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ANTWERP EMS MORTGAGE BURNING



Randy Shaffer and Mayor Delong burning the mortgage.

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp EMS held a Mortgage Burning Ceremony on December 3, 2011.

The Antwerp EMS started in 1972 as part of the Payne EMS. The ambulance was housed in and staffed by the Antwerp Fire Department. Antwerp EMS became its own entity around 1981.

The EMS building was built in 2000. The land was owned by the Antwerp Fire Department who deeded it over for \$1.00.

The Antwerp EMS serves all of Antwerp, Carryall Township and parts of Harrison and Crane Townships. As of December 3, 2011 a total of 260 runs have been made this year. That is above last year's total. Training for continuing education is held once a month at the EMS building. It takes 120 hours of training

for Basic EMS and 130 hours training for Intermediate EMS.

Randy Shaffer is the head of the EMS and has been since 2007. He is dedicated and very caring. He is the head of 16 volunteers.

A gathering of people attended the mortgage burning along with Mayor Delong, and Council members Jan Reeb and Larry Ryan. The mortgage was paid off in November of 2011 at a total of \$39,020.39 a year early. Randy Shaffer commented that financially the Antwerp EMS has been paying for itself. Randy Shaffer also commended his diligent staff.

Mayor Delong congratulated Antwerp EMS on a job well done and commented what an asset it has been to Antwerp and surrounding areas.

BLUE CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

For many people, the approaching Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness advertised on television or in greeting cards. Psychologists have long known that the contrived good cheer of the holiday season can actually make some people who are dealing with heartbreak feel worse.

Holidays in our culture are often about families, and families are not always happy institutions. The "Blue Christmas" concept serves an important function for those who have lost loved ones, whose loved ones are far away, or are alone during the holiday season.

The biggest relief for people who are grieving comes when it is named. The Blue Christmas service confronts feelings of grief and loss head-on. Cultures across the world have festivals of light this time of year. In reality, the long nights of winter are really a hard time for many people. The "Blue Christmas" service acknowledges just how dark the dark is.

Blue Christmas services include an emphasis on candles, with people in the congregation invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone or to mark an event in their lives.

The EMS units were open for public inspection and snacks were served.

If you're interested in joining the EMS department, see Randy at the EMS building on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Scripture, music and reflections focus on the comfort God offers during dark times, the "winter of our souls."

We invite you to a Blue Christmas service of remembrance and reflection on Sunday December 18 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 601 Flatrock Drive, in Paulding. All are welcome to participate in this service.

For more information, call 419-399-2320.

NO SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN IN DECEMBER AT CMH

Community Memorial Hospital's monthly lunch and learn event for seniors will not be held in December. The next educational event will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, when Bryan Kaplansky, MD, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, will talk about acupuncture. More information will follow at a later date.

READ CAREFULLY:

The West Bend News will not be published on Wednesday, Dec. 28, between Christmas & New Year.

Be sure to get your end of year/holiday information & ads sent in by Dec. 16

The 1st issue of 2012 will be dated January 4, 2012 and the Deadline is December 30, 2011

ROUGHTON FAMILY HOSTS EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anna Bartels, from Germany, is an exchange student studying in America for an Academic Year Program (AYP) through Cultural Homestay International (CHI). Anna is staying with the Eric and

in school activities and is a member of the Science Olympiad Team. Anna made the Honor Roll for the first nine weeks. Anna has also been involved in a variety of activities out and about in the community. Recently, she helped at Trick or Treat night at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. She started her year off by having a small part in the library's Labor Day dinner theater!

The Roughton's are very happy to have Anna as a member of the community this year. For more information on hosting an exchange student, please contact Sue Thomas, Area Coordinator for Cultural Homestay International at 419-594-2319.

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Shelly Roughton family and attends Paulding High School. Anna, being an only child, has enjoyed having siblings while in America. Her host sisters are Savannah and Kaity Roughton and her host brother is Sam Roughton.

She is actively involved

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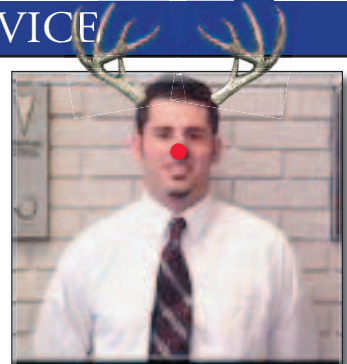
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OBITUARIES
Edna Wannemacher Fowler, 81, of Payne passed away Thursday, December 8, 2011 at her residence.

Edna L Fowler was born in Paulding on April 28, 1930, and was raised in McGill, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Lillian (Johnson) and Samuel Harris.

She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; the Evening Stars Study Club; the Town and Country Club and the Payne Grange. She worked at the Title Office in Paulding; the Farm Bureau; and Nationwide Insurance under Carl Ankney and Jim Hooker and wrote for the Paulding Progress & Antwerp Bee Argus.

On May 20, 1949 she married Alphons Wannemacher, Jr. who passed away December 16, 1969. On January 26, 1974 she married Lester Fowler.

Edna will be sadly missed by her husband, Lester; children: Judith (Larry) Hammons of Fort Wayne, Jane (James) Collis of Payne, (Michael) Lynette) Fowler, Debra Thompson, Kevin (Diana) Fowler and Bruce (Lisa) Fowler all of Columbus; sister, Kathryn Harris of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her sons: Alan Joe, Byron and Myron Wannemacher; and brothers: Leonard and Wesley Ward Harris.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne, on December 13, 2011 with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. She was laid to rest at St John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or American Cancer Society. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Marcellene L. Noll, 78, of Antwerp passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Marcellene was born in Antwerp on March 31, 1933, the daughter of the late George and May (Hisson) Elliott. She was a 1951 graduate Antwerp High School. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp; the Chamber of Commerce; the Antwerp and Hicksville Community Theater; the Eastern Star & the Advisory Board for the Manor House. She also had been active in Scouting.

Marcellene worked at Hardware Wholesalers; North American Van Lines; was a correspondent for the Antwerp Bee Argus, the Paulding Progress and the Defiance Crescent. She retired in 1999 from the Antwerp Local School where she started as a reading aide in 1974. She was instrumental in building the first computer lab and the long distance learning program at the school. On June 30, 1956 she married Jerry Noll, who passed away September 19, 2006.

Marcellene will be sadly missed by her children: Cheri (Mike) Oxender of Napoleon, Evan (Laura) of LaPorte, IN and Mark of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Also preceding her in death were her brothers: Norbert, Gilbert and Elmo Elliott.

Her funeral service was at First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp on December 10, 2011 with Pastor Mike Pennington officiating. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

REGARDING THEORETICAL GENEROSITY

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A peasant in Russia was seeking to join the Communist Party and appeared before the local Party secretary to answer a few questions as to his worthiness.

"If you have two cats, will you give one of them away?" asked the secretary. "Yes, I will," the peasant responded.

"And if you have two tractors, will you give one of them away?"

"Certainly."

"And if you have two houses, will you give one of them away?"

"Absolutely."

"And if you have two cows would you give one of them away?"

The man hesitated a moment and then said, "No, I couldn't do that."

"And why not?" questioned the secretary.

"Because I have two cows."

Interesting exchange, isn't it? What the man held to in theory and what he believed in actual practice were two different things. When it came right down to demonstrating his convictions in ways that would crowd his comfort zone and cramp his style, the man wavered. Sadly, the same is true for many of us.

On paper, most of us would look pretty virtuous. If we were to fill out a form that asked us if we loved God, our mates, our children, and other people, most of us would quickly check the "YES" box and move to the next series of questions. But in practice, I wonder how close our behavior would support our belief? It's one thing to talk about love, compassion, forgiveness, and tolerance of others; it's something else to demonstrate it. As one man was overheard to say, "Of course I love people; it's the guy next door that I can't stand."

It often seems like the most difficult people to show practical love are those with whom we have to interact on a regular basis. Our mate, our family, close friends, work associates, students at school, and people in the community or neighborhood.

Part of the reason it's more difficult to show kindness,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to eternal life, and only a few find it."

—Matthew 7:13-14

consideration, and tolerance for those sorts of people is because we know them so well and they know us. We lower our guard and tend to let our hair down around such people. We feel like we have a "right" to be rude, cutting, impatient, and cruel. Certainly with those we know well, we should feel more of a freedom to be ourselves. However, that freedom should not give us a license to speak or act in ways that are hurtful or unkind.

Another reason we find it easier to be short, uncivil, and even harsh with those close to us is because the better we get to know someone, the more we see their faults. And the more we see a person's faults, the easier it is to get ticked off and frustrated by them.

In contrast, however, the Bible tells us that Jesus showed love, forgiveness, and compassion to those who were not easy to love. His enemies. Those who were seeking to take His life. Those who disagreed with Him. His disciples as they argued and quibbled with one another.

At the time of the year when we engage in gift-giving to celebrate the Savior's birth, perhaps giving the gift of kindness, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of understanding, or the gift of time would be the most vital gift of all that you could give someone this Christmas season.

OH, I HATE THE SMELL OF TAPIOCA

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

There is this scene in "A Christmas Story" where Ralphie and his brother were visiting Santa at a department store. The Santa is a terrible Santa. He seems to enjoy terrifying the children, is ready to get off the clock, and doesn't care about spreading any joy. For him, being Santa is just another paycheck.

Ralphie is excited to tell Santa that he wants an official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200-shot range model air rifle. He gets nervous, stumbles, and agrees to a football being the gift he wants. But that just isn't the case, so Ralphie climbs back up the slide to tell Santa what he really wants. Santa replies, "You'll shoot your eye out kid. Merry Christmas. Hoooo. Hoooo. Hoooo."

Have you ever been disappointed? Have you ever looked forward to a certain item or trip only for it to be less than you expected? Have you ever been so excited to meet someone and then they just turned out to be a jerk? I would love to hear your story.

Unfortunately, Christians have often been more of a disappointment to the world rather than the blessing they were called to be. Many people hate Christians, and rightfully so. Not because of the message we share but because of the non-Christlike life we live. We have often behaved in ways that aren't the most loving. And I'm not innocent of being an embarrassment to Jesus at times. We might be too judgmental of others. We may talk about how people that don't believe in our pet doctrine are going to hell. But the biggest—and a source of the two previous symptoms—problem is that we don't really love people.

This is sad because John wrote, "We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:19-21 ESV).

So the scary news is this. If you aren't a loving person, then you aren't right with God. Oh, you could claim that you are. You could know all the right religious things to say. You could go to church every week. You could even read your Bible and pray every day, but for some reason you aren't growing. It's like the Santa Claus in "A Christmas Story." He had the costume, but he wasn't spreading any joy.

All too often, Christians – those who should help people see God's great gift to the world – get in the way and prevent people from seeing Jesus. It's true that not everyone will respond to the message of the kingdom, but we, as followers of Jesus, are to be people that reflect His glory to everyone around us whether they respond positively or not. When the world is in shambles, we keep a positive, godly perspective. When ends don't seem like they will meet, we keep up hope. When someone is in need, we search for a way to help. When darkness creeps in, we help shine the light.

Jesus came into this world, as we remember every year at Christmas time, to help renew us from our fallen state into the image of God (Colossians 3:10). It is the greatest gift God could give us. And because of His great, immeasurable love for us, we should respond by passing that love along to others. Christmas is the season of giving, but

it shouldn't just stop there. As Christians, every season should be just that. We are to make a difference in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

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

WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

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

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT), "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith..."

