and Ethan.

She is also preceded in death by two brothers: Paul and Richard; and two sisters: Carrie Cotterman and Jenny Mae Green.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, 2011 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

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

CREATION VIA COMMITTEE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

The following, taken from the "Joyful Newsletter," speaks a message of the necessity of understanding God's role in our lives, in spite of all our efforts, planning, and efforts:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void; so god created a small committee. God carefully balanced the committee vis-a-vis race, sex ethnic origin, and economic status in order to interface pluralism with the holistic concept of self-determination according

to adjudicatory guidelines. Even God was impressed, and so ended the first day.

"And God said, 'Let the committee draw up a mission statement.' And behold the committee decided to prioritize and strategize. And God called that process empowerment. And God thought it sounded pretty good. And evening and morning were the third day.

"And God said, 'Let there be a retreat in which the committee can envision functional organization, and engage in planning objectives.' The committee considered adjustment of priorities and consequential alternatives to program directions and God saw that this was good. And God thought that it was even worth all the coffee and donuts he had to supply. And so ended the fourth day.

"And God said, 'Let the committee be implemented, consistent with long-range planning and strategy.' The committee considered guidelines and linkages and structural activities, and alternative and implemental models. And God said that this was very democratic. And so would have ended the fifth day, except for the unintentional renewal of the debate about the differences between goals and objectives.

"On the sixth day, the committee agreed on criteria for adjudicatory assessment and evaluation. This wasn't the agenda God had planned. He wasn't able to attend, however, because He had to take the afternoon off to create day and night, and heaven and earth, and seas and planets, and trees and seasons and years and sun and moon and birds and fish and animals and human beings.

"On the seventh day, God rested and the committee submitted its recommendations. It turned out that the recommended forms for things were nearly identical to the way God had already created them; so the committee passed a resolution commending God for implementing them according to guidelines. There was, however, some opinion expressed quietly that humans should have been created in the committee's image.

"And God caused a deep sleep to fall on the committee."

A STUDY FROM MATTHEW 28:19-20

By: James Potter. Oakwood Church of Christ

Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit (NKJV).

On the basis of the authority Jesus has, He gives the command to go. Jesus commands them to go and make disciples. One must be a disciple to make disciples. How can we expect others to follow Jesus unless we are following Him ourselves? In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul says 'imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ' (NKJV). This is the way "discipling" works—by imitation. The first thing Jesus told His disciples was to go and make disciples. Read Matthew 8:18-22 about the cost of discipleship. A disciple is to sacrifice and put God and Jesus first in our lives, neighbor second, and then family. A disciple learns and never forgets that he is a follower and not a leader. Matthew 16:24-26 tells us that we must desire to follow, that we must deny self, we must take up our cross, and then we must sacrifice.

Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus has given the authority for baptism, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The disciples are nothing more than disciples, they do not baptize in their authority, but in Christ's authority. Baptism is an act of obedience and God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are involved in this act. Matthew 28:20, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Jesus continued with the edict "teaching them to observe all that I command you," Jesus taught the original disciples

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and now commands them to go and teach. Shouldn't this be our desire to be the type of disciples that the Lord finds working and doing when He comes for His kingdom? To be a disciple, you must teach, this means every disciple, and then when those you have taught learns the basics and ask to be baptized, then we baptize them. After baptism we continue to teach them until they are ready to go from house to house teaching others. Jesus has given us a commission, and as we go out to teach, Jesus presence is with us. Please remember that teaching and learning never ends. The point of teaching is to produce obedience.

Comments or bible questions: please call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Please remember to pray and ask God to help you in your studies and personal life.

FATHER PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH INVOLVMENT

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

A 1994 Swiss study explored how religion gets passed from one generation to the next. In other words, what causes a child to adopt his or her parent's faith? The results pointed to one critical factor: the father's involvement in practicing his faith. The results included the following statistics.

If both father and mother attend regularly, 33 percent of children will become regular churchgoers, and 41 percent will attend irregularly.

If only the mother attends regularly and the father attends sporadically, only 3 percent of children will become regular churchgoers, and 59 percent will attend irregularly.

On the other hand, if a father attends church regularly but the mother is irregular, 38 percent of children will be-

come regular attenders. And if the father attends church regularly but the mother doesn't attend, the percentage rises even higher: 44 percent of children will become regular attenders.

When neither parent practices their faith, to nobody's surprise, only 4 percent of children will become regular attenders and 15 percent will attend occasionally. In other words, without mom or dad's regular participation, 80 percent of children will drift away from the faith.

Although the study certainly challenges fathers to participate in church involvement, it also offers some hope for faithful moms. Even when a father attends irregularly there are some extraordinary effects.

And the Swiss study didn't account for many other factors: the spiritual vitality of the church attended, the power of a praying mother (or other family members), and the influence of a church that mentors children whose fathers are less involved.

With regard to the importance of attending and worshipping in local church the scriptures remind us in Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV), ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH (PART 1 OF 2)

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

You might be like me. I am very skittish about organized religion. And yet here I am, a full-time pastor. Following my stint as a youth pastor, I completely gave up on the church. I had become so discouraged with the way the church operated, the politics involved, people who seemed to be seeking out their own interests rather than passionately pursuing whatever God wants no matter what the cost might be. In the midst of it, I gave up on God, but he did not give up on me. He kicked me in the bottom, as we say it in our family to the kids. "Judge me by who I am." He said. "Not by those who claim to follow me. If you think the church needs to change, so do I."

According to a recent poll, 72% of Millenials, the generation after Generation X, who were born sometime

between the mid 70s to the early 2000s, identify themselves as being spiritual but not religious. They have given up on the church, and I don't blame them.

The writer of Hebrews wrote, "Let us... not neglect to meet together." It's true, not because it is in Scripture; it is in Scripture because it is true. "You're supposed to go to church because Hebrews 10:25 says so" is not a good approach to convince anyone that they should come to the church gathering and invest time building friendships there.

We are able and expected to ask, "Why?" Have you ever noticed how we're scared of that question? "Why?" Those three letters are scary, terrifying, and too often ignored by those who have not thought through why they do what they do and teach what they teach. The church seems to hate that question, but we must be willing to seek answers and explain why we believe what we believe and do what we do.

I was one of those annoying kids that always asked, "Why?" I pestered my parents with "why". I wanted to know why everything needed to be done the way they said it needed to be done, and I wanted to know why things functioned the way they functioned. I hated any subject in school or college where the answer to why we had to learn it wasn't laid out. "Why" might be a scary question, especially when the answers are unknown, but it is one of the most important questions.

As Christians we should be able to answer the "why" question for what we do and how we do it. If you invite someone to church and they ask, "Why should I come to church?" They might phrase it, not in the form of a question, but in a statement through which they tell you that they don't need the church to be spiritual and right with God. And in a way, they are right. Church is not necessary to be right with God. But we should be about trying to live out a minimal faith of just being right with God; we want to live a faith of complete devotion. We want to be all that God plans for us to be, a group of people that will cause the gates of hell to shudder when we gather together. A group of people transforming the world around us in God's way.

I heard the excuse from a friend that they don't have to go to church to be right with God when I invited her to church the other week, and to be honest with you, it is a thought I stumble into at times. I struggle with hating the organized church. I'm ashamed of the atrocities and the violations of justice that have been done through the organized church in the name of God throughout the years and are still being supported. I'm distraught over institutions of ritual that go through the empty and endless motions of fake devotion and remain in existence long after God has left the building. I abhor the politics involved; the disagreements and distractions from the mission we have been called to. I get frustrated at being criticized for doing what I think is best to bring about

God's will here in Antwerp. I despise people thinking they are right with God because of head knowledge, being baptized, knowing Jesus into their heart, or their knowledge of the Scriptures. Because of all these things, I would long to just go off on my own and do church the way I understand it should be done. And you might feel that way too.

But we can be different. I'll continue this thought next week. May God bless you and show you His will for your life, and may you have the strength and courage to go after that will.

You can read more of Regan's writings at www.regansravings.blogspot.com or stop in to worship God with him and his church family on Sundays at Riverside at 10:30 a.m.

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is open to the public three days a week throughout the school year. This two-year program is also the foundation for students who plan to pursue further education for chef training or food service management. Students have the opportunity to become "Serve-Safe" certified and to receive the ProStart Certificate of Achievement. The Culinary Arts program is a ProStart career building program that gives students a "taste for success"! After graduation, students are prepared for professional culinary programs, immediate employment, and further education.

Avantage (French for "new beginnings") is the name of the Vantage Cosmetology Salon, a fully certified and licensed program by the state of Ohio and open to the public two days a week throughout the school year. Students create, cut, style, color and recommend hair designs for clients. They use advanced techniques to deliver a wide-range of skin care and nail treatments while experiencing a full-service salon environment. Students completing the program, achieving the requirements of the state board of cosmetology and passing the state examination, have the opportunity to graduate as a licensed cosmetologist. They will be prepared for immediate employment in a salon/day spa, advanced licensure, and further education.

If you are interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the service programs at Vantage, please call Ben Winans, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 140 or email him at winans.b@vantagecareercenter.com.

The annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, is just around the corner—Monday, February 7, 2011 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Visit the labs, meet the teachers, see the blueprints for the renovation and expansion project!! While you're here, help support the Vantage Scholarship Fund with a chicken dinner (and a kids' hot dog meal too) from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Drive-thru and carry out orders available! Don't miss it!

