

Happy Valentine's Day

THE LOVE BOAT TOOK PEOPLE AWAY FROM MIDWEST WINTER



There may have been snow as far as the eye could see, but once guests entered the Cooper Community Library for the 6th Chocolate Extravaganza, they were transported to a much warmer climate. The theme

for this year's event was 'The Love Boat' and it began with the first assignment on any cruise... the obligatory photo shoot. Authentic portraits were taken with a background of a cruise liner on the ocean and a life pre-

server announcing the location.

Next, guests were welcomed aboard. Festive music played with servers clapping to the beat as everyone found their seat at one of the eleven round tables. Live gold fish swam in the centerpieces surrounded by sand and sea shells on hot pink tablecloths. Purple accents added to the cheery atmosphere in the napkins and ribbons tied to chocolate favors, as well as on stenciled hearts found on each hot pink plate sitting on a silver charger. Chairs were adorned with ties and hot pink nautical emblems. Portholes could be found on the back side of the 'ship' while diners looked out over the deck and the ocean, complete with sea gulls flying near the railing. Chandeliers, palm trees, and an ice sculpture added to the ambiance of the dining room. A fresh fruit tray of pineapple, oranges, and grapes centered with the

pineapple top and cups of chocolate fondue awaited guests as they sat down for an evening of chocolate indulgence!

Servers dressed in black and white; ladies with hot pink flowers in their hair, and men with captain's stripes on their shoulders stood in wait of the 'Chocolate Song' announcing the delivery of the first serving. Anticipation and excitement arouse throughout the evening when the 'Chocolate Song' blared yet another arrival of an array of chocolate delicacies. In all, over 30 pieces of chocolate were served in many forms. Cookies, bars, molded candies, fudge, dipped chips, truffles, cheesecakes, mousse, bread pudding, you name it, and it was probably served! Veteran guests have learned to pace themselves, and more importantly, bring containers to take home!

Before the ship docked there was a short quiz. Five of the most observant guests, who answered correctly, were gifted with door prizes. And then, just like the real deal... upon leaving the dining room, they found their portraits waiting. However, unlike the 'real deal', these portraits were free!

The snow storm put a slight damper on the occasion the second evening, but over 50 guests, some as

far as Camden, Michigan, braved the elements to go cruising on the Love Boat. This is just one of several annual events sponsored by The Event Planners who are a great group of dedicated workers that share their time and talents to provide fun events for the community while raising funds to benefit the Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Next on the agenda is the Spring Tea, May 7. Event tickets are reserved for all events by calling the library.

BE OUR VALENTINE @ THE LIBRARY!

"Roses are red, books are read, too! Our Valentine's Party will not be the same, without you!" Red and silver hearts are suspended from the ceiling, twinkle-lights are twinkling, and there is a feeling of love for books, libraries and readers in the

air! The Children's Room at the Main Library in Paulding invites children in preschool through the first grade to a fun-filled Valentine's Party. The party will be held on Monday, February 14th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join Kooky Kirk and all your library friends for fun stories, exciting games, a Valentine craft and yummy Valentine treats. No registration is required. Jacqueline Kennedy once said, "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Bring your child, grandchild and friends to the library's Valentine Party and help them fall in love with the wonderful world of books and reading. For more information call the Children's Department at 419-399-2032.

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OBITUARIES

Cathleen Y. Monroe, 59, of Paulding died Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Community Health Professionals Defiance Inpatient Hospice Services, Defiance, OH.

She was born October 21, 1951 in Celina, Ohio, the daughter of Richard and Helen (Shadrach) Hartwig. On December 12, 1976 she married Walter E. Monroe, who preceded her in death on January 31, 2005. She was employed by Paulding County Hospital, retiring in 2001.

She is survived by her father, Richard Hartwig of New Bremen, OH; and three brothers: Terry (Joyce) Shadrach of Hicksville, Tommy (Joyce) Higgs of Harlan, IN, and Travis Hartwig of New Bremen; two sisters: Joni (Dan) Decator of Archbold, OH, and Jennifer (Ron) Jones of Defiance; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband; mother, Helen Higgs; and step-father, David Higgs.

Funeral services were conducted February 5, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor Ron Hofacker officiating. Burial was in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Imogene Canfield, 87 of Payne, died Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne.

She was born April 10, 1923, a daughter of the late Lucy (Lahr) and Thomas Koontz. Imogene was a telephone operator for over 30 years.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Kathy Pendergrast of Payne; son, Kenneth Canfield; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her daughters: Phyllis Kuhn and Margaret Fisher.

A service was held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at the Payne Church of the Nazarene. The family was served by Dooley Funeral Home of Payne.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

George Arthur Bright Jr., 67, of Antwerp died Wednesday, February 2,

2011 at the Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp, OH.

He was born in Paolo, Kansas on October 5, 1943 the son of George A. and Ester F. (Latham) Bright Sr. In 1990 he married Carolyn S. Brown, who preceded him in death in May 2001. He was employed by BF Goodrich, retiring in 2004. He was a US Marine veteran, a member of Antwerp VFW Post #5087 where he was a former chaplain; a member of American Legion #253; and the Antwerp Conservation Club.

He is survived by two children: Debra Sue (James) Evans of Ohio City, OH, and Lonnie Smith of Cecil; three step-children: Raymond (Rachelle) Durham, Rodney (Barb) Durham, both of Paulding, and Becky Hampshire of Bryan, OH; three sisters: Jo Ann Fuller of Tacoma, WA, Nannette Arleen (Edward Ray) Cox of Choctaw, OK; and Roberta Jean (Franklin) Borrer of Garnett, KS; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a sister, Janeva Moser.

Funeral services were February 7, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Military rites accorded by VFW Post #5087.

Donations may be made to Manor House of Antwerp, OH. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Patricia L. Roberts, of Vandalia, Ohio, passed away February 2, 2011 at VITAS Hospice, following an extended illness. She was born in Paulding, OH, daughter of the late George and Tirzah Gorman. Patricia was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Vandalia Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Roberts, formerly of Payne; and her children: John Roberts of Vandalia, Charles David (Kathy) Roberts of Kansas, Daniel (Diana) Roberts of Florida, and Suzanne (Chris) Atkin of England. Also surviving are five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother, George Gorman of Fort Wayne, IN; and sisters: Lois Hunt of Belle Center, OH, and Edna Strahley of Paulding, OH.

Funeral services were

held February 8, 2011 at Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home, 139 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia, Ohio, with Kathy Roberts officiating. Burial was at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens.

Donald B. Grimes, 91, of Paulding died Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Community Healthcare Professionals Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born May 6, 1919 in Oakwood, Ohio, the son of Frank and Myrta (Adams) Grimes. On August 17, 1957 he married Anna L. Pack who preceded him in death on May 23, 1998. He was employed by the former Grizzly Manufacturing, Paulding, retiring in 1980. He was a WWII US Army veteran and a member of Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by two brothers: John Grimes of Defiance, and Archie (Carol) Grimes of Jewell, OH; two sisters: Elsie M. Harshman of Jeffersonville, IN, and Laura Bosh of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers: Robert and Verlin Grimes; and a sister, Lois Heilshorn.

Funeral services were conducted February 6, 2011 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding. Burial was in Hedges cemetery, Paulding County.

Donations may be made to Paulding Church of the Nazarene or Paulding County Senior Center. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Basil R. "Bake" Hertel, 91, of Antwerp passed away Friday, February 4, 2011 at his residence.

Bake was born in Antwerp on August 13, 1919, a son of the late Abbie J. (Carr) and Frederick N. Hertel.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WW II. Bake fought in the D-Day invasion of Normandy the Battle of the Bulge and assisted in liberating Nazi concentration camps in Nordhausen, Germany. He worked at BA Smith Lumber Company. Bake was also a self employed carpenter, whose favorite pass time was being in his woodworking shop & cutting firewood. Bake was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; Antwerp VFW Post 5087 & American Legion Post 253. On October 4, 1952 he married Teresa Arend.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Teresa; daughter, Marilyn (Paul) Arceo of Fort Wayne; son, Raymond (Linda); brother, Frederick "Mike" (Penny) both of Antwerp; two step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by his sister, Caroline Sevey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp, February 8, 2011. Military honors was held at the church. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial, Divine Mercy Parish or Paulding Hospice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

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Your daughter,
—Joyce P

A STUDY FROM GENESIS 6:13-22

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Today we will do a comparison or a similarity study. So get your Bible and concordance and after prayer we will get started.

Builder of Ark: God's spokesperson for that family - Noah, Genesis 6:9, 14

Compare to builder of the church: God's spokesperson - Jesus Christ, Matthew 3:17; Heb. 1:1.

One material for the ark: Gopher wood

One material of church: those who have been obedient to the gospel, Acts 2:47; 1 Peter 2:5.

One Light for Ark: window, Genesis 6:16.

One light for the church: John 12:46; Ephesians 5:8

One entrance to ark: Door, Genesis 6:16.

One entrance to church: Christ the door, John 10:9; John 14:6.

One Family: Noah's, Genesis 7:1

One family: the church, Ephesians 3:14-15; Colossians 1:16-18.

Saved in the ark: 1 Peter 3:20

Saved in the church: Acts 2:47; John 17:20

Destruction to all outside of ark: Flood, Genesis 7:2

Destruction to all out of the church: 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

After the flood: One hope realized - new world, Genesis 8:15-19

Compare to one hope to realize: eternal life, 1 John 5:11

Loved ones, I hope you prayerfully ask your heavenly father to give you knowledge and understanding in this study. Have any comments or questions please call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ.

BRUNCH BUFFET FUND-RAISER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church in Paulding will be hosting a Brunch Buffet on Thursday, February 17, 2011. They will be serving from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Items on the menu will include breakfast casseroles, etc. A free will offering for the meal will be accepted. All proceeds from this event will go to support the church's missionary goals.

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—Dinah Collins P

RON DICIANI: LIVING A LEGACY

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

You may not be able to pronounce his last name (dee-see-ah-nee), but you have no doubt seen the captivating artwork of Ron Dicianni.