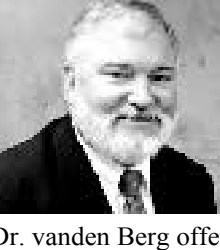
Growing up I had many childhood heroes, most of them were sport icons, giants like Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax, Jim Brown and Oscar Robertson. One person who made a huge impact in my life as a young fourth grader in 1964 was a young, newly married first year teacher at Continental. Mrs. Heath was that teacher and she would go on to make an eternal impact upon my life.

Mrs. Heath always spoke kindly to me and made every effort to take an interest in me as a student. I wasn't a great student, I lacked a great deal of self-confidence and the day she came to me and asked if I would accept the lead in the class play, well, I told her no. Mrs. Heath didn't give up, she kept speaking to me and finally, I gave in. Mrs. Heath became my hero. After I left the fourth grade I would not see Mrs. Heath again for seven years, a meeting that I would never forget.


I was sixteen years old the summer of 1971 and had become a Christian at the end of my sophomore year through the ministry of Youth for Christ. I was asked to lead a prayer at a summer revival service sponsored by several Continental area churches at the Continental Local Schools Auditorium, when, after the service was over, Mrs. Heath, who was in the audience, came down the auditorium stairs to speak to me. I remember how the tears were streamed down her face as she spoke with a trembled voice. "Rick, I have prayed for your salvation for seven years, I am so filled with joy to know that you have given your heart to Jesus."

Mrs. Heath had left the

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teaching profession years earlier to start her family and came to the community service that night to see if she could find some of her previous students. We both wept as we rejoiced over the goodness and grace of God. My hero, Mrs. Heath had entered my life again.

It would be another seven years before we saw each other again; our next meeting would take place over my request to ask Mrs. Heath and her husband, Ken, to become my first donors as a missionary with YFC. They gladly accepted the opportunity to pray for and support my ministry in YFC.

Heroes, whether cultural ones, those from Christian history or the ones we find in scripture all speak to our need for spiritual giants to model our lives after, to encourage us to "Be Strong and Courageous." Who has made a difference in your life? Have you taken time to thank them? Perhaps the best way to say thank-you is to live a life that makes the kind of impact that resembles what they've done for you.

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

THE ALLEY YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER'S KICKS OFF WINTER FUND-RAISER

If winters' chill is something you prefer to avoid, the Alley Youth and Community Center's Winter Fund-raiser promises to be a warm (and sweet) escape. Scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Alley, festivities kick off at 7:30 p.m. for what is being billed as a 'tropical island retreat' that promises to deliver a deliciously warm Chocolate Breeze... and so much more!

Again this year, various businesses, groups and individuals have become Community Table Sponsors, raising money and awareness for the benefit of The Alley Youth and Community Center. There are still opportunities to help with this event.

The event embraces a tropical theme, complete with ce- rulean beaches, palm trees, sandy beaches, island music and... chocolate! The evening begins with Hors d'oeuvres and the selling of raffle tickets for prizes that include gift baskets, certificates and some 'very unique items'. A purchased ticket gives the holder a chance for a separate drawing for the Grand Prize: a gift certificate for two at Joseph Decuis, the locally celebrated gourmet restaurant in Roanoke, Indiana, known for their signature dish of amazingly tender marbled Wagyu beef raised on their farm, located six miles from the restaurant. The main event will be a sit-down meal of enough chocolate to satisfy even the most insatiable sweet tooth.

Concerning last year's success "The Alley was transformed into a gorgeous winter wonderland. My husband and I loved it!" according to Shannon Villenna, director of Hicksville Community Service Center. Anticipation for an even greater response this year is evident as guests have been eager to learn next year's date. Adults wishing to attend may purchase tickets by contacting Sandi Brown, Col- lie Stairhime or Linda Snider, or by visiting The Alley Youth and Community Center on www.facebook.com/thealley. yfc and clicking on Event for ticket info.

The Alley Youth and Community Center is local ministry center of Youth for Christ whose goal is to provide a Christ-centered, family-friendly facility to strengthen our community." Learn more at The Alley Youth and Community Center's Facebook page.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

All questions and answers are from a New King James version of the Bible.

1. Acts 21:5 - When Paul and the disciples had finished the seven days who accompanied them out of the city?

2. When all of these People were out of the city, what did they do?

3. Acts 21:6 - What did the elders and wives do in this verse?

4. Acts 21:7 - Who did Paul and the disciples greet in Ptolemais?

5. Acts 21:8 - Whose house did Paul's companions enter into?

6. Acts 21:8 - What was Philip?

7. Acts 21:9 - This verse says Philip had how many virgin daughters?

8. Acts 21:9 - This verse also says that Philip's daughters did what?

9. What does the word prophesy mean?

10. Acts 21:10 - In this verse what was the prophet's name who came down from Jerusalem?

Comments or bible questions call Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Bible answers coming up:

1. With his own blood
2. Savage wolves
3. Perverse things
4. To God
5. His hands
6. It is more blessed to give than to receive
7. Kneel down and prayed with them all
8. That they would see his no more
9. Cos, Rhodes and Patara
10. Not to go up to Jerusalem

Please continue to pray, thanking our heavenly Father, for all He does for us.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/21/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on November 21, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the November 7th Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance No. 1429-11 re: An Ordinance Amending and Increasing Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2011, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1430-11 re: An Ordinance to make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Paulding, State of Ohio, during the Year Ending December 31, 2012, was read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 1428-11 re: Ordinance for the Employment of Michael C. Jones as Solicitor for the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, was read for the second time.

Resolution No. 1258-11 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2012 was read for the second time.

Tope noted depository bids were received on November 16th, and recommended keeping the depository at the State Bank & Trust Company. Rife motioned to accept State Bank & Trust Company's bid, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted a Street Committee had met on November 14th to discuss alleys, the intersection at Williams Street and Gasser Road, and stop signs along North Drive. It was determined, according to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, that stop signs are not to be used to control speed; therefore, no stop signs will be erected in the area. The other two points will be discussed further at the next Street Committee meeting scheduled for November 29th at 5:30 p.m.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. It contained two items: 1) a water, sewer, and refuse assessment for a residence owned by Emily A. Broadway, and 2) a copy of Change Order #2 of the WW Lagoon Improvements Project. This change order was discussed and supported by the Utility Committee. Guelde motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe encouraged members of the

Buildings and Grounds Committee to attend a meeting on November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. with Al Lindeman of the Perfection Group to go over his recommendations regarding energy efficiencies for the Village.

Wiebe also noted he, Solicitor Mike Jones, and Fire Chief Todd Weidenhamer will be meeting sometime in the near future to discuss the fire damages to 634 E. Perry St.

Wiebe also noted that advertisement to rebid the Water Treatment Plant was taken to the Paulding-Progress last week. Bid will be opened December 22, 2011. Solicitor Jones noted he added a line noting "any and all bids may be rejected".

Wiebe noted the Village is currently being faced with sewer separation, and provided Council with a copy of the "Planning Report for CSO Elimination" that has been prepared by Jones & Henry and submitted to the Ohio EPA on the Village's behalf. He also stressed the need to keep these issues in the public eye.

He also relayed an email from Julie Ward of RCAP. It noted the Village did make the fundable list of a 1% loan with regard to the design and construction of Phase 1 of the sewer separation project, but will not receive 50% Principle Forgiveness as the Water Pollution Control Fund ran out of funding. Wiebe did comment the Village has until December 19th to submit written commitments.

The following committee meetings were scheduled:

Street Committee - Tuesday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee - Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Trausch motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Guelde motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/21/11

Woodburn City Council Met on November 21, 2011. Members Present: Councilmen, Clarence Reichhart, Bob Zimmerman, Jim Norden Ron Clegg, Mayor Richard Hoepfner, Treasurer Holly Sarrazine, Utility Superintendent Ryan Walls and Police Officer Brad Parker

Audience - One resident wanted to know when the office hours for City Hall had changed. Answer - September it changed to 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You can call for an appointment after those hours. Resident wanted to know when the spring garage sale would be and if she could renew her golf cart permit. Answer - We will check on the garage sale since there have been some complaints about having it on Mother's Day weekend and Golf Cart permits can be renewed any- time.

Police Report - No report

Mayor - Would like to discuss implementing the Storm Water Utility. Do we want to proceed? The cost would be \$3.00 per month per resident with commercial paying \$1 per 1,000 sf with a \$100 cap. There are multiple steps to form a Storm Water Utility including having the lawyer do an ordinance so I would like a yes or no at our next meeting December 5, 2011. Councilman Zimmerman made a motion to make a motion to form, Councilman Reichhart 2nd the motion, vote was taken Councilman Norden and Clegg opposed, motion was tied, Mayor Hoepfner declined to break the tie. Councilman Norden would like more information before making a decision. Mayor Hoepfner asked if we were going to contract Arnold Gerbers for snow removal his price is \$90, Councilman Zimmerman made the motion to have him continue, Councilman Clegg 2nd Councilman Norden opposed, motion carried. Mayor said he was meeting with Ryan Schrack with OCRA on Monday to discuss a planning grant. It is a 90/10 grant and he has asked Lynn Rorick with the Chamber to sit in.

Treasurer - Warrants were presented Councilman Reichhart made a motion to pay, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, Councilman Clegg opposed motion passed. Estimate was presented for a new computer in the Deputy Clerk's office. Councilman Reichhart made a motion to buy, Councilman Clegg 2nd vote was unanimous, motion carried. Estimate to take training on the accounting software was presented, Councilman Zimmerman made a motion for the training, Councilman Norden 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Resolution number R-11-185 was presented moving money in the Police Department between accounts to compensate for a deficit in gas and insurance. Councilman Norden made a motion to approve R-11-185, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Meeting minutes from 11-7-11 were presented. Councilman Reichhart made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, Councilman Zimmerman 2nd all approved, motion carried.

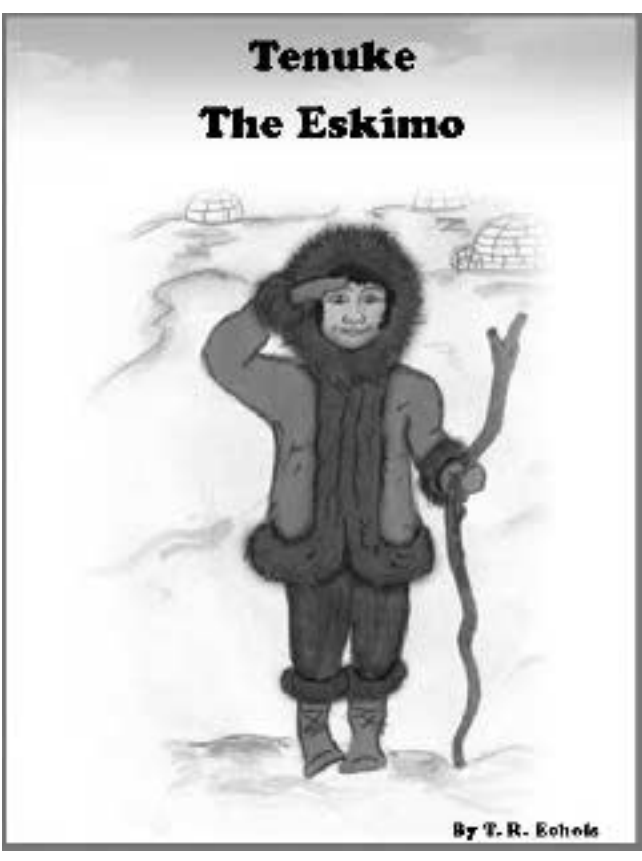
Utility Superintendent - There are about 30 Havenwood meters yet to be installed. We still want to have the first read by December 15. The invoice that was pulled last meeting was for the water plant and not covered under the service contract. Since the last meeting an invoice for the service contract was received. The Service contract will be put out for bids when the current one expires. Councilman Reichhart made a motion to pay the invoice that was pulled along with the invoice that was presented for the service contract. Councilman Zimmerman 2nd, all approved, motion carried. Next week will be the last pick up for leaves. We will be doing Christmas trees and banners on Tuesday the 28th. Lights on the water tower are set and ready to go. They will be turned on Wednesday November 23. We are taking in the 1 Ton for repairs.

