

VANCREST PURCHASES DALLAS LAMB



By: Sue Knapp

The closing of Dallas Lamb created a depressed state in the community of Payne. What was once a source of pride was now gone.

A silver lining has come out of the dark cloud. At an auction, the Dallas Lamb facility and 10 acres was purchased by Vancrest Health Care for a price of \$455,000. Vancrest also purchased the kitchen items and the laundry room items. The rest was auctioned off.

Mark White, President of the Vancrest Health Care facilities commented that the goal for opening the Payne facility will be mid-summer. It will be a total assisted living facility.

Vancrest owns eight other facilities each providing different services for whatever the client might need. They are also in partnership with Van Wert Hospital for a Home Health Agency.

Vancrest Health Care Centers offers long term and short term care, in and out patient rehab, assisted living, assisted living plus, independent living plus, hospice, special care and P.A.R.K. Vancrest Healthcare was the first in the United States to develop P.A.R.K. to serve those with Parkinson Dis-

ease. This program gives clients exercise and information to improve function.

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Mark White commented, "The residents are the highest priority. Vancrest is excited to serve the residents of Paulding County."

LOOK UP AND STEP UP!!

Come to Woodburn City Hall on Tuesday, January 10 and/or Thursday January 12 at 7:00 p.m. What does this mean? Come and find out.

WOODBURN CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the Woodburn Christmas Decorating Contest were the following: 1st place, Linda Rekeweg; 2nd place, Ray Abbott; and 3rd place, Garth Fiedler. These winners and many other participants made the city of Woodburn truly come alive with the holiday spirit!

2012 PAULDING/VAN WERT COUNTY EXTENSION AGRONOMY DAY PROGRAM

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The Paulding and Van Wert County OSU Extension offices will be co-hosting the 2012 Agronomy Day program on Friday January 27 in the Extension Building located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program runs from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The Agronomy Day program will provide a wide variety of topics presented by Extension specialists and updates from local agricultural agencies. The program will begin with introductions and continue with updates from the Paulding Soil and Water District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency.

After the updates, the program will focus on agricultural topics of interest based on the 2011 growing season. "Wheat Scab Fungicides-Research Trail Results" will be the topic cover by Pierce Paul, Associate Professor, OSU/OARDC Department of Plant Pathology. Pierce will discuss the results of the ongoing research at OARDC on head scab fungicides conducted during the past two seasons. Andy Michel, Assistant Professor, OSU/OARDC Department of Entomology, will follow and be reporting on "Insect Concerns for the 2012 Corn/Soybean Crops."

After lunch, Harold Waters, Extension Agronomist, will cover "The Basics and Stretch to Get Beyond Average Corn Yields." Harold will cover the basics of corn production and that will lead into the production practices that can raise corn yields to new levels.

The final two presentations will focus on water quality issues facing Lake St. Marys and Lake Erie. Farmers and other key stakeholders have successfully reduced total phosphorus going into Lake Erie over the past 50 years, but must reevaluate nutrient management practices to more effectively manage dissolved phosphorus in these lakes. Greg LaBarge, Extension Field Specialist, will discuss "Phosphorous Fertilization and Water Quality Concerns." Bruce Clevenger, Extension Educator from Defiance County, will present research results on "Controlled Drainage and Its Impact on

Water Quality" collected from the DARA site in Defiance and from the OARDC Northwest Branch in Wood County.

There is a cost to attend the Agronomy Day Program. Certified Crop Advisor and pesticide re-certification credits are being applied for.

Please contact the Paulding (419.399.8225) or Van Wert (419.238.1214) County Extension offices or email lopshire.1@osu.edu to pre-register or if you have any additional questions about the agronomy day program.

SURVEY RESULTS FROM ANTWERP PUBLIC MEETING

At a recent public meeting, sponsored by the Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation, a survey sheet was made available. The survey is also available on the Antwerp Village website. So far the results are not surprising to the three questions asked.

1. What do you think is the best attribute of Antwerp?

Answers:
28% - the people who live here
20% - the Antwerp School
16% - quality of life
16% - the new 4-lane US 24

The remaining 20% were mixed with - Antwerp Park, availability of space, Manor House Assisted Living, Festivals, and being an affordable place to live.

2. What do you think needs improved in Antwerp?

Answers:
23% - more things to do, more entertainment
14% - more job opportunities
14% - more citizen volunteer participation
14% - more town clean up
10% - more and improved sidewalks and bike paths

The remaining 25% were mixed with - working together better, health and fitness business, single source garbage collection, water improvement, more ball fields, and a motel.

3. How do you think improvement can best be made in Antwerp?

28% - more festivals
The remaining 72% were mixed with - develop a good plan for the future, follow through of the plan, incentives to businesses, look at other successful communities, have a willingness to invest.

Names of volunteers were also asked for and many

FLATROCK LIMBHANGERS DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



John Ringler, President of the Flatrock Limbhangers, Levi Ringler and Paulding County Food Pantry Director, Linda Wilhelm.

The Flatrock Limbhangers, which is the Paulding County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, has partnered with Chief Supermarket of Paulding and donated

12 turkeys to the Paulding Food Pantry. The combined effort was to help every family in Paulding County enjoy a Christmas dinner together.

people signed up to be on the volunteer list to improve Antwerp. Those names are being entered into a data base and they will be informed of future activities. Tony Langham, Director of Paulding County Economic Development will be speaking of the Antwerp CIC program at the Rotary meeting in Antwerp, December 29 to collect more comments and volunteers.

Please make comments to and volunteer yourself if you talk to the 24/49 Committee that has been meeting for months. They are: Randy Derck, Ray Delong, Sara Keeran, Mike Renno, Kirk Hopkins, Mark Harman, John Kobee, Doug Bragg and Don Benschneider.

CREATION OF TAMMY GIBSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND BY PCAF

Paulding County Area Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of the

Tammy Gibson Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund was set up with instruction from Tammy's family to honor her memory.

The Tammy Gibson Memorial Scholarship Fund will award a scholarship to a Wayne Trace High School graduating Senior who is going on to college each year. The scholarship award will be \$1,000 per year, but can be adjusted according to the fund balance.

You or your organization can be a part of this memorial to Tammy Gibson by donating to the Paulding County Area Foundation with a note that you would like your donation to go to this particular fund. The Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.

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OBITUARIES

Kenny "Silky" L. Stallbaum, 59, of Oakwood died Thursday, December 22, 2011 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

He was born in Paulding County, OH on April 30, 1952 (the son of Ray F. and Thais (Bryan) Stallbaum. On February 8, 1986 he married Diane Carr, who survives. He was employed by GM Powertrain, Defiance, retiring in 1992. He was a member of Melrose United Methodist Church; UAW #211; and was an avid woodworker and pool player.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Stallbaum of Oakwood; his mother, Thais Stallbaum of Paulding; three sons: Trevor Tracy of Defiance, Troy (Wendy) Tracy of Continental, and Petty Officer Second Class Paul Stallbaum, United States Navy of Oakwood; a brother, Ted R. Stallbaum of De Land, FL; a sister, Sally (Dave) Egler of Defiance; and four grandchildren: Bradon, Darion, Carson, and Ashlynn.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ray F. Stallbaum; twin sister, Kathy Lou Stallbaum in 1953; and sister, Sandra Sue Welch.

Funeral services were conducted December 27, 2011 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Pastor Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

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

Lucille M. Seslar, 98, of Antwerp, passed away peacefully Saturday, December 24, 2011 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Lucille was born in Antwerp on March 30, 1913; a daughter of the late Ada (Banks) and Julius Horn. Lucille married Gerald V. Seslar in 1932. Gerald passed away in 1967.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Lucille also was a homemaker, seamstress and devout member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish and the Rosary Altar Society. Lucille was very well-known in her hometown, and was extremely knowledgeable of the historical facts that local newspapers often contacted her for insight.

Lucille was beloved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed by her children: Julene Ott of Hamilton, IN and Bart (Vicki) Seslar of Bluffton, IN; sister, Ola (Gene) Hughes of Antwerp; four grandchildren: Eric, Ashley and Brett Seslar and Jacee (Bobby) Franz; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth (Mike) Horn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp on December 29, 2011. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Mable E. Seslar, 94, of Paulding died Friday, December 23, 2011 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, OH.

She was born July 1, 1917 in Oakwood, OH the daughter of Hershah and Blanche (Harmon) Winner. On July



28, 1938 she married William "Bernard" Seslar, who preceded her in death on May 16, 1988. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, John Paulding Historical Society, Paulding County Election Board, the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary, United Methodist Church Women, and Paulding High School Music Mothers. She was previously employed by the former Burke Shoe Store, DeLaet Shoe Store and Stokley Canning Plant, all of Paulding.

She is survived by a son, James (Mary Ann) Seslar of Gallup, NM; two daughters: Betty Jean "Cookie" (Dave) Adolph of Columbus, OH and Cindy (Dan) Stuart of Fort Wayne, IN; a sister, Kathleen Cooper of Garrett, IN; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers: Basil Winner and infant William Winner.

Funeral services were conducted December 31, 2011 at the Paulding United Methodist Church with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, OH.

Donations may be made to the Paulding United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Georgeanna Hahn, 57, of Antwerp died Sunday, December 25, 2011 at the Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp, OH.

She was born March 15, 1954 in Bay City, MI, the daughter of Charles R. and Edna (Haslip) Hahn.

She is survived by her mother, Edna Hahn of Defiance; three brothers: Ralph (Karen) Hahn of Defiance, Jack Hahn of Napoleon, and Weldon Hahn of Evansport, OH; a sister, Nancy (Larry) Stoller of Paulding; and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her father.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Steven J. Schmidt, 56, of Payne, left to join Jesus and his mother, Betty (Axe) Schmidt on Sunday, December 25, 2011 at his residence, after a brief illness.

Steven was born in Hicksville, on February 17, 1955, a son of Paul and the late Betty (Axe) Schmidt.

He graduated from Wayne Trace High School in May, 1973, joined the U.S. Army in August, 1973 and was honorably discharged in August 1976. He attended Defiance College and worked at Taylor Made Glass until 1997. He was currently employed at Pleasant Valley Golf Course and was a published author.

All who knew Steve remember his generosity and kindness. He was not one to desire attention for things he did for others. He was a private and quiet man and would help anyone in need. He was also a hard worker and dear friend to many. He was not only a wonderful caring son, but also a very dear brother.

He will be sadly missed by his father, Paul; brothers: Mark (Jo) of Altamonte Springs, FL, Kim (Robin) of Toledo, David (Helen) of Seymour, IN, Lynn (Brenda) of Salem, Randy (Kathleen) of Muncie, IN and Tyler (Kris Sanders) of Payne; sisters: Nancy (Michael) Hicks of Payne, Julie (James) Schneider of Convoy, Cindy (David) Rahrig of Liberty Center and Heidi (Robert) Simmons of Springport, IN and many

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"And he will be called wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace."