Before following a calling to paint visual representations of gospel truths, he had an 18-year career in commercial illustration. He was the official illustrator for the 1980 Olympics, did work for McDonald's, Eli Lilly, and produced artwork for the Smithsonian Institution.

These days his paintings are in every Christian bookstore and his work can be seen on (and in) over 50 books from Christian authors like Max Lucado, Jerry Jenkins, and Frank Peretti.

In March of 2010, Ron completed his largest work, which was commissioned by the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas, Texas. It is a 12x40 foot oil on canvas mural depicting Christ's Resurrection. Of his artwork, Ron

says, "It's how I preach and communicate the gospel to others."

But his life was almost extinguished in an abortion clinic. In 1951, his mother was about to receive an initial injection to start the process. She was not a committed Christian at the time, but she sensed a strong voice telling her, "Don't do it - I have a plan for this baby."

She literally pushed away the needle and ran out of the office. Until she died at the age of 88, she regularly told Ron, "God has plans for you." It was hard to understand though, because he flunked almost every class in high school. He wasn't goofing off; he just couldn't do anything else but draw.

After managing to graduate, he enrolled in the American Academy of Art in Chicago. Of that experience he said, "For an inner-city Chicago kid, going to art school was about as likely as becoming a Navy SEAL."

After that first year, his father died and it looked like his dream was over. Just a week later, the school director offered him a scholarship without any knowledge of his father's death or financial situation. He later told an instructor, "Someday, I am going to use this in the Kingdom for the glory of God." He has, and is, because an abortion was prevented.

With regard to the sacredness of life, when it begins and who decides it's intrinsic worth, the scriptures give us a very telling look into the womb, and more significantly, the origin of life. We read in Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV), "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

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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

Hicksville Eagles – February Events

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- 12th – Junk Yard Band 8:30 to 12:30 AM
- 19th – Texas Hold'em (Public Invited) & White Elephant Auction & Bake Sale
- 25th – Steak Fry (Public Invited)
- 26th – Firekeeper Casino Trip 10:00 AM

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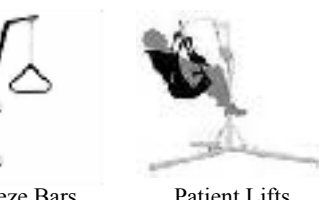
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WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH PART 2

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

Last week I wrote about how I get frustrated with organized religion.

I struggle with hating the organized church. I'm ashamed of the atrocities and the violations of justice that have been done through the organized church in the name of God throughout the years and are still being supported. I'm distraught over institutions of ritual that go through the empty and endless motions of fake devotion and remain in existence long after God has left the building. I abhor the politics involved; the disagreements and distractions from the mission we have been called to. I get frustrated at being criticized for doing what I think is best to bring about God's will here in Antwerp. I despise people thinking they are right with God because of head knowledge, being baptized, asking Jesus into their heart, or their knowledge of the Scriptures. Because of all these things, I would long to just go off on my own and do church the way I understand it should be done. And you might feel that way too.

In the end, the way I feel is very selfish. It is not a manifestation of the Holy Spirit but of the individualism of our society creeping out. You could not create a more American religion than one that is self-sufficient and reliant upon the strength of the individual to stay strong without encouragement and accountability from others. In the framework of spirituality without the church, my spirituality would be about myself and myself only. I would get to use my money on what I want, study only what I am fascinated with, live my life without anyone else questioning anything, and

not have to wrestle with thoughts that are different than mine. In an American era where we can get our news from sources that always agree with us, commentary from friends we agree with, and have the power to ignore people with a click of a button, this idea that I am the supreme ruler of my spiritual life fits right in.

But Jesus designed us to gather together. Jesus did not come and create his ministry in isolation.

In one of my favorite Pearl Jam songs, "Given to Fly", Eddie Vedder tells the story of a spiritual man who learns how humanity can unlock the chains that keep us down, chains he sees everywhere. This spiritual person begins to tell people about what he has learned and how they can be free, but they respond by beating and stabbing him. It goes on:

"He still stands
"And he still gives his love, he just gives it away
"The love he receives is the love that is saved
"And sometimes is seen a strange spot in the sky
"A human being that was given to fly..."

A beautiful and inspiring story about individual spirituality, but Jesus was different. He still sets us free, but he didn't come as a lone ranger. He surrounded himself with disciples. Then he charged these disciples to create more disciples. He established a kingdom, a community, a city of believers under his rule. We are a body connected one to another. We are a family.

We should not throw that out because the church all too frequently messes up, because we have been hurt by someone at church, or some other reason. On the flip side, we should not settle for a church that is wasting time. We should allow God to use us to shape ourselves and the community we are

part of into what God wants us to be. We should not give up on the church because it is faulty. God does not give up on us because we are faulty. We need to be open to God using us to bring about the change He desires.

As the rest of Hebrews states, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" [Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)].

We gather on Sunday mornings or whenever we gather as brothers and sisters in Jesus, not for our sake, but to spur each other on toward living lives filled with loving actions and doing good for those around us. That is not always easy. It's easy to fall in selfish mode, to get absorbed by our own lives and our own needs. God knew that we would have this tendency to become self-absorbed, so He came down in the flesh and established His Church. When we, the Church gather together, we need to be focused on encouraging one another. Maybe that means we need to rethink what we do and how we do it, but encouraging one another is not something we can do by ourselves.

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

PAULDING CO. CHRONICLES II

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

BLUE CREEK PIONEERS
In the area that is now Blue Creek Township along Blue Creek, in 1837 the first actual settler of the township, Robert Barnhill, came with his wagon through the thick forests. He built a log cabin on the SW quarter of sec. 14, and commenced in the next few years to clear the land for farm land. It was not until 1839 that Robert Hakes, James Cunningham, and Daniel Traid and their families came also with their families. This made up the middle of sec. 14 and 15, which was then the middle of dense forest, ten miles from any other settlements.

The first white child born in Blue Creek township was George Hakes, child of Robert and Caroline Hakes. He grew up to be a Union Soldier in the Civil War, dying of disease in Nashville during the struggle. The first marriage was in Autumn 1839 between Robert McDaniel and Maria Barnhill.

The Township was organized in 1816, but attached to Brown Township until April 6, 1857, when an election was held at Reed School to legalize the action. Maria Smith taught the first school in Blue Creek Township in the year of 1850; seven pupils were in attendance. It was a log building situated on the farm of Joseph Reed, and was thereafter known as the "Reed Schoolhouse".

The first post office was

in the township located on the Paulding and Van Wert Pike in 1873, named "Pleasant Point". It was the only post office in the township up to 1880.

Aaron Abbott was born in April, 1796 in Middlesex County Virginia into slavery as the son of Maniel and Dafny Abbott. His wife, Harriet Jones, also a slave, was a native of Clarke County Kentucky, b. June 10, 1818 (her parents: Robert Canon and Jane Jones). She has had four children: Basil, b. September 3, 1854, deceased; Evaline, b. December 15, 1857, deceased; Samuel, b. September 1860, resides in Blue Creek Township. Mr. Abbott's first marriage was with Charity Abbott; her children were: Lewis, b. March 5, 1829; Henry, b. May 8, 1831; Caroline, b. August, 1833; Anthony, deceased; Charles, b. January 8, 1842; Mary, 1844 deceased; Martha Jane, b. 1848; Margaret b. May 18, 1850, deceased.

Mr. Abbott purchased his own freedom for \$1,050; also his first wife for \$500; his second wife for \$650; his children, the eldest, 19 years of age for \$700; the second, also 19 years of age at time of purchasing, for \$850 and his son Anthony, for \$700.

He was hired out by his master to an iron company for seven years; he performed extra labor during the time to the amount of \$920, and accrued credit for the balance. After paying for his children he bought a farm in Powell County, Kentucky and became a successful farmer and stock raiser, and finally owned a distillery. He had two trades: molder and stone mason.

His son, Charles, enlisted at Covington, Kentucky, August 7, 1861 in the 117th U. S. Colored Infantry, Company C commanded by Captain E. H. Morris; was in the siege of Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia; was discharged August 10, 1867 was on garrison duty in Texas two years, two months and two days. In 1880 he was a farrier. Address: Pleasant Point, Paulding, Ohio.

The U. S. Census of 1880 was 50,152,866. Ohio was 8,198,239 persons.

Note: This info was taken from "Historical Hand-Atlas" -History of NW Ohio and Paulding Co. Ohio by H. H. Hardesty & Co. 1882

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First Friends Church and Mercy Ministries International are sponsoring a five part Couples Series on Friday nights, entitled Fantastic Five Friday Night Dates, for area couples. Pastor Paul and Susie Hamrick, pastor of First Friends Church in Van Wert, have been married for over 38 years and are the parents of four adult children and soon to be six grandchildren, have taught relationship conferences, locally, nationally and internationally. The Couples Series will feature what the Hamrick's call the F.I.T. Principle of teaching, (Fun, Informative, Transforming). The series is a tune-up for relationships in a fun atmosphere.

Even the best relationships need a tune up every once and awhile. Couples will discover how to meet their love ones deepest needs in a more fulfilling way. Participants will learn how to rekindle romance and build communications in relationships. The Hamricks will share how they started as high school sweethearts and after almost 20 years of marriage, were at the brink of divorce and were able to save their relationship from destruction. No matter where your relationship is or how many years you have been together, this tune-up series is for you. This series is for any couple looking for an awesome Valentine gift to share with each other, married or not at this time.