Councilman Reichhart - Pfister invoice came in and I approved it. They still need to remove the stump on Core Street. A resident on Core would like the tree between the sidewalk and street topped. Councilman Zimmerman will look to see if it presents a hazard.

Councilman Norden - He would like to thank all who participated in the election.

Councilman Clegg - No report
Councilman Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Clegg 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Minutes prepared by Holly Sarrazine - Clerk Treasurer.

AUTHOR T.R. ECHOLS LAUNCHES FIRST BOOK



By: Sue Knapp

Tony Echols grew up in Paulding County and graduated from Paulding High School. As a child Tony liked to fish but his main love was telling stories. He started telling stories in the fifth grade, in a time when video games and TV were not the main source of entertainment. Tony was using his gift of imagination.

Tony went on to Franklin University after high school where he still takes classes. He is currently working on another book.

Tony's goal is to reach out to children by bringing them wholesome stories; stories that parents can read to their children at story or bedtime.

Tony wants to give back to Paulding County and will donate a percentage of each book sold for families in need. He also has an idea

of workshops and scholarship programs to be held in Paulding County.

From the back of the book cover:

Tenuke, the Eskimo By: T.R. Echols

Tenuke, the Eskimo boy, dreams to be a great hunter. His journey takes him on an adventure where he learns that he must be patient and obedient, which will one day lead him to be a great hunter like his father.

This is the first book in a series about the adventures of Tenuke. Tenuke will learn lessons on patience, obedience, love, parenting and compassion.

There will be a book signing at the Paulding Library in Paulding at a later date.

For more information about *Tenuke, the Eskimo*, goto: tr_echols@yahoo.com and request information on ordering the book.

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WT PAYNE 6TH GRADERS PRESENTED THANKSGIVING PROGRAM



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary 6th grade presented the Annual Thanksgiving Day program at Payne Elementary in November. They

celebrated Thanksgiving by remembering what they have to be thankful for and telling the story of how Thanksgiving became a holiday. "Turkeys"

this year were performed by Max Rassman and Jordan Saylor.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/14/11

This 14th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 183024 through 183109 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Judge John DeMuth, 2011 OAJCJ Winter Conference, Dublin, Ohio - December 1 & 2, 2011

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 10, 2011, Warrant numbers 182940 through 183020 in the amount of \$92,178.30; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time

that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A LINE ITEMS AND AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE VOCA FUND (FUND 162):

The VOCA Victims' Assistance program, Fund 162, is on a fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012; and appropriations are made based on a calendar year; and it is necessary to track expenses for Fund 162 for auditing purposes for the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012). Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line items in the VOCA Fund (Fund 162); and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 162, for the period October 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011:

- 162-001-20121, FY12 Salaries, \$6,237.75
- 162-001-20122, FY12 PERS, \$873.29
- 162-001-20123, FY12 Medicare, \$90.45
- 162-001-20124, FY12 Workers' Compensation, \$0
- 162-001-20125, FY12 Health & Life Insurance, \$1,445.73
- 162-001-20126, FY12 Other, \$4,179.25
- 162-001-20127, FY12 Furnishings, \$1,734.00
- 162-001-20128, FY12 Supplies, \$200.00
- 162-001-20129, FY12 Printing, \$500.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 096):

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 096 - Prison Diversion 408, 096-001-20111/FY10 Personnel, \$1,805.29

IN THE MATTER OF RENAMING EXPENSE LINE ITEMS AND APPROPRIATING FOR FY 2012 FOR PRISON DIVERSION (FUND 096):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to rename the following expense line items and appropriate unappropriated funds as follows for FY 2012 for Fund 096:

096-001-20101, FY10 Personnel - Personnel, \$25,300.50

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 096):

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 as follows for FY 2012 for Fund 096:

Fund 096 -Prison Diversion, 096-001-20092/SCRAM Expenses, \$1,875.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 110):

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 as follows for Fund 110:

Fund 110 -Schilderink Dairy Farm TIF, 110-001-00001/Principal, \$886.84

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 110):

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 as follows for Fund 110:

Fund 110 -Schilderink Dairy Farm TIF, 110-001-00002/Interest, \$74.67

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

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

FROM: 001-003-00010/General Fund/County Treasurer/Workers' Comp

TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$390.94

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-014):

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

FROM: 001-022-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Health Insurance

TO: 001-014-00002/General Fund/County Court/Salaries-Employees AMOUNT: \$13,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY FLOOD PLAIN VARIANCE BOARD:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby reappoint the following members to the Paulding County Flood Plain Variance Board:

Steve Sprow - 2 year term, December 31, 2013

Tim Franklin - 2 year term, December 31, 2013

Brian Miller - 2 year term, December 31, 2013

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR BRIDGE PROJECTS IN 2013:

Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey, recommended the Commissioners enter into two bridge project agreements with ODOT; and the bridges included in said project are CR 87 8.61 over the Flat Rock Creek, and CR79 1.33 over the Blue Creek. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to enter into an agreement with ODOT for said bridge improvement work to be done in 2013; and said bridge projects will be partially funded with federal grant dollars.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDED QUOTES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES:

This 14th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County banking institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$58,666.00 for the CIC Ind. Develop. #1:

State Bank & Trust - 2.75%

Antwerp Exchange Bank - 2.25%

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to accept the quote from Antwerp Exchange Bank for a general obligation note at an interest rate of 2.25%; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize any two of the three Commissioners to sign the note. The note will be for one (1) year with the Prosecutor's opinion to be included.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey raised questions about the manholes for the Auglaize River

Sewer Project. He wants to ensure their snow removal equipment will not be damaged. Mr. McGarvey agreed to discuss this issue with the project manager and contractor. He also will work with Poggemeyer Design Group on completing the CIR required by OWPC.

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Ms. Gray began her radio interview with Commissioner Zartman. Mr. Zartman stated the Courthouse will be open five days a week, eight hours a day, beginning January 3, 2012. He further stated the increase in hours of operation can be attributed to the extremely conservative position the Commissioners chose to take in 2009, along with a steady increase in sales tax revenue in 2011. Mr. Zartman noted the new hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and also said manning the offices for these hours would be at the discretion of the elected official. Reinstating Fridays will hopefully better serve the public. Commissioner Burkley then noted he had recently attended the Soil and Water Conservation District's annual banquet. Antwerp area residents Ken and Jan Hahn were the recipients of SWCD's annual award. Mr. Burkley also noted that SWCD recently received a grant and hired Mark Holtsberry to educate the public on their services. Mr. Burkley then explained CREP, which is a federally funded program allowing landowners to set aside acres for soil conservation. Filter strips provide grassy areas between fields and creeks or ditches which catch some of the run-off from the fields.

The landowner is reimbursed for the acres taken out of production for this purpose. Commissioner Burkley then announced the opening of The Antwerp Child Care Center, Inc., located at Riverside Church north of Antwerp at the intersection of State Route 49 and County Road 192. He noted this is currently the only state licensed child care facility in Paulding County. The Antwerp Child Care Center, Inc. will accept children from 6 weeks old up to age 12. They have hourly and daily rates and have school bus drop off and pick up. Mr. Burkley commended the church for 'jumping through the hoops' and making the upgrades necessary to become state licensed. Commissioner Fred Pieper noted a local radio station will be on the Courthouse square today collecting for "Toys for Tots". He urged county residents to be generous in their giving for this worthy cause. All dollars collected in Paulding County will benefit the children of Paulding County.

Board members of the Paulding County Veterans' Services - Five board members of the Paulding County Veterans' Services met with the Commissioners to discuss their 2012 budget. Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor, provided a worksheet showing the calculation for the one-half of one mill, which makes up the Veterans' Services budget. The estimated 2012 budget is \$158,328.00.

WT WRESTLERS CHALLENGED AT ARCADIA

"I expect, and will accept, nothing less than first place," commented Coach Clemens in a motivational speech given at last Friday night's practice. With high expectations riding on this 20th state ranked Raider team, they entered the Arcadia Wrestling Invitational on Saturday the 10th with a purpose. Would the senior laden team be able to answer their coach's challenge?

The line up on Saturday would consist of all weights being filled except for 170 and heavyweight. Five seniors would provide leadership for the Raider grapplers, but would be without senior Tyler Arnett. Seven underclassmen would round out the Raider team. Arcadia and Riverdale would be considered the top contenders in this tournament.

The first round opened with the Raider team suffering only three losses from the 13 wrestling and all wins were earned with a pin. After round one the team found itself in third place. Finishing round two with no losses, the Raider team found itself in second position, behind only Arcadia. The Raider team continued to pile up wins and more importantly, wins with pins, gaining bonus points it would desperately need to contend for the title.

Chasing Arcadia all day, the team continued on and knew that it would come down to the final round. Wayne Trace would find three wrestlers competing for fifth place, two for third, and seven vying for top place honors. When the dust settled, Clemens, Temple, and Pierce

were champions for the day. Taylor, Stahl, Miller, and Zach Cotterman finished runners up. Showalter placed third, Zaine Cotterman and Baxter fourth, and Harris fifth. West and Norling would round out the team placers in sixth place. For the first time ever, all Raider grapplers would place in a tournament.

On this day, a Raider wrestler would garner a prestigious title, Most Outstanding Wrestler. This honor is voted on by each varsity head coach and bestowed upon one wrestler whom they consider the best wrestler of the tournament. Placing first at 5-0, pinning all opponents in the first round, and allowing not a single point scored against him, Kameran Clemens became the first Raider wrestler to earn such an honor. While waiting for the final team scores to be tabulated, Coach Clemens said, "He (Kameran) is such a hard working and dedicated wrestler. He wrestled nearly flawlessly today; he was impressive. This is my first wrestler to receive this honor, and today, Kameran earned it."

The Raider team waited in anticipation as a prolonged period occurred until final team points were calculated. Then the team standings were announced: 6th Columbus Grove, 5th Plymouth, 4th Cory-Rawson, 3rd Riverdale, 2nd Arcadia, and yes, answering their coach's challenge, Wayne Trace first place! "It takes everything coming together as a team to win a tournament title: winning the matches you should and shouldn't, winning with pins, having senior leadership, and underclassmen performing at a high level. I am excited to get my first tournament championship, but we are not where we need to be to contend for bigger titles. We need to eliminate some mental mistakes, wrestle smarter, but it was enough today. These guys really answered my challenge," stated Coach Clemens.