WINE & CHEESE TASTING AT JPMS MUSEUM



The John Paulding Historical Museum located at 600 Fairground Dr. Paulding will be holding a Wine & Cheese Tasting Party on Saturday, February 12, 7:30–9:00 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this event. Call Louella Thomas (pictured left) at 399-

3547 or Rose Munger (pictured right) at 399-3473 for more information. Tickets will also be available at Kausser Trucking and Holly Wood & Vine. Mark Marenberg, a local wine connoisseur will be hosting the event.

THANK YOU

I want to say Thank You to my family, friends and co-workers for all the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and food before, during and since my surgery. Without all of you I could not get through this difficult time. God Bless all of you.

—Jackie Balsler

COVER CROPS PROGRAM

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The Paulding County OSU Extension office would like to invite you to a "Cover Crops" program scheduled for Wednesday February 16 at the Extension Building located on the county fairgrounds. This program will look at cover crops with a focus on the biology of soil compaction, benefits of cover crops, selecting cover crops, yield benefits and a local farmer sharing his experiences with cover crops.

Cover crops are being utilized by more Paulding County farmers as a conservation tool to control wind and water erosion on fields with little or no residue cover. Cover crops are also being utilized as a nutrient management tool to recycle manure nutrients and prevent those nutrients from moving off site during heavy rains. Other benefits of cover crops include improved soil tilth and soil organic matter. Cover crops can also reduce compaction and increase water infiltration which de-

creases leaching of nutrients and provide habitat for beneficial microorganisms.

The Ag Day event begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration and booth sponsors and continues until approximately 2:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Individuals should preregister by contacting the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225 or by e-mail to lopshire.1@osu.edu

While cover crops will be the main topic of discussion, soil compaction and conservation will also be addressed upon during the event. Jim Hoorman, extension educator from Mercer County will discuss the "Biology of Soil Compaction and Soil Structure," from 9:00–10:00 a.m.; Florian Chirra, extension educator from Williams County will discuss the "Benefits of Cover Crops" from 10:00–10:30 a.m.; Dave Robinson, agronomist and seed marketing manager at Cisco, will conclude the morning sessions discussing "Midwest Specific Cover Crops" from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

After lunch, local farmer Joe Woods will share his experience with cover crops from 12:30–1:00 p.m. The final presentation will be provided by extension soil fertility specialist Robert Mullen discussing the "Yield Benefits from Cover Crops" from 1:00–2:00 p.m. The program will conclude with an evaluation and summary from 2:00–2:15 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you Wednesday, February 16.

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JOHN DEERE

By: Stan Jordan

If you remember, my good friend Ben Franklin told me that, "If you build a good product, America will make a path to your door." The story of John Deere is such a story.

Mr. Deere was born in Rutland, Vermont in 1804. By 1830 he had a good blacksmith business, but things went bad and he moved to Grand Detour, Illinois in 1836. He built a pretty good-sized shop so he could be the general repair man for the village, plus he made small tools such as pitchforks and shovels. But what was more successful for him was the cast steel plow share. You see, up until now nearly all plows used a wooden plow share and the fine midwestern soil would stick to the share and had to be cleaned by hand pretty often. But it slid right off his new steel share saving a lot of time and energy. Now this was in 1837 and I want you to remember that at that time this Northwest Ohio area was very sparsely populated and mostly still a big forest. I suppose the great swamp made the people pass on by and went on to the west.

At first the sale of plow shares were fairly slow, so John started making them to have on hand. That way when a farmer came in the shop he had a supply to choose from immediately. Yes, sales were good. In 1842, he entered into a new business with Leonard Andros and they built a bigger building along the Rock River in Illinois.

They produced about one hundred plows in 1842 and about four hundred plows in the next year. But their partnership folded up in 1848 and Deere relocated to Moline, Illinois because there was a railroad there and the river access.

He formed a company with Robert Tate and John Gould and built a big 14,000 square foot factory in 1848. Production by the next year had gone to over two hundred plows a month, so a second story was added to the plant. Business was good and it was producing 1,120 plows per month. In 1857 a nationwide depression came along and the company had to split up a little. In order to avoid bankruptcy, Deere sold his interest to his son-in-law, Christopher Weber, who had already taken over most of the managerial sales. The company was organized the last time in 1868 and incorporated. Son, Charles, had started advertising and had organized dealers all over the area and had one of the biggest companies at that time.

John Deere died in 1886 and the Presidency of the company went to his son, Charles. By now in addition to plow shares they were turning out wagons, corn planters and cultivators as well as smaller implements. They made and sold tractors at this time, after 1907. Then he bought out The Waterloo Gasoline Engine company in 1918. This outfit produced The Waterloo Boy Tractor in Waterloo, Iowa. Then in 1923, Deere introduced the John Deere Model D Tractor and they still make these tractors in Waterloo. You all know how big John Deere is now. They got away from its 2-cylinder Johnny Popper and now produce big equipment. Huge tractors for the big farmer and huge machines for construction work. They make ATV's and forestry equipment. There line of lawn mowers, string trimmers, chain saws, snow blowers and even some snowmobiles for the common household are as good as any. The catchy motto, 'Nothing runs like a Deere' was created by Carl Westby.

It is hard to comprehend just how big John Deere, Inc. is. They employ 47,000 people all over the world. They are big in 27 countries. In the first 500 companies of the Blue Book, Deere is 102.

They still make the tractors in Waterloo, Iowa and the combines in Moline, Illinois. The main office is still in Moline.

My neighbor Kenny Hahn and his right bauer, Mike Zeilke, traveled out to Moline and watched them work on Kenny's new 2011 combine.

John Deere has survived this long because they sell a good product. John Deere is one of the reasons for Americas success and big part of our history.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This blonde girl came home from work and found her house had been burglarized and ransacked, she called the police and reported the action.

The police dispatcher put the call out on the air at once. The unit nearest the address was the K-9 unit. The K-9 unit, driven by the policeman, drove up on to the ladies' driveway and she was standing on the porch.

As the two walked up her front sidewalk she sat right down on the steps with a distasteful look on her face. Then she said, "Just my luck, I call the police to report a burglary and a ransacking and the send a blind man!"

See ya!

LARRY HOOVER

By: Stan Jordan

Larry Hoover was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 1935. He has two sisters. His parents were Harry and Beatrice Delong Hoover.

Larry started school in a one room school over in Indiana. Then his folks moved to Antwerp in 1946 and he attended school here.



One of his first jobs was with the Langham Chrysler Dealership in Antwerp. Then he worked at Perma Glass in Payne for 16 years. Then he found employment at BF Goodrich. Larry retired out of Goodrich in 1994.

Larry's two younger sisters are: Janice, who has two girls and lives down around New London, Ohio; and Joyce, who has two girls and lives up around Valparaiso, Indiana.

As hobbies go, Larry has had a number of them. He followed the car racing circuit for years. He made many trips to Florida for Daytona Week. He has met many of the older drivers and pit crews. But he says the Daytona races are not like they used to be and the weather there is not like the older days. Larry likes the car industry. He has had two Cadillacs, one convertible, five pickup trucks, five Harley Davidson motorcycles, two BMWs, two Hondas, two Kabota stand-up lawn mowers, one Cushman scooter, and a number of new Ford passenger cars.

He went to Wyoming hunting a few times. He also fished some, even ice fishing. He told me about one summer he and Cliff Bragg rode their motorcycles over one hundred miles a day in the tri-state area. He said they covered 10,000 milks and didn't go much of anywhere.

Larry and I reminisced about old Antwerp. At one time Antwerp had a lumber yard, a Buick-Pontiac Dealership, a Ford Dealership, a Chevrolet Dealer, a Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer, a Kawasaki Motorcycle Dealer, a Weatherhead and Reif, Inc. He says, "I guess Antwerp has gone down hill, something like the old racing circuit." I guess he's right.

I asked Larry about his being here at the Manor House. He likes it very much, he has been here about three months. He likes the people, the service, the whole setting and the food is great.

Well, Larry, I and all the people here at the WBN want you to have a good long retirement.

See ya!

COMMUNITY MEETING IN ANTWERP

Antwerp's A.C.D.C. is holding a meeting to discuss the various projects underway in town.

Antwerp has a plethora of organizations that are involved in different projects around the Village. It is A.C.D.C.'s goal to organize a 'solution' to overcome these communication issues. People are invited from Antwerp's organizations and the community.

The meeting will be held at the Essen House Restaurant February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC NEWS

Scott Ruppert opened a Lodge of Master Mason and the Pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Bud Amaden, Jim Sidenbender, Bill Cummins, Larry Payton, Scott Wonderly and Bob Phillips.

50-year members Richard Savage and Elmer Woodcox stood and announced their years of service. Other member present included Tim

TWO ANTWERP GIRLS VISIT WOODBURN



By: Stan Jordan

Terry and Carolyn Mobley of Antwerp visited Woodburn in the summer of 1941. The girls are standing in the parking lot on Main Street, Woodburn, which was east of the Woodburn State Bank. The lot also held the band stand which was later moved to the Community Park. Concerts and movies were held on the lawn south of the parking lot. Over the years, the bank was torn down and replaced with

the PNC Bank on the parking lot. On the north side of the street note the Stucky Brothers sign which was the original Stucky Brothers store.

Carolyn later married Jim Wetli and and now resides in Branson, Missouri. Terry married Delmar Cottrell, now deceased, and later married Dr. Stewart and resides in Coldwater, Michigan.