The Couples Series will be held at the First Friends Church 202 South Franklin St. at the corner of South Franklin & Central Ave. in Van Wert. The Series begins Friday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. There are limited openings, so couples will need to pre-register by February 9th. For more information or to pre-register contact Pastor Paul & Susie Hamrick at 419-771-9378 or email at mercy_missions@hotmail.com

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



NEW ADMINISTRATOR AT DALLAS LAMB FOUNDATION HOME

Lanette Briley is the new administrator of Dallas Lamb Foundation Home. Lanette, who resided in Wapakoneta with her husband, Tim, has 19 years of experience in long term care and assisted living. She grew up on her family farm and her hobbies include driving John Deere tractors, plowing and disking the ground for planting, bowling, NASCAR and taking care of her cat, Spanky. She is also a member of the Buckeye Farm Antiques Club in Wapakoneta. Stop in and say hello to Lanette at Dallas Lamb in Payne, Ohio.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Emerson Grant Morrow was born to Grant and Britany Morrow on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz, and was 19.8 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Don and Kathy Jones of Antwerp, and Jerry and the late Lisa Morrow of Hicksville. Proud great-grandparents are Esther Morrow, Margie Bowers, Chuck and Marilyn Jones, and Bob and Diane Phillips, all of Antwerp.

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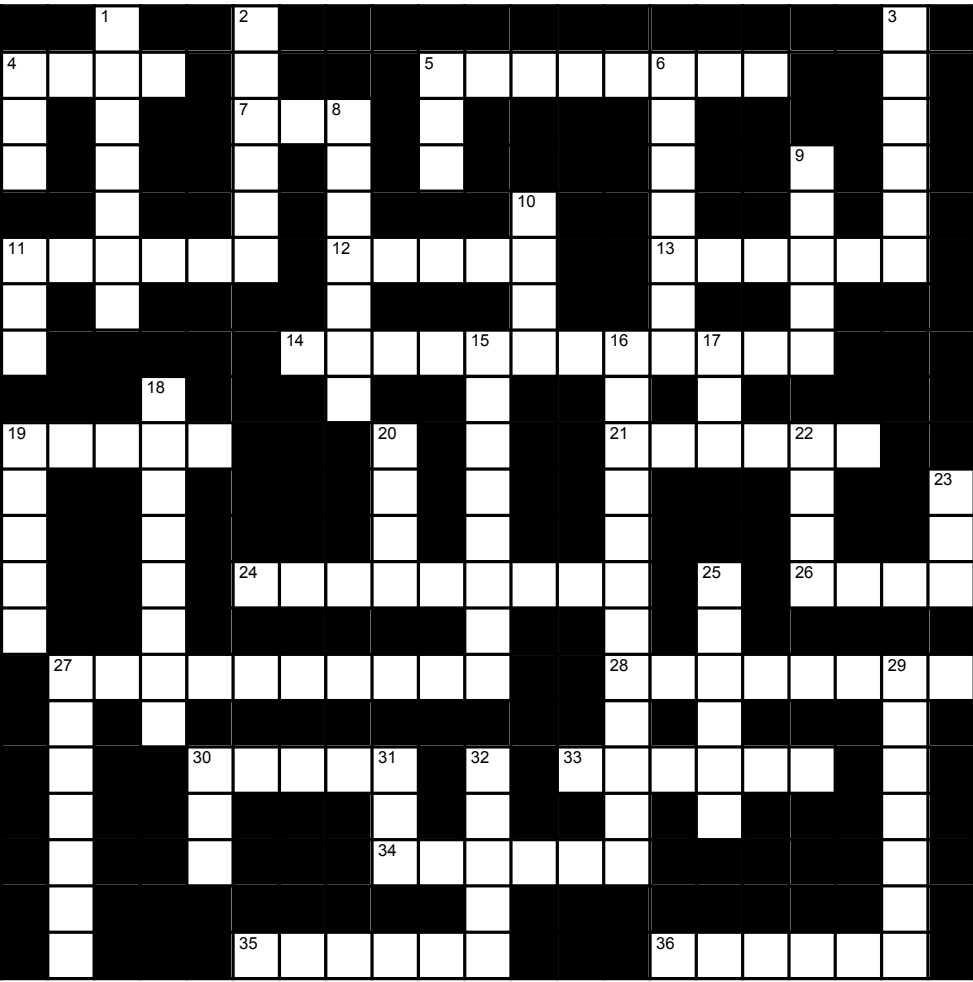
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5. Cool as a ____.
7. Try to keep a stiff upper ____.
11. They caught him red ____.
12. Everyone pushes a falling ____.
13. ____ when most needed is least heeded.
14. He who begins too much _____ little.
19. Make no ____ about it.
21. Don't burn the ____ at both ends.
24. Jump on the ____.
26. ____ but sure wins the race.
27. An ounce of _____ is worth a pound of cure.
28. Take your _____ to bed with you.
30. What you cannot _____, welcome.
33. He was hot under the ____.
34. One joy scatters a hundred ____.
35. Deal with the _____ of others as gently as your own.
36. It's water under the ____.

Down

1. It's _____ cats and dogs.
2. They who love most are least ____.
3. Fit as a ____.
4. ____ behind the ears.
5. ____ the mustard.
6. _____ can't be choosers.
8. Practice makes ____.
9. Good things come to those who ____.
10. Look before you ____.
11. Don't get all ____ and bothered.
15. Don't make a _____ out of a molehill.
16. The wolf loses his teeth, but not his ____.
17. A ____ is heavy when carried far.
18. Beauty is in the eye of the ____.
19. A lie travels around the world while the truth puts her ____ on.
20. All that glitters is not ____.
22. Ask me no questions, I'll tell you no ____.
23. He had a break with the ____.
25. To the victors belong the ____.
27. A _____ is worth a thousand words.
29. _____ rides a fast horse.
30. In a coon's ____.
31. Three ____ night.
32. When the ____ are down.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

While tax levies have the major impact on property taxes, your property's valuation is the foundation on which the rate you pay is calculated. The Auditor's office reappraises (revalues) Paulding County properties every six years by state law, with an update in between. The legal requirements of the reappraisal process mean that we are always behind the market. That may be more apparent now than it was when real estate values were rising. These values can also vary greatly across the state of Ohio. The effective date of the appraisal currently in force for Paulding County is January 1, 2010 (the revaluation tax lien date).

If you believe the valuation for your property is inaccurate you may file a complaint with the Board of Revision (BOR). Based on the evidence presented by you, the Board may raise or lower a value or leave it unchanged. The members of the Board of Revision are the County Auditor, County Treasurer, and President of the County Commissioners.

Current Agricultural Use Values (CAUV) are set by the State Tax Commissioner and the Board of Revision has no authority to adjust or amend CAUV rates. If you file a BOR complaint based on your CAUV values, the Paulding County BOR must return a 'no change' in value.

Board of Revision (BOR) complaint forms and instructions may be downloaded and printed from the Auditor's website at: www.pauldingcountyauditor.com. Click on the Board of Revision link, then for real property click on DTE Form-1 and DTE Form-1 Instructions. If you have a manufactured home, you will need to file a DTE 1M form. Also available is the BOR brochure with additional information along with the Practices and Procedures of the Board. You may also want to review the Valuation Process link to gather further information about this process. To call

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the office, please call 419-399-8206 and we will glad to answer your questions. You can also get a form by visiting the office or calling and we will mail one out to you. If you chose to file a BOR complaint, please read the instructions carefully when submitting your evidence and preparing for your hearing. If your complaint form is incomplete or there is a lack of evidence, the BOR members may dismiss your

complaint form. Complaints must be RECEIVED in the Auditor's office (the postmark is irrelevant under State law) by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2011. If you are unable to mail your complaint in plenty of time, we suggest that you play it safe and hand-deliver it to the Auditor's office which is located in the courthouse.
—Susan K. Simpson,
County Auditor

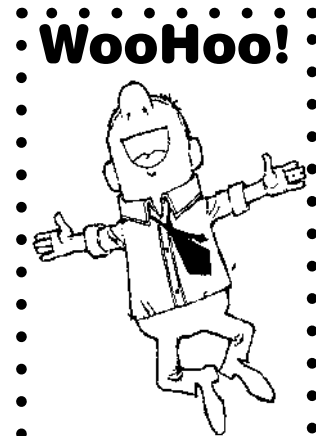
VFW POST 5087 CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio celebrates 50 years of serving the needs of local veterans and their families on February 12, 2011. The Golden Anniversary award is presented to the Post in recognition of 50 years of outstanding service to the community.

Richard L. Eubank, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, congratulated all members of the Post, "I send my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of VFW Post 5087 for the outstanding record they have achieved of service to the community, veterans and to the nation over the past 50 years."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently serve on active duty or in the Guard and Reserves. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and is one of its oldest veterans' organizations. With 2.1 million members located in 7,700 VFW Posts worldwide, the VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to

"honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, legislative initiatives, youth scholarships, Buddy Poppy and national military service programs. Annually, the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 11 million hours of community service to the nation. For more information or to join, visit the organization's Web site at www.vfw.org.



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DELTA AND DORIS INLOW

By: Stan Jordan

Delta Inlow was born in St. Joe, Indiana in October of 1920. His parents were Elmer and Emma Inlow. There were fourteen children in the family, seven boys and seven girls. There were two sets of twins and Delta was a twin. He went to St. Joe to school and graduated there in 1938.

After school he worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a few years. Then he worked for Dana at Auburn and retired there after forty years.

He met Doris Wartsler who was born on December 20, 1924. She attended all three Scipio Schools and graduated from Harlan High School in 1942. Doris and Delta were married in 1943.

They had six children, one boy and five girls: Gary lives in Fort Wayne; Susan has two children and lives in the area; Sharon lives in Fort Wayne; Shannon has four boys and lives in St. Ignace, MI; Shawn has one girl and lives in Indianapolis and Sharmon has three children and lives in Harlan, IN.

Delta and Doris lived on the Dorsey Homestead. The Dorsey's came from Yorkshire

in 1841 and this entire farm has been under the Dorsey name since 1842.

These folks are very proud to own it, and maintain and farmed it all these years. The farm is on the Allen Road, just off of IN 37 where it meets the Ohio State Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Inlow are very proud that all of the fourteen children in his family have turned out very well, and all of their children also. The farm is in tip-top shape, in good repair and with hundreds of acres of good soil.