—Isaiah 9:6

nieces and nephews.

His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne on December 30, 2011 with Rev. Paul Hamrick officiating.

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

Leo E. Winchester, 91, of Oakwood died Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at his residence. He was born September 6, 1920 in Toledo to the late Alfred and Nellie (Carnahan) Winchester. On April 6, 1940 he married Beullah Grimes and she survives in Oakwood.

Also surviving are two children: Helen Winchester and Donald A. (Barbara) Winchester both of Oakwood; two grandchildren: Marlin and Paul Winchester; and eight great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a great-grandchild: Amy Winchester, three brothers: Clovice, Howard, and Nile Winchester, and a sister, Deliah Winchester.

Leo worked at Grizzly in Paulding, after Grizzly closed he worked for Koester's in Defiance.

Funeral services were held December 31, 2011 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Rev. Stan Harmon officiating. Burial followed in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice or to the Gideon's. Condolences can be expressed at: www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com.

Mildred E. Timma, 95, of Payne, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2011 at The Gardens of Paulding.

Mildred was born in Payne on May 24, 1916, a daughter of the late Melinda (Marquardt) and Frank Ames.

She had been a store clerk at Bachelor's Department Store and was a member of St. James Lutheran Church. In 1941 she married Lester Ludwig, who passed away in 1973. Mildred then married Raymond Timma in 1997. He passed away in 2003.

Mildred will be sadly missed by her children: Carol Ludwig of Clover, SC and Paul Ludwig of Payne; grandchildren: Rick Place of Clover, SC and Carrie Grubbs of Edon, NC; and four great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her brother, Roy Ames.

Her funeral service is at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne, on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 with viewing one hour prior. Rev. Fred Meuter

will be officiating. She will be laid to rest at Blue Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Ursie M. Hemenover, 94, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ursie was born in Harlan, Indiana on March 8, 1917, a daughter of the late Jennie (Shaffer) and Aaron Gorrell. She was a homemaker and owner of The Pine Room Restaurant, Antwerp; and a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church.

Ursie was a loving mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed by her sons: Paul (Robbie) DeLong of Henderson, NV and Ray DeLong of Antwerp; grandchildren, Andy, Tony and Shawn DeLong, and Tammie Provines; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her husbands: Clifford DeLong and Roy Hemenover; and siblings: Myra Johnson, Dora Hissong and Lloyd, Roy Joseph Gorrell.

Her funeral service will be at Antwerp United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., with viewing one hour prior, on Thursday, January 5, 2012 with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. She will be laid to rest at Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

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

1. Acts 21:31 - What were the Jews seeking to do with Paul?

2. Acts 21:32 - What did the Jews stop doing when they saw the commander and soldiers?

3. Acts 21:36 - What were the multitude of the people crying out?

4. Acts 21:39 - Where did Paul say he was from?

5. Acts 21:40 - In what language did Paul speak to the Jewish people?

6. Acts 22:3 - Paul was brought up in Jerusalem at the feet of whom?

7. Acts 22:4 - How did Paul persecute the way?

8. Acts 22:5 - Where was Paul supposed to go and bring chains for those who were in the way?

9. Acts 22:6 - As Paul traveled to Damascus what shone around him?

10. Acts 22:7 - What was the voice saying to Paul?

Comments or Bible questions, call Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022 or James Potter at 419-393-4775. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Loved ones, always remember to pray, read and study God's Holy word, the Bible. Answers to all of our life's needs are found in this most wonderful book, the Bible.

Answers to questions next:

1. Paul's belt

- The Jews
- Pleaded with Paul not to go to Jerusalem
- That he was ready to be bound and die for the name of Lord Jesus
- The brethren
- And all the elders were present
- The law
- From Asia
- Men of Israel help
- Trophimus

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp

Here we are, another year gone by. It's time to start everything new. Don't look back. Don't play the "what if" game, just go forward. My goal is to live by this for over a month. Oh, well, here we go again.

This recipe is a really good one. It's light, refreshing and everyone who eats it loves it. It came from a friend who has brought it to the Divine Mercy Holiday Dinner in Antwerp that the Divine Mercy ladies put on each year.

Citrus Cabbage Slaw

- 5 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 can (11oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup cauliflowers
- 1 can (8oz.) unsweetened pineapple chunks, drained
- ½ c green pepper, chopped
- ¾ c sugar
- ½ c white vinegar
- ½ c vegetable oil
- 1 T water
- 2 tsp. finely chopped onion

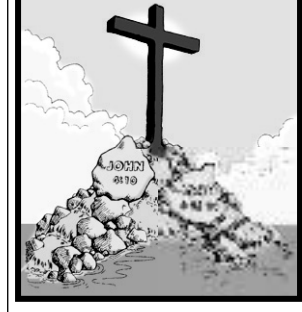
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. prepared mustard
- ½ tsp. celery seed

In large bowl, toss cabbage, oranges, cauliflower, pineapple and green pepper.

In another bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Stir into cabbage mixture. Cover and refrigerate for two hours. Toss just before serving, serve with a slotted spoon.

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FRA-GI-LE. IT MUST BE ITALIAN

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

This is my final article spinning out of scenes from the Christmas cult classic, *A Christmas Story*. I know it's a little out of season now. Think of it as a farewell to this fun season until next year.

The Old Man, the name given to Ralphie's father in the movie, entered a contest to win a prize. And he won! The prize came in a giant box labeled "fragile." Upon seeing "fragile" on the box, the Old Man said, "Fra-gi-le. It must be Italian." He was excited, barely able to contain his excitement. He clamored to open up the box.

When all the packing materials were removed out came a plastic leg. Not just your normal, everyday plastic leg. No, this leg was a leg lamp with fish net stockings. The Old Man wanted to put it right in the middle of the front room window, so that everybody going by the house could see it. After positioning the lamp exactly where he wanted it, the Old Man exclaimed, "Oh, look at that. Will you look at that? Isn't that glorious? It's indescribably beautiful. It reminds me of the 4th of July!"

A little over the top. It's easy for us to acknowledge that the old man's behavior when he opened the leg lamp was utterly ridiculous, but we do the same thing. Only not with leg lamps. Our idols are much better disguised.

John wrote one of my favorite letters in the Bible. He concluded his letter, which we know as 1 John, with the statement that we are to keep ourselves from idols. John's letter emphasizes love. It is one of the harshest letters in the Bible. Not because loving is harsh, but because he tells us what is the punishment for not loving. In it we see John tell the readers that if they don't love the people around them then they don't love God. And if they don't love God, God has no room for them in His family.

It seems a little weird for the letter to end in a command to keep ourselves from idols when the rest of the letter didn't even talk about idols, but John knew what he was doing. We cannot properly love when we have idols in our life. But let me clarify what an idol is. An idol doesn't have to be some gold statue or special relic from long ago. An idol is anything that prevents us from focusing on what we're supposed to be focused on.

This leads me to ask, "What is your leg lamp?" What is your idol? What is it that you have in your life that you focus on, that you find beautiful, and that really controls your life? Because if you are focused on the wrong thing, then you have an idol. It doesn't matter how good that wrong thing is; if it's not the right thing, then it's an idol.

Let's test it with a completely good thing, the Bible. The Bible is a tool for us to get to know God. Unfortunately, I've seen many people turn the Bible into an idol. It transforms from being a great tool to show us God and relay His will for our life to being the end all of our faith. When the Bible becomes more important than Jesus—when the Bible becomes more important than loving our neighbor—when knowledge of the Bible becomes an end to itself, we have missed the point. We have turned the word of God, which we are so richly blessed with, into an idol.

Now if this can happen with the word of God, then it can also happen to anything else in our life. We have to be careful.

The idols in our life don't come wrapped in a giant box and appear to be a useless leg lamp. The tricks Satan uses on us and our own self-deception are more covert than that.

Jesus came into this world, as we remember this time of year, to free us from sin. We might not have a leg lamp, but I guarantee that we do have idols. As John concluded in his letter, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." (1 John 5:21 ESV).

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

WHAT FEARS ARE KEEPING YOU UP AT NIGHT?

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

Luke 2:8-18 (KJV), "8And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, be-

hold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

In early 1978 I was prompted to make a call to the Executive Director of Defiance Area Youth for Christ, driven largely over a burden I was carrying about fulfilling my commitment to enter ministry. I was comfortable where I was, making a good wage as a third shift worker at the Xenia, Ohio Warehouse and my wife was teaching at a local Christian School. My call to Youth for Christ led to an eventual interview and our decision to leave everything we were familiar with, the lifestyle we were accustomed to, in order to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with young people.

The day of our departure from Xenia arrived and our final day in Xenia was especially memorable, then something happened that I would never forget.

I had borrowed a small box truck from a donor in Archbold, to pack and move our belongings. The donor's company's emblem was highlighted all over the truck. As I pulled into the Xenia McDonald's to get breakfast before "hitting the road" I was feeling a bit overwhelmed, even sad. Had I made a mistake? We were expecting our first child, I had agreed to a salary that was less than half I was making and I was moving to a community where we had no relatives, friends or history. That's when it happened. A man approached me who had noticed the truck we were driving and asked me, "Are you from Archbold?"

"No," I replied, "we're getting ready to move there and to be honest; I am a bit nervous about it all."

"Oh," he said. The man continued, "Archbold is a great place to live and you are going to love it there."

Those timely words by someone I had never met, someone I did not know, were exactly what I needed. Recalling the episode later, I've often wondered if I hadn't entertained an angel unaware, a messenger sent to me to encourage me in my decision to enter Christian work.

In the scripture noted above we read that the Shepherds were sore afraid... The messenger from God challenged the Shepherds to "Abandon Their Occupation." They were to leave their comfort zone, their calling to do something courageous, to meet the Chief Shepherd of our souls.

The angel spoke to the lowly shepherds of their "Assignment in a New Occupation," a vocation that would include; A Savior to See and a Savior to Share." The Shepherds must have been afraid, scared to leave their sheep, their security, their shift. The angel speaks to them... "Fear not..."

As we finish another calendar year and approach a new year who knows what the future may hold? We may be fearful for our material needs; God's provision; Will He take care of us? We may be anxious about the journey before us; our need for God's presence; Will the Lord go with us? Yes and yes!

Please hear again brothers and sisters the word of the Lord, the words of the angel to the shepherds, "Fear not" Be Strong and Courageous! Amen!

For more information

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

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/5/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 5, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the November 21st Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, abstain; Trausch, yea; Guelde, yea.