—Submitted by their cousin, Pauline Zirkelbach

Betts, Bill Metz, Richard Evans Sr., George Underwood, Aaron Kemerer, Jaimie Larson, Richard Wann, Robert L. Stotler Sr., Scott Ruppert, Jamie Chapman, Walter Schilb, James Kline, Richard Evans Jr., Steve Schilb and Jimmie J.Volkert.

Scott Ruppert received a favorable report from Douglas Eis on Hicksville's Inspection for the 2011 year. The report was read in it's entirety in open Lodge. A Thank-You card was read from Vivian Schilb expressing her overwhelming thanks for the wonderful Masonic Funeral Service that was conducted for her departed husband Richard Schilb.

Richard Evans Sr. was presented a 40-year pin and a certificate was read expressing best wishes from Bradford Goebel.

Ruppert formed a "Turkey Shoot Committee" of which he will chair. Others on the committee include Jamie Chapman, Dick Savage, Randy Brooks Sr. and Byron Rasey. Others will be needed to set up and help with the different items during the shoot. All the proceeds are to be funneled to the "Special Olympics."

A special meeting was called for February 9th. Ruppert reminded all of the two Inspections that were coming up on Thursday, January 27 at Edon and Friday, January 28 at Wauseon. He urged all Brethren to make an effort to attend.

With no further business, Ruppert closed the Lodge of Master Masons in due form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

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WOODLAN GIRLS BB FALL TO CONCORDIA



Concordia girls came to the Woodlan gym Tuesday, 1/25. Woodlan played well but finished behind the Cadets at the end with a score of 51-41. Shown here is senior Taylor Carver scoring for the Warriors. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

Concordia went to their senior leader Anna Goeglein for 18 points, to get a 51-41 win over Woodlan in girls' basketball at the Warriors gym. Woodlan stayed close to the Cadets throughout the game, with the lead changing hands 3 times and the game tied at 2 occasions. Woodlan got 18 points from Taylor Carver, despite the senior forward playing sparingly with foul trouble in the second half. Concordia won

the reserve game 37-19 over Woodlan. Jaryn Malfait had 6 points for Woodlan.
 Score by the quarter:
 Concordia - 11 13 9 18=51
 Woodlan - 9 13 6 13=41
 Scorers of the game:
 Concordia - Goeglein 18, Marinko 8, Kammeyer 7, Watson 7, C Smith 7, B Smith 4
 Woodlan - Carver 18, Keller 8, Ehle 7, Price 4, Knoblauch 4

WOODLAN/HARDING GIRLS PLAY CLOSE GAME

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan stormed out to a 12-4 lead after the first quarter before the Hawks took off on their own and came back in get a 59-46 win in girls' basketball. Harding turned the first quarter deficit into a 23-halftime lead. The teams played even in the third period, but Harding pulled away in the final period, outscoring the Warriors 23-12 to get the final margin. Taylor Carver had 13 points for the Warriors in the game.

Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 12 9 13 12=46
 Harding - 4 19 13 13=59
 Scorers of the game:
 Woodlan - Carver 13, Price 9, Ehle 8, Yoder 6, Knoblauch 6, Keller 2, Bejarano 2
 Harding - O. Jordan 13, Jackson 13, Parker 9, Gaines 8, V. Jordan 8, Cammack 6, Walker 2

HS WRESTLING TRI-MATCH AT PAULDING

First Round:
 Team results - Paulding 38, Fairview 34
 103 - double void
 112 - Salinas, Paulding, tech fall over Trowbridge, FV, 17-2
 119 - Deatrlick, Paulding, pin Dewight, FV
 125 - Hemker, Paulding, win by void
 130 - Antoine, Paulding, win by void
 135 - Czartoski, FV, win by void
 140 - Mavis, FV, Maj. Dec Frayley 19-7
 145 - Vagya, FV, win by void
 152 - Meyer, FV, pin Flint, Paulding
 160 - Jarell, Paulding, win by void
 171 - Rossman, FV, pin Shrider, Paulding
 189 - Schindler, Paulding, pin Royer, FV
 215 - Hanenkrat, Paulding, dec Nicely 13-8
 285 - Shininger, FV, pin Jarell, Paulding

Second Round:
 Team results - Hicksville 63, Paulding 18
 103 - Johnsonbaugh, Hickville, wins by void
 112 - Speakman, Hicksville, dec Salinas, Paulding, 10-8
 119 - Reid, Hicksville, pin Deatrlick, Paulding
 125 - Stinebeck, Hicksville, pinned Antoine, Paulding
 130 - Laney, Hicksville, pinned Hemker, Paulding
 135 - Laney, Hicksville, win by void
 140 - Vega, Hicksville, pinned Frayley, Paulding
 145 - Greutman, Hicksville, pinned Flint, Paulding
 152 - Theil, Hicksville, pinned Jarell, Paulding
 160 - Hart, Hicksville, pinned Shrider, Paulding
 171 - Hahn, Paulding, pinned Green, Hicksville
 189 - Schindler, Paulding, pinned Wolf, Hicksville
 215 - Hanenkratt, Paulding, pinned Zimmerman, Hicksville
 285 - Eberly, Hicksville, pinned Naal, Paulding

ANTWERP ALLEYS HIGH SCORES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 2011

- Mens High Series
1. Robert Johnson 554
 2. Jerry Vanclave 550
 3. Phil Bauer 544
 4. Greg Shull 534
 5. Bob SeEVERS Jr 522
 6. Ray Delong 520
 7. Chad Geyer 506
 8. Scott Lichty 504
 9. David Bauer 503
 10. Mike Bute 502

- Mens High Game
1. Robert Johnson 236
 2. Greg Shull 199
 3. Phil Bauer 198
 3. Jerry Vanclave 198
 3. Bob SeEVERS Jr 198
 4. Jeff Lucas 183
 5. Ray Delong 181
 6. David Bauer 180
 7. Scott Hudson 179
 7. Mike Bute 179
 7. Barry Grant 179
 8. Chad Geyer 178
 9. Mike Kennedy 176
 9. Scott Lichty 176
 10. Benji Grant 172

- Womens High Series
1. Sherry Reinhart 519
 2. Mary Brown 517
 3. Marie Bauer 510
 4. Marian Saylor 494
 5. Carol Kortokrax 489
 6. Sue Molitor 485
 7. Tina Conley 462
 8. Jesse Moreno 461
 9. Jeanette Yerks 454
 10. Angie Hudson 448

- Womens High Game
1. Sherry Reinhart 198
 2. Jeanette Yerks 190
 3. Marie Bauer 188
 4. Marian Saylor 187
 5. Mary Brown 180
 6. Sue Molitor 177
 7. Carol Kortokrax 176
 8. Jesse Moreno 175
 9. Tina Conley 172
 10. Nancy Bennett 171

5TH ANNUAL PC VETERANS BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 5th Annual Paulding County (Plus) Veterans Bowling Tournament was held January 15, 2011. This year's winner were the Sassy Frassers from V.F.W. Post 5087 Antwerp, OH. The team members are Leslie Hughes, Angie Peffley, Michelle Litzenberg, Stacy Hopkins, and Marie Bauer.

Second place finishers were The Munsons from V.F.W. Post 5087 Antwerp, OH. The team members are Jeff Lucas, Ray DeLong, Chad Franklin, Brad Franklin, and Chad Geyer.

Third place finishers were Bowie's Hemorrhoids from the American Legion Post 253 Antwerp, OH. The team members are Bowie Reid, Tina Conley, Kelli Bradbury, Tom Barker, Jr, and Phil Bauer.

Additional winners were: Individual High Game Handicapped, Alvin Thompson; Individual High Game, Actual a tie with Alvin Thompson and Scott Hudson; the High Game Handicapped was Antwerp Legion Post 253 team of Linda Rhoad, Patricia Friend, Scott Kauffman, Susan Molitor and Angie Hudson; the High Game Actual was Auburn Bowl team of Kevin Thompson, Jess Redden, Chis Toyias, Travis Thompson, and Dave Davidson.

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

ANTWERP OUTSCORE LADY APACHES



Fairview came to the Archer stadium Thursday 1/27. Fairview had the size advantage, but the Antwerp girls were much faster. Antwerp led 33-5 at half time and finished the game 62-23. Shown here is sophomore Alexis Jones scoring a 3 point shot for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Tinora Boys came to the Palace for the boys basketball game against Wayne Trace. The Raiders fell in a close game 56-49. Shown here is sophomore Grady Gudakunst attempting a 3-point shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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PANTHERS STRUGGLED AT HOME THIS PAST WEEK



Paulding played the Lady Rams Tuesday, 1/25. Paulding performed poorly the first half, but by the last quarter they were on fire! Unfortunately it was not enough to win the game. Final score 42-51. Shown here is senior Ashley Myers scoring two for the Panthers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding boys had the Lima Catholic Central competition Friday night 1/28. The Panthers struggled the entire game and lost in the end 59-46. Shown here is senior Travis Keeran getting fouled under the basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PATRIOTS OUTSCORE WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

After the first 8 minutes, Woodlan and Heritage were knotted at 11-11. The Warriors took the advantage in the second period, going up on the Patriots with a 15-6 second period, and heading to the locker room with an 26-17 advantage. The two ACAC foes battled the third quarter even and Woodlan headed to the final quarter with a ten point advantage at 37-27. The Patriots heated up in the final period, outscoring Woodlan 20-10 to tie the game at the buzzer 47-47 and send the contest to overtime. The Patriots continued their hot shooting, moving ahead of the Warriors and posting a 62-55 win in boys' ACAC basketball. Wil Knapke led Heritage with 28 points. Brock Hines and Spencer Mumma each contributed 17 points for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 11 15 11 10 8=55
Heritage - 11 6 10 20 15=62

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Mumma 17, Hines 17, Patterson 11, Romines 6, Emehiser 2, McGettigan 2
Heritage - Knapke 28, Melcher 13, Castleman 9, Schuemann 8, Terry 2, Snider 2

LADY WARRIORS GET BIG WIN OVER STARFIRES

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan jumped to a 15-4 lead after the first quarter and the Warriors cruised to a 53-21 win over South Adams in girls' ACAC basketball. The Warriors led at the half 26-7 and were able to get 10 players in the scoring column with Lydia Yoder and Burgundy Price getting 9 each for the Warriors.