Delta's hobbies were pretty much taking care of the farm, with the crops and garden.

They have 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and are very proud of that also.

They have been here in the Manor House for a couple of months and really enjoy being here. They like the staff and the service and the surroundings.

Delta and Doris, I really enjoyed talking to you. You are my kind of people: good, friendly, mid-western folks that have led a good prosperous life.

I hope you have many good years here at the Manor House.

See ya!

WHAT ANTWERP HAS NOW

By: Stan Jordan

Last week I was talking with a friend and he was a little down about things Antwerp doesn't have anymore.

Such as we once had a Buick-Pontiac dealer, an Alis Chalmers Farming Equipment dealer, a Chevrolet dealer, a Ford dealer, a Chrysler-Plymouth dealer, a lumber yard and probably some other enterprises.

But as I sit here at my desk in the WBN building, I am making a list of the things that we do have.

We have two weekly newspapers, we have a new limited access federal highway just a mile out of town. We have a beautiful Veteran's Memorial accessible to the public down at the Veteran's Memorial Park. We have a new street from the red light at SR 49 and 424 down east to the old cemetery that is as pretty as any boulevard around. We have the Manor House Assisted Living along with a fine restaurant, Essen House. We have two doctor's offices and four new churches have been added to the community. We have the old elevator that is now called Mercer Landmark with the capacity of 1½ million bushels of grain. The

largest in the area. We have a new high school complex with a new bus garage. The high school staff and employees are second to none.

We have a new state approved track, we have baseball and softball diamonds, and soccer is just now become a sport here. Our fishermen tells us that the Maumee River offers some of the biggest catfish to be found anywhere. If you like that kind of fishing, You never know what you will catch. The Conservation Club has a new building where you can fire your firearms or rent the building for parties and such. We have Antwerp Exchange Bank the only locally owned and managed community bank in Paulding County. We have a new branch library. We have a new recycling business in Antwerp. We have an Antwerp Community Youth Center and a new playground in Veteran's Memorial Park.

These are just some of the assets in Antwerp. The people, businesses, and private donations have made all these enterprises possible. It shows us that our town is cared for and loved and thriving.

See ya!

JIM THORPE

By: Stan Jordan

Jim Thorpe has been called by many as the best athlete ever in the world by Dwight



D. Eisenhower. He was born in Prague, Oklahoma, May 8, 1888 of mixed ancestry of Caucasian and Indian. He grew up in the SAC and Fox

Nation in Oklahoma. His father, Hiram Thorpe, had an Irish father and a SAC & Fox Indian mother and she was of French and Potawatomi, a descendent of a Great Chief. I will not attempt his name but due to a bad storm at his birth time he was called 'Bright Path' as there was a lot of lightening going on. He was christened a Catholic and observed that faith all his life.

He attended the SAC and Fox Indian School in Stroud, Oklahoma. He had a twin brother, Charles, who helped him a lot while in school, but Charles died of pneumonia when he was nine years old. Jim ran away from school a number of times. After Jim ran away a few times his father, Hiram, sent him to the present day Haskell Indians Nations University at Lawrence, Kansas so he wouldn't run away again.

When Jim's mother died of childbirth complications two years earlier, it was very depressing for him. So after several arguments with his father, he left home and went to work on a horse ranch.

In 1904, he returned home to his father and made up his mind to attend Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, PA. The coach there was 'Pop' Warner, who later came to fame, recognized his football ability.

Later that year Jim's father,

Hiram, died of gangrene that stemmed from a hunting accident. Jim became despondent and left school for a few years but then returned to Carlisle.

Jim began his athlete career in 1907, he competed in football, baseball, LaCrosse and ballroom dancing in which he won the championship in 1912. In 1911, he gained nationwide attention as a running back, a defensive back, a place kicker and a punter.

In a game against Harvard a big upset where Carlisle was 18-15 over Harvard. Jim scored all the points for Carlisle, four field goals and a touchdown and they finished that season with a 11-1 record. The next year, they won The National Collegiate Championship.

In 1912 they beat Army 27-6. In that game, Jim ran a 92-yard touchdown but it was called back because of a penalty on his team. On the next play he ran it for a 92-yard touchdown again. In that

game Dwight D. Eisenhower hurt his knee trying to tackle Jim. Later on he said of Jim, "Some people are supremely endowed with ability. Jim never practiced in his life, but he is the best player I ever saw."

Thorpe was called an All-American both in 1911 and 1912. Football was his favorite sport, but he participated in track and field and received great fame there.

There's so much more about Jim that we'll continue next week.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

Ole's car was hit by a truck in an accident. In court, the trucking company's lawyer was questioning Ole.

"Didn't you say, sir, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'" asked the lawyer.

Ole responded, "Vell, I'll tell you vat happened. I had yust loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into da..."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'"

Ole said, "Vell, I had yust got Bessie into da trailer and I vas driving down da road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Ole's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule, Bessie."

Ole thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Vell, as I was saying, I had yust loaded Bessie, my favorite mule into da trailer and vas driving her down da highway ven dis huge semi-truck and trailer ran da stop sign and smacked my truck right in da side. I vas trown intot one ditch and Bessie vas trown into da other. I vas hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape yust by her groans. Shortly after da accident da Highway Patrolman, he came to da scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he vent over to her. And after he looked at her and saw her fatal condition he took out his gun and shot her right 'tween da eyes. Den da Patrolman, he came across da road, gun still smoking, looked at me and said, 'How are you feeling?' Now vat in da vide world would YOU say?"

See ya!

—Submitted by Sandra Wann

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE SELECTED BY MAJORITY CAUCUS TO REPLACE FORMER REP. CLIFF HITE

House Speaker William G. Batchelder (R-Medina) announced that the Republican Caucus has selected Robert C. Sprague of Findlay to replace former Rep. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay), who was appointed to the vacant 1st Senate District seat on February 1, 2011. Mr. Sprague was recommended unanimously by a five-member House panel that interviewed 11 applicants on January 31, 2011.

"We are fortunate to have someone with the experienced leadership of Robert Sprague to be the newest member of our caucus," Speaker Batchelder said. "It will be extraordinarily valuable to have someone with Robert's expertise and record of service in the majority caucus to help bring real prosperity to the state of Ohio, especially during these challenging economic times."

Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima), who chaired the five-member panel, said that his colleagues were very grateful to have many well-qualified applicants interview for the vacancy. "Our caucus was privileged to have a number of capable, thoughtful applicants apply for this position," Rep. Huffman said. "In the end, we believe Mr. Sprague will best represent the interests of all of the citizens of the 76th House District, and we look forward to serving with him."

Mr. Sprague currently serves as the auditor of the City of Findlay, where he also served as the city's treasurer. He was a valedictorian of Findlay High School, is a graduate cum laude of Duke University with a degree in mechanical engineering, and earned an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously, he was a management consultant with Ernst & Young and later owned and operated his own consulting firm. He and his wife Amanda reside in Findlay with their four boys.

Mr. Sprague was appointed to the Ohio House of Representatives during House session on Wednesday, February 2.

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LADY RAIDERS NOW 15-0 IN FANTASTIC BASKETBALL SEASON



The Lady Raiders win at home against Archers in a 51-44 win February 3rd. The Wayne Trace girls have done well and are now ranked 4th in the state in their division. Shown here is WT junior Ashley Saylor scoring a lay up while senior Archer Toni Winslow attempts to block. The WT vs Miller City game has been rescheduled for Wed, Feb 16 at 6 pm. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Panthers took on the Lancers at home Thursday, Feb 3. Panthers started rough and came back, but not quite enough to win for a 40-52 loss. The girls played again Saturday against Continental and won 48-43. Shown here is senior Hayley Clellan scoring 3 points for Paulding. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

REP. WACHTMANN INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS OHIO'S PENSION WOES

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) recently introduced legislation that, when enacted, will amend various aspects of Ohio's five public pension systems in an effort to ensure their long-term solvency.

"Ensuring the stability of Ohio's five public pension systems is paramount for all current and future public retirees, as well as for the entire state," said Wachtmann. "I believe that this legislation is a vital step toward making our state's pensions more manageable and sustainable."

Based on recommendations from each of the five public pension systems, House Bill 69 will revise plans for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), School Employees Retirement System (SERS), Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), and Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS).

The legislation would modify employee contributions, retirement eligibility, benefit accrual rate, financial average salary, cost of living adjustments, allocation to retiree health care benefits, part-time and full-time service credits, purchased service credits, and deferred retirement option plans. These changes are expected to impact approximately 1.7 million members, retirees, dependents and beneficiaries.

House Bill 69 was introduced following testimony in the House Health and Aging Committee from the leaders of the five pension systems, who each outlined their boards' approved plans for financial solvency. It will now be assigned to the Pensions and Retirement Subcommittee of the House Health and Aging Committee, where it will undergo thorough consideration.

LATTA STATEMENT ON DEMOCRAT HEALTH CARE LAW COURT RULING

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after a United States District Court in Florida ruled that the recently passed Democrat health care law in unconstitutional.

"I applaud yesterday's decision by the District Court. As Republicans in Congress repeated over the past two years and Judge Vinson ruled, the individual mandate portion of the health care law in unconstitutional because it forces Americans to purchase health care coverage, which violates the Commerce clause of the Constitution. Additionally, Judge Vinson ruled that because the individual mandate is non-severable, the entire health care law is unconstitutional."

"Congressional Democrats and the President not only ignored a majority of Americans by passing a

health care bill they did not want, but they violated the Constitution in the process. Republicans in Congress remain committed to passing meaningful health care reform that Americans want and I look forward to being a part of this process by serving on the Energy and Commerce Committee and Health Subcommittee which will have direct jurisdiction over this process."

"I was proud to sign onto the Amicus Brief for this lawsuit. Additionally, Ohio Attorney General, Mike DeWine should be commended for signing the state of Ohio onto this lawsuit with twenty-five other states."