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

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

Ordinance No. 1428-11 re: Ordinance for the Employment of Michael C. Jones as Solicitor for the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio, was read for the third time. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1258-11 re: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies for the Year 2012, was read for the third time. Trausch motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Resolution No. 1257-11 re: A Resolution Opposing State Control of Municipal Income Tax Collection, was read for the third time. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White announced January's Council meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of the month (January 4th and 18th).

Daeger reminded citizens to remove their cars from the streets during snowfalls to assist Village employees in snow removal.

The following committee meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee - Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

MR. & MRS. LEE KALLSEN CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kallsen will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14 at Rooster's Music House in downtown Butler, Indiana (no gifts please).

Lee and Mary Lou (Kelley) were married on January 13, 1962 at the St. Johns Lutheran Church in Hicksville, OH. The Kallsens have three sons: David (Janet) from Adrian, MI; Tony (Paula) from Indiana, PA; and Wesley from Butler, IN.

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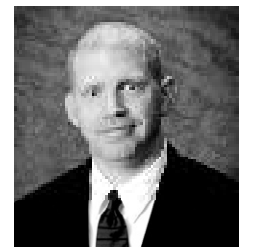
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to apologize to Dave Heitmeyer and acknowledge him for all he has done and tried to do to make Dad's "Final Hurrah" a good one. We all made your job harder. And, to those of you who did not get to pay your respects, especially Aunt Esther, his only sibling, (from his passing to burial was 40 hours and not under my control) and, to my father for being deprived of all those last respects—I am so very sorry.

In my opinion, as we all said goodbye to our father and have some closure—some forgot that this was about him and not us. His funeral should have honored him and celebrated his life. Olan E. Bidlack was a simple man: farmer, laborer, heavy equipment operator, JM employee, last living member of WWII of Con-

tinental American Legion, member of the Eagles, and father to eight living children, many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was educated by life. He worked hard and long usually with a twinkle in those blue eyes (especially when he was teasing, a favorite pastime). He was human with all those flaws, eccentricities, temper, and some vices. He was not a great man. Nothing he did was phenomenal, but he was to me. I will sorely miss his laugh, twinkle, love as I have the last six plus years.

All attention should have been on Dad at that funeral. No one won here, we ALL lost! Dad planned for the future and his end of life. After all the "circus" acts, again in my opinion, the final statement is Dad knows the truth about everything. Hopefully he is resting in peace, but he knows.

I personally request any memorials be given to the Alzheimers Foundation on behalf of Olan E. Bidlack.

People believe what they want, but if anyone wishes to make decisions based on facts call me, email me, or google it. I have the right documents. Again, I just want the truth known. Who knows who will be next in line? I do not want this happening to another family. Sadly, I know it probably will.

—Cindy Hubert,
Oakwood

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is to the person that stole my Santa on a bike in front of the Melrose town hall. You know who you are. I bet you're real proud of yourself for stealing my Santa.

I want you to know I worked for over one hour to get it set up real good and all the time listening to my husband Richard telling me not to put it up because someone

is going to steal it. You sure proved him right and me wrong.

But I guess you didn't care whose Christmas you just ruined.

—Janet Stroup,
Melrose

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/7/11

This 7th day of December, 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 183738 through 183771 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002):

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

FROM: 001-002-00004/General Fund/County Auditor/Equipment
TO: 001-002-00003/General Fund/County Auditor/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$400.00

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

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

FROM: 003-001-00001/Health Department/Salaries-Employees
TO: 003-001-99991/Health Department/Real Estate Fees
AMOUNT: \$587.41

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

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

FROM: 003-001-99992/Health Department/Mobile Home Fees
TO: 003-001-99993/Health Department/Rollback Fees
AMOUNT: \$11.30

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042):

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

FROM: 042-001-00007/Extension Center Fund/Gas
TO: 042-001-00008/Extension Center Fund/Electric
AMOUNT: \$171.38

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

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

FROM: 128-001-00009/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project/Engineering Fees
TO: 128-001-00012/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project/Capacity Fees

AMOUNT: \$2,596.50
MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Travis McGarvey, County Engineer – Mr. McGarvey reported the manhole covers in the Auglaize Sewer Project area have been smoothed over to make snow removal easier for his staff. He also noted that EDP Renewables has been working closely with township trustees on road agreements in conjunction with their wind farm projects. Mr. McGarvey stated the gas tax is down a couple of percentage points from last year. This has been the trend since 2008. He reported the 2011 gas tax revenue is comparable to 2007.

PAULDING HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:

12/13 – Ethel Flaugh, Payne

12/13 – David Hill, Antwerp

12/14 – Glen Plotts, Paulding

12/16 – Vicky Long, Oakwood

12/18 – David Hill, Antwerp

12/20 – Rachel Wyandt, Haviland

12/21 – Dalton Sinn, Latty

12/24 – Rita Kaufman, Paulding

Dismissals:

12/12 – Nancy Grant, Hicksville

12/13 – John Wobler, Payne

12/15 – David Hill, Payne

12/15 – Ehtel Flaugh, Payne

12/17 – Glen Plotts, Paulding

12/18 – Vicki Long, Oakwood

12/22 – Rachel Wyandt, Haviland

OHIO'S NATURAL RESOURCES CAN LEAD TO JOB GROWTH

Guest Column from Representative Lynn Wachtmann

It is no secret that Ohio's economy could use a jolt. The mission of the 129th General Assembly from Day One has been to get Ohioans back to work, and just as important, attracting entrepreneurs to establish their businesses within our borders.

There has recently been increased optimism about the economic and production value of the development of Ohio's natural resources. We are learning more each day about the vast oil and natural gas reserves under our feet, particularly under the eastern portion of the state. Tapping these reserves, which is already being done in neighboring Pennsylvania, has the potential to create thousands of jobs in the state, generate billions of dollars for our local economies and hopefully help in the effort to reduce the country's dependency on foreign oil.

To extract natural gas and oil, drillers utilize a drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing—more commonly referred to as "fracking." The process has been criticized for using vast amounts of water and small amounts of toxic chemicals. Some people fear the possibility of these chemicals contaminating drinking water.

Statistics and history, however, should help to ease these concerns. Since the early 1950s, greater than 80,000 wells have been drilled in Ohio using the fracking process without a single confirmed case of groundwater contamination, according to the Ohio Engineers Association. While we must certainly not undermine the importance of public safety, we should also not be so afraid to act that we let a great oppor-

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS VISIT WITH SANTA!



The students at Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne, OH enjoyed a visit from Santa with the help from the Payne Knights of Columbus. Santa visited each classroom and they passed

out bags of candy bars. The students had fun telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas and wishing him and his helper a Merry Christmas. Pictured with Santa is Divine Mercy's Kindergarten class.

CHRISTMAS PIZZA MEAL AT DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL



Mr. Brian Martin, owner of Puckerbrush Pizza, Payne, donated a Christmas Pizza meal to the students of Divine Mercy Catholic School. Mr. Martin is a former student of the school and was very pleased to do this for the children. They enjoyed pizzas, while the teacher enjoyed salad and pasta. What a wonderful Christmas gift!

OAKWOOD STUDENT COUNCIL HELPS CHRISTMAS ELF PROJECT



Oakwood Elementary's Student Council organized the annual penny pitch at Oakwood Elementary on November 16-22. The money donated during the collection was given to the Oakwood Christmas Elf Project to help families in the Oakwood area. Pictured here are Student Council members Colton Lloyd, Jacob Black, Raye-Lyn Heath, and Alexis Overly presenting a check to Elf Project Coordinator, Grace McClure.

tunity pass us by.

Knowledge about hydraulic fracturing has increased over the years, and the method is safer now than ever before. Adequate oversight measures are also in place. Last year, the previous General Assembly passed one of the strictest laws in the nation dealing with drilling and fracking.

Now I think it is important to let the free market go to work using the technology and developing the resources. According to the Ohio Petroleum Council, the Utica Shale may contain up to 5.6 billion barrels of oil. Investors from across the country

have expressed interest and optimism in Ohio's natural resource development.

The Ohio House is committed to revitalizing the state's economy, and the development of natural resources has presented us with a great opportunity to put Ohioans back to work. Of course, no action should be taken without a full understanding of environmental concerns, but the fracking process has an outstanding track record of success.

Failure to move forward on this opportunity would be a mistake.

Biggest Loser Challenge

sponsored by Paulding County Hospital Fitness Center

Don't let winter bulge creep up on you. We are not just talking about not over indulging during the holiday dinner either, the winter typically forces us to hibernate indoors for warmth and as a result we sometimes like to find comfort in an array of goodies found in our pantries. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), which occurs due to the lack of sun during the winter, which can also lead to emotional eating and weight gain. PCH can help....

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- One on one nutrition guidelines with our hospital dietician, Joyce Svoboda, for long term diet modifications.

To sign up or for more details see one of our Fitness Center Attendants: Naomi Nicely, Eileen Stoller, or Leman Saylor.

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BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 37: ON THE ROAD WEST FROM INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written for a few days, it is just day after day on the trail. It is getting sort of familiar as we have crossed this part of the trail seven times.

As usual, we stay north of Kansas City because it is growing and it is a city. They are even talking about the railroad coming this far west. In a few years from now maybe I could ride the train all the way to Oregon to see Mom and Dad.

We go by Topeka on the north side and head for Manhattan, but we turn off before we get there at a place called St. Mary's.

We are in the water shed of the Vermillion and the Blue River's places called Blue Rapids and Big Turtle, but not much in between these places.

We stop at a couple Pony Express stations on our way to Hollenberg and that is very close to Nebraska Territory.

We crossed into Nebraska at Steele City, sort of a familiar area and we stopped at Rock Creek Station. We went right past Fairbury and started Northwest along the Blue River.

We just bounced along until we passed Hastings and then we took a ferry across the North Platte and on to the Oregon Trail at a place called Gibson.

It is now March 21, 1851 and we are here in Fort Kearney, there will be some changes going on. Here is where I'll leave the 3M Wagon Train.

Well, like other stops we had the animals taken care of first. Then we checked all the wheels and harnesses and greased all the moving parts.

We worked around the

livery stable until dark and then we went to the hotel and got two rooms.

We went to the restaurant and got a table in the corner because we like to talk a lot after we finish our meal. We had Army Stew with venison and whipped cream on a piece of pumpkin pie.

We talked a lot about tomorrow and what has to be done here at Fort Kearney.

We ate an early breakfast and then sat around and talked because we had an appointment with General Kearney at 10:00 a.m.

The general made us all welcome and we brought him up to date on what we will be doing. I will be staying here at the fort. Jim, Hiram and El Paso Sam will be going on to California and are due there around the first part of August.

General Kearney suggested that I go ahead and join the Army and learn all the drills and formations before I go to college. I will be ahead of some of the other students because all the R.O.T.C. I will get in Army Basic Training.