Score by the quarter:
South Adams - 4 3 3 11=21
Woodlan - 15 11 14 13=53

Scorers of the game:
South Adams - Hopkins 9, Chandler 5, Green 2, Musselman 2, Farlow 2, Bluhm 1
Woodlan - Yoder 9, Price 9, Carver 8, Malfait 6, Kayser 5, Keller 4, Gerbers 4, Knoblauch 4, Ehle 2, Bejarano 2

HIGH SCHOOL JV GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME CANCELLATION

The Wayne Trace vs. Antwerp JV girls basketball game has been cancelled due to Antwerp having low numbers. As a result, the varsity game will start at 6:00 p.m.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL 2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

MERIT HONOR ROLL
4.0 GPA:

7th Grade - Victoria Ryan, Brianna Sinn, Estie Sinn, Scott Weninger
8th Grade - Blair Baumle, Jehane Hoagland, Erin Jewell, Isaiah Ross, Jacob Dingus
9th Grade - Madison McClure, Janey Janka, Haley Linder, Rachael Kreisler, Sylvia Young, Madeline Baumle, Matthew Klopfenstein, Madison Poling, Jared Sherry, Libby Stabler
10th Grade - Andrea Scharf, Adrean Ross, An-

drew Moore, Staci Weninger, Graden Gudakunst
11th Grade - Megan Pierce, Sarah Feasby, Kelly Zartman, Rachel Long, Zachary Cotterman, Peter Sinn, Christian Raab, Shelby Krantz, Tyler Arnett
12th Grade - Colin Klopfenstein, Abbey Linder, Josiah Gordon, Nicholas LaBounty, Kacee Hockenberry, Nathan Tumblin, Nolan Sinn, Jessica Weninger, Erika Langmeyer, Tate Church

FIRST HONORS 3.67-4.0 GPA:

7th Grade - Hollie Wannemacher, Elizabeth Lassiter, Stacy Flint, Taryn Homier, Luke Miller, Sydney Critten, Shayna Temple
8th Grade - Hank Sinn, Matthew Baxter, Leah Sinn
9th Grade - Arlen Stoller, Abigail Shepherd, Sean Durre, Brock Worden, Jacob Gerber, Mackenzie Haney, Janelle Johnson, Andrew Ludwig, Emilie Linder, Austin Conlon
10th Grade - Kaleigh Young, Emma Schmidt, Jonathan Harper, Tyler Ruiz, Courtney Seffernick, Natalie Sinn, Sarah Nickols, Brian Myers, Denise Smith, Emily Whitman
11th Grade - Ryan Jewell, Kari Myers, Gary Klopfenstein, Reuben Stoller, Lindsey Gibson, Beth Ross
12th Grade - Dylan Jewell, Ashton Duer, Joseph Sponseller, Dylan Worden, Amanda Hill, Kelsey Heck

SECOND HONORS 3.3-3.666:

7th Grade - Erin Mohr, Lucas Sinn, Corey Davis, Nicholas Durre, Courtney Mead, Jessica Offerle, Cole Shepherd, Nathanael Roop, Jayson Nowak, Brooke Ludwig, Clint Sinn, Christopher Davis, Quinton Harper, Noah Stoller
8th Grade - James Weaver, Cassidy Hilkey, Sarah Young, Addison Baumle, Kayla Zuber, Jenny Holbrooks, Molly Crosby, Rebecca Hamrick, Corbin Linder, Haley Saylor, Mackenzie Swary, Jill Ross, Carl Elliott
9th Grade - Kendall Germann, Wesley Goings, Colby Speice, Logan Fast, Matthew Lambert, Dustin Taylor, Danielle Miles, Alexis Flores, Emily Mohr, Allison Laney
10th Grade - Haleigh Garner, Kaitlin Lantow, Taylor Campbell, Tiffany Hittle, Nathan Holtsberry, Danielle Hofmann, Rylee Zartman, Tanya Sinn, Zachary Proctor, Kylee Weninger, Krystal Wannemacher, Mackenzie Campbell, Jared Eklund
11th Grade - John Stoller, Rebecca Habern, Rebecca Eberly, Austin Scheiner, Justin Theobald, Sadie Wassermann, Ashley Saylor, Marloes Van Den Hengel, Stephan Van Vlerah, Heather Hershberger, Zachary Nantz
12th Grade - Katie King, Jacob Eklund, Taylor Baumle, Ryne Jerome, Janelle Davis, Haley Fisher

THIRD HONORS 3.0-3.2999 GPA:

7th Grade - Carley Wright, Jonnathan Krouse, Zachary Sinn, Makayla Brandenburg, Alec Vest, Arlyn Cooper, Gabriel Wobler, Blair Ludwig, Emilee Colgan
8th Grade - Jacob Arend, Hunter Martin, Paige Rahrig, Elizabeth Brown, Samantha Van Vlerah, Robert Seffernick
9th Grade - Anthony

WOODLAN HIGHEST SCORE THIS SEASON!



Leo with 14-1 record came to the Warrior gym Friday 1/28. Leo won 105-76 but it was Woodlan who scored more this game than any other this season. Shown here is junior Brock Hines attempting a 3 point shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

House, Brooke Wilcox, Alexandra Winebrenner, Treanna Bidlack, Brenda Feasby

10th Grade - Kyle Clark, Eric Durre, Mackenzie Fleagle, Briana Schaffer, Jessica Alba, Marisa Jones, Marcella Doan, Karena Egnor, Chelsea Critchfield, Rebecca Reed, Lyndsay Combs, Zachary Hermiller, Dalton Sinn, Caleb Mead, Jacob Long, Samantha Spangler, Andre Spinner

11th Grade - Kim Bickford, Lindsey Matthews, Britney Rosswurm, Carlee Sinn, Holly Ludwig, Ashley Goeltzenleuchter, Austin Speice, Hannah Myers

12th Grade - JoEllen Fickel, Gage Critten, Jalyn Egnor, Justin Flynn, Lerrin Miller, Brittany Miller, Timothy Willborn, Jacob Taylor, Ashley Strickler

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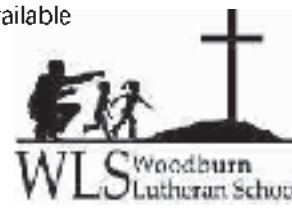


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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,
 The second semester of the 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start. The annual organizational meeting for the school board was held on January 11th. Tam Stoller was elected President and Greg Reinhart was elected Vice President. Also serving on the board this year are Cheryl Farley, Liz Hunt, and Mark Manz. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 in the Administration Building Conference Room.
 As of January 19th, we have missed five days of school this year due to the weather. The state is allowing three calamity days, so school will be in session on Monday, February 21st and Tuesday, April 26th to make-up the two extra days missed. Please adjust your school calendars accordingly.
 If you have children attending school in our district, please plan to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 10th or February 15th. Communication between home and school is an important factor in the success for all students. Working together will make Paulding Exempted Village Schools a stronger school district.
 Pat Ross
 Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nashu
 Happy February to everyone! The 2010 - 2011 school year is halfway complete. Conferences are February 10th and 15th, which gives you as a parent an opportunity to find out how well your child(ren) are doing and what they may need to improve upon in specific areas. We hope all parents are able to attend the conferences.
 Ohio Academic Assessments will be given at the end of April and beginning of May. These assessments are taken by all students in Ohio. Teachers have been busy preparing lessons to assist students with gaining the skills necessary to do well daily and on the assessments. Family encouragement and support with your child is a big factor to doing well. We will be setting goals with each child to improve their scores from the past or set a goal for a new test. Goal setting is an important part of working toward improvement. Ask your child what their goals are and assist them with making them realistic as well as challenging. Goal setting skills will carryover in life to help them with being successful in whatever they do.
 Our Spelling Bee winner this year is Cade McGarvey with Marcus Miller as runner up and Brian Matson taking third place. Marcus Miller and Cade McGarvey also tied as 5th grade Geography Bee Winners, with Nicholas Barnett as the 4th grade winner and Shana Manz as the alternate for 4th Grade. Congratulations to these students and good luck to them in the County Spelling Bee on February 7!
 Be looking for information on the "Principal's Math Club" to be coming home. You can help a child in grades 3, 4 and 5 become a part of the club by working with them on math facts. There will be a time at the end of the school year where members of this club will get to celebrate their accomplishments. So get out the flash cards, make some flash cards, make up practice tests, and get ready to calculate! I am hoping we have a very large club! Details will be sent home about what each grade level has to accomplish to become a member of the club. Good luck!
 The PTO is always in need of volunteers for various projects and fun activities. They are always giving a lot of time and support to our school. Please consider helping them out and stop in the office to give your name and number where you can be reached. Your involvement with activities for our students would be greatly appreciated.
 A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers that come in daily to help. Your assistance is priceless. Together we do better because of your assistance to teachers and students, commitment and time.
 Have a fantastic February!