The team will have a tri-match with Ayersville and Hicksville on Thursday night. They will then travel to Tinora on Saturday the 17th to compete in the Tinora Duals tournament.

RECIPES FROM A GREAT GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

Our son and daughter-in-law invited Steve, myself and a couple of friends to dinner on a Saturday.

They served the best turkey I have ever eaten. I'm a big fan of cooking turkey in a cooking bag but the turkey I had there was absolutely out of this world.

Electric Roaster Turkey Recipe

1 whole turkey
1/4c. olive oil (or 1/4c. butter)

1 tsp. seasoning salt
1. Take the insert out of the roaster and pre-heat roaster to its highest setting.

2. Rinse and pat dry tur-

key. Sprinkle salt in the cavity. Stuff if desired.

3. Place turkey in the roasting pan on top of the wire rack that comes with the roaster. Make sure the handles are up and not tucked underneath.

4. Rub entire bird with butter or olive oil. You can rub in any spices and herbs you want.

5. Finish with a good sprinkle of seasoning salt and black pepper. You can, but don't have to add water. Insert your thermometer in bird before placing in roaster. Place bird in roaster and cover.

6. Roast at highest heat setting for 30 minutes. The olive oil, seasoning salt and the searing time will make the skin brown and perfect.

7. After 30 minutes turn the temperature down to 325.

8. The turkey will self baste if you do not lift the lid. Do not lift the lid during cooking time. Lifting the lid will increase the cooking time because the roaster ovens lose their heat unlike regular ones.

9. Check your bird. Figure your total cook time from the time you first put your bird in the roaster. Final temp will be 180 in the thigh and 165 in the breast.

10. If it is not done at the expected time, check every 30 minutes.

Estimated cooking times:
8-12 pounds: 2 3/4-3 hours
12-14 pounds: 3-3 3/4 hours
14-18 pounds: 3-4 1/4 hours
18-20 pounds: 4 1/4-4 3/4 hours

My son cooked a 20 pounder this way and had a digital thermometer in the bird the whole time, it took three hours to cook.

Unless I get or receive a roaster, my son will be roasting our turkeys from now on. I think I will get him to do the bone-in ham for Christmas.

GAME SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR WAYNE TRACE

The Wayne Trace girls varsity basketball game scheduled for January 2 has been moved to January 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Wayne Trace.

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MISS HELEN JUMP

By: Stan Jordan

Friends and readers, this is a name of Antwerp History and I'm glad to bring it to you older folks as some of you will remember the Jumps.

Miss Helen Jump was born in Antwerp in 1922 at the east end of Daggett Street. Around 1930 the family moved to Defiance. She had attended the first and second grade here in Antwerp. She had two brothers and a sister. Her father was Paul Jump and she remembers getting into the family Model T and going across Forder's Bridge to the Jump home place where Jim Jump's daughter, Melanie now lives. Helen remembers the rickety wooden floor on the bridge and the boards rattled all the way across. She remembers playing along the river bank of the Maumee in that area.

Her mother was Madeline Clemmer and that family grew up around the Bethel Church area. In the Clemmer family was George and Madeline, Wilber, Grace, and Ruth who later married Tom Schilb.

I remember the two Clemmer boys as teachers in the 1930's at Antwerp High School. Her brother, George Jump, was principle at Antwerp High School in 1945 for a few years. George married Samantha Johnson and I think they had five children.

They moved to Twenty Nine Palms, California and Pauline, Gale and I visited them there in 1959. George took a job with the government as a school teacher in Guam for many years. I visited with George at a funeral

in Antwerp eight or ten years ago. He is deceased now.

Guy Jump, of the local B.A. Smith Lumber Yard, was a cousin of my dad, Helen tells me. She is relation to all the Jumps and Clemmers around Antwerp.

Helen graduated from Defiance College and then she attended Vanderbilt and received her Master's Degree in Psychiatric Social Work.

She worked for years in this field and then worked at the Ohio State University supervising Master's Degree candidates as well as carrying a case load for herself, all of this is in the social work field.

After Ohio State she moved to Colorado and worked in Arapahoe County in the social service department and retired there in 1984.

After she retired she bought 10 acres up in the mountains and had a modern A-frame cabin built around the 6,000 foot altitude.

She said it was lonesome up there but very beautiful scenery, some peaks were over 14,000 feet.

She bought an Alaskan Malamute dog for a companion. The dog soon weighed 100 pounds and was out of control. She had a good dog trainer to settle 'Laska' down.

After Laska was four years old she became a first class competitor. Helen also became a first class dog trainer and she traveled with the other trainers to a number of first class dog shows around the U.S. They showed a number of dogs. Her dog won the breed award at Westminster in New York one time. I would say that was a good ending as she won a number of awards at International Dog Shows.

Currently she works for the dog handler and does general office work: four phones, 10 employees, billing, payroll, publicity and anything else that needs to be done. She enjoys her work and is not planning on retiring any time soon, although she is 89 years young.

Helen comes back to Antwerp every few years to see her kin and renew old acquaintances. I think she miss-

es Antwerp a little bit. She has so many ties to this area.

Helen, I can't say how enjoyable it was to receive your letters and talk to you on the phone.

I remember most of the Jumps, even Sam and Ada. I know the Clemmers and I know about the house where you were born on East Daggett Street.

I have spent some hours reminiscing over your part of Antwerp history and I had a ball, thank you so much.

See ya!

HI-CALIBRE

By: Stan Jordan

My name is Hi-Calibre and I was born in Crane Township on June 27, 1870. This big event took place in what is known as Wilson's Hollow. We were a good family, attending Bethel United Methodist Church sporadically. Dad raised and sold hogs and sheep and I was the clean up man. I hated that job and I hung out in the town of Antwerp whenever I could.

This was in 1887 and the Reservoir Rebellion was in full swing. The area farmers and citizens were up in arms as the canal had been abandoned in Indiana so there was no boats or traffic on the canal in Ohio.

There was a committee with a petition to abandon the canal from the State Line by the Junction with the Miami Canal. It passed in the House of Representatives alright but it was defeated 28-6 in the Senate, because a large group of businessmen from Defiance wanted to keep the canal open and raft logs to the businesses.

The defeat of the bill upset the Antwerp people and they said the reservoir must go. The fighting spirit was prevalent in the whole area and their motto was: "no compromise, the reservoir must go".

Plans to blow the reservoir and locks were underway in a dozen secret meetings in the back room of Frank Lamb's Barber Shop. That building is now known as Carla's.

There were a number of explosions and a bucket filled with dynamite was floated to the locks and exploded, but all this damage was repaired at once by men from Defiance. Stronger measures had to be taken. So the night of April, 25, 1887 was set for the final action. My job was to guard and carry the hundreds of pounds of dynamite. The dynamite was packaged in quantities of 50 pounds each. It was stored in an abandoned kiln at the east end of Harman's Tile Mill. The time was set for low twelve and pandemonium ran rampant.

Our explosion was at the north corner of the reservoir as well as another at the southeast corner. A few more on the south bank and the north bank. Tate's Landing, east of the Emerald road had been notified. Boy, it was fun, a big explosion every now and then. Fire flew in a dozen places. The chilly, dark night air was full of excitement. The dastardly deed was done. All the men went home and discarded their secret costumes and masks.

Well from that night on, there were soldiers from Columbus, who were sent up here to protect the States Property.

Well, you didn't hear anything about my presence be-

cause I was only 12 at that time and all were sworn to secrecy about my young age.

But you and I know that it could not have taken place if I and my dynamite would not have been there.

See ya!

BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 35: SAM'S DECISION

By: Stan Jordan

After supper we four fellows sat down in the corner of the big room at the hotel and drank two pots of coffee and helped El Paso Sam make up his mind about his job offer to be an Indian Agent to the Lakota Nation.

Sam said, "Fellows you will have to help me make up my mind. This is all so new and sudden for me."

Slim Jim Martin said, "There is no doubt that you can handle it. You have a way with Lakotas and you can learn their language and sign language. You are straight as an arrow and they know it. You would be great for them and they for you."

Hiram, our Chief Yellow Pencil, joined in and said, "I am looking at it from the business end. You should accept the job because of the good security of it and this new retirement system that the government is having. With your knowledge and demeanor you would be a valuable person for both sides, the government and the Indians."

It came my turn to express my views on the situation.

"Sam, I have been with you for over two years and I certainly respect you and your attitude. You don't talk much, you just do a good job. You can handle most any problem to the satisfaction of both sides. I know I am a better fellow because I have listened to you for over two years. The Indians treat you and like you. I know you can handle the job and I would like to see you apply for the job."

Sam thought for awhile and then said, "I trust you fellows assessment of me, you all brought up different qualifications and sides to look at. Fellas, I feel right now that I will try for the job. I guess I should settle down, we have traveled back and forth across this great nation long enough."

We played a few games of Hearts and then turned in.

This morning we had breakfast of biscuits and gravy, grits or rolled oats and another hot biscuit.

We were at the General's office at the appointed time. El Paso Sam talked for a couple minutes about his past and future and was very proud of his association with the Lakota nation and their trust to him. Then he told General Kearney that he would like the job and to please go ahead and make the necessary inquiries and paper work. But then he told the General that he could not accept the position until after he came back from Independence and then to Sutter's Mill and back and this would be about this time next January.

After all this discussion and agreement on El Paso Sam the general turned to the Sgt. Major and asked if all was in readiness for me going to college next fall. The Sergeant said they were and

all were accepted, just waiting for time next September. Well, we got all of the important papers done and we left at daylight on the morning of January 9, 1851.

We have been on the road for a couple days now. We left the North Platte at a little place called Gibson. We used the ferry this time. Now we are heading south east and eventually into Kansas.

There is nothing here in the area. I mean no people—no rocks or mountains either, just good flat trail and a lot of it. We are moving right along on a well traveled pike, The Oregon Trail.

We hit the Blue River today and I remember the area from before. Hiram says we follow the Blue down to Bradbury and then cross into Kansas Territory at a place called Steele City and this is January 17.

We stop at the Hollenburg Pony Express stop. We cross the Big Blue River and then down to the Vermilion River.

There is not a whole lot here. The land is pretty flat with some farming going on and also a lot of cattle. We continue on south and just missed Topeka then we turned east toward Kansas City.

We are on the Oregon Trail here and the ground is good and hard and it is well traveled. We are due at the Farmer's Bank in Independence, Missouri by the 13th of February and this is the 10th of February.

Big Chief Yellow Pencil, Hiram, took the first wagon down the street and then turned off to the Farmer's Bank. We got off the wagons and we three fellows carried a bag of gold dust and Hiram carried all the papers and records. Jim, Sam and I sat out in the lounge and Hiram attended the weigh in as an observer. Well, after awhile Hiram joined us and said that all was okay – and do we want our pay now or leave it in the bank until it's time to leave. We all agreed to get our money later.

We mounted up on the wagons and went back to the big livery stable where we have stopped before.