We agreed that I would enlist tomorrow morning and start soldering after the 3M Wagons leave. Then he talked about my going to college at Columbia, Missouri in the week after September 1st.

We talked about leaving a two burner kerosene stove here in the warehouse for Sam to pick up for his new job as Indian Agent. The general thought that was a good idea and we have his permission.

The boys and wagons left this morning early and to say I'm lonesome is an understatement.

We discussed all of this last night at the hotel room. We have been together for two and a half years without as much as an argument. They were surely a good bunch of fellows and I learned a lot.

Last night we had a final meal together. We all had a steak and baked potatoes and cabbage slaw and warm bread—then peach cobbler and milk. I was going to pick up the bill but Hiram insisted that the Brannen Co. should pay the bill and they did.

I made arrangements with the boys to continue a journal of the rest of the trip west and back to Kearney. The Sgt. Major will take care

of the papers for me.

Well, I got sworn into the U.S. Army and had a physical from the doctor and got an Army serial number. You call food 'chow' and the building 'the mess hall.' I got introduced to all the soldiers and non-coms and they understood I would be going to Veterinary School in September.

After the morning drills and exercise I am to report to the livery stable and do what I can do and familiarize myself with the army post.

I am to help the fellow who looks after the animals and borrow and read any books he has on animal care.

I haven't written for a couple weeks now. I have gotten over the 3M Wagon Train going on. I have fallen into step with the activities here and I'm doing alright.

The man at the stables said he is glad that I am here and he shows me a lot of things that I can learn from experience. I have to report to the C.O. at 1:00 p.m.

See ya!

FREEDOM IN AMERICA

By: Stan Jordan

Just how free are we in America? Here are a few of the rules and regulations, habits and things that we do or sometimes forced to do.

As soon as you are born, the doctor pounds on your bottom so you will cry for the first time. Then they take your finger and foot prints. Then your parents have to take your name and statistics to the county courthouse so maybe in future years you can prove you were born. Then you must apply for a Social Security number—that stays with you for life. On the trip to the courthouse they want to know all about you, nothing private, all revealed.

In a couple of years they take you down and sign up for Little League baseball. I think you start out on tee ball. Then they drag you out to a big building called preschool. That isn't enough so they sign you up for kindergarten and another 12 years after that.

You must sit in the back-seat of the car like an outcast until you are eight years old. It isn't a law but you have to put up with grandma's silly talk about how you've grown and the hugs and kisses. Then you must endure the hand me down articles of clothing from your older brothers. You must be good to the little red-headed girl that sits in front of you in school. You can't chew gum in the school room.

When you're 16 you must get a driver's license. You must get a license to hunt or fish. You must have a license for your hunting dog. If you want your own used car you must get a job to make the payments and to buy gasoline. You can try a paper route, the grocery store, gas station, mow lawns or work on a farm or anywhere you can find work.

To satisfy yourself and family you must get a further education. You must endure some changes to satisfy your girl friend. Tradition forces you to get your girlfriend an engagement ring. You must have Sunday dinner with your girlfriend's folks so they can see if you're good enough for their daughter or not. You must listen to her father's dumb jokes. You must put up with the scary looks from her kin, as they measure and size

you up. They even make you wear a neck tie for certain occasions.

You should get off your car and open the doors for your fiancé and her mother. You must agree with your girlfriend and her mother on the wedding plans. You have to agree to her nasty little nephews being the ring bearer. Tradition tells us you can't see the bride until it is wedding time and you can't down a beer while you're waiting because you would smell like the beer. Her mother looks down her nose at a couple of your friends even though they carry a 4.0 GPA. At the bachelor party, her father lets himself go and had a good time. Before you can get married you have to go get a blood test and then to the county seat for a marriage license—see, more licenses.

After the honeymoon the newlyweds come home to a nice bungalow in the suburbs. Her job is on one side of town and she gets to drive the good car to work because of less probable trouble. His job is on the other side of town and he has to drive the old clunker with the stick shift, an electric window that is broken in the down position and heater that doesn't work.

You have to get a parking permit for work. You have to go to the bank for your car loan and house loan, your debit card, your checking account and your savings account.

Then you have to get a contract for the garbage man, electric service, natural gas, city water, phone and cell phone, cable or satellite service and for all insurances. You can't drive your car until you get insurance.

You must get a family doctor for your pregnant wife. You have to line up a barber, and beauty salon for your wife as well as a nail salon.

Then you journey out to the elementary school and enroll the children. The whole vicious circle starts over. And you wanted to get married!

Now you being taught that America as being land of the free. Yes, with all the contracts and traditions and habits.

America might not be the best country in the world but it is way out in front of the one running second.

See ya!



An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I need to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, 45 years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says, "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. She shouts, "I'll take care of this!"

She calls Phoenix and says to the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing un-

Woodlan Primary School

Student of the Month - November 2011

Woodlan Primary's Student of the Month is John Barr. His parents names are Pat and Da-isey. He has 8 brothers and sisters. He is in the 3rd grade. He likes drawing. He likes playing with cars and building tracks. He likes to build up houses with Leggos and then tear them down with his cars. His favorite video games are Need For Speed (Most Wanted and Hot Pursuit). His favorite subject in school is writing because he likes to think of stuff and it includes illustrating. He wants to be an artist when he grows up.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE GARDENS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently held their Christmas program at the Gardens of Paulding. While there, they sang songs and entertained the residents and the children's families. After the singing entertainment, Mr. Karl Werling re-

cited Twas' The Night Before Christmas for all of the children. Shown here with Mr. Werling is Mallory Fisher, a preschooler in the afternoon class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

til I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. Do you hear me?" And hangs up.

The old man also hangs

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Paulding County's Students of the Month

DECEMBER 2011

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from Paulding county. Congratulations to these young people!



Oakwood Elementary is pleased to present Trinity Temple as the December West Bend News Student-of-the-Month! Trinity is a 5th grade student at Oakwood Elementary. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Heather King and Michael Temple. She has two sisters and five brothers and lives with her family, three dogs, and two cats in the country outside Melrose.

Trinity is a role model for students at Oakwood Elementary. She works very hard on her academics and is consistently on the Honor Roll each quarter. Her favorite subject is math because it comes easy to her. Trinity is in beginning band, where she is learning to play several percussion instruments. She also sings in the 5th/6th grade choir.

Outside of school, Trinity likes to play basketball and talk with her friends. When she grows up, she would like to be a vet because she likes animals. Trinity's advice to other students is to "Work hard and don't give up." - Congratulations Trinity!!

Antwerp Elementary School's West Bend News student of the month is Laura Miller, from Mrs. Kammeyer's 3rd grade class.

Mrs. Kammeyer says "Laura is a role model for the rest of the class. She is a good friend and is willing to help anyone who needs it. She is an excellent student and she always does her best on every assignment. She follows school and classroom rules. Laura is a very kind and caring young lady and she is deserving of the title of Student of the Month."

Laura's mom is Janelle Miller. Laura has 2 little sisters, a dog, a frog, a lizard, and many fish. Her favorite food is pizza. Science is her favorite subject in school. Congratulations, Laura! Keep up the good work.



Savannah Shepherd is a ten year old fourth grader from Paulding Elementary School. She has been selected as the West Bend News Student of the Month.

Savannah earned all A's for the first quarter of the school year. She is a very cooperative and respectful student. She is also an outstanding role model for her classmates.

Savannah's parents are Aaron and Jennifer Shepherd. She has one brother and three sisters. Savannah enjoys playing outside. She especially loves playing basketball. Savannah says she would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Congratulations Savannah for a job well done!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE STUDENTS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

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gravy, bread, chicken nuggets or Beef stew w/biscuits, assorted fruit, milk

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1/6 - Oriental chicken wrap, roasted potatoes or Big daddy pizza slice, salad, assorted fruit, milk

1/9 - Pizza sticks, green beans or Salad bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

1/10 - Salad (mandarin chicken), pretzel bread stick or Sandwich, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

1/11 - Whipped potatoes, gravy, country fried steak, southern biscuit or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

1/12 - Chili soup, cheese bread stick or pretzel sticks w/cheese or Spicy chicken w/bun, broccoli, fruit, milk

1/13 - Oven potatoes, corn dog or Maxsticks w/ pizza sauce, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Salad (chicken chunk) herb butter bread stick or Sandwich, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:

1/4 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

1/5 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk

1/6 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk

1/9 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

1/10 - Muffin, string cheese, cracker, juice, milk

1/11 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk

1/12 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk

1/13 - Cereal bars, crackers, applesauce, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Muffin, string cheese, cracker, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch:

1/4 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit cup, milk

1/5 - Chicken alpha-bit soup, bread/crackers, carrots, fruit cup, milk

1/6 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk

1/9 - Turkey deli sandwich, carrots, corn chips, fruit cup, milk

1/10 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

1/11 - Pizza, salad, fruit cup, milk

1/12 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce/cheese/salsa, fruit cup, milk

1/13 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Egg & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, raisin muffins, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:

1/4 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, juice, milk

1/5 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

1/6 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

1/9 - Whole grain cinnamon roll, juice, milk

1/10 - Biscuit w/sausage patty, juice, milk

1/11 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, juice, milk

1/12 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

1/13 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Biscuit w/sausage patty, juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:

1/4 - Hamburger w/bun, corn, fruit, milk

1/5 - BBQ pulled pork w/bun, green beans, fruit, milk

1/6 - Taco in a bag, lettuce/cheese, fruit, milk

1/9 - Mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

1/10 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk

1/11 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, fruit, milk

1/12 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk

1/13 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - French toast sticks, mini sausage, celery sticks, fruit, milk

Menus are subject to change.