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz
 Hello from Oakwood Elementary! I am writing this on the 92nd day of school. It is hard to believe we are so close to Day 100 already. And let me tell you, Day 100 is a BIG event for our primary grade students - lots and lots of 100 Day activities will be taking place!
 We are half way through the 3rd quarter of the school year. At each grade level, the work continues to be progressively more difficult and the expectations get higher as we move through the year. At the same time, with weather delays and cancellations,

schedules become mixed up and crazy. We appreciate those students who keep a positive attitude and continue to give their best effort as they are learning new things every day!
 Congratulations to Estee Miller, our 2010-2011 Spelling Bee Champion! Estee is a 6th grader at Oakwood Elementary. On January 7th, she battled twenty-three rounds to win the local Spelling Bee. Her winning word was 'backgammon'. Estee is currently studying for the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held on February 7th. We wish her the best of luck there! We also want to say congratulations to Kourtney Thomas, also a 6th grader; she is our Spelling Bee Runner-Up. Thank you for your continued support!


Middle School-David Stallkamp
 Thank you to all of the parents that have been so supportive of Paulding Middle School. Total parental support is what makes the goal of getting a top notch education possible for all of our kids. Being positive and encouraging towards getting a great education is what it takes to make every child successful. Thank you for helping us. Congratulations go out to the following students for their academic success: Taylor Jackman, 2011 Spelling Bee Champion and Ashlyn Strahley as Runner-Up; Ryan Nicoley - District Geography Bee Champion; Science Olympiad Top Ten Finishers at the Northmont Competition near Dayton: 3rd place-Can't Judge A Powder-Katie Carnahan and Allison Harpel, 6th place-Awesome Aquifers-Alexis Howell and Allison Harpel, 9th place-Junkyard Challenge-Kathryn Clapsaddle and Katie Carnahan, 9th place-Road Scholar-Taylor Manz and Victoria Meadows, 10th place-Solar System-Isaac Nice and Megan Reineck.
 Paulding Middle School sent essays to the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette around Thanksgiving time on the topic of, "What I Am Thankful For..." We received word that from over 225 submitted essays in their coverage area, being judged by 8 different judges, that Paulding Middle School had the TOP THREE WINNING ESSAYS. Congratulations go out to First Place Winner-Chelsea Kelly, 2nd place winner-Kaylene Stiltner, and 3rd place finisher-Abbi Miller. The paper informed us that our essays were "outstanding and above all other entries."
 The 20 students receiving all A's for the Second Nine Weeks and making the Gold Card Club were: 6th Graders-Christine Clapsaddle, Hannah Farr, Alexa Jury, Emily Knodel, Dva Moats-Landis, Chantal Monnier, Dayton Pracht and Ashley Snipes. 7th Graders-Kelsey Beck, Victoria Bradford, Allison Harpel, Krista Mullins, Emilee Ringler, Taylor Schooley, Jordan Shull, and Tzu-Mei Tenwalde. 8th graders-Kathryn Clapsaddle, Kayla Dietrick, Shayla Shepherd and Ashlyn Strahley. We also had another 62 students attain Green Card status of all A's and B's and a total of 84 more with C's or above. I am very proud of the 166 students with C's or better on their second nine weeks report card.
 7th Grader Alex Arellano was chosen as the January West Bend News "Student of the Month" from Paulding Middle School. Alex participates in three sports and is an exceptional student and role model for his peers. Alex is the son of Matt and Sandy Arellano of Oakwood.
 Mid term reports for the Third Nine Weeks Grading period will go home on February 8th. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 10th and 15th. PLEASE mark this on your calendars to come in and visit with your child's teachers. Please call Marcy at 419-399-4656, extension 1212, to schedule an appointment.
 We offer after school tutoring for 6th and 8th grade Math and 7th Grade Reading. Please take advantage of this service provided by our staff. I thank the staff for giving of their time to tutor our kids. Please contact Mr. Parrett for 6th grade Math, Mrs. Moore for 7th Grade Reading, or Miss Kunesh for 8th Grade Math, if you are interested in participating.
 Our Middle School SCIENCE FAIR is set for February 11th after school in the 7th grade classrooms. This is always a great event. Come on in that evening and look at all of the neat projects our students have been working on for many weeks and months.
 This year, Paulding Middle School will be hosting the 2011 Paulding County Spelling Bee. It will be held in the auditoria on Monday, February 7, 2011, at 7:00 PM. Make up date, if needed, will be February 14th. I will be taking any 8th grader that wishes to go to Cedar Point for our annual 8th grade class trip. This year we will be going on Tuesday, June 7th, 2011. Cost for each student will be \$20 and the forms and payment are due by February 25th.
 Two items down the road but coming quickly

for your reference: **OAA test dates-April 28th-6th, 7th, and 8th grade Reading. May 3-6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Math. May 5-8th Grade Science, and 8th Grade Graduation - this will ALWAYS be the last day of school. For now, barring any make-up days, it is scheduled for May 24, 2011, at 1:00 PM in the high school gym. FEES must be paid in full for any 8th grader to walk in this time honored ceremony.**
 Thank you again for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

High School-Todd Harmon
 PHS teachers are working hard to prepare your child in taking the Ohio Graduation Test that will be given March 14th through March 18th. Freshman will be taking a practice OGT test during these days to prepare them for the following year. PHS will be operating on a two hour delay schedule for Juniors and Seniors who have passed ALL the testing sections during the March test week. Please make sure if your child is testing, that they show up for all testing days, get plenty of rest and have a good healthy breakfast so they can do their best to pass the test the first time out. Thanks for all your support as we work together for your children's success.
 The scheduling process for 2011-2012 is under way with guidance counselors Mrs. Koester and Mr. Miller. They present students with information on course offerings, scheduling options, and requirements for graduation. Students should be discussing these options with parents and guardians as they build their schedules and make decisions that will further their academic and career goals. Parent-teacher conferences are excellent opportunities to address questions with scheduling. Meeting with teachers can be instrumental in developing plans for success if your child is struggling or you would like to know how your child is performing in class. Conferences will be held February 10th and 15th from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. Please contact the high school office at 419-399-4656 to schedule a conference.
 PHS would like to thank the Student Council for planning an excellent spirit week that led to the dance after the Boys Basketball Game vs. Ayersville. They did an excellent job encouraging school spirit. The positive school spirit can be evidenced by seeing so many of the students show their support for their teams at the events and also by the creative dress themes at Boys Basketball games. The positive leadership and support is a source of pride for the school and community as they are positive to the visiting teams and their fans. As our winter sports continue to work hard to be victorious in their regular season, PHS would like to thank our Head Coaches and their staff for all they do for our kids and wish them best of luck come tournament time. Coaches are Shawn Brewer (Boys Basketball), Lyndsi Shininger (Girls Basketball), Josh Neilson (Wrestling), and Shannon Foltz (Cheerleading). Having good coaches and good programs for kids to develop and grow requires all of our support and PHS thanks all the people of the community for their positive support. PHS would also like to thank Melissa Harder for her hard work planning contests and preparing students for Quiz Bowl, and Kristina Williams for her preparations for the Science Olympiad and Engineering Teams. We wish you warm thoughts as we get through the remnant of winter.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
 The second parent-teacher conferences of the school year will take place on Thursday, February 10 and Tuesday February 15 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. both days at all buildings. **There will be no school Friday, February 18.** Please mark your calendar. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teachers. Everyone is strongly urged to participate.

AFTER PROM PARENTS
 The junior class parents will again be hosting the after prom this year. There will be an After Prom meeting on Tuesday February 1st, 2011 in the Middle School at 6:00 P.M. in Jayne Smiley's room. Please try to attend. Donations are being collected to sponsor this event. If you have not been contacted and would be interested in donating, please contact Jan Kohart at 419-399-7807.