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/31/11

This 31st day of January, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR A STANDBY GENERATOR SYSTEM AND TRANSFER SWITCH:

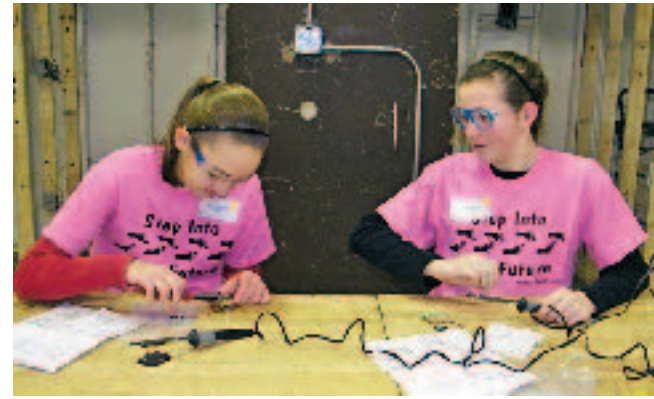
On the 26th day of January, 2011, bids were received and opened for the standby generator system and transfer switch project; and after review of the aforementioned bids by the Paulding County EMA Director, Randy Shaffer, recommended to the Board of County Commissioners to accept bid #1 submitted bid from Stollsteimer Electric; now, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the standby generator system and transfer switch project to Stollsteimer Electric, in the amount of \$32,220.00.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter met briefly with the Commissioners to present bills for approval.

Commissioners Tony Zartman and Fred Pieper attended the Four County Solid Waste meeting at the Williams County Commissioners' Office.

FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: "STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE" WORKSHOP FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS HELD AT VANTAGE



Brooke Schroeder (Lincolnview) and Katie Trittschuh (Van Wert) work on soldering their flashing LED circuit boards during "Step Into Your Future" at Vantage.

Have you ever wanted to weld? Or tear apart a computer and put it back together again? On Saturday, January 29, 7th and 8th grade girls had an opportunity to try out some non-traditional careers at Vantage Career Center.

The girls built a step stool in Carpentry, welded metal pieces together to make a decorative heart-shaped hook in Welding, soldered a small electrical flashing

circuit board together in Electricity and tore apart a computer and put it back together again (and it had to work!) in Network Systems.

The goal of "Step Into Your Future" was to introduce students to non-traditional career options, which included fun, hands-on activities in the labs. The day was very fast-paced, interactive and full of opportunities for the students to try new things.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 22 and 23. Antwerp now offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2011, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten be-

fore entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

GIRLS' NIGHT ONLY IS BACK!

"Girls' Night Only" at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, is back! Friday, February 11th, 5:00-9:00 is the date. Come for a fun evening of Wii, Karaoke, food, and fun with your friends. This event is for girls in 6th - 12th grade. Be sure and call the library to reserve your spot! In the event of inclement weather, please call the branch 419-594-3337 before you come.

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MONSTER BLIZZARD OF 2011



Katie English took this picture of the exciting weather happenings of the past week. Icicles galore have grown on houses and buildings all over the area. Lots of snow has created beautiful spectacles for people to enjoy.

By: Josh Steiner

After a very large blizzard hit the United States early last week, a large part of the Midwest, Great Lakes, and New England, is now buried under a swath of snow ranging from 12 inches to more than two feet of snow. This storm had actually come in two parts. The first storm hit Monday into Monday night and mainly affected areas in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and parts of Northern Illinois, and then shifted southward and affected areas south of the Michigan/Indiana border. The second, much stronger storm, affected areas from the Texas Panhandle to northern Maine. A large area from Oklahoma City to Chicago, had between 12 inches and 24 inches of snow while just south and east of this band, sleet and freezing rain accumulated rapidly from Arkansas to St.

Louis to Indianapolis eastward to Columbus and New York City. Finally across the Deep South, severe thunderstorms and heavy rain caused flooding and numerous reports of wind damage and tornadoes. This entire storm system was the largest of the winter season thus far.

The storm was first brought on computer models on the 26th of January, when GFS models, ECMWF models, and NAM models all showed the possibility of a strong winter storm to form and hit areas from the Southern United States to the East Coast. By the 27th, most computer models had trended toward a significant snow and ice storm hitting the Tennessee Valley and then the interior Northeast while the Ohio Valley and Lower Great Lakes would see up to six inches from a

clipper system. The next day, almost all of the runs of the ECMWF, NAM, GFS, and many other minor models saw the potential for a very severe winter storm to affect the Midwest and Ohio Valley. The National Weather Service in Northern Indiana then issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook for all of our forecast area. In the forecast discussion, they stated that "most, if not all of the forecast area could see significant snow and ice accumulations from a strong winter storm forecasted to affect the area Monday and Tuesday." [National Weather Service]. The National Weather Service had also found that the Pacific Jet Stream and the Southern Jet Stream had been progged (prognosticated or fore-

the Ohio Valley and then into the interior Northeast. This produced a large snowstorm for the Lower Great Lakes. By the 29th, computer models were going off the wall with the snowfall amounts—some giving us two inches of liquid water equivalent and snowfall of up to two feet. By this time, the National Weather Service was forecasting a "potentially historic snowstorm across the area" that would be greater than the Blizzard of '78 and the Monster snowstorm of 1999. Updated discussions then put in the possibility of a blizzard that would cripple and paralyze the region for several days and up to a week in some areas. By the next day, computer models had shifted the heaviest snowfall into the northern and western part of the Fort Wayne viewing area. This put areas from Fort Wayne east in the 14-16 inch band. By the afternoon of that Sunday, forecasts had shifted the heaviest band of snow to Lake Effect Areas in Northwest Indiana while issuing a Winter Storm Watch for the entire area, but giving Fort Wayne and surrounding areas only 12-14 inches for the storm with the possibility of sleet and freezing rain for areas southeast of US Highway 24. On Monday, forecasts had also been made for our area to see a round of moderate to heavy snow Monday night with a lull on Tuesday before the snow overspread the region Tuesday Night.

Just before the storm Monday night, forecasters had shifted the band of heaviest snowfall back into Fort Wayne and saying that Tuesday night we would see heavy snow, with possibly 10-15 inches of accumulation with little or no mixing expected. By 8:00 p.m. Monday, heavy snow bands had developed to the southwest of Fort Wayne and were moving northeastward. Snow then began to fall heavily around here at 9:00 p.m. and snowed moderate to heavily for the next several hours before tapering off in the early morning hours after dumping 4-5 inches here. Meanwhile the jet streams were beginning to phase over New Mexico and a low pressure center began to form and intensify quickly over southwestern Arkansas. This caused heavy snow to develop across most of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle and slowly lifting northward by midnight central time. After this first wave of snow moved quickly into New England and snowfall ranged anywhere from two inches to a foot of snow. On Tuesday morning, a Blizzard Warning was issued for all of the counties in Northeast Indiana. By nightfall, winds started to increase—sustained winds were recorded at 43 mph with gusts up to 51 mph. Northwest Ohio was issued a Winter Storm Warning but most of us encountered the blizzard-like effects of this storm. The heavy bands of sleet and freezing rain developed in central Indiana and moved due north and upon reaching southern Allen County and Paulding County changed to heavy snow. In late afternoon a

Upcoming WEATHER Forecast

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| Wed, Feb 09 - Partly Cloudy High 17° - Low -5° | |
| Thu, Feb 10 - Partly Cloudy Hi 11° - Low 6° | |
| Fri, Feb 11 - Partly Cloudy High 25° - Low 19° | |
| Sat, Feb 12 - Partly Cloudy High 31° - Low 28° | |
| Sun, Feb 13 - Partly Cloudy High 36° - Low 26° | |
| Mon, Feb 14 - Snow Shower High 33° - Low 26° | |
| Tue, Feb 15 - Mostly Cloudy High 33° - Low 19° | |

casted by computer models) to phase in the Southern Plains, which usually produces very strong storm systems. Most of the time when the jet streams phases over Texas, storm systems that are formed move across the south and then up of the East Coast, but this storm did something very unusual and was forecasted to move northeastward into

ARCHERS WIN AGAINST WAYNE TRACE BOYS IN CLOSE MATCHUP



The Raiders came to the Archer gym Friday, Feb 4 and it was a great game! The score went back and forth until the fourth quarter when the Archers took the lead with a 58-49 win. Shown here is Raider senior Nick LaBounty fouling Antwerp senior Shaile Chamberlain as he scores for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan took on the New Haven Bulldogs Friday, Feb 4th at home. The Warriors has several turnovers in the first couple of minutes, but managed to turn around. The Warriors fell in a very close game 45-47. Shown here is Woodlan sophomore Lauren Ehle attempting a fast-break lay up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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THE PUNKY PRUNE

By: Rachel Steiner

Hi! Since living a natural lifestyle encompasses mind, body and soul, I'm going to take a different direction this week. The first step in living naturally is becoming conscious of what we do and what we use in our daily lives. Once our family began to pay attention and read labels on what we were eating, we did the same with other products we use for cleaning or beauty needs. These products are often smelled, inhaled or can be absorbed through our skin so it's important for them to be safe. Our culture has led us to believe that the only way to wash dishes is with thick, florescent colored dish soap because that is the only thing available on store shelves. The same goes with harsh anti-bacterial spray cleaners and all the fake pine scents. However, there are many common household products that can be used to clean our homes just as well, if not better than those laboratory-made chemical products out on the market. So here is a little collection of the cleaning products I make at home. They clean as well, if not better, they are cheaper and best of all non-toxic, which makes it perfect because you can engage your children in helping you! Ha. Ha.

Dish Washing Soap:
3 T liquid castile soap (\$0.42)

2 C water (\$0.0)
2 T vinegar (\$0.006)
TOTAL: \$0.42

Mix all together. It will be much thinner than the commercial products out on the market, but the vinegar cuts grease and the soap cleans. I also suggest using a clean rag or wash cloth each day for washing because it will cut down on all the bacteria in common dish sponges and brushes. I recommend using a liquid castile soap which is all-vegetable based such as Dr. Bonners brand (available at Meijer in the beauty area and Kroger in their natural foods section). It is more expensive, but made of nothing but vegetable oils such as olive and coconut, and with the small amounts used, it will be worth it. Plus, I use this same product in many of my other recipes so it makes sense for me. Note: this is for hand-washing not for machines!