ROUTE 49 TOURNAMENT @ HICKSVILLE



The Route 49 Boys Basketball tournament took place at Hicksville December 29 & 30th. Edgerton took on Edon the first game and won. Antwerp opposed Hicksville and also won in a very close 47-49 game. The last game brought Edgerton and Antwerp to the court with Edgerton edging out Antwerp 45-41. Shown above is Archer junior Justin Bute scoring for the Archers. More pictures available at www.archerpics.com



The Lady Panthers took on Bluffton at home December 22. Paulding had an interesting first quarter: all starting players by the end of the 1st had 2 points on the board. The Panthers finished the game with another win of 54-46. Pictured above is senior Jessica Farr scoring for the Panthers. More pictures available at www.westbendnews.net

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/4 THROUGH 1/17

Breakfast:

1/4 - Pancakes/sausage, juice, milk

1/5 - Egg/cheese omelet, hash browns, juice, milk

1/6 - Turnover, juice, milk

1/9 - Pizza, juice, milk

1/10 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

1/11 - Pancakes/sausage, juice, milk

1/12 - Egg/cheese omelet, hash browns, juice, milk

1/13 - Turnover, juice, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

1/4 - Beef ravioli, cheese

filled bread stick, green beans, fruit, milk; WT: Rotini

1/5 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, milk

1/6 - Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk

1/9 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, fruit, milk

1/10 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, sour cream/salsa, corn, fruit, milk

1/11 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, chips or pretzels, cookie, fruit, milk

1/12 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, dinner roll/butter, fruit, milk

1/13 - Quesadilla, tossed salad, fruit, milk

1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - BBQ beef sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk

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WOODLAN PICKS UP WIN AGAINST RAIDERS



December 30th brought the Warriors to the Palace for a near New Years basketball game. Woodlan and Wayne Trace was a very close matchup but in the end the Warriors came out on top 60-64. Shown above is Raider sophomore Grady Gudakunst attempting a shot, being blocked by Woodlan junior Corbin Evans & sophomore Greg White. More pictures available at www.premium-light-images.com



Woodlan had their best game of the season against Hamilton. Showing no mercy, the Warriors crushed the opposition with a score of 90-43. Pictured above is junior Shawn McGettigan scoring on a breakaway lay up. More pictures available at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR 1/4 THROUGH 1/17

- 1/4 - Chicken strips or Pizzaburger, carrots, peach cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit
- 1/5 - Goulash or Pork fritter w/bun, cheese stick, corn banana, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup
- 1/6 - Pizza, bagel or Tuna salad sandwich, salad, applesauce cup, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
- 1/9 - Mini corn dogs or Turkey pot pie w/biscuit, french fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Tuna salad w/ crackers
- 1/10 - Hot dog on bun or Walking taco, strawberry

- cup, peas, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Fruit
- 1/11 - Popcorn chicken or Meatball sub, apple, green beans, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Breaded mozzarella sticks
- 1/12 - Salisbury steak on bun or Orange chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
- 1/13 - Pepperoni pizza or Chicken salad sandwich, celery w/dip, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
- 1/16 - No school, Martin Luther King Day
- 1/17 - No school, Inservice

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PAULDING COMPETES IN LCC HOLIDAY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Paulding wrestling team wrestled pretty well in the LCC Holiday tournament. They finished 7th out of 16 teams which pleased the coach. Paulding has a very young team and got a little banged up in this tourney. A few varsity guys were out and a few were just coming back off of injury.

Taylor Deatruck (126) wrestled excellent. He had 4 pins and a major on his way to a first place victory. He beat Kitchen from Urban who came in with a 19-3 record. Kitchen pinned district placer Leist (Carey) in the semi's; he knew he was going to be tough. Leist was a good scrambler and got the first takedown on him. Deatruck then got a reversal and rode him out. Kitchen took down in the 2nd and about halfway through the second, Deatruck turned him to his back to get the pin.

Tyler Ash (220) wrestled really awesome as well. He took first place beating undefeated Fausnaugh of Carey in the semi-finals, 8-1. He caught Fausnaugh on his back in the first and went up 5-0. Fausnaugh chose down in the second and after being ridden for almost the entire period got an escape and drove Ash out of bounds and then shoved him into the bleachers. He was hit for an unsportsman-like conduct which put Ash up 6-1. Ash put the icing on the cake with a takedown in the third to go up 8-1.

Also placing for the Panthers was Sidney Salinas (106) 3rd and Adam Deatruck (170) 5th.

"Although we wrestled well, our kids know they didn't win the tournament, so there is still room for improvement. We are going back to the room on Monday, and getting to work on some weak spots and tighten up some areas so we will be ready for the Sparten invite in 2 weeks," commented head wrestling coach Josh Neilson.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A MASTER GARDENER

By: Kylee Baumle, Master Gardener

Love to garden? Want to know more about the things you grow and how to care for them? Want to share your passion with others? Then the Master Gardener program might be for you. Administered through the County Extension Offices in the United States, the educational program was begun in 1973 through Washington State University in Seattle, Washington.

Master Gardener classes are administered through land-grant university cooperative extension programs; in Ohio, that's The Ohio State University. Topics covered in the classes are plant pathology, soil health, entomology, cultural growing requirements, sustainable gardening, and integrated pest management, among others.

All that's required to become a Master Gardener is an interest in knowing more about gardening and a desire to share it with others. Instructional classes are generally held over a two-month time period and after completing the classes as well as a specified number of volunteer

hours, participants are certified as Master Gardeners. But it doesn't stop there.

This year, eleven active Master Gardeners in Paulding County logged over 786 volunteer hours working to maintain and improve the landscape around the community, including around fairground buildings, perennial flower beds at the Paulding Reservoir Park entrance, Payne Community Park, and around the Antwerp Branch Library. They planted eleven trees at the Oakwood Community Park and they did some landscaping at LaFountain Park in Paulding. For the past several years, the group has hosted an annual plant sale in mid-May, which is well-supported by the community.

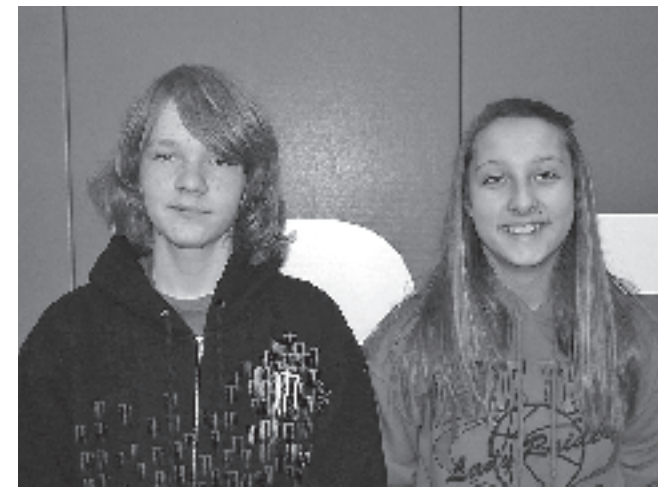
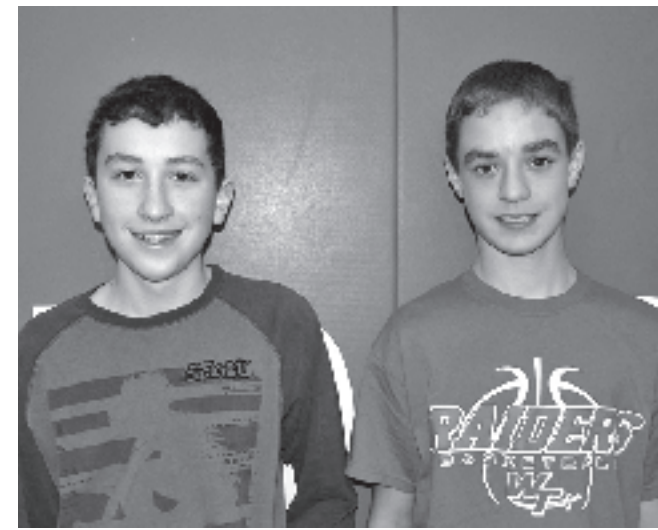
Since the purpose of the Master Gardener program is to educate and assist the public about many aspects of gardening, Master Gardeners do such things as helping to provide information through the Horticultural Hotline Service. At a specified time period each week during the summer months, calls are taken in which the answers to gardening questions are found and recommendations given, based on information that has been researched by university programs. Over 150 walk-in and telephone questions were fielded this year on topics such as trees, insects, and other related gardening concerns.

The Master Gardener group and a local greenhouse offered horticultural classes for area residents again in 2011, with presentations on vegetable gardening, ornamental grasses, caring for roses, growing and using herbs, and selecting and caring for perennials.

Maintaining the status of a Master Gardener requires that participants continue with their own education by taking classes and attending workshops. There is a minimum requirement each year for both education and volunteering, making this program an interactive one for both the Master Gardener and for those to whom they provide assistance.

This spring, the Paulding County and Defiance County Cooperative Extension Programs are joining together to hold Master Gardener classes. For details regarding the times and dates of the classes, please contact the Paulding County Extension Office at 419-399-8225 or the Defiance Office at 419-782-4771.

WAYNE TRACE SPELLING & GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



Wayne Trace JH recently held their annual Spelling Bee and Geography Bee. Seth Saylor won the Geography Bee while Ethan Dunham was the runner-up. Jayson Nowak was the winner of the Spelling Bee while Brianna Sinn was the runner-up.

PAULDING TO HOST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Paulding will host a girls' 4th, 5th and 6th Grade basketball tournament on Saturday, March 17th. School teams only for this tournament please (no AAU teams). There is an entry fee. This tournament is a pool play with a 3-game guarantee. Each grade level will have a separate tournament.

The first six teams in each grade will be accepted. Three gyms will be used this day. The top two places in each level will receive awards.

For more information, please contact Ron at ronzneonz@hotmail.com or Lyndsi at L_shininger@pauldingsschools.org, 419-399-2981. This tournament is sponsored by the Paulding Girls' basketball team.

Wayne Trace Wrestling Club

will be starting its 11th season this year. The club is open to all students from Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade.

When: Thurs, January 4th, 5:00 pm

Why: Signup & First Practice

Where: W.T. H.S. Gymnasium - South balcony

All participants should wear proper clothing (Sweat pants or shorts and tee shirt)

If you have any Questions, Please contact Coach George Clemens at 419-258-1522



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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December was a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

A new website for the district was launched on December 28th. We hope this website will provide you with updated information on the great opportunities at Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Check the website regularly for information on events in all buildings. The address remains the same at www.pauldingschools.org. Please check the website for information on the Academic Hall of Fame. Applications for the Hall of Fame Class of 2012 are due February 1st.

With many cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus or walking to/from school. The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert, on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording and sent by Instant Alert. Please keep your Instant Alert account up-to-date with current phone numbers and contacts.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our district.

Pat Ross, Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Stephanie Tear

Happy New Year to all in Paulding! It is the time to make resolutions and commitments to being even better! Here at Paulding Elementary, teachers work hard each day to keep students working to their potential. We are constantly working towards school improvement. We are looking forward to an excellent 2012!

Recently the local Geography Bee Test was given to Fourth and Fifth graders. Paulding Elementary Fourth Grade First place winner was Nathan Hodge. Fifth Grade First place winner was Zoe Shepherd. The first place winners will participate in the District Geography Bee to be held January 5th. Many students are working towards the Spelling Bee in January and Battle of the Books competition as well.

Third through Fifth grade parents of Paulding Elementary will soon be invited to learn more about their child's Ohio Achievement Assessment results and what they mean to your child, our school, and our district. The students in grades 3-5 have been presented with the information and are recognizing the importance of student ownership and goal setting. The home/school connection is vital to student success, so watch for information to be coming home soon regarding this exciting information. We hope you will make a priority to attend.