VALENTINE GIFT DELIVERIES

 Paulding High School and Middle School are asking that Valentine flowers/gifts not be delivered to the school. Other arrangements should be made to deliver such items as the school will not accept them. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING
 A countywide preschool screening will be offered February 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Methodist Church for children up to 5 years old. Snow date is February 18. A second screening will be offered March 11 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

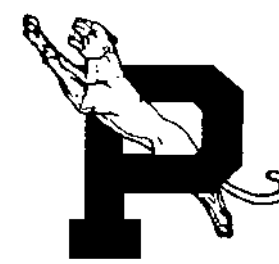


ATHLETIC CALENDAR EVENTS

Varsity Wrestling		
Feb. 1	WT/Edgerton-H	6:00
Feb. 12	NWC-H	10:00
JH Wrestling		
Feb. 1	WT/Edgerton-H	6:00
JH Boys Basketball		
Feb. 8	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Feb. 10	Defiance-T	4:30
Feb. 15	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Freshman		
Feb. 1	Fairview-T	4:30
Feb. 3	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Feb. 8	Hicksville-H	5:00
Feb. 10	Ada-T	5:00
Feb. 17	Spencerville-H	5:00
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Feb. 4	Lincolnview-T	6:00
Feb. 11	Ada-T	6:00
Feb. 18	Spencerville-H	6:00
Feb. 19	Bryan-T	6:00
Feb. 25	Allen East-T	6:00
JH Girls Basketball		
Feb. 8	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Feb. 10	Defiance-H	4:30
Feb. 15	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Feb. 1	Fairview-T	6:00
Feb. 3	Lincolnview-H	6:00
Feb. 5	Continental-H	1:00
Feb. 10	Ada-H	6:00
Feb. 15	Defiance-H	6:00
Feb. 17	Spencerville-T	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Feb. 2	Soph. Vantage Visit	8:30a
Feb. 2	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Feb. 7	Science Olympiad Bst Mtg	7:00p
Feb. 7	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Feb. 7	Pldg Cnty Spelling Bee-Pldg	7:00p
Feb. 7	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Feb. 8	MS Mid-Term reports sent home	
Feb. 10	Post-Second. Mtg-Media Ctr	6:30p
Feb. 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30- 7:30p
Feb. 11	Oak.El. Jan Student/Month Lunch	
Feb. 11	M.S. Science Fair	2:30p
Feb. 12	NWC Westling Tourney -HSGym	
Feb. 12	ACT Tests	7:30a-12:3p
Feb. 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30p
Feb. 15	Credit Flexibility Mtg	6:30p
Feb. 15	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Feb. 17	Pldg El Student/Month lunch	
Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL Due to Conferences	
Feb. 19	HS Solo & Ensemble-St. Mary's	
Feb. 21	MAKE UP DAY-School in session	
Feb. 21-25	National FFA Week	
Feb. 22	ASVAB Tests for Jrs/Srs	
Feb. 22	Div IV Girls B-ball Tournament	
Feb. 22	FFA Alumni Meeting	7:00p
Feb. 24	Oak.El. 5th/6th gr. Band Concert	7:00p
Feb. 23	Engineering Team Comp.- ONU Ada	
Feb. 25	Oak.El. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00p
Feb. 25	Oak.El. Preschool Family Day	
Feb. 26	Div IV Girls B-ball Tournament	



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7TH GRADE GIRLS WESTSIDE GMC CONFERENCE



Antwerp 7th grader Annie Miesle gets fouled while shooting at the West Side GMC championship game against Hicksville. Photo taken by MemoriesbyTawnya.com

Hicksville Aces defeat Antwerp Archers in overtime, 27-24 on January 27th at the 7th Grade GMC Westside Conference.

Lady Archer stats:
Sydney Barnhouse 2, Emily Derck 4, Cayla Woodcox 2,

Annie Miesle 6, Audrey Longardner 6, Avery Braaten 4.

"The girls have been very successful this season and have shown much improvement. They have quite a bit of talent in this class," commented Coach Short.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/2 THROUGH 2/8

- 2/2 - Cheeseburger or Rice/chicken bowl, corn, pickle, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pie
 - 2/3 - Chili with crackers or Meatball sub on bun, baked beans, rosy applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Glazed fruit
 - 2/4 - Pepperoni pizza or Turkey salad sandwich, cole slaw, applesauce, chips, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 - 2/7 - Hot dog or BBQ rib on bun, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 - 2/8 - Ham & cheese on bun or Cook's choice, peas, orange jello w/fruit milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Jello cup
- Menus are subject to change.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/2 THROUGH 2/8

- Breakfast:*
- 2/2 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 - 2/3 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
 - 2/4 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 - 2/7 - Pizza, juice, milk
 - 2/8 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
- Lunch:*
- 2/2 - Fiestado, tossed salad, fruited jello w/topping, milk
 - 2/3 - Bread sticks/cheese, broccoli/cheese or green beans, mandarin oranges, milk
 - 2/4 - Pizza, cheese/pepperoni, corn, applesauce, milk
 - 2/7 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage links, 100% OJ, milk; WT: Cook's

choice

- 2/8 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, peaches, milk

Menus are subject to change.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/2 THROUGH 2/8

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
- 2/2 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 - 2/3 - Eggs & ham scrambled muffin, juice, milk
 - 2/4 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
 - 2/7 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 - 2/8 - Tator tots w/cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
- MS/HS - Lunch:*
- 2/2 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans or Sub sandwich, chips, fruit, milk
 - 2/3 - Creamed turkey w/bun, pickle spears, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 - 2/4 - Spicy chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
 - 2/7 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread or Corn dog, vegetable, fruit, milk

2/8 - Turkey club salad, garlic bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:*
- 2/2 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 - 2/3 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 - 2/4 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 - 2/7 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 - 2/8 - Muffin, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
- Paulding Elementary*
- Lunch:*
- 2/2 - Pizza, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk
 - 2/3 - Sloppy joe scoops, peas, fruit, milk
 - 2/4 - Fish w/bun, broccoli tots, fruit, milk
 - 2/7 - Cook's choice
 - 2/8 - Chicken alphabet soup, carrots, bread, fruit, milk
- Oakwood Elementary*
- Breakfast:*
- 2/2 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit juice, milk
 - 2/3 - Bacon, egg & cheese burrito, fruit juice, milk
 - 2/4 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 - 2/7 - Warm whole grain cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, milk
 - 2/8 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, fruit juice, milk
- Oakwood Elementary*
- Lunch:*
- 2/2 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit, milk
 - 2/3 - Tostito scoops w/cheese & salsa, green beans, fruit, milk
 - 2/4 - Soft wrap taco, lettuce, cheese, fruit, milk
 - 2/7 - Chicken fajita w/lettuce, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk
 - 2/8 - Mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
- Menus are subject to change.

Hunter Powell 4th. Wayne Trace walked away with three Champions at Wauseon: Jarrett Hornish, Brayson Parrish, and Nicholas Barnett, while Kaden Woolbright placed 2nd.

Wayne Trace's Jr. High wrestling team won the **Wauseon Wrestling Invitational** held at Wauseon on Saturday, January 29. The Raiders finished in 1st place followed by Delta in 2nd and Montpelier in 3rd. Rounding out the rest of the team placements were Wauseon 4th, Evergreen 5th, Fostoria 6th, Fairview 7th, Ayserville 8th and Carey 9th. The Raiders had four individual champions: George Clemens IV, Jacob Dingus, Tyler Showalter and Justin Pierce each went undefeated through the tournament. Placing in the runner-up spots were Matt Baxter, Zaine Cotterman and Josh Reel. Kenny Mansfield placed 3rd. Cassdidy Hilkey and Grant Gillett placed 4th.

The Wayne Trace varsity wrestlers made a good showing at the **Van Buren Invitational** held recently at Van Buren. The Raiders placed five of their wrestlers in the top six spots. Kameran Clemens, 135 lbs., was the lone champion for the Wayne Trace squad. He recorded a perfect 5-0 record. Placing 3rd was Joey Stahl, Tyler Arnett 4th, Sawyer Temple 5th and Zach Cotterman 6th.

The Raiders from the Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team placed 10th out of 36 schools during the two day tournament held at LCC this past weekend. After the first session on Friday night the Raiders had four boys who went undefeated: Joey Stahl, Kameran Clemens, Zach Cotterman and Sawyer Temple. After some very hard fought battles on Saturday and when the tournament came to an end, only three Raider grapplers got to climb the podium. Kameran Clemens placed runner-up at 135 lbs. Sawyer Temple 145 lbs. and Tyler Arnett 152 lbs. each finished 4th. Despite the low number of placers, the Wayne Trace wrestlers had some very big highlight matches during the tournament. Joey Stahl, 112 lbs., got things rolling for the Raiders' fans in Friday night's wrestling action. In round 2, Joey met Jimmy Sandlin from New Carlisle. Sandlin had a season record of 30-0. He was also a top-rated wrestler in the state ratings. Joey scored the first take down, taking Sandlin to his back and pinned him in a time of 1:58. Kameran Clemens, 135 lbs., had two very good matches.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS ANNOUNCE APPLICANTS FOR 76TH HOUSE DISTRICT VACANCY

Ohio House Speaker William G. Batchelder (R-Medina) and members of the House Republican Caucus today announced the slate of applicants who have applied for appointment to the vacant 76th House District seat.

Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima), who will chair the screening panel, will be joined by Reps. Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania), John Adams (R-Sidney), Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon), and Jeff McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) as panelists.

"We have an impressive list of elected officials, teachers, and other qualified applicants from which to choose

from," Rep. Huffman said. "My colleagues and I on the panel will carefully consider how each candidate will best serve the citizens of the 76th House District."

Applicants for the 76th House District seat include: Stephen Christopher, Eugene Foster, Steven Gossard, Shane McClelland, Lucas Opperman, Mark Polelle, Michael Recker, Jackson Smith, Robert Sprague, Brandon Tisci, Merle Walter, Jr.

The screening panel will meet with all interested applicants on Monday, January 31, 2011 in Findlay at the CentraComm Communications facility, located at 323 South Main Street, 4th Floor. All applicants who applied before the 5:00 p.m. deadline (listed above) will be contacted for a specific time slot for their screening.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/24/11

This 24th day of January, 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

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Judge Suzanne Rister, Judge Conference, Dublin OH - February 2, 3, and 4, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CR206-3.99 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, to advertise in a paper of general circulation within the County for three consecutive weeks for bids for the CR206-3.99 Bridge Replacement Project.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Munger, Paulding County Fair Board - Mr. Munger announced the Paulding Exempted School FFA alumni has proposed

constructing a livestock building on the county fairgrounds. The building would be used for students living in the village to house animals. The FFA advisors and teachers involved would work in conjunction with the fair board to monitor the building. The proposed size of the building is 60' x 100'. There are several options as to where the building will be located.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher introduced her newly-hired part time staff member, Ms. Sharon Hicov. The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Hicov to Courthouse staff, replacing a part time position recently vacated.