All-Purpose Cleaning Spray:

2 T vinegar (\$0.006)
1 t borax (\$0.01)
¼ C liquid castile (\$0.56)
water to fill bottle (\$0.0)
TOTAL: \$0.58

Mix all together in a thoroughly cleaned spray bottle. Make sure to use hot water to dissolve borax.

This can be used on all surfaces from kitchen counters to bathroom sinks. Use a washcloth or fabric scraps to save the trees!

Vinegar Cleaning Spray:
Plain white Vinegar! (1 gallon is \$1.69)

I began to use straight vinegar to clean once I learned that it kills 99% of bacteria, 82% of mold and 80% of germs. The pickle-factory smell only lasts for a minute or two after it dries and there is nothing cheaper or safer.

Baking Soda Scrub (\$0.45 per pound):

Baking soda can be used to clean crusted-on pots, stove-tops or anything else in your house. I put baking soda in an old spice shaker because it makes it easier to shake out how much I need for cooking or cleaning. Just sprinkle a little where you need it then rub with a damp cloth to scour off surfaces. Or you can make a paste with a smidge of water for hard-core scouring action.

Powdered Washing Machine Detergent:

3 bars castile soap grated (\$6.00)

3 C washing soda (\$1.10)
3 C baking soda (\$0.63)
4 ½ C borax (\$1.29)
TOTAL: \$9.02 per 128 washes OR \$0.07 per load!

Grate the soap with a cheese grater or in a blender or food processor then mix with the other ingredients. Use 2 T per load or 3 T if it is extra dirty.

There are many recipes for laundry detergent floating around, but I liked this one because it was a powder and much easier to make. Many liquid recipes include boiling the grated soap in water and adding other ingredients which just seemed messier and more time consuming for me, plus this one seemed to work great. And I even use it on cloth diapers! I recommend Dr. Bonner's castile bar soap, but any brand can be used, just pay attention to ingredients.

LOCAL RUNNERS RECOGNIZED AT 2011 FORT WAYNE TRACK CLUB BANQUET

Left to right: Gary Schmunk, Frank Shorter, and Cheryl Stromski.

On Sunday, January 30, 2011 Olympic Gold Medalist, Frank Shorter was in the Summit City for the Fort Wayne Track Club's 2011 Banquet. Mr. Shorter was the featured speaker of the evening.

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large band of moderate to heavy snow and sleet developed across the entire area. Conditions rapidly deteriorated. As the low moved into central Indiana overnight sleet changed over to heavy snow and winds started to die down. In the early morning hours of Wednesday, all of Antwerp had lost power and in some areas surrounding us. Snow was still falling across Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio dumping 15 to 20 inches of snow across most of Chicago. By afternoon, almost all snow had dissipated except for a single band of Lake Effect snow across Northwest Indiana.

This Blizzard of 2011 was one of the worst storms to affect much of the lower Great Lakes since the Blizzard of 1999. Chicago received its heaviest snowfall since the Blizzard of 1999 and many other cities such as Tulsa, OK, received its all time heaviest snow and now has its snowiest February on record. Around here, snow ranged from six inches (Monday night, Tuesday night and Wednesday) south of Van Wert County to up to 16 inches in South Bend. I have received unofficial reports of snowfall from the entire storm for our area: 8-12 inches and 14-17

Some local athletes were recognized as well. Mr. Gary Schmunk of Antwerp and Ms. Cheryl Stromski of Antwerp were points award winners.

inches (including Monday night). All I know is that we have a very deep snowpack of 14-20 inches area-wide [National Weather Service]. Ice totals range from .25 inch in areas where mixing occurred, all the way to over an inch in areas such as Indianapolis and Columbus [Hydrometeorological Prediction Center].

With Blizzard 2011 over, this pattern of: moderating temperatures, snowstorm, and arctic outbreak is expected to continue for the next couple of weeks before ending sometime at the end of February. A very significant warm up is predicted to occur across the much of the nation. This could lead to significant flooding in areas where heavy rains occur over deep snowpack. Do not despair, according to Punxatawney Phil, spring is just around the corner!

If you have questions, please email me at: storm_reportsjoshua@yahoo.com and I will try my best to answer these questions and put them in the newspaper.

SOW GARDEN SEEDS NOW

By: Kylee Baumle, Master Gardener

You might think it's too early to think about sowing garden seeds. We just had a blizzard and despite the fact that Punxutawney Phil didn't see his shadow, spring is not just around the corner. The thought of planting garden seeds in the garden in the middle of February is a little crazy, right? Think again!

If you haven't tried winter sowing, you're missing out on a fun way to jump start your garden with less effort than it takes to do the same thing inside your house or greenhouse. The steps to do it are simple, but first, you need to choose appropriate seeds. Not all seeds take well to it.

Think of those things that self-seed - cherry tomatoes, snapdragons, zinnias, coneflowers, just to name a few. You can also plant any seeds that require stratification for germination. Stratification is the process of loosening the seed coat on a seed by freezing and thawing in the presence of moisture. Late winter weather performs this task beautifully.

How to winter sow:

1. Take an opaque plastic milk jug, rinse it out, throw away the lid, and then poke holes in the bottom for drainage. I use an ice pick, but some people use an electric drill.

2. Carefully cut the milk jug around the middle at 3-4 inches from the bottom, keeping just a hinge connected at one corner.

3. Fill the bottom part

with 2-3 inches of seed-starting medium. (Don't use garden soil, or you may not be able to tell the seedlings from the weeds when they start growing.) Wet the medium thoroughly and let drain.

4. Plant the seeds as directed on the package, but closer together than recommended. You can always thin later.

5. Sprinkle some of the dry potting medium over the seeds if they require covering. Do not rewet, as this may scatter your seeds.

6. Close the top part of the jug back over the bottom and tape the two parts securely together with duct tape.

7. Using a permanent marker, mark the jug with a number. Keep a list of the numbers and write the corresponding seed name next to the number on your list.

8. Put the milk jugs outside where they will get at least six hours of full sun.

9. Wait for spring.

Yes, they may get snowed under, but don't worry. They won't be germinating at this point anyway. When the weather warms enough, the seeds will germinate when they're ready. Keep watch when temperatures are consistently warming and when the seedlings have a couple of sets of true leaves, you may want to untape the jugs and vent them on hot days. Plant them outside in your garden when the danger of frost has passed.

For more detailed information and a list of seeds that are suitable for winter sowing, visit www.winter-sown.org.

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PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE NEWS

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Coordinator of Gifted Education, cordially invites the public to attend the 2011 Paulding County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paulding Middle School Auditoria.

Ten school champions, in grades five through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Paulding County at the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana in March.

Individual school champions Derek Reeb, Antwerp Elementary; Nicole Highes, Antwerp Jr. High; Abigail Pierce, Christian Home Educators of Paulding County; Faith Vogel, Divine Mercy Catholic School; Estee Miller, Oakwood Elementary; Cade McGarvey, Paulding Elementary; Taylor Jackman, Paulding Middle School; Leah Maassel, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary; Ian Vogel, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary and Jacob Dingus, Wayne Trace Jr. High.

Dr. Robert Scheidt of Van Wert, is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: David Stallkamp, Principal, Paulding Middle School; Sarah Deatrack, Principal, Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary; and Alan Lautzenheiser,

Principal, Wayne Trace-Grover Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Steve Arnold, Principal, Antwerp High School, will preside as Master of Ceremonies. David Stallkamp, Principal, Paulding Middle School, is in charge of the physical set up of the competition.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank sponsors the awards for the County Spelling Bee, which include Savings Bonds and trophies for first and second place finishers, as well as medals and certificates for all of the school champions. Mrs. Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye ESC, is the awards liaison.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Paulding Middle School Auditoria at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011.

For addition information, please contact: Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, 419-399-4711, ext. 33, sfree-man@wb.noacsc.org

VAN WERT COUNTY SPELLING BEE NEWS

Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Coordinator of Gifted Education, cordially invites the public to attend the 2011 Van Wert County Spelling Bee. The County Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marsh Foundation School Auditorium.

Thirteen contestants representing eight Van Wert county schools, in grades four through eight, will compete for the honor of representing Van Wert County at the Journal Gazette Regional Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne, Indiana in March.

Individual school champions are:

Crestview Elementary - Amber Lichtenberger, Grade 5; Cora Millay, Grade 6

Crestview Junior High - Hannah Bowen, Grade 7; Corban Grubb, Grade 8

VWCS Goedde School - Samantha Shartzter, Grade 5

Lincolnview Elementary - Frankie Carey, Grade 5; Katelyn Wendel, Grade 6

Lincolnview Junior High - Derek Youtsey, Grade 7; Madie Enyart, Grade 8

Lincolnview Marsh School - Jennifer Schrecengost, Grade 8

St. Mary's Elementary - Alisha Terhark, grade 4

Van Wert Middle School - Nick Motycka, Grade 6; Chris Kraner, Grade 7, Korbin Schalois, grade 8

Van Wert resident, Dr. Robert Scheidt, M.D., is the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. Judges for the contest are: Mrs. Kathy Mollenkopf, Principal, Crestview Elementary; Mr. Gordon Stemen, Principal, Lincolnview Elementary; and Mr. Mark Bagley, Principal, Goedde and Van Wert Middle Schools, Van Wert

Mr. Roger Salisbury, Principal, Lincolnview Marsh School, is in charge of the physical set up of the competition.

The Van Wert Federal Savings Bank is the sponsoring the awards for the event. All participants will receive recognition of their participation.