Hopefully you were able to spend a lot of time with family over Christmas break along with making many fond memories to reflect on in the future. The students were certainly excited about getting to break and now are hopefully excited about getting back to school. We hope your child feels safe, happy and successful each day.

When your heart speaks, take good notes. We here at Paulding hear our hearts and respond to meeting the needs of children. As we enter into the second half of our school year, we look forward to working with you to make 2012 a great year for our children!

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! It is hard to believe we are entering the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year. We will be having our 2nd Quarter Awards Program in early January to recognize those students who have shown outstanding academic effort in the past nine weeks. At our quarterly awards program, we give recognition to students with perfect attendance, to those making the honor roll (all A's and all A's and B's), and to those joining our B.U.G. Club (Bringing Up Grades).

The halfway point in the school year and the beginning of a new calendar year is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Even our youngest students need to have goals so they can see the pro-

gress they are making as they learn new material every day! "Perseverance" is our character trait of focus for January, and the definition statement we use to define it is "I always give my best effort no matter how difficult the tasks are for me." I think this is a fitting trait to bring to our students' attention at this time of year as they work toward the goals they set, even though the material becomes more challenging.

As always, our first order of business at Oakwood Elementary is to focus on academics. Along with regular classroom lessons, many of our students are also involved in a variety of special activities in January. On Thursday, January 5, Claire McClure (gr. 4), Alex Riethman (gr. 5), Zachary Branham (gr. 6) and Kirby Carder (gr. 6) will be participating in our district Geography Bee in Paulding. About thirty of our fifth and sixth graders have signed up to be in our building Spelling Bee on Friday, January 6. They are competing for the honor of representing Oakwood Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 2. All of our students, Pre-K through 6th grade, have the opportunity to participate in the Reading-Is-A-Sport Program for the next few weeks. Those who complete the program will be featured at a PHS Boys' Varsity Basketball game (Feb. 7) or a PHS Girls' Varsity Basketball game (Jan. 31). It will be great to see many Oakwood Elementary students recognized at one of these events for their reading efforts!

Special Recognition is in order for a number of people:

*Our fifth and sixth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Ms. AmyJo Brimmer, Mrs. Sarah Pier, and Mrs. Beth Thornell put on a great Christmas program on December 19th. Thank you to all who attended "It's Christmas, Carol!" Students and teachers put a great deal of time and effort into preparing for this program, and it was a fantastic production!

*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Samantha Wagner's design was selected as a billboard winner. You can see her poster on the billboard on SR613 west of Oakwood. Michael Humphrey's design was chosen as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school again this year. We wish you a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Season's Greeting from the Middle School! I wish each of you a very Happy New Year. Hopefully 2012 will find the economy getting better and great things happening for all of us. Best wishes for a fantastic 2012.

Paulding Middle School staff and students have once again shown their extreme generosity this holiday season. We have gathered food and personal items for our annual "Stuff The Bus" campaign. These items were then given to our local Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. The Senior Citizen's breakfast was once again a success. Thank you to those that came, and also to our students and staff that participated. I hope you enjoyed the morning.

Congratulations go out to the following middle school students that won their respective grade level Geography Bee contests and will now move on to District competition on January 5, 2012, at 12:30 in the administration building. 6th grade-Cade McGarvey and Isaac Baldwin (tied), 7th grade-Allison Arnd, and 8th grade-Kassandra Cogswell. Our Christmas Choir and Band Concerts were held on Sunday, December 18th. Special thanks to Dave Clapsaddle and Don Clark for the wonderful performances. Great job by everyone.

Our middle school sports teams for winter (boy and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading) are in full swing as well as Science Olympiad and preparation for the Science Fair. Best of luck to all of our students participating in extra-curricular events. The second nine weeks grading period ended December 21st. Hopefully all students are academically where they need to be halfway through this school year. Grade cards will be coming home on Friday, January 6, 2012. Our annual YEARBOOK SALE will be starting after the holidays. More information when we return after break. Our Paulding Middle School SPELLING BEE will be held at 8:15 a.m. on the morning of January 10th, in the auditoria. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Our school winner will then advance to the County Spelling Bee to be held at Antwerp on February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on January 16. Remember for vacation planning, we will be giving the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA's), the last week of April and the first week of May. Please plan vacations and

absences away from that week. Just for your information only.

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like to thank all the Senior Citizens that came to breakfast and supported our student presentations. We also want to recognize the staff and students that make this annual event a special holiday treat. It is a great pleasure for us to serve our community members while displaying the talent and leadership of our students and the staff who work with them.

Special thanks to band director Don Clark and choir director Dave Clapsaddle and their students for a joyful Holiday concert. The holidays would not feel right without hearing the chorus or sounds of the season. What really makes these events special is the time put in by students to perform well. Paulding High School appreciates the hard work that students and staff put into the extra-curricular activities going on this winter season as students work hard in the classroom as well. We have concluded our first semester and students should have their second semester schedule. If there are any concerns regarding your child's schedule, please call the guidance office so they can accommodate your concerns. If there are any other concerns regarding your child's progress and you would like to talk to one of our teachers, please call so we can work together to help your child be successful.

Reaching out to those in need and giving instead of receiving, are important lessons we learn as a part of the holiday season. PHS would like to thank the Student Council and National Honor Society members and their advisors Julie McCullough, Shawn Brewer, Melissa Harder, and Melinda Schmidt for organizing several events and service projects that have provided resources for those in need throughout the community. The high school is blessed with caring staff and we greatly appreciate the hours of extra time they put in to help students become the best citizens and community members they can be. On behalf of Paulding High School and its staff, I would like to wish everyone a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year.

PRE-SCHOOL 2012-2013-Tillman Karl

Parents interested in sending their child to the PEVS preschool for the 2012-2013 school year are required to bring their child to a screening prior to enrollment. The free screening will include height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental delays. There are three screenings scheduled for the remainder of the school year, held at various locations throughout the county. The screenings are available to all children in Paulding County, up to five years of age, regardless of the school district they will be attending. (Please note: If your child is already enrolled and will be returning to preschool, there is no need for another screening.) You may schedule an appointment at one of the screenings by calling the following toll-free number: 1-800-686-2964, Ext. 1116. Walk-ins will be accepted, but you may have to wait for an opening in the schedule. The dates and locations of the screenings are as follows:

- January 13, Paulding Elementary, 8:30-11:00 a.m. and Oakwood Elementary, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (Snow date 1/20/12)
- February 10, Antwerp Methodist Church, 10:00-2:00 (Snow date 2/17/12)
- March 16, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, 12:00-4:00 p.m. (Snow date 3/23/12)

Parents who reside in the Paulding School District will be contacted by our office in the spring regarding your interest in pursuing the enrollment process.

OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Fifty-two students participated in this year's Ohio Model United Nations competition. Lindsey Hitchcock received an Outstanding Leadership Award. We represented 8 nations this year. One nation, Madagascar, which consisted of: Lorell Baker, Kristen Beck, Jessica Harpel, Lindsey Hitchcock, Aly Munger, Kayla Owens, and Rebecca Wilhelm made it to General Assembly. Only 22 countries out of the 169 represented were heard in General Assembly. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work and effort!

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Paulding High School will host Financial Aid Night on Monday January 9th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Auditoria. The program will provide information concerning local scholarships, state and federal financial aid programs, and financial aid forms. If your son or daughter plans to attend college next year, the information presented may be beneficial to you and your child. This program is for parents and/or students, and is free of charge. Amy Francis from Defiance College will be the guest speaker. The make up date will be

January 12th.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

"Give Kids A Smile Day" is a day that kids (18 years and younger) can receive FREE dental care. On February 3, 2012, kids that are uninsured and can not afford the dental care they need, can get dental care FREE. Services offered are: cleanings, exams, fluoride, x-rays, restorations, and extractions. This service is available through the Henry County Health Department in Napoleon Ohio on February 3, 2012 only. If you have a child that is 18 years or younger with no dental insurance and is in need of dental services, please call 419-591-3055 after January 2, 2012 and ask the receptionist to schedule your child for Give Kids A Smile Day.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools. Retiring Board members Tamera Stoller, 12 years of service, and Cheryl Farley, 8 years of service, were recognized for their commitment to our district at the December Board of Education meeting.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

Paulding FFA Alumni will be hosting a pancake and sausage supper on Thursday, Jan 19 (make up date-Jan 31) in the auditoria from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, 2 and under are free.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