RICKERT SIGNS WITH KASKASKIA

Woodlan senior Ryan Rickert has signed a national letter of intent with Kaskaskia Junior College in Centralia, IL to play baseball next year. Ryan is a pitcher and has been a member of the Warrior varsity team for three years. He is the son of Dave and Sharlyn Rickert of Fort Wayne.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS ADMISSIONS

- Admissions:*
- 1/17 - Eileen Rehmert, Blakeslee
 - 1/18 - Martha Strahley, Paulding
 - 1/19 - Paul Cramer, Paulding
- Dismissals:*
- 01/17 - David Leaman, Paulding
 - 1/18 - Alfonse Verfaillie, Paulding
 - 1/21 - Eileen Rehmert, Blakeslee

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THE PUNKY PRUNE

By: Rachel Steiner

Hello again West Bend community. In last week's column, we briefly discussed how to be more conscious of what we are eating. By reading labels and refusing to eat anything with ingredients which you cannot pronounce or don't know what they are is a great start. We should be especially careful with products containing more than five ingredients, because this is often a sign that the product isn't as wholesome and nourishing as it should be. Our diets should be compromised of fruits, vegetables, beans, lean meat, low-fat dairy/dairy alternatives, and whole grains.

Once you begin to realize what healthy foods looks like, to get the most nourishment and energy from your food we should look to the weather. Seasonal cooking is the most basic means of telling you what you should be eating. In a temperate climate such as ours, cooking should vary with each of the four new seasons. By purchasing produce that is "in-season" you will be saving money and be eating the best tasting options available. My family knows that we don't buy peaches in the winter because they are rock-hard, lacking in flavor, and terribly expensive as they are shipped in from across the world. Another benefit, is that we crave and digest in-season foods better than those out of season. Most would agree that eating a large pasta dinner is too heavy for sultry summer weather and it would heavily tax our body and deplete us of energy if we were to do so.

Spring and summer cooking should be light and fresh, taking advantage of the seasons' fruits and vegetables. These fresher foods will produce a more gentle and relaxed energy. This time of year we are meant to step out of our kitchens and into the garden to pick fresh produce and cook it as little as possible.

In the fall and winter, we should be eating the stronger root vegetables such as potatoes and squashes as well as beans and whole grains. These foods all grow late in the season and are able to be kept without spoilage for a very long time making them perfect to sustain us through the

winter. Meals should focus more on heartier stews and casseroles and not salads and quick-cooking dishes like in the summertime. These cold seasons bring us back inside where we stew, simmer, and bake warming dishes to shield us from the harsh outdoors. This requires strong cooking, with more fire, pressure, and time in order to concentrate the effects and nourishment of the food.

It comes as no surprise, that God, the master genius behind Creation, had it all planned out. He created everything to work in harmony, knowing we would stay healthy and vibrant for Him, never going hungry despite the change in seasons. To really enjoy that juicy tomato in our summer salad, we must miss it for a few months out of the year. Just as I'm still getting used to Mid-West winters and all the snow it brings, it just makes that first 60 degree spring day all the more marvelous. Take this week to practice buying what's currently in-season. You'll be sure to save some money and it will provide you with all the hearty nourishment needed to last us through the winter. Enjoy! If you have any specific questions or topics you would like discussed, you can email punkyprune@yahoo.com

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/12/11

This 12th day of January, 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 174632 through 174861 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT 2010 WITH PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.:

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op, Inc. is desirous of maintaining and expanding their operations in Paulding County, Ohio, with additions to real property by purchasing, remodeling, and making

additions to a new corporate headquarters located at 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio, and the addition of employment opportunities in the Enterprise Zone, provided the appropriate development incentive are available; and Paulding Village Council of Paulding County is desirous of providing Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op, Inc., with the tax incentive pursuant to Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; and Paulding County, having the authority for the stated type of project is desirous of providing Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op, Inc., with the incentives available for the development of the aforementioned project in said Enterprise Zone under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op, Inc., 401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, Ohio, as set forth in said Agreement on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTOPSIES PERFORMED FOR PAULDING COUNTY AT LUCAS COUNTY FACILITIES:

The Paulding County Coroner has requested that the Lucas County Coroner perform certain necessary autopsies; and the Lucas County Coroner has advised that he is willing to perform such services as requested by the Paulding County Coroner, for the costs incurred during the performance of said work as described in the Agreement on file at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an Agreement with the Lucas County Coroner to perform certain necessary autopsies for the costs incurred during the performance of said work.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

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 078 - Infrastructure Projects, 078-001-00001/

Infrastructure Projects, \$199,841.24

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:03 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voted yea.

At 11:14 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Simpson met with the Commissioners to acquire a signature on the BOR minutes. She also discussed payroll deductions and referred to guidelines in the ORC regarding the minimum number of employee participation required to do payroll deductions.

Jan Comers - Ms. Comers presented ethics committee paperwork for the Commissioners.

Judge Suzanne Rister - County Court - Ms. Rister met with the Commissioners for the purpose of introduction. She reported having been sworn in on January 7, 2011. Judge Rister will officially take the bench on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. She stated she would like to keep much the same schedule. The County Court clerk's position was discussed with a determination and appointment to be made at a later date.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham presented the PCED activity report as of January 11, 2011. He reported the Paulding County United Way will remain housed in the Marshall Memorial Foundation building for 2011. Mr. Langham also reported on the progress of the wind energy companies. He reminded the Commissioners of the PCED annual banquet scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on September 29, 2011, at the OSU extension hall. Mr. Langham noted the PCED board recently voted to increase Enterprise Agreement and Community Reinvestment Agreement review fees.

Ellen Townley, Paulding County Agricultural Society - Ms. Townley presented the PC Ag Society's annual financial report for year ending November 30, 2010. She also

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB



The Classic Feathers Bird Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the Bryan Community Center on Buffalo Road. Bird owners and enthusiasts are invited to attend. Annual memberships are now available.

requested office space to be used by the state auditor for their audit. Ms. Townley reports two vacant positions on the board at this time. Paulding County Fair dates have been set as June 13 through June 19, 2011. Ms. Townley stated the board will be investigating grants for fairground improvement projects.

Carol Temple, Paulding County Recorder - Ms. Temple reported loose floor tile in the basement women's restroom. She also had concerns about the snow removal/piling along the street and in parking areas. She agreed to notify the appropriate personnel.

What To Watch

Tips To Help Keep Your Pets Warm And Safe

(NAPSA)—The cold-weather months aren't just hard on humans. Pets can also be affected by the chilly temperatures.

Keeping pets safe and happy when it's cold is a major concern for all pet owners. Marc Morrone, renowned pet expert and host of Hallmark Channel's "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone" (airs weekdays at noon), is a modern-day Dr. Dolittle and Martha Stewart's go-to guy in the world of four-legged and winged beasts, from dogs to cats and rabbits to parrots.

On his show, Marc reveals what viewers need to know about caring for their pets, and below are Marc's top tips for winter pet care:

- When fitting dogs with boots and sweaters, make sure to practice inside your home first. If your pets aren't comfortable walking around the house in their gear, they will not be comfortable in the outdoors.
- Don't forget about the wild animals in the winter. Placing a bird feeder outside your window can mean the difference between life and death for a little songbird.
- Keep antifreeze out of reach of pets. It is extremely toxic. Marc cannot stress that enough.
- If you live in an apartment building or co-op, petition the board to only use pet-safe deicer on the sidewalks and courtyard walkways throughout the winter.
- If you own a reptile, keep extra heat lamps on hand during the winter months in case one blows out during a holiday or snowstorm and you can't get out to replace the bulb.
- In the winter, dry air causes dogs and cats to shed quite a bit. To combat this, brush your pet daily and add raw flaxseed oil to your



TV show offers tips to help keep pets safe and happy.

pet's food (1 teaspoon for every 10 lbs. of your pet's weight). This will help reduce dryness of the skin.

In every episode of "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone," customers stop by with pet in hand seeking Marc's advice on every topic from common cat/dog misconceptions to how to keep children and pets safe and happy while living under the same roof. This season, he looks at plus-size pets, baby pets, older pets, high-maintenance pets and more. He made his national TV debut in 1998 on Martha's show after she spotted him on a New York cable access show. The author of five books, Marc also writes a syndicated pets column for Newsday, hosts "Ask Marc, the Petkeeper" on Martha Stewart Living Radio and has a weekly show on News 12 New York called "Animal Island."

For more information on "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone," please visit www.hallmarkchannel.com/petkeepingwithmarcmorrone.



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(NAPSA)—If you've long feared you've a slim chance of losing weight and staying fit, a few hints from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may help:

- **Make a commitment.** Many people find it helpful to sign a written contract with themselves committing to the process.

- **Take stock of where you are.** Your doctor can evaluate your health and weight and suggest lifestyle changes.

- **Set goals.** "Exercise More" is not a specific goal. "I'll walk 15 minutes, three days a week" is.

- **Identify resources for information and support.** Join a weight loss group.