Next Week: Busy in Independence
See ya!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
11/28 - Clair Brandenburg, Antwerp
12/2 - Pearl Fulk, Antwerp
12/3 - Alice Pacitti, Paulding
Dismissals:
12/1 - Clair Brandenburg, Antwerp
12/4 - Alice Pacitti, Paulding

LATTA STATEMENT ON USPS OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR TOLEDO

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced on Monday further measures as part of its restructuring plan in order to overcome its financial challenges:

"Every American is concerned about the future of the Postal Service as it is in America's economic and social best interest to ensure the long-term vitality of the Postal Service. In light of its current financial situation, the postal service needs to be reformed in a responsible manner in order to increase its efficiency and financial sustain ability.

"In regards to the continuation of the consolidation reviews of mail processing centers, before any action is taken, it is critical Postmaster Donahue host a public hearing in Toledo to allow citizens and local officials to review the results of their study and voice any concerns and alternative solutions. I will continue to be actively engaged in the discussions surrounding this review."

Currently, USPS is studying the Toledo Area Mail Processing facility.

In the past two months, Rep. Latta has been in communication with the Postmaster General and the USPS Office of Inspector General (OIG). On November 3, 2011, Rep. Latta sent a letter to the OIG requesting an independent study of the potential closure of Toledo Area Mail Processing facility.

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PAULDING & OAKWOOD ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Both Paulding and Oakwood Elementary Schools and Paulding Middle School recently held school wide Geography Bees. Listed below are the winners from each school.

- Paulding Elementary: 4th Grader, Nathan Hodge; 5th Grader, Zoe Shepherd
- Oakwood Elementary: 4th Grader, Claire McClure; 5th Grader, Alex Riethman; 6th

Graders, Kirby Carder and Zach Branham tied – both will participate in Bee.

Paulding Middle School: 6th Graders, Cade McGarvey and Isaac Baldwin tied – both will participate in Bee; 7th Grader, Allison Arend; 8th Grader, Kasandra Cogswell

The district Geographic Bee will be held in the administration building on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. Students in fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world, will be competing in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee. The 2012 Bee is sponsored by Google.

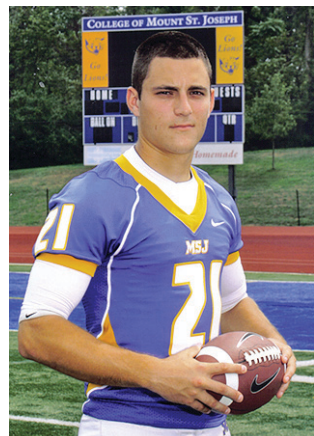
The winner of the Paulding Bee will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000.00 college scholarship at the national competition May 22-24, 2012 in Washington, DC

PAULDING MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL DATE TIME CHANGE FOR CONCERTS

The Paulding Middle/High School Choir and Band concert time has been changed for December 18. The choir will start their performance at 2:30 p.m. and the Band will begin at 4:00 p.m.

ZACH GERBER RECEIVES COACH JOHN PONT AWARD

Zach Gerber, (Payne, Ohio) a Mount St. Joseph Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference wide receiver and former Wayne Trace Raider was the recipient of the John Pont Coaches Award. John Pont was the head football coach at Miami of Ohio, Yale, Indiana, and Northwestern. His last head college coach-



ing position was at Mount St. Joseph when the school started its collegiate football program in 1990. The John Pont Coaches Award is presented to the player who demonstrates passion, dedication, and success both on the football field and off the football field and is voted on by his teammates. Zach Gerber finished his career at Mount St. Joseph with 43 receptions for 587 receiving yards, 2 touchdowns, and 657 all purpose yards. He was also one of the team captains and selected to the Tom Bohlsen Academic All HCAC Team. Academic All-Conference selections have at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA and are varsity athletes. Zach is the son of Brian and Anne Gerber.11/28

PAULDING RECIPROCATES WITH WIN FOR BLACK SWAMP FOOTBALL LOSS TO RAIDERS



The Wayne Trace Raiders went to Paulding for their annual basketball game. Paulding took early control, and the Raiders followed behind the rest of the game. Shown above is Junior Dalton Sinn scoring in the 1st quarter for the Raiders with Paulding junior Lance Four attempting to block. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Panthers worked hard and had a sizeable lead by the half over Wayne Trace. Paulding maintained the lead through the rest of the game winning 69-56. Shown above is Panther senior Jason Koenn scoring for Paulding while Raider Sophomore Colby Spiece fouls. Jason attempts the foul shot and gets the 3rd point with .1 second left on the clock before the half. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/28/11

This 28th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 183466 through 183529 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
 Sandee Buffington, Directors' Association Meeting, Findlay OH - December 2, 2011

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 23, 2011, Warrant numbers 183408 through 183465 in the amount of \$18,766.36; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 007):

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

FROM: 007-001-00034/Public Assistance/Insurance
 TO: 007-001-00019/Public Assistance/Purchased Services
 AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 096):

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 096 - Prison Diversion

408, 096-001-20111/FY10 Personnel, \$1,805.29

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 110):

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

FROM: 110-001-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Postage
 TO: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Supplies
 AMOUNT: \$500.00

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

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

FROM: 001-031-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Postage
 TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/Contract Services
 AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

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

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

FROM: 001-031-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Postage
 TO: 001-016-00016/General Fund/Commissioners' Building & Grounds/

AEP Balance New Jail AMOUNT: \$1,795.92

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

At 11:24 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Judge Suzanne Rister and Angel Pease, County Court – The County Court revenue for 2012 was reviewed. Revenue for 2011 was down from 2010. Judge Rister noted more traffic tickets were issued by the State Highway Patrol in 2010, which would account for some of the decrease in revenue. She also said visiting and acting judge expenses were up due to the transition period when she first took office. Separate line items for visiting and acting judges' expenses may be helpful for more accurate tracking. Judge Rister announced County Court will soon upgrade their website to allow people to pay their tickets online. She feels this option will be more convenient and will promote quicker payment response.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor – Ms. Fickel presented the Sales Tax Revenue, General Fund Expenses and Receipts reports for the months of November and October. The Commissioners will review these reports for the November 30 Audit Committee meeting.

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GOOD WEEK FOR LADY PANTHERS



The Lady Aces came to Paulding for a basketball game. Hicksville didn't realize how hard Paulding would be. The Panthers controlled the court nearly the entire game with their aggressive offense and won 50-38. Shown above is Panther sophomore Abby Pease tearing the ball from her Aces opponent. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp boys took on Fayette at home Saturday, December 17. The Archers scored more points in the 4th quarter than all 3 the Panthers scored, but it wasn't enough to pull in the win. Final score 36-39. Shown above is Archer senior Corbin Jones scoring 3 points for Antwerp. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

DEER VEHICLE COLLISIONS; PRIME TIME

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

While white-tailed deer provide abundant recreation opportunities for hunters and wildlife watchers, they can unfortunately cost us millions of dollars every year through deer-vehicle collisions. Over 23,000 collisions occurred in Ohio last year, costing drivers close to \$72 million in claims.

The Ohio Department of Transportation reports that October through November is prime time for deer-vehicle accidents. Motorists need to be on the lookout for deer in and along roadways during this time of year, especially at dawn and after sunset, specifically during the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. and 5:00-8:00 a.m.

According to OSU Extension Wildlife Program Specialist Marne Titchenell, the number of deer collisions increase for Ohio motorists during the months of October and especially November for a number of reasons. Some people may think that hunting causes an increase in deer movement, particularly across roads and highways,

but this isn't always the case. In Pennsylvania, movements of antlered deer wearing GPS radio collars were tracked during the weeks before, during, and after muzzleloader and firearms seasons and there were no changes in activity patterns due to the hunting season. Deer movement due to hunting really depends on the amount of hunting pressure, and while intense pressure can cause an increase in deer activity, typically deer stay within their normal home ranges of one square mile per buck.

The truth is, deer are on the move at this time of year for multiple reasons, both natural and human related. Possibly the biggest reason for the increase in deer movement is the breeding season, which takes place October through December in Ohio. In November, deer are entering the peak of their breeding season. The distance a single deer moves during a 24-hour period varies from 1-4 miles, but that distance is increased dramatically in males during the breeding season. While some female deer may take a brief breeding excursion outside their normal range in search of a mate, the majority stay put and don't travel

more than normal during the breeding season.

Deer also need to increase their food consumption this time of year in preparation for the winter months, when food is more difficult to find. Depending on the available food resources in their home range, such as acorns and other hard mast, deer may have to travel further to find enough food, which can lead to additional travel across roadways to reach alternate resources.

Daylight savings time plays a role in motorists encountering deer on the roadways. As we "fall back" the first Sunday in November, the shorter days and longer nights force commuters onto the roads at dawn and dusk - the same times deer are most active. Also, don't make the mistake in thinking that you will only

encounter deer crossing roads in rural parts of the state. In fact, urban and suburban areas are also prime sites for deer vehicle collisions.

In summary, October through November is the prime time for deer vehicle collisions. This increase is due to a variety of reasons including breeding season, hunter avoidance, increasing deer populations, and shorter daylight hours.

"DOES CHRISTMAS COME AGAIN?"

By: Lee Bracey, Executive Director of Woodburn Christian Children's Home

Our son, Jeremy was just a little fellow. (It was more than 30 years ago.) He had just opened his presents on Christmas morning. It was,

apparently, the first Christmas he was old enough to comprehend. He looked up at me with excitement in his eyes and said, "Dad... Dad, does Christmas come again?" Translated into adult conversation, I think he was saying, "This is a good thing, Father! With what level of frequency does this occur? May I suggest tomorrow? Would that be too soon?"

Certainly, many of us have similar memories from our childhood. When we were children, we enjoyed, without responsibility, all the wonderful things provided by our parents. We enjoyed Christmas and birthdays and family vacations. We enjoyed a warm home and fine dinners and Grandpas and Grandmas and going to church.

My reply... "Yes, Son. Christmas does come again. But there will come a time when you are grown that the only way it will come to your house is if you take the responsibility to put it there. If your children are to enjoy Christmas and church and family and security... if they are to enjoy the blessings that you have known, you will be the one who makes it so."

At this Christmas Season, let's stop and consider how we have depended upon others to provide the most precious things in life. Will you take a moment now to reflect on your responsibility to provide these same blessings for the next generation?

Lee Bracey (with the help of his wife, Vivian) serves as the Executive Director of the Woodburn Christian Chil-

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 22 STUDENTS



Newly inducted members of the Vantage 2011-2012 National Technical Honor Society.

Twenty-two outstanding Vantage seniors were recently selected as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They were introduced and inducted at the annual NTHS banquet on December 6, 2011, held in the Cup and Saucer restaurant. In addition to the guests of honor, parents, home school principals and counselors, and Vantage teachers and administrators attended the banquet to recognize this elite group of students.