Contestants are reminded to report to the Marsh Foundation School Library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

For addition information, please contact Sandra Freeman, Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, 419-399-4711, ext. 33, sfree-man@wb.noacsc.org

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL'S ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
1/24 - Eleanor Gerber, Melrose
1/25 - George Helms, Sr., Paulding
1/26 - Eileen Rehmert, Blakeslee
1/27 - Bernice Carnahan, Paulding; Nancy Grant, Hicksville

Dismissals:
1/28 - Bernice Carnahan, Paulding, transferred to Lutheran
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WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/9 THROUGH 2/15

Breakfast:
2/9 - Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice
2/10 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk, juice
2/11 - Waffles, sausage, milk, juice
2/14 - Pizza, milk, juice
2/15 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk, juice

Lunch:
2/9 - Walking taco, meat/cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn, mixed fruit, milk
2/10 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk
2/11 - Breaded chicken sandwich, fries, pineapple, milk
2/14 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, pears, cookie, milk
2/15 - Pizza, cheese or pepporni, corn, applesauce, peanut butter fudge, milk

WAYNE TRACE JH WRESTLERS: GMC CHAMPS

What a great end to a great season! Wayne Trace Jr. High wrestling team claimed the 2011 Green Meadows Conference title last Saturday, February 5, 2011, held at Edgerton. Along with the team title, the Raiders had seven individual wrestlers go undefeated for the day. George Clemens IV, Matt Baxter, Zaine Cotterman, Josh Reel, Jacob Dingus, Tyler Showalter, (Tyler was also undefeated for the season), and Justin Pierce each claimed an individual G.M.C. championship title. Placing 3rd was Carl Elliot and Kenny Mansfield. Grant Gillett finished 4th.

"The victory we claimed today was so great for the kids," commented coach Dennis Stable. "The boys came here today to defend our G.M.C. title from last year and that is what they did. Our victory this week carried over from our 1st place win at the Wauseon Tournament last week. The kids stayed focused, they knew they had to go out and get the big pin wins. This bunch of kids are really awesome," he continued, "and if they continue to stay together they will

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 2011 SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Oakwood Elementary held our 2010-2011 Spelling Bee on Friday, January 7. We had 28 fifth and sixth graders participate in the spelling bee this year.

After many rounds of spelling, our Spelling Bee champion this year is Estee Miller (6th Grade) and our

runner-up is Kourtney Thomas. Estee's winning word was "backgammon."

Congratulations to both Estee and Kourtney and Good Luck to Estee as she participates in the Paulding County Spelling Bee on Monday, February 7th.

be one very successful high school team. But the key to their success will be they have to stay together."

The young Raider squad had a very outstanding season. They went undefeated in dual matches, won two tournament champion-

ships, one runner-up and ended with the G.M.C. championship title. Individual team scores: Wayne Trace 158½, Tinora 118, Fairview 111, Edgerton 98½, Ayersville 58, Antwerp 45.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/26/11

This 26th day of January, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 175108 through 175123 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

—Susan Simpson and Amy Kauser, MW CAAO District Meeting, Columbus Grove OH – January 28, 2011

—Marsh Yeutter, Area Office on Aging, Toledo OH – January 28, 2011

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

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 155 - Microcenter-

prise Fund, 155-001-00001/Loans, \$9.40

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2010 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2010 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 128-001-00008/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project/OWDA Expenses

TO: 128-001-00004/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project - Salaries

AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

FROM: 128-001-00005/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project - Medicare

AMOUNT: \$145.00

FROM: 128-001-00006/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project - PERS

AMOUNT: \$1,400.00

FROM: 128-001-00007/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project - Workers' Comp

AMOUNT: \$180.00

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 January 19, 2011, Warrants numbering 174904 through 175100 totaling \$323,411.49; 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, 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 APPOINTING A FACILITIES GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TO THE W.O.R.T.H. CENTER:

Paulding County is a member of the Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center (W.O.R.T.H.), a community based corrections facility located at 243 Bluelick Road, Lima, Ohio; and as a Member County, it is incumbent on this Board of act in conjunction with the other Member Boards of Commissioners to reappoint the Commissioners' appointment to the Facilities Governing Board; and Marv Ankney was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve a three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2008, and expiring on October 12, 2011; and pursuant to Section 2301.51 of

the Ohio Revised Code, this Board, in conjunction with the other Member Boards of W.O.R.T.H. wish to appoint Jamie Hughes for the remainder of term to replace Marv Ankey, who has resigned; now, therefore this Board of County Commissioners, as a Member County, and with the collective Boards of County Commissioners, hereby appoints Jamie Hughes to the Facilities Governing Board of W.O.R.T.H. for the balance of the term ending on the 12th day of October, 2011; and the Clerk of this Board certify a copy of this Resolution to the Judicial Advisory Board of W.O.R.T.H. Center and be included with the Resolutions of the other eight (8) Member Counties, which collectively shall constitute the appointment of said members.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR A STANDBY GENERATOR SYSTEM AND TRANSFER SWITCH:

This 26th day of January 2011, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the Standby Generator System and Transfer Switch Project:

Schweller Electric, 11501 Rd 144, Paulding, OH 45879 - \$37,150.00

Stollsteimer Electric #1, 19989 Switzer Road, Defiance, OH 43512 - \$32,220.00

Stollsteimer Electric #2, 19989 Switzer Rd, Defiance, OH 43512 - \$35,096.00

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed the Sales Tax Revenue and Motor Vehicle Tax reports for January, 2011. Sales tax revenue was up from December, 2010, by \$24,025.06; and, up from January, 2010, by \$30,223.42. The January, 2011, total was up \$24,976.90 from the three year monthly average for the

month of January. Vehicle tax collected was \$40,843.60 for the month of January, 2011, which is included in the total sales tax figures.

Susan Simpson presented the General Fund Receipts and Expenses Reports for December, 2010. General fund receipts of \$247,388.65 were up from November by \$207.68. December, 2010, general fund receipts were up from December, 2009, by \$346.63. December, 2010, receipts were down \$24,137.61 from the three-year average for December. General Fund expenses for December were up \$18,534.09 from November expenses; however, were down \$7,082.72 from December, 2009. December expenses were down \$14,875.90 from the three-year average for December.

In other business, counties await the Governor's budget, which is due March 15, 2011. Various county offices and agencies will then know their fate as far as state funding. The Commissioners shared highlights from a meeting they had attended on Monday, January 24, including discussion on Charter government. Ann Pease and Carol Temple also reported information from meetings they have recently attended, stating talk of possible mergers of some offices. Requirements for elected officials will soon become more demanding, as far as continuing education and training. Susan Simpson shared information on township trustees and some of their duties. Judge Beckman reports her transition from County Court to Common Pleas Court has been smooth.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be February 23, 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING NOTES TO BORROW FUNDS:

This 26th day of January, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners signed a general obligation note with the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. with the County Prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:45 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Judge Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Court - Judge Beckman met with the Commissioners to request the appointment of a W.O.R.T.H. board member. She also reported she will be selecting replacements for jury commissioners, due to resignations. Judge Beckman reports the transition from County Court to Common Pleas Court has been smooth. She hopes to do some cross training with Clerk of Courts' staff.

Susan Simpson, County Auditor - Ms. Simpson re-

ports dog tag sales are up from last year. She reports receiving a lot of payment by mail and an increase in on-line sales. Ms. Simpson also stated the deadline for filing a BOR appeal is March 31, 2011. She requested the Commissioners have a policy on minimum participation for payroll deduction purposes. Ms. Simpson reported the IT auditor has been conducting an accounting audit in her office. Ms. Simpson then answered questions Commissioner Pieper presented regarding the Manatron Real Estate software.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented sales tax reports to review prior to the Audit Committee meeting. She also answered questions regarding the administrative costs relating to the county employees' health insurance third party administrator, Pro Claim Plus.

Chris Spellmire, Andy Sterling, Mary Carr, USDA, Rural Development; Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group; Joe Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney; Mike Winans, Auglaize River Sewer Project Manager - The purpose of this meeting was to update everyone on the status of the Auglaize River Sewer Project and its funding. Mr. Sterling stated Rural Development still needs proof that rights-of-way have been successfully obtained. Mr. Burkard reported the title opinions for the pump stations and Form 422 have both been completed. Mr. Winans will send Rural Development the resolution permitting the use of roads and alleys for the project. Mr. Spellmire reminded the group that the OWDA loan for the project will close up front and will be approved for the amount of the bid. The Civil Rights compliance review is due in 10 days. Rural Development needs copies of the operating budget, fidelity bond, and the CORSA policy. It was noted the County Auditor will need an additional bond for the project in the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Maag reports some issues with utility lines not being properly marked. Plans for the project may be adjusting once the utility lines are marked. The goal is to have the project ready to bid by mid to end February.

Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker discussed the 'modernization' plan, which would involve sharing some services with several other counties. This is being suggested in anticipation of cuts from the state. Mr. Walker reports Paulding County currently has twelve children in custody. He anticipates this number will drop to as low as six in August, 2011. The roof replacement project at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home will begin when the weather breaks.

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 2/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 2/11 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice milk
 2/14 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

2/15 - Sausage & egg burrito w/salsa, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 2/9 - Walking Taco, sour cream & salsa or BBQ pork w/bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 2/10 - Pasta w/meat sauce, garlic toast, caesar salad, assorted fruit, milk
 2/11 - Grilled chicken w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 2/14 - Beef fajita, apple crispito or Cheeseburger w/ bun, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
 2/15 - Oriental chicken salad, egg roll, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 2/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 2/10 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, juice, milk
 2/11 - Cereal bar, graham crackers, applesauce, milk
 2/14 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 2/15 - Muffin, graham crackers, applesauce, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 2/9 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 2/10 - Cheesy bread stick w/marinara sauce, peas, fruit, milk
 2/11 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 2/14 - Turkey deli, mini carrots, cake, fruit, milk
 2/15 - French toast, sausage, hash browns, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 2/9 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit juice, milk
 2/10 - Bacon, egg & cheese burrito, fruit juice, milk
 2/11 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 2/14 - Warm whole grain cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, milk
 2/15 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, fruit juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 2/9 - Chicken nuggets,

whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 2/10 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk
 2/11 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk
 2/14 - Cheese bread sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 2/15 - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

WHAT IS THE PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION?