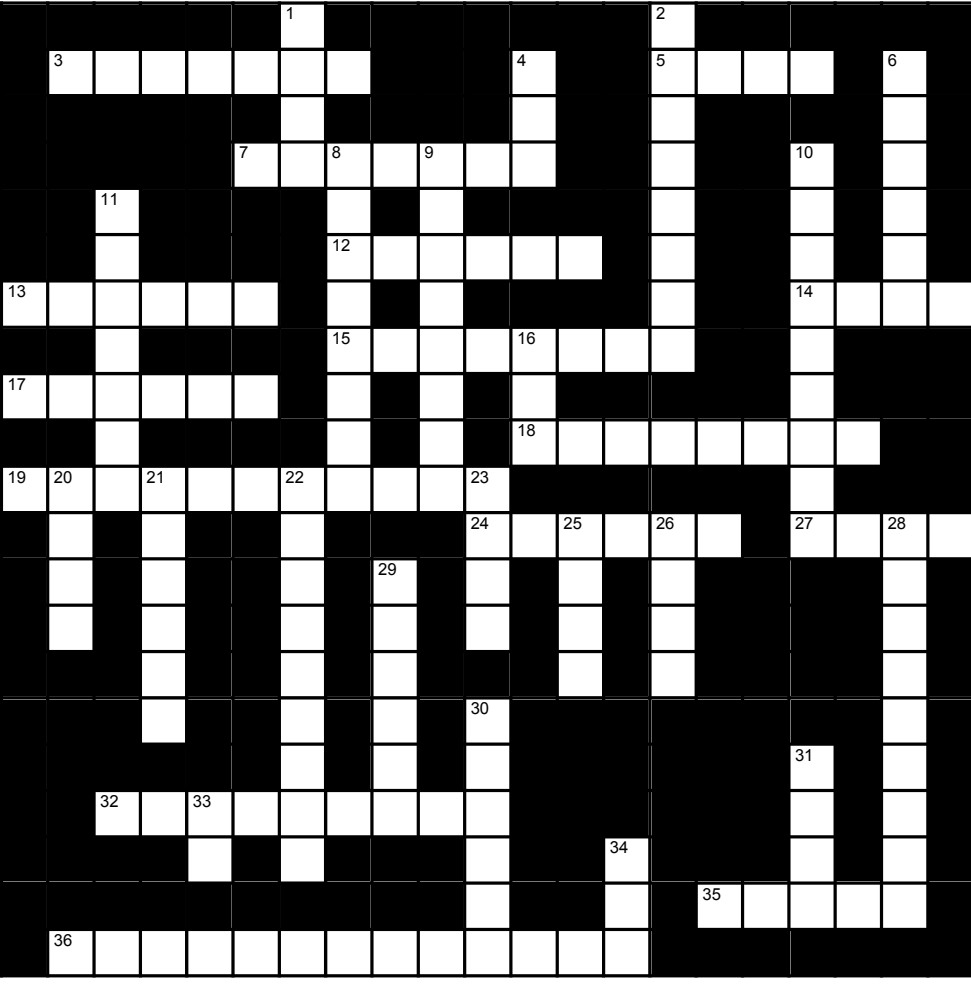
JH Wrestling	
Jan. 3	Spencerville /WT-H 5:30
Jan. 14	Ayersville Invitational-T 9:30
Jan. 17	Van Wert-H 5:00
Jan. 31	Egerton/WT-T 6:00
Varsity Wrestling	
Jan. 3	Wayne Trace / Spencerville-H 5:30
Jan. 10	@ Hicksville / Fairview-T 6:00
Jan. 14	Lima Spartan Invitational-T 9:00
Jan. 21	New Albany Tourney-T 9:00
Jan. 31	@ WT/Egerton-T 6:00
JH Boys Basketball	
Jan. 3	Delphos Jefferson-T 5:00
Jan. 10	Lincolnview-H 5:00
Jan. 12	Fairview-T 4:30
Jan. 17	Crestview-T 5:00
Jan. 19	Egerton-H 4:30
Jan. 24	Spencerville-H 5:00
Jan. 26	Antwerp-H 5:00
Freshman Basketball	
Jan. 9	Antwerp-H 5:00
Jan. 12	Columbus Grove-H 5:00
Jan. 19	Crestview-T 5:00
Jan. 24	Elida-T 5:00
Jan. 26	Miller City-H 5:00
Jan. 30	Continental-H 5:00
Jan. 31	Fairview-H 4:30
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball	
Jan. 6	Bluffton-T 6:00
Jan. 7	Parkway-T 6:30
Jan. 13	Columbus Grove-H 6:00
Jan. 14	Fairview-T 6:00
Jan. 20	Crestview-T 6:00
Jan. 21	Ayersville-T 6:00
Jan. 27	Delphos Jefferson-H 6:00
Jan. 28	Ottoville-H 6:00
JH Girls Basketball	
Jan. 3	Delphos Jefferson-H 5:00
Jan. 10	Lincolnview-T 5:00
Jan. 12	Fairview-H 4:30
Jan. 17	Crestview-H 5:00
Jan. 24	Spencerville-T 5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball	
Jan. 12	Columbus Grove-T 6:00
Jan. 17	Van Wert-T 6:00
Jan. 19	Crestview-H 6:00
Jan. 24	Tinora-T 6:00
Jan. 26	Delphos Jefferson-T 6:00
Jan. 31	Miller City-H 6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 4	Classes resume
Jan. 4	Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00p
Jan. 5	Dist. Geography Bee, Adm. Bldg. 12:30p
Jan. 6	P.E. Spelling Bee
Jan. 6	MS/HS Grade Cards Sent Home
Jan. 6	O.E 5th/6th gr Spelling Bee
Jan. 7	Sci Olymp Invite, Northmont
Jan. 9	Band Bstr Mtg, Band Room 7:00p
Jan. 9	Financial Aid Night, Auditoria 7:00p
Jan. 9	FFA Chapter Mtg, Ag Room 3:00p
Jan. 10	Board Meeting, Adm. Bldg. 6:30p
Jan. 10	MS Spelling Bee, Auditoria 8:15a
Jan. 13	Early Learning/School Readiness Prog. Screening-see article
Jan. 13	Sign-up Deadline for Feb. 11 ACT
Jan. 16	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper, Auditoria (Jan 31 Make-up) 4:30-7:00p
Jan. 27	O.E. Kdg. Family Reading Day 2:30p
Jan. 27	O.E. Preschool Family Day

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 3. Tastes so good cats ask for it by name. (2 words)
- 5. We try harder.
- 7. Ask the man who owns one.
- 12. _____, take me away!
- 13. The future's bright, the future's _____.
- 14. Betcha can't eat just one.
- 15. The citi never sleeps.
- 17. It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken.
- 18. Breakfast of champions.
- 19. Let your fingers do the walking. (2 words)
- 24. Be All You Can Be. (2 words)
- 27. The milk chocolate that melts in your mouth, not in your hands.
- 32. I liked it so much I bought the company.
- 35. Look Ma, no cavities!
- 36. Mm! Mm! Good! (2 words)

Down

- 1. It's everywhere you want to be.
- 2. When you care enough to send the very best.
- 4. Say it with flowers.
- 6. The quicker picker upper.
- 8. The pause that refreshes.
- 9. You're in good hands.
- 10. A little dab'll do ya! (2 words)
- 11. Does she or doesn't she?
- 16. The ultimate driving machine.
- 20. Put a tiger in your tank.
- 21. Because I'm worth it.
- 22. You'll wonder where the yellow went when you brush your teeth with _____.
- 23. Raise your hand if you're ____.
- 25. Reach out & touch someone.
- 26. A ____ a day helps you work, rest and play.
- 28. Where do you want to go today?
- 29. Gimme a break, gimme a break, break me off a piece of that... (2 words)
- 30. Where's the beef?
- 31. Just Do It.
- 33. Safety fast.
- 34. The uncola. (2 words)

ANTWERP VETS-CH: DEADLINE NEARS

The extended deadline for submissions to the Antwerp, Ohio Veterans Biographical History book is January 14, 2012. The VETS-CH committee was formed early in 2011 with the purpose of publishing a book to compliment the All Veterans Memorial in Antwerp, OH. A contract with M.T. Publishing of Evansville, IN was signed in the spring of 2011 and the committee has been seeking materials from the public ever since.

Information from any veteran that has ever lived in the Antwerp school district, or had an Antwerp address, is eligible to be included in the book. If the veteran is deceased, any family member may submit materials. One photo and a short biography of 150 words is free, additional words are an additional fee. No veteran should be left out. All branches of service and any length of time

served is welcome.

In addition to basic information of the veterans name, branch of service and where served, the committee would like to hear those interesting stories. How was time spent while serving? Was the veteran a part of an historic event? How did serving their country affect their lives? What impact their serving had on their families?

Patron Pages and half pages are available for purchase. These pages can tell the stories of your business, your organization or your family. Star Level donations may also be made with the donor being eligible to have their name listed with other donors in the book.

The committee needs the help of the community to make this book possible. There is a required number of pre-ordered and pre-paid books needed to meet the publishers contract requirements. If you are thinking of purchasing a book, now is the time to do so. They will be printed next summer and available to the purchaser in November of 2012.

Information pamphlets with order forms are available at several business locations around Antwerp. Any questions may be directed to the committee through Sandra Wann at sew@pauldingtonet.com. The committee will be available to receive submission materials and book orders at the Essen House Restaurant on Woodcox Street in Antwerp, on Saturdays, January 7 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and Wednesday, January 11 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Biographies and book orders by be sent to Antwerp VETS-CH, PO Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813. Remember the deadline in Saturday, January 14!

PAULDING-PUTNAM TRUSTEES DECLARE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND

The Board of Trustees at Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative approved the payment of over \$850,000 in Capital Credit retirements for 2011.

Estates of deceased members will receive \$343,000. Members who received service during 1985, 1986 and/or 2010 will have a retirement of \$507,000. Current members will receive a credit on their December bill and former members, where applicable, will receive a check. The average retirement is \$39; the actual amount received will be based on the actual patronage in the years being retired.

Because the members own the cooperative, the goal of the organization is not to maximize profitability but to cover only its costs. As a not-for-profit corporation Paulding-Putnam returns any revenues that exceed actual expenses. This return is called a Capital Credit.

Capital Credits are a major difference between Cooperatives and other utilities. This retirement is another example of the benefits of being a member of the Cooperative.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves 12,900 member/consumers in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 12/7/11"

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

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A Christmas play took place at Oakwood Elementary School recently. It was put on by the fifth and sixth graders on Monday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. The program was titled "It's Christmas, Carol!" The play is similar to "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. It

was under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp. Students with the leading parts were: Katelyn Estle as Carol, Trinity Temple as Young Carol, Asia Arellano as Ghost of Holiday Past, Joe Shaffer as Ghost of Holiday Present, and Emma Horstman as Ghost of Holiday Future.

PAY IT FORWARD HAPPENS IN PAULDING COUNTY



The Facebook group, payitforwardwvco, made a donation to the Paulding County Dog Shelter. Donations consisted of dog food, towels, treats, collars, kennels, and paper towels as well as the other items that can be used during daily operations. It is

wonderful to see people helping people and paws! Everything on the site is free and was created by Nicole Glass to help people in need. Jami Frank Karolyi and her son Arin Canfield took up the collection and delivered it to the shelter.

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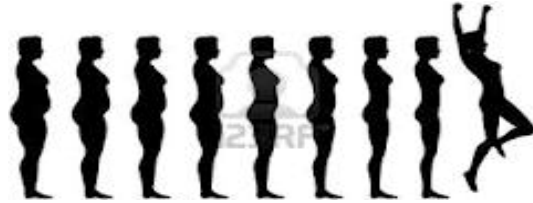
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WHAT DOES INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE LOOK LIKE IN 2012?



Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones advisor

As an investor, you know that 2011 was a somewhat "choppy" year, with the financial markets going through many ups and downs. So what can you expect in 2012?

As baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra is quoted as saying: "It's hard to make predictions — especially about the future." And these words are certainly applicable for anyone who would like an accurate forecast of the investment climate.

Yet we do know of some factors that may affect your portfolio in the months ahead. Here are a few of them:

****Strong business fundamentals —** This past year, all the noise about the debt ceiling debate, the size of the U.S. deficit and the European financial situation tended to drown out some fairly good news: U.S. businesses' balance sheets were strong for the most part, borrowing costs remained low, and corporate profits were good — and corporate profitability remains a key driver of stock prices. Heading into 2012, these fundamentals continue to look positive, which may bode well for investors.

****Europe's debt crisis —** Greece's economic problems made a lot of news in 2011, but they weren't the end of the story in Europe, as ma-

ior financial difficulties also face Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. It's by no means clear how these problems will be resolved, so don't be surprised to see them lead to intermittent, if short-lived, shocks to the markets.

****Election-year patterns —** As you're well aware, we're voting for president in 2012. But you might be surprised to learn that the S&P 500 index has shown negative returns in only three of the last 21 presidential election years. Coincidence? No one can say for sure — and at this point, no one can say if this pattern of positive returns will continue during this election year. Still, it's an interesting phenomenon. So there you have it: the good, the bad and the quirky. Take them all together, and you still may not be able to foresee what will happen with the markets this year, but you'll have a lot to think about.