The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in career technical education. Membership encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement; and to promote busi-

ness and industry's critical workplace values - honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Students selected for membership in the National Technical Honor Society for the 2011-2012 school year are Rebecca Baker (Parkway), Health Technology; Bart Barthels (Van Wert), Network Systems; Brandy Beard (Paulding), Cosmetology; Kayla Butler (Van Wert), Health Technology; Lexi

Cummings (Lincolnview), Culinary Arts; Austin Eschbach (Parkway), Precision Machining; Emily Flaugh (Wayne Trace), Culinary Arts; Jared Fortman (Kalida), Industrial Mechanics; Tiffany Hahn (Paulding), Interactive Media; Olivia Hook (Wayne Trace), Medical Office Management; Nicole Hughes (Antwerp), Precision Machining; Harley-Davidson Lane (Continental), Electricity; Nacole Mansfield (Continental), Early Childhood Education; Taylor Mock (Paulding), Cosmetology; Emily Molitor (Wayne Trace), Cosmetology; Ian Munger (Paulding), Industrial Mechanics; Hope Nehls (Paulding), Early Childhood Education; Daniel Perkins (Van Wert), Network Systems; Derek Plummer (Wayne Trace), Health Technology; Austin Ream (Wayne Trace), Auto Body; Danielle Taylor (Lincolnview), Cosmetology; and Erica Zinser (Wayne Trace), Early Childhood Education.

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dren's Home. Their grown children (Tammy and Jeremy) are faithfully passing on their faith and values to their grandchildren.

WARRIOR WRESTLING WIN BIG OVER BLUFFTON

By: Jeff Abbott

Team scores for the wrestling meet for Woodlan and Bluffton: Woodlan 66, Bluffton 12.

- 106 - Perry (W) won by forfeit, 6-0
- 113 - Knepp (W) won by forfeit, 12-0
- 120 - Higgins (B) dec Normand, 4-3, 12-3
- 125 - Hammon (W) pin Martinez, :44, 18-3
- 132 - Buuck (W) won by forfeit, 24-3
- 138 - Raugh (B) dec Parisot, 6-4, 24-6
- 145 - Gerber (B) pin DeLgrange, 3:47, 24-12
- 152 - Zink (W) pin King, 1:37, 30-12
- 160 - J. Normand (W) won by forfeit, 36-12
- 170 - B. Salmon (W) won by forfeit, 42-12
- 185 - Hathaway (W) won by forfeit, 48-12
- 195 - High (W) won by forfeit, 54-12
- 220 - Golden (W) won by forfeit, 60-12
- 285 - Perry (W) won by forfeit, 66-12

LADY WARRIORS TAKE A WIN OVER ADAMS CENTRAL

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan evened their ACAC mark at 1-1 with a 43-37 road win over Adams Central at Monroe. Burgundy Central led the scoring for the Warriors with 15 points. Lauren Ehle and Haley Hostetler each added 8 points in the game.

- Scorers of the game:
 Woodlan - Price 15, Ehle 8, Hostetler 8, Malfait 4, Gerbers 4, Knoblauch 4
 Adams Central - Mackler 10, M Carroll 6, Fiechter 6, Case 6, Blackburn 4, K Carroll 2, Fox 2

PAULDING WRESTLERS COMPETE IN LINCOLNVIEW TOURNAMENT

Saturday, the 10th of December saw the Panther wrestlers traveling to Lincolnview for a day filled with high school wrestlers from 13 schools. The Paulding team finished in the middle of the pack at seventh place. Other schools participating that day included (in order of place): 1. Ayersville; 2. Delphos St. Johns; 3. Van Wert; 4. Fairview; 5. Delphos Jefferson; 6. Spencerville; 7. Paulding; 8. Lincolnview; 9. Defiance; 10. Stivers; 11. Coldwater; 12. Ada; 13. Sidney Lehman Catholic

- Paulding individual placers of the day:
 At 120lb., Nelson Foster placed seventh.
 At 132lb., Taylor Deatrick took first.
 At 160lb., Cody Jarrell placed seventh.
 At 170lb., Chazz Hahn placed fourth.
 At 182lb., Adam Deatrick scored fifth, while Kyle Mohr defeated Dakota Valdez in a pin at :34.
 At 195lb., Ryan Schindler placed fifth.
 And at 285lb., Brandon Jarrell landed in seventh place for the day.

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Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

To participate in the spirit of the holiday season, you may be thinking of making some charitable gifts. If so, you'll not doubt enjoy helping a group that does valuable work.

But to begin with, it's important to understand just how necessary your gifts are to the country's social fabric. Given the effects of the Great Recession and the slow recovery, it's not surprising to learn that charitable giving fell a combined 13% in 2008 and 2009, after adjusting for inflation, according to The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. And although 2010 giving increased by 2.1%, again adjusted for inflation, many groups are seeing tough times as 2011 comes to a close. So your gift counts.

And it can count for you, too. By contributing to a qualified tax-exempt organization [e.g., a charitable group that has received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS], you may earn valuable tax deductions. This is true whether you give cash or another type of asset, such as stocks or real estate. And you may be able to get further tax benefits if the non-cash asset you've donated has appreciated in value since you purchased it.

Making charitable gifts now may help you reduce your taxable estate. As you may know, the estate tax exemption level has fluctuated in recent years, so it's hard for any of us to say for sure that we won't be subjecting

our estates to these taxes. However, that doesn't mean you can't take steps now to plan for possible future estate taxes.

One such step might involve establishing a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd place some assets, such as stocks or real estate, in a trust, which could then use the assets to pay you an income stream over a certain period of time. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive tax benefits based on the amount the charity is likely to ultimately receive, the charitable group's so-called "remainder interest." Upon its termination, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named. Keep in mind, though, that this type of trust can be complex; to establish one, you'll need to work with your qualified tax advisor and estate-planning attorney.

Another popular contribution vehicle is the "donor-advised fund." Here's how it works: You give cash or appreciated securities to the donor-advised fund, with the expectation of receiving a tax deduction for the contribution in that same year. You recommend which charities are to benefit from the contributions to the fund, and the fund invests and manages your contribution, along with the other assets in the fund. Again, you'll need to consult with your qualified tax advisor before establishing a donor-advised fund to help ensure you obtain any expected tax benefits.

As we've seen, you can follow different charitable giving strategies. But however you choose to make charitable gifts, you can take satisfaction in helping worthy organizations while possibly improving your own tax picture.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/30/11

This 30th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 183584 through 183650 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 29, 2011, Warrant numbers 183468 through 183519 in the amount of \$25,414.14; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

FROM: 001-011-00011/General Fund/Probate Court/Workers' Comp
TO: 001-011-00013/General Fund/Probate Court/Medicare
AMOUNT: \$100.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-012):

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

FROM: 001-012-00005/General Fund/Clerk of Courts/Travel
TO: 001-012-00003/General Fund/Clerk of Courts/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$560.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-012):

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

FROM: 001-012-00005/General Fund/Clerk of Courts/Travel
TO: 001-012-00004/General Fund/Clerk of Courts/Equipment
AMOUNT: \$554.86

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002):

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

FROM: 002-001-00007/Dog & Kennel/Other Expenses
TO: 002-001-00003/Dog & Kennel/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

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

FROM: 009-001-00007/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials
TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects
AMOUNT: \$125,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

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

FROM: 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment
TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects
AMOUNT: \$100,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009):

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

FROM: 009-001-00020/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contracts/Services
TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects
AMOUNT: \$70,000.00

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

FROM: 009-001-00038/Engineer-Gas Tax/Compensation & Damages
TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects
AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

Paulding County has been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, for use to finance eligible activities that may generate program income. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Development, effective beginning January 1, 2012, and terminating December 31, 2014; for the purpose of using CDBG funds to finance eligible activities that may generate program income.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a lease agreement for the building located at 303 W. Harrison Street, Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio; and the term of the lease is from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES' MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILDREN'S SERVICES

ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (PCSAO):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services' membership in the Public Children's Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for 2012, said membership dues being Nine Hundred Nineteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$919.88) for the twelve (12) month period from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. AND PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a Software Maintenance Agreement with Maximus, Inc. to provide the Paulding County, Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services with any updates or modifications to the Program Expenditure Tracking (PET) System for Windows and to correct any problems with the System software; and this agreement is effective for the period from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, at a fee of Two Thousand One Hundred-Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,150.00) for the twelve (12) month period.

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2011:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services Hours of Operation for 2012 as recommended by Corey Walker, Director, as follows:

Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (other hours available by appointment)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services' Holiday Schedule for 2012 as recommended by Corey Walker, Director, as follows:

- January 2, 2012, Monday, New Year's Holiday
- January 16, 2012, Monday, Martin Luther King Day
- February 20, 2012, Monday, Presidents' Day
- May 28, 2012, Monday, Memorial Day
- July 4, 2012, Wednesday, Independence Day
- September 3, 2012, Monday, Labor Day
- October 8, 2012, Monday, Columbus Day
- November 12, 2012, Thursday, Veterans' Day
- November 22/23, 2012, Thursday/Friday, Thanksgiving Day
- December 24/25, 2012, Monday/Tuesday, Christmas Holiday

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:07 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea. At 11:26 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

This 30th day of November, the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Fred Pieper met with the following members of the Audit Committee: Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts; Carol Temple, County Recorder; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer; and Travis McGarvey, County Engineer.

Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed the Permissive Sales and Use Tax reports for November, 2011. Sales tax revenue was down from October, 2011, by \$41,630.65, and down from November, 2010, by \$16,945.24 and also down \$1,902.50 from the three-year average for the month of November. Motor vehicle tax collected was down from October, 2011, by \$9,922.64.

The General Fund Receipts and Expenses Reports for October, 2011, were given to all for review. General fund receipts of \$272,174.75 were down from September by \$34,327.62; however, up from October, 2010, by \$3,215.09. October general fund receipts were up from the three-year average for October by \$18,828.18. General Fund expenses for October were up \$43,768.60 from September expenses; and up from October, 2010, by \$49,761.78.

In other business, Lou Ann Wannemacher announced the Courthouse Feast carry-in lunch on Monday, November 21, 2011, was a success. Everyone enjoyed sharing a meal and there was \$177.00 collected for the United Way. Ms. Wannemacher suggested we do something similar during the month of December, with donations supporting the Relay for Life.

Commissioner Zartman announced the Dallas Lamb Foundation auction is December 15. They have a variety of items, including office equipment and furniture.

It was also noted that most all the General Fund expense worksheets have been completed. The Commissioners anticipate solidifying the General Fund appropriations for 2012 by December 5, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be December 28, 2011.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Joseph Kuhn, County Coroner - Dr. Kuhn met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss mileage reimbursement for in-county travel.

Corey Walker, PCDJFS - Mr. Walker requested the Maximus contract for PCDJFS's accounting software be updated (see resolution above). He also requested authorization to pay the PCSAO dues for 2012 (see resolution above) and submitted the 2012 hours of operation (see resolution above).

Judge Suzanne Rister, County Court - Judge Rister reported traffic tickets are down from last year. She stated the new US 24 has made travel through northern Paulding County much safer. Ms. Rister then commented that criminal filings are up by 25 cases from last year. Domestic violence cases are on the rise and seem to be worse through the holiday season. Judge Rister noted fees paid to court-appointed counsel for the indigent were up in 2011. In an effort to recoup some of this expense, she intends on being more diligent in collecting a portion of these fees based on the client's ability to pay.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham presented RLF paperwork for signatures.

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS



Superintendent Staci Kaufman with departing Board members (l-r): Dana Smith (Parkway), Kevin Landin (Ottoville), Kaufman, Brian Laudick (Kalida), Bob Herber (Antwerp), and Ken Mengerink (Van Wert); not pictured, Les Hockenberry (Wayne Trace).