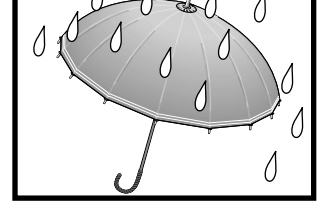
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Village of Cecil will hold it's regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month for 2011 at 7pm in the Firehouse Community Room. The public is invited to attend.

-Submitted by: Carlene A. Turner, Clerk Treasurer

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAN OF ICE & SNOW

According to Village of Antwerp Ordinance No. 2008-49, Owners or occupants of lots or lands abutting any sidewalk shall keep sidewalks in repair and free from snow, ice or any nuisance and to remove all snow and ice accumulated within a reasonable time, which ordinarily should not exceed twelve (12) hours after any storm which snow or ice is accumulated. For a copy of Ordinance no. 2008-49, please contact the Village Administrator at 109 Waterplant Drive, Antwerp, Ohio or call 419-258-2371.

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It's important to have a fully charged cell phone when you travel.

• Selective parking: Whether it's an outdoor parking lot or a covered garage, make sure the lot and space you are parking in are well lit. Avoid parking away from other cars and be aware of parking beside commercial vans without glass side panels, where potential attackers could be hiding. When you return to your car, quickly survey your surroundings, including under your vehicle and the backseat.

• Have your keys in hand: Before you leave the store, take the time to find your keys and have them in hand as you walk to your vehicle. Time spent rummaging in your purse when you get to your car may leave you open to a potential attack. If you're faced with a dangerous situation, the keys in your hand can also be used as a weapon.

• Avoid playing Good Samaritan: While your heart might be in the right place, it's not a good idea to stop to help someone when you are by yourself, especially in a remote area. It's best to call 911 and let the dispatcher know the location of the person who is stranded.

• Use your car's safety and security features: Familiarize yourself with the safety and security features of your car. Does your car have a GPS? Is there a feature that will alert emergency personnel if you are involved in a car accident? Automatic car starters are a good feature because they could save you critical time in a bad situation.

• Keep your vehicle serviced: A poorly maintained vehicle

could cause you problems at the worst possible times. Check your tires for wear and rotate them every other oil change. Have your battery checked for corrosion and make sure there's the appropriate amount of water in it and that it holds a charge. Check your fluids and get your oil changed. Using synthetic oil such as Royal Purple can be a great way to extend the life of your car and save money. Synthetic motor oils can usually run longer than traditional motor oils, depending on the wear and tear you put on your vehicle.

• Have a plan if trouble arises: Do you know what you would do if you were confronted by a potential abductor or carjacker? If you are approached by a person in or around your car, drop any bags, run and make a lot of noise that will draw attention to you. Try to stay in control of the situation. Whatever you do, do not go with the person to another location regardless of promises that you won't be hurt. If you feel you're being followed by another car, call 911 and drive to a police station or hospital.

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Ten employees of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. were recognized for their years of dedicated service to the company. Those recognized were (front row,

l-r) Renee Boss, five years; Ray Bolster, five years; Joanne Mobley, 10 years; Jim Brown, five years; and Linda Vance, 30 years. In the back row (l-r) Terry Minnich, five years;

Mike Klima, 15 years; Dennis Clark, 25 years; and Doug Johanns, 25 years. Absent from photo Mary Ellen Arend, 15 years.

ANTWERP BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS!

There's a lot of activities going on at the Antwerp Branch library for the month of February. Take a look!

We will be having an evening Valentine story time on **February 14th** at 6:30 p.m. Valentine books will be read and children will be frosting cookies!

On **February 11th** from 3:00-4:30 children can make a Valentine craft to take home!

Story time for preschoolers will be **February 16th** at 10:30 a.m.

February 15th at 4:00 p.m. we will be showing the movie *Alpha & Omega*.

We will host a special Wii Game day on **February 19th** at 11:00 a.m.

The Great Escape Book Club can pick up the next book *The Shack* by William Young. The book will be discussed on **March 14th** at 6:30 p.m. This book club is open for new members!

For more information call the library at 419-258-

CLIFF HITE APPOINTED TO 1ST OHIO SENATE DISTRICT SEAT

The Ohio Senate, led by President Tom Niehaus (R-New Richmond), today appointed Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) to serve as state senator for the 1st Ohio Senate District. Hite replaces former Senator Steve Buehrer, who resigned his seat last month. The 1st Ohio Senate District encompasses Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Williams and Van Wert counties as well as portions of Auglaize County.

"I am honored to join the Ohio Senate and to have the opportunity to continue my service to the people of northwestern Ohio in the state Legislature," Hite said. "We have a great deal of work ahead of us, and I am excited to join my colleagues in enacting policies that will revitalize our economy, create jobs and strengthen our communities."

Prior to joining the Senate, Hite represented the families and communities of the 76th House District in the Ohio House of Representatives. He received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from

the University of Kentucky and spent nearly 30 years teaching and coaching sports in Kentucky and Ohio.

During this General Assembly, Hite will serve as chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He was also named to the Education Committee, the Financial Institutions Committee and the Government Oversight and Reform Committee.

"Senator Hite is a wonderful addition to our chamber, and his experience both as a teacher and as a state representative will be invaluable to us as we work to improve Ohio," Niehaus said.

Hite will serve through 2012, when a special election will be held to fill the balance of Senator Buehrer's four-year term per Article 2 Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution. He and his wife Diane reside in Findlay and have three grown children and one grandchild.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO HOLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for its Kindergarten Registration and Screening which will be held on March 22 and 23. Antwerp now offers all-day, every-day kindergarten. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2011, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?
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(pictures are extra)

PAULDING WRESTLERS FALL IN EDGERTON DUAL MEET

Friday, February 4th, Paulding had a make-up dual vs. Edgerton. Edgerton won the dual, 53-23.

Individual results:
103 - Double void
112 - Sidney Salinas (P) tech fall Jared Pilarski (E) 15-0

119 - Jared Deatruck (P) won by void

125 - Jared VanVleet (E) pinned Rylee Collins (P) in 0:52

130 - Sammy Santa-Rita (E) pinned Josh Hemker (P) in 3:32

135 - Tyler Curry (E) won by void

140 - Michael Sheets (E) tech fall Ryan Frayley (P) 16-0

145 - Preston Knecht (E) pinned Nick Flint (P) in 3:48

152 - Darian Elliot (E) pinned Cody Jarrell (P) in 3:56

160 - Josiah Clifton (E) pinned Derek Shrider (P) in 3:40

171 - Dock Pigmon (E) won by void

189 - Austin Herman (E) pinned Ryan Schindler (P) in 3:58

215 - Nick Hanenkratt (P) won by void

285 - Brandon Jarrell (P) won by void

LADY WARRIORS COME CLOSE AT RAIDERS GYM

By: Jeff Abbott

Southern Wells snuck by Woodlan to get an ACAC girls' basketball win at the Raiders gym. Southern Wells led by just 2 points at the end of the first but pushed the advantage to 28-17 at the half by outscoring the Warriors 16-7 in the second period. Woodlan trimmed the lead in the third period with a 21-12 outburst to trail by just 2 points heading into the final quarter. The Warriors stayed close but couldn't get by the Raiders as Southern Wells hung on for the win. Taylor Carver led scoring for Woodlan with 21 points

Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 10 7 21 18=56
Southern Wells - 12 16 12 20=60

Scorers of the game:
Woodlan - Carver 21, Price 12, Ehle 9, Keller 6, Bejarano 5, Yoder 3

Southern Wells - Cr. Carter 16, Ca Carter 12, Banter 10, Preston 9, Rhodes 5, Perry 4, Fate 2, Herr 2

PANTHER WRESTLERS PARTICIPATE IN ROSSFORD INVITATIONAL

The Paulding Panthers competed in the Rossford Invitational on Saturday, February 5, ending with a team

finish of 8th place out of 12 teams.

Individual placers are:

103 - Sidney Salinas finished 5th with a record of 2-2

119 - Taylor Deatruck finished 2nd with a record of 3-1

125 - Josh Hemker finished 5th

145 - Nick Flint finished 4th with a record of 3-2

152 - Cody Jarrell finished 6th

160 - Derek Shrider finished 6th

215 - Nick Hanenkratt finished 4th with a record of 2-2

275 - Brandon Jarrell finished 5th with a record of 2-2

The Panthers will be in action next Saturday in the Northwest Conference Tournament held in Paulding, Ohio.

IHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

By: Jeff Abbott

2A - South Adams:
Opening Game - Tuesday, February 8 - 7:00 p.m., Bishop Luers vs Bluffton

Semi-Final - Friday, February 11 - 6:00 p.m., Woodlan vs South Adams; 7:30 p.m. Adams Central vs Bishop Luers/Bluffton winner

Championship Game - Saturday, February 12 - 7:30 p.m.

3A - Bishop Dwenger:
Opening Games - Tuesday, February 8 - 7:00 p.m., New Haven vs Concordia
Wednesday, February 9 - 6:00 p.m., Angola vs Leo; 7:30 p.m., Heritage vs Harding

Semi-Finals - Friday, February 11 - 6:00 p.m., Bishop Dwenger vs New Haven/Concordia winner; 7:30 p.m., Angola/Leo winner vs Heritage/Harding winner

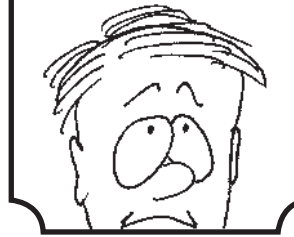
Championship - Saturday, February 12 - 7:30 p.m.

PC RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will hold an Open House from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, at the Black Swamp Nature Building on Fairground Drive in Paulding. There will be no business meeting, but members may bring donations for the food pantry and donations for the scholarship fund. All retired teachers are invited to attend.

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