- **Continually monitor your progress.** Studies have shown that the more consistently a person tracks food intake and exercise, the more likely he or she is to lose weight and gain fitness.

To help, there's now a health and fitness community with easy-to-use tools for tracking nutritional intake and exercise levels. It's a social network for people interested in diet and fitness, with more than a million active members.

Each member gets a personalized calorie counter and exercise tracker based on his or her profile and determines a daily calorie budget. Custom tools measure BMI (body mass index) and BMR (basal metabolic rate; the number of calories you burn doing nothing). You can customize foods and exercises to help you meet goals based on your profile. The system lets you track food intake and exercise, with a fast and simple interface.

There are more than 600,000 food items in the database and it's growing daily due to user contributions, so most people find the majority of what they eat is already online. You can track your intake wherever you go because the MyFitnessPal.com



Good news for fitness enthusiasts: You don't have to go it alone. A social network on your computer or phone can help.

The site can be reached through a free app on both the iPhone and the Android platforms, giving members full mobile access to their account, including the entire food and exercise database. Phone and computer input sync automatically.

The network remembers what you eat most often and makes it easy to add those foods again to your log. The more you track your meals, the easier it becomes. You can track calories as well as all major nutrients including, fat, protein, carbs, fiber, cholesterol and more. Graphs and reports monitor your progress.

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Health Hints

Nurse Practitioners And A Healthier You

(NAPSA)—Given the rising cost of traditional healthcare, a growing number of Americans say they are now practicing what they refer to as "well care." The focus is on prevention and making healthy choices that will benefit the body now and later.

Many healthcare professionals are working with patients to build personalized wellness programs. In addition to providing primary, acute and specialty care, one group of healthcare professionals, nurse practitioners, spend time counseling patients on the many benefits of leading a healthier lifestyle.

According to Kay Todd of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Foundation, "Nurse practitioners work with their patients to determine a personalized wellness regimen, one that suits age, activity level, health issues, even food allergies. They are well-trained healthcare professionals who can help consumers make educated decisions about leading a healthier lifestyle."

For example, many nurse practitioners can help you incorporate the proper dietary supplements to help ensure that you are filling nutrient gaps in your diet. In fact, a recent study from the "Life...supplemented" program found that 95 percent of nurse practitioners personally take dietary supplements, including multivitamins, vitamin D and calcium.

"Nurse practitioners are uniquely positioned to help patients



Nurse practitioners often work with patients to help them design a personalized wellness regimen.

incorporate dietary supplements into their wellness routines, because they realize the important role that supplements play in offering patients the opportunity to proactively improve their health," said Duffy MacKay, N.D., vice president, scientific and regulatory affairs, Council for Responsible Nutrition. "If consumers engage in proactive health measures today, it can help them avoid potential health problems down the line."

Both Ms. Todd and Dr. MacKay advise individuals to talk to a nurse practitioner or other healthcare professional to create a well rounded health routine of a healthy diet, appropriate dietary supplements, routine exercise, and regular visits with a healthcare practitioner.

To learn more, visit the website of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners at www.aanp.org or visit the Council for Responsible Nutrition at www.crnusa.org.

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—Submitted by: Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer

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2011 RELAY FOR LIFE OF NORTHEAST ALLEN COUNTY KICKOFF PARTY!

The 2011 Relay for Life of Northeast Allen County is getting ready for their Kickoff Party. It's set to take place on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Harlan Elementary Cafeteria. Please join us for a short program, food and fun. You can register your team if you haven't already and pick up your team captain kits!

Visit www.relayforlife.org/northeastallencountyin to register your team today. Wanted: Survivors, Caregivers, Team Captains, Participants, Committee Members, Volunteers. Contact Derrick Richardson, Event Chair, for more info at 260-615-2619 or blupalms@live.com. Keep the date: June 4-5, 2011 and come out to support your team at the Relay for Life at Woodlan Jr/Sr High School.

LATTA STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement in reaction to President Obama's State of the Union address.

"In tonight's address to Congress and the American people, President Obama has once again failed to hear the pleas of our citizens that their top priorities are job creation and reducing the crushing debt that the Democrats have run up over the past four years. Instead of heeding these pleas, the President called for 'targeted investments,' a veiled term for more stimulus spending. After \$862 billion in one stimulus bill alone, Americans were, and are still asking, 'where are the jobs?'"

Even though the President called for new spending programs for job growth, Congress and our nation cannot afford one more cent of debt and deficit spending. I, along with my House Republican colleagues, will not entertain any form of new spending if it is not offset with substantial cuts to programs that are already in place that are not having a positive effect on job growth and creation.

House Republicans, having a majority in the House for less than one month, have already passed legislation that will save over 1 million jobs and bring job growth and creation to our country—specifically with our vote to repeal the jobs-destroying

government takeover of our nation's health care system. We also need to aid businesses by lowering taxes and reducing regulations so that they can create jobs in the private sector.

The President's suggestion for a federal spending freeze is certainly a step in the right direction as our nation faces record debt and deficit levels, but once again this idea is two years too late as federal spending has increased over twenty-two percent since he took office. Over the past two years House Republicans have repeatedly called for spending levels to be frozen at pre-bail-out, pre-stimulus Fiscal Year 2008 figures, and we passed a bill on the House floor earlier today that will do just that. It is my hope that the Senate will pass this legislation and the President will sign it into law as soon as possible.

With an economy still on the ropes, the President must start working with Republicans to get to get our nation moving in the right direction."

WBESC FEBRUARY MEETING DATE SET

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Regular February Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m. February's meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC Office, 10730 W. Lincoln Hwy., Van Wert, OH 45891.

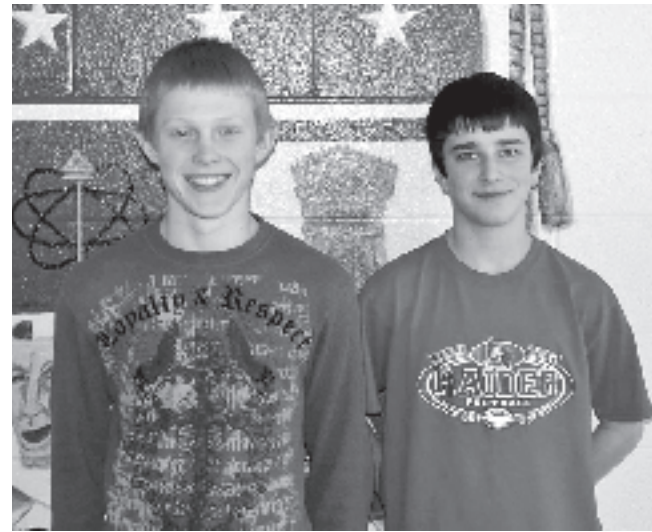
LATTA INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO REPEAL AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

This week, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H.R. 431, a bill that if passed would repeal the provision of law that provides for the automatic pay increase that Members of Congress receive. Congressman Latta also introduced this legislation during the 111th Congress.

"As our nation continues to struggle through this economic downturn, members of Congress should not receive an automatic pay increase. I look forward to swift action on this piece of legislation," Latta stated after introducing the legislation.

H.R. 431 has been referred to the Committee on House Administration in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

WAYNE TRACE JH GEOGRAPHY & SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace Jr. High recently held their annual Spelling and Geography Bees. 8th grader Jacob Dings took home first place honors, while fellow 8th grader Cassidy Hilkey was runner-up. Jacob will now advance to the County Spelling Bee on February 7 at Paulding Middle

School. 7th grader Scott Wenninger earned a 1st place finish while 7th grader Nick Durre finished in 2nd place in the Geography Bee. Scott will now take a written test to determine if he is eligible to go further in the Geography Bee.

SPEAKER BATCHELDER ANNOUNCES SCREENING PANEL TO REPLACE REP. HITE

House Speaker William G. Batchelder (R-Medina) and members of the House Republican Caucus today announced that a screening panel will begin screening candidates who wish to replace Representative Cliff Hite (R-Findlay). Rep. Hite will be appointed to the vacant 1st District Senate seat next week.

Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima), who will chair the screening panel, will be joined by Reps. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon), John Adams (R-Sidney), Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania), and Jeff

McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) in thoroughly researching and interviewing each applicant.

"I am very pleased that five of our caucus members from Northwest Ohio will lead this screening panel," Speaker Batchelder said. "I know that the panelists will engage in a thoughtful review of the unique qualifications of each applicant for the 76th House District."

Residents of the 76th House District who wish to be considered for the appointment should provide a letter of interest to Speaker Batchelder at 77 South High Street, 14th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 by Friday, January 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants may also email their letter to Speaker Batchelder at District69@ohr.state.oh.us.

The panel of five Republican House members will begin interviewing applicants at a location to be determined in the 76th House District on Monday, January 31, 2011. A full vote will be taken by the Republican caucus on Tuesday afternoon with the likely appointment to take place during House Session the following day.

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(NAPSA)—Increasingly, homeowners are seeking alternative sources of energy that can meet their needs in an emergency. When a home loses power, off goes the heat, out go the lights, the food in the refrigerator spoils and the garage doors can become disabled. Losing power for days, weeks or even longer can be costly, inconvenient and dangerous. While many homeowners have tried to address their need for electricity in an emergency with a portable generator, portability may not be the key. Experts such as the American Red Cross suggest that during power outages, permanently installed stationary generators are better suited for providing backup power to the home than portable generators.



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—Ogden Nash

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