The December meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011, prior to the annual holiday dinner. The treasurer's report included the approval of the November 3, 2011 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for October, 2011.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman gave a brief OSFC construction update. Discussion was held regarding increasing the energy efficiency of the building by replacing insulation and residing existing areas. Dry in date has been pushed back to December 21 due to inclement weather. Carpentry instructor Jerry Robinson provided the board with a demonstration of the CNC Router and a revision to the district TB policy was discussed. Kaufman announced that Bob Herber, Les Hockenberry, Kevin Landin, Brian Laudick, Ken Mengerink and Dana Smith would be leaving the Vantage Board of Education, and presented these members with certificates and appreciation for their years of service to the board. There were no other administrative reports.

In new business, the board:

—Approved supplemental contracts for: Jo Mohr, Fruit Sale Coordinator; Gail Gillett and Diane Mercer, Adult Banquet Workers;

—Employed the following list as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Patrick Jackson, Technology Support;

—Accepted the resignation of LaDonna Etzler-Altenbaugh, Adult Education Health Careers Instructor, for the purpose of retirement.

—Resolution to appoint Lonnie Nedderman as President Pro-Tem for the January 2012 Organizational Meeting;

—Accepted the donation of shafts and assorted farm pieces, in the amount of \$250.00 from Liechty Farm Equipment for the career technical education programs;

—Resolution to set the building alarm response rate at \$70.00 per call for the maintenance and ware-

house staff;

—Approve submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;

—Resolution expressing an intent to award construction contracts and authorizing the President and the Treasurer to enter into said contracts for bid packages #13a/ Data Network; #13b/ Telephones; #13c/ Audio/Visual; #13d/ CCTV upon compliance with all conditions precedent related to the Vantage Career Center Renovations / Additions Project;

—Motion was made to authorize Gilbane and Garmann Miller to prepare a bid package and pursue bids for re-siding and up grading of insulation for existing building. Gilbane and Garmann Miller will also prepare drawings/ specs and a detailed bid package estimate to be presented at the December 21, 2011 CORE meeting;

—Motion was made to authorize floor sealant process for existing concrete in Phase 2 if excessive moisture content is determined, at a rate of \$5 or less per sf for areas to be covered by carpet or vinyl, and to authorize work to begin in the week of December 12, 2011, to meet schedule deadlines; and authorize the bid process for future sealant application to additional concrete areas if found to have high moisture content.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, the Superintendent is requesting that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

—Motion to adopt the Board of Education's Designee's, findings of fact and recommendation to affirm the order of expulsion of the student from the Vantage Career Center.

The Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting and regular January Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant at Vantage.

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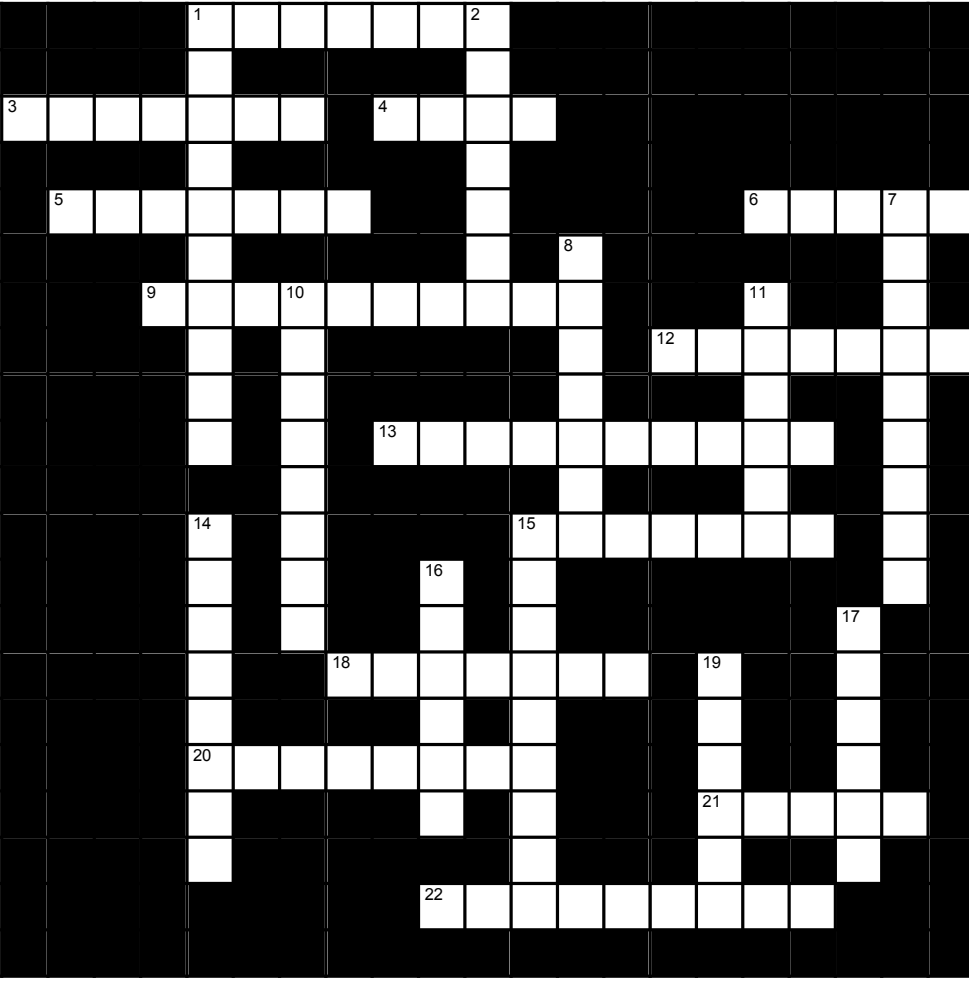
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. This reindeer's name starts with a 'B'.
3. This country claims the creation of this holiday beverage.
4. Where did 'there arise such a clatter'?
5. This Christmas character said, "God bless us, everyone!"
6. "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" demands this kind of pudding.
9. The most famous of Christmas ballets.
12. Don't forget to leave these out for Santa on Christmas Eve.
13. This state has the tallest living Christmas tree.
15. Ebenezer WHO?
18. In addition to a red nose, Rudolph has these.
20. The last state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
21. The Grinch is this color.
22. Mommy was kissing Santa under this.

Down

1. This iconic TV family put their Christmas tree by the staircase.
2. "Miracle on 34th Street" is set in this city.
7. This person wrote, "Here Comes Santa Claus." (2 words)
8. What kind of cop told Frosty to 'stop'?
10. The last name of Tiny Tim's father.
11. Advent means THIS.
14. Alvin wants this for Christmas. (2 words)
15. In the song, "Silver Bells", what is dressed in holiday style.
16. Frosty's nose was made of this notion.
17. The last name of Scrooge's dead business partner.
19. In the Christmas carol, "Jingle Bells", Miss Fannie WHO was seated by my side.

be likely. Clouds will increase in coverage Tuesday night, as the next storm system approaches from the southwest. Some computer models such as the GFS, have the system moving through faster, therefore producing less rain, but coming earlier. Others, such as the ECMWF have the system moving more slowly and farther to the north. At this time, I don't think that either of these solutions are correct. I'm forecasting that the storm system will approach the area by Wednesday morning, bringing rain into the region by mid to late morning. With how much moisture that will be associated with this system (even though the GFS and ECMWF aren't showing much), I expect rainfall totals to be heavy, possibly in excess of one or two inches. This will really get flooding problems going again, with moderate flooding coming back to the Maumee River. The system could end with snowfall—possibly 1-2 inches of it. This would happen if the storm system would happen to take a more southerly route, bringing the cold air farther southward into the United States than what the GFS and ECMWF are forecasting. I think that this system will take a more southerly route, mainly because I don't think the GFS has a good handle on the southwest cut-off low, and the fact that the ECMWF is almost always warm biased, causing it to bring storm systems too far to the north. With the more southerly solution, expect heavy rainfall and flooding, possibly ending as moderate to heavy snow on Thursday night. By Friday and Saturday, cold air causes temperatures to drop into the upper 20's, but not much colder mainly because the fast, progressive flow aloft will not allow the cold air to leave Canada. By the end of the weekend into early next week, I really think that a new storm system will develop in the lower Mississippi Valley, tracking northeastward into the Ohio Valley. This next system could be a major snowstorm for us, or even a rain event changing to heavy snow for 6-12 hours. Either way, this next system could be the storm system that brings our first heavy snowfall of the season.

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

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the communities for their outpouring of support in our time of need, during the sudden loss of our husband, father, son, brother Roger Rurger.

Special thanks for the efforts of the Scott EMS, Van Wert rescue squad and Van Wert ER.

Great appreciation is sent to the caring members of the Haviland Country Chapel UMC for the lovely luncheon. Also to Pastor Ron Johnson for his services.

Our thanks to the Den Herder Funeral Home for their outstanding service.

—Vicki Rurger & son
Ryan,
Ed & Pat Rurger,
Ron Rurger

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 12/7/11"

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

PAULDING ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL FIRST QUARTER 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

THIRD GRADE:
All A's & B's - Payton Beckman, Kirslynn Camposano, Dominic Carnahan, Elias Dunakin, Leigha Egnor, Megan Harpel, Kyle Harris, Morgan Iler, Nolan Johanns, Greg Lammers, Elyse Manz, Blake McGarvey, Dakoda Moats, Emily Munoz, Deyton Price, Isaac Smalley, Rebecca Starner, Gabriel Sutton, Miriam Weible, Hailey Weidenhamer, Isabelle Lantz, Fernando Garcia, James Hasch

All A's - Molly Adams, Lauren Barnett, Kaeli Bustos, Jon Clapsaddle, Olivia Clark, Adela Foltz, Adrian Manz, Caleb Manz, Maggie Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Gillian Porter, Quincy Porter, Sydney Reineck, Faith Rose, Gabrielle Stallbaum, Jasmine Wong

FOURTH GRADE:
All A's & B's - Riley Coil, Seth Dysinger, Kolson Egnor, Juliana Fife, Megan Garrity, Tyrel Goings, Brandon Jackson, Zoe Kochel, Cole Mabis, Tommy McGrath, Jordan Mudel, Miah Rue, Joel Schneider, Matthew Schroeder, Gage Smith, Tyler Snipes, Kaylie Tressler

All A's - Jacob Deisler, Nathan Hodge, Sydney McCullough, Ivy Riggenbach, Savannah Shepherd, Katelyn Strayer, Jaden Verfaillie

FIFTH GRADE:
All A's & B's - Cory Adams, Nicholas Barnett, Lexie Beckman, Harmony Burtin, Fletcher Cook, Justin Couto, Haylee Dominique, Adriana Gonzales, Hailey Harris, Cole Heller, Madi-

son Hull, Macy Iler, Bailey Manz, Ethan Matty, Hailey McDaniel, Leah Nusbaum, Westen Philipot, Sydney Price, Kristen Razo, Joseph Reineck, Brandon Scott, Zoe Shepherd, Carson Shull, Jennifer Stahl, Courtney Stantz, Kalyn Strahley, Mallory Taylor, Megan Tope, Briana Townley, Rachel Walker, Jordan McGough, Emily Weible

All A's - Luke Brewer, Charles Clapsaddle, Kamydyn Etzler, Eugene Hemenway, Tristan Kinder, Abigail Leaman, Courtney Luderman, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Jaret Miller, Mary Panico, Haleigh Stallbaum, Emily Weible

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NOT JUST ONE BUT TWO

By: Josh Steiner
After looking at most computer models, most of them still don't seem to be in agreement with this next storm system, which will, at this time, likely produce rain. I really do think the GFS and the ECMWF are still too far north with this system, as they have been trending southward the last several runs. The air will still be too dry to allow this system to produce any considerable precipitation around here, but to the north and west (Chicago and northwest), precipitation will

Upcoming WEATHER Forecast

Wed, Dec 14 - Showers
Hi 46° - Low 44°

Thu, Dec 15 - Showers & Wind
Hi 51° - Low 30°

Fri, Dec 16 - Mostly Sunny
Hi 35° - Low 26°

Sat, Dec 17 - Partly Cloudy
Hi 34° - Low 26°

Sun, Dec 18 - Partly Cloudy
Hi 40° - Low 34°

Mon, Dec 19 - Partly Cloudy
Hi 39° - Low 30°

Tue, Dec 20 - Snow Showers
Hi 33° - Low 27°

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MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/14 - Egg & sausage burrito, juice, milk
 12/15 - Cinnamon toast or fruit turnovers, juice, milk
 12/16 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 12/19 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 12/20 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk
 12/21 - Cook's choice
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/14 - Walking taco w/ salsa & sour cream or Potato bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
 12/15 - Popcorn fish & shrimp, Italian blend vegetables, assorted fruit, milk
 12/16 - Stromboli sandwich, carrot sticks w/dip, chips or Chili cheese fries, assorted fruit, milk
 12/19 - Stuffed burrito pizza, seasoned corn or Burrito bar, assorted fruit, milk
 12/20 - Salad (oriental chicken), egg roll, assorted fruit, milk
 12/21 - Whipped potatoes/biscuit, beef & noodles or Breaded chicken w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 12/14 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 12/15 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 12/16 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 12/19 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 12/20 - Muffin, string cheese, juice, milk
 12/21 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 12/14 - Cheese 'n nachos, carrots, fruit cup, milk
 12/15 - Taco salad w/lettuce, cheese/salsa, crackers, fruit cup, milk
 12/16 - Breaded chicken w/bun, broccoli, fruit cup, milk
 12/19 - French toast, hash-browns, sausage, fruit cup, milk
 12/20 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk
 12/21 - Corn on cob, sweet potatoes, ham, dinner roll, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 12/14 - Breakfast egg,

bacon & cheese pizza, fruit, milk
 12/15 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 12/16 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
 12/19 - Mini pancake, juice, milk
 12/20 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish crackers, fruit, milk
 12/21 - Breakfast egg, bacon & cheese pizza, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 12/14 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 12/15 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 12/16 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
 12/19 - Hot dog or Chili dog w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 12/20 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, roll, sherbet, milk
 12/21 - Cheese pizza, green beans fruit, milk
Menus are subject to change.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/9/11

This 9th day of November, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:
 Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 182938 through 183023 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUEST:
 Claudia Fickel, Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio - November 29 & 30, 2011
 Judge Tiffany Beckman, OCPJA Winter Conference & Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges' Winter Conference, Dublin, Ohio - December 6, 7, & 8, 2011
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:
 The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on November 7, 2011, Warrant numbers 182854 through 182937 in the amount of \$5,465.30; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commis-

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TO: 001-011-00010/General Fund/Probate Court/PERS AMOUNT: \$1,293.12

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA

TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Contract Services AMOUNT: \$9,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA

TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment-Sheriff AMOUNT: \$3,178.71

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The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners Buildings & Grounds/Supplies

TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment-Sheriff AMOUNT: \$21,281.29

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 003-001-00009/Health Department/Other Expenses

TO: 003-001-00004/Health Department/Contracts & Services AMOUNT: \$49.91

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-010-00010/General Fund/Juvenile Court/PERS

TO: 003-001-00001/Health

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL LEARNS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUGS



Pictured here are Antwerp Police Officer Gary Smiddy and Paulding Middle School 8th Grade teacher Mr. Eric Deisler staging a MOCK drug bust for Mr. Deisler's 6th Grade Wellness class. The class was studying the dangers of drugs and what may occur if caught with them. This was a very meaningful demonstration of just what dangers may occur if you are in possession of illegal drugs.
 Officer Smiddy is a police officer for the Antwerp police Department. This was his third visit to Paulding Middle

School to discuss drug education and prevention. He is a graduate of Bluffton University. Prior to his position on the Antwerp Police force, Officer Smiddy also served as a Deputy Sheriff in Defiance. Officer Smiddy also served as a varsity assistant football coach for Paulding High School for two seasons. This is where he met Mr. Deisler and since then he has volunteered his time and talents to come to Paulding Middle School to speak to our students on the importance of staying away from drugs.

Department/Salaries-Employees

TO: 003-001-00009/Health Department/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

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

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 170-001-00005/Wireless 911/Equipment

TO: 170-001-00006/Wireless 911/Other AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, INC.:

Property owned by Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. is adjacent to property owned by the Commissioners; and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has requested a perpetual right-of-way and easement for the complete construction, installation, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair and removal, at any time or times here after, of the cooperative's electric and/or communications systems, including conduits, wire, fixtures and appurtenances as it may from time to time require or deem proper, in, under, over and upon the land owned by the Commissioners. Now therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby grant the request for a perpetual right-of-way and easement.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PERFORMING AUTOPSIES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Lucas County, Ohio, and the Lucas County Coroner to perform certain necessary autopsies as requested by the Paulding County Coroner; and be it further said agreement was entered into and

signed on this 9th day of November, 2011, with copy of said agreement on file in the Paulding County Commissioners' Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:08 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:20 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Conference Call - Craig Stoller; Jereme Kent, One Energy LLC; Matt Sutherland, Ohio Department of Development; Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development - Telephone conference arrangement by Energy One LLC. Regarding the approval request of the Haviland Wind Project. This project is under 5 megawatts and thus is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Ohio Power Siting Board. Two of the turbines will be in Blue Creek Township and one will be in the Village of Haviland. These turbines are owned by, and for the sole use of, Haviland Plastic Products and will not sell any power to a third party. Construction will begin in 2011 with completion in 2012.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met with the Commissioners to report on a recent Auditors' meeting she attended. She noted there had been discussion and reactions to wind farm activity from various other counties' Auditors.

NOTICE

The following dates are for The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's Board Meetings

- January 30, February 27
- March 26, April 30
- May 21, June 25
- July 30, August 27
- September 24, October 29
- November 26
- December 10

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR 12/14 THROUGH 12/20

12/14 - Popcorn chicken or Deli wrap, corn, apple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit cup
 12/15 - Blueberry pancakes or Teriyaki chicken, hash browns, orange juice, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Apple crisp
 12/16 - Southwest pizza or Ham salad sandwich, celery, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 12/19 - Salisbury steak on bun or Cook's choice, tator tots, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Ham salad w/crackers
 12/20 - Christmas dinner: Turkey & gravy w/ mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, applesauce, milk
Menus are subject to change.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/14 THROUGH 12/22

Breakfast:
 12/14 - Pancakes/sausage, juice, milk
 12/15 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
 12/16 - Turnover, juice, milk
 12/19 - Pizza, juice, milk
 12/20 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
 12/21 - Pancakes/sausage, juice, milk
 12/22 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/14 - Soft taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn, juice bar, milk
 12/15 - Breaded chicken sandwich, green beans, orange, milk
 12/16 - Cook's choice, milk
 12/19 - BBQ pork sandwich, scalloped potatoes, mandarin oranges, milk
 12/20 - Chicken nuggets, wedges, peaches, milk
 12/21 - Cook's choice, milk
 12/22 - Fiestado, corn, pineapple, milk
Menus are subject to change.

2011 UNITED WAY THANKSGIVING COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



WARRIOR WRESTLING WIN BIG OVER BLUFFTON

By: Jeff Abbott
 Team scores for the wrestling meet for Woodlan and Bluffton: Woodlan 66, Bluffton 12.
 106 - Perry (W) won by forfeit, 6-0
 113 - Knepp (W) won by forfeit, 12-0
 120 - Higgins (B) dec Normand, 4-3, 12-3
 125 - Hammon (W) pin Martinez, :44, 18-3
 132 - Buuck (W) won by forfeit, 24-3
 138 - Raugh (B) dec Parisot, 6-4, 24-6
 145 - Gerber (B) pin Delegrange, 3:47, 24-12
 152 - Zink (W) pin King, 1:37, 30-12
 160 - J. Normand (W) won by forfeit, 36-12
 170 - B. Salmon (W) won by forfeit, 42-12
 185 - Hathaway (W) won by forfeit, 48-12
 195 - High (W) won by forfeit, 54-12
 220 - Golden (W) won by forfeit, 60-12
 285 - Perry (W) won by forfeit, 66-12

the third period, outscoring Garrett 18-10 in the period to trail 45-42 heading into the final period. The teams battled even in the fourth stanza and Garrett hung on for the win. Alex Emehiser led a trio of Woodlan players in double figures with 16 points. Sylvester Harris had 15 and Brock Hines added 14 for the Warriors.
 Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 10 14 18 17=59
 Garrett - 14 21 10 14=62
 Scorers of the game:
 Woodlan - Emehiser 16, Harris 15, Hines 14, Whitlow 6, Gerig 6, Schwartz 2
 Garrett - Landes 24, Martin 14, Porter 11, Frickey 8, Casselman 2, Fiant 2, Meehan 1

WOODLAN BOYS TAKE A LOSS TO CONCORDIA

By: Jeff Abbott
 Concordia used a 30-11 first quarter advantage enroute to a 76-60 win over Woodlan in boys' basketball at the Cadets' gym. Sylvester Harris led Woodlan scoring with 13 points. Jaylin Bennett added 11 points and Brock Hines put in 13 for the Warriors.
 Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 11 17 13 19=60
 Concordia - 30 11 23 12=76
 Scorers of the game:
 Woodlan - Hines 13, Emehiser 9, Schwartz 6, Gerig 4, Patterson 4, Harris 13, Bennett 11
 Concordia - Starks 21, Dixie-Morris 14, McCall 14, Gremaux 16, Rogers 6, Gross 5

WARRIORS LOSE IN CLOSE GAME

By: Jeff Abbott
 After trailing throughout the first half, Woodlan fought back in the second half, but fell to the Railroaders 62-59 in ACAC boys' basketball at Garrett. Garrett led 14-10 at the end of the first quarter and extended their lead to 11 points at half over the Warriors, 35-24. Woodlan found the shooting range in

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We received 116 entries for the United Way of Paulding County 2011 Thanksgiving Coloring Contest. All the pictures were wonderfully colored and were hung with pride in the window of the Marshall Memorial Building on the Paulding Courthouse square for passersby to enjoy. Two lucky winners were

selected, Sidney Kohart from Paulding Elementary School, and Cameron Graham from Divine Mercy Catholic in Payne. Seen here, they are ready for some winter fun! Each received a sled, snowball maker, snowball shooter, snow ink for drawing in the snow, and a snow block maker for building a winter fortress!

SANTA IS COMING TO ANTWERP

Santa Claus will be in Antwerp on December 17th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Antwerp Fire Dept. on the corner of Cleveland and Daggett Streets. Please bring your little ones and they will receive a little prize bag from Santa. Also there will be pictures offered and refreshments for the parents.

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