But instead of trying to predict what will happen in 2012, you may be better off following these tried-and-true investment strategies:

****Diversify your holdings.** By spreading your money among a wide range of investments, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.

****Don't ignore your risk tolerance.** If you worry excessively about market fluctuations, you may have too much risk in your portfolio, which means you may need to make some changes.

****Always look at the "big picture."** Financial markets will always fluctuate. But if you can keep your focus on your long-term objectives, and make decisions accordingly, you can avoid overreacting to short-term events.

Like other years, 2012 will bring with it periods of both turbulence and smooth sailing. But by making the right investment moves, you can still chart a course that can allow you to move ever closer to your future goals.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS RE-LEASED

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted 17 persons on Thursday, December 8, 2011:

Joshua L. Newsome, Paulding, DOB 8/26/1987, Trafficking in Drugs, F-5 2 counts

Christopher S. Gibson, Paulding, DOB 1/28/1986, Trafficking in Drugs F-2, Trafficking in Drugs F-1

Natasha S. Martinez, Paulding, DOB 8/29/1982, Trafficking in Drugs F-4;

Celina Delarosa, Paulding, DOB 2/21/1979, Trafficking in Drugs F-4

Corey A. Rodriguez, Paulding, DOB 10/27/1976, Illegal Manufacture of Drugs F-2, Illegal assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacturing of drugs, F-3

Dustin A. Hiser, Van Wert, DOB 8/22/1983, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, F-4

David A. Hayden, Woodburn, DOB 3/20/1985, Carrying Concealed Weapon, F-4

Rachel L. Vance, Paulding, DOB 12/14/1977, Theft, F-5

Christopher C. Conley, Oakwood, DOB, 8/10/1079, Theft F-5

Lacinda K. Conley, Oakwood, DOB 11/8/1975, Theft F-5

Stanley Baker, Oakwood, DOB 10/26/1958, Attempted Abduction F-4

Jeremy E. Shaffer, Oakwood, DOB 8/12/1980, Felonious Assault, F-2, Aggravated Assault F-4

Christopher K. Spealman, Adrian, MI, DOB 5/25/1968, Domestic Violence F-4

Linda L. Yanna, Oakwood, DOB 9/27/1953, Theft F-4

Gary R. Smith, DOB 6/25/1977, Non Support of Dependents, F-5

Kelly J. Smith, DOB 8/22/1973, Non Support of Dependents, F-5

Erik B. Greene, DOB 1/25/1979, Illegal Use of Food Stamps F-5, Forgery F-5

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Rudie Reeb, Steve Derck, Karen Lee, Larry Ryan, Mike Rohrs and Council President Jan Reeb. Also in attendance at the meeting: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Chief George Clemens, and Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker. Visitors: Keith Nern, Jackie Baker, Richard Dunderman, Tom Taylor, Troy Womack, Ashlee Smith, Ken Reinhart, Tom VanVlerah, and Bill Lyons. Media: Peter Greer from Defiance Crescent and Sandy Temple from Bee Argus.

The minutes from the regular council meeting held November 21, 2011, were reviewed.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Jan Reeb to accept the minutes from November council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The November disbursements were reviewed.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Derck to approve the November reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors:
On November 15 the squad was called out and officer Bill Lyons administered CPR to Richard Dunderman's daughter before the squad could arrive. A life-saving award was presented to Officer Lyons for his performance. Richard Dunderman was very grateful for Officer Lyons saving his daughter's life.

Students Tom Taylor, Troy Womack and Ashlee Smith attended the council meeting for government class with no comment. Keith

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE GARDENS



Paulding Elementary and Middle School students went Christmas Caroling to The Gardens of Paulding on Tuesday, December 20th. Shown are students as they perform one of the carols.

Nern also attended the council meeting with no comment.

Fiscal officer's report:

****Baker gave 3rd reading of ordinance no. 2011-25:** An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2008-63 authorizing the change of water and sewer rates, tap fees and reconnect fees for the Village of Antwerp, county of Paulding, Ohio.

Keeran stated this ordinance will make \$8,500.00 More in revenue for a three-year period.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-25. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

****Baker gave 2nd reading of resolution no. 2011-21:** A resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or constructing the sidewalk and portion of driveway on the south side of lot 30 pt. block C in the village of Antwerp, Ohio (tax parcel id#12-04s-051-00).

****Baker read ordinance no. 2011-31:** An ordinance establishing salaries for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, for the calendar year 2012, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Rohrs to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-31. 5 years, 1 nay (Lee). Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rudie Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-31. 5 years, 1 nay (Lee). Motion carried and approved.

****Baker read ordinance no. 2011-32:** An ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-32. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to accept ordinance no. 2011-32. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

****Baker read ordinance no. 2011-33:** An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the village of Antwerp, state of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending december 31, 2012, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-33. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck to accept ordinance no. 2011-33. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

****Baker read ordinance no. 2011-34:** An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer funds to the police fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-34. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rudie Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-34. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

****Baker read ordinance no. 2011-35:** An ordinance to establish time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2011-35. 5 years, 1 nay (Rohrs). Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb to accept ordinance no. 2011-35. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

R.I.T.A. Collections for 2010 were \$216,744.30, with fees of \$18,093.06. Collections for 2011 are \$242,343.98, with fees from CCA of \$4,003.20 and R.I.T.A of \$6,708.20 totaling \$10,711.40 in fees for 2011. The village savings in fees for 2011 compared to 2010 are \$7,381.66.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS RETIRING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



(l-r) Maria Rellinger – Treasurer, Tamera Stoller and Cheryl Farley – retiring members, and Patricia Ross – Superintendent.

Retiring Paulding Ex. Village School District Board of Education members, Tamera Stoller and Cheryl Farley were presented with retirement gifts from Treasurer, Maria

Rellinger, and Superintendent Patricia Ross. Mrs. Stoller has served the district for 12 years and Mrs. Farley has served for eight years.

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School recently named their December Students of the Month. They are 7th Grade: Emil Stoller, 8th Grade: Sydney Critten, 9th Grade: Hanks Sinn, 10th Grade: Alex Korte,

11th Grade: Nathan Holtsberry, and 12th Grade: Sarah Feasby. These students all received a "Raider Pride, Pay Forward" T-shirt in recognition of this award.

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Administrator's report:
Dutchman Cove easement appraisals are completed from Bruce Guilford Realty and value is \$1,000.00 for each easement area. Next step in this process is to make a formal written offer to the two property owners giving them fifteen (15) days to respond. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rohrs to proceed with the certified letter to property owners regarding the offer of the appraised value of the easements. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

OPWC approved the funding for Cleveland and W. Washington Streets repaving. Funding will be available in July and amount approved is \$96,835.00 with half grant and half loan with 0 percent for 20 years.

Highway 49 will be repaved by the state in 2012. This will help all high traffic areas in the village.

Public meeting was held at the high school on the development of the 24/49 exchange area and downtown business district. Larry Dillin of Dillin Corp. was hired by the Antwerp CIC to help the village in this effort. Keeran feels confident the village can serve new commercial/retail/residential developments with our current water and sewer plants. The lift station installed as part of the colony subdivision was built to serve the en-

tire 64 acres. Costs for replacement and/or extension of water and sewer lines could possibly be offset or assisted by the state and/or businesses requesting the service.

Poggemeyer submitted a contract for the bidding process for the depot (cost is \$2,900.00). Poggemeyer also submitted the contract for the solution for the overflow problem at Stone Street lift station (cost is \$9,300.00).

Erie Recycling will pick up cardboard in the village on December 26 free of charge.

New business:
Randy Shaffer requested a policy be purchased from NAEMT to cover a \$10,000.00 AD&D Insurance for all EMTs and drivers while on duty. Council felt a need to have finance committee meet about this to discuss the need to cover all part-time emergency personnel. Finance committee will meet on January 5, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss.

Police report:
Officer Clemens reported 91 calls for service with 31 offenses for the month of November.

EMS report:
EMS coordinator Randy Shaffer provided a written report showing 17 total runs from November 20 to December 17. EMS billing clerk Darlene Merriman reported deposits of \$3,409.24 for November.

EMS had a mortgage burning ceremony on December 3 to cel-

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS" IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!

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Mayor's report:
Mayor DeLong reported that mayor's court collected \$4,325.00 for the village for the month of November after court costs.

Paulding County Area Foundation requested donations from the village. Council did not feel the need to make a donation at this time.

Mayor DeLong thanked council for their support the past four years and will miss working with council and the village staff.

Councilman Rohrs said it was a pleasure to serve the village this past term.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 days. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/5/11

(cont'd from 12/21 edition)
Juror's Fees, \$5,000.00
Witness Fees, \$1,000.00
Transcripts, \$3,000.00
Travel, \$3,000.00
Expenses-Foreign Judge, \$1,000.00
Other Expenses, \$19,000.00
Salaries-Jury, \$400.00
PERS, \$6,112.00
Workers' Comp, \$721.00
Contracts/Services/Jury, \$125.00
Medicare, \$53.00
Mediation, \$10,000.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$134,687.00

JUVENILE COURT 2012 Figures:
Salaries - Employees, \$16,500.00
Supplies, \$2,000.00
Equipment, \$400.00
Child Support, \$35,500.00
Travel, \$1,500.00
Expenses/Foreign Judge, \$200.00
Other Expenses, \$3,000.00
PERS, \$2,310.00
Workers' Comp, \$300.00
Medicare, \$250.00
Appointed Counsel, \$15,000.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$76,960.00

PROBATE COURT 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$3,655.00
Salaries - Employees, \$32,400.00
Supplies, \$1,000.00
Equipment, \$400.00
Travel, \$200.00
Expenses/Foreign Judge, \$350.00
Other Expenses, \$2,000.00
PERS, \$5,050.00
Workers' Comp, \$650.00

Medicare, \$525.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$46,230.00
CLERK OF COURTS 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$42,172.00
Salaries - Employees, \$36,171.20
Supplies, \$4,000.00
Equipment, \$6,075.00
Travel, \$1,300.00
Other Expenses, \$522.00
PERS, \$10,969.00
Workers' Comp, \$1,411.00
Medicare, \$611.80
Total 2012 Budget - \$103,232.00

COUNOR 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$25,102.00
Supplies, \$10.00
Contracts / Services, \$14,096.22
Travel, \$500.00
PERS, \$3,514.00
Workers' Comp, \$245.78
Medicare, \$364.00
Salary, Employees, \$400.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$44,232.00

COUNTY COURT 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$39,000.00
Salaries - Employees, \$114,290.80
Supplies, \$2,000.00
Equipment, \$2,000.00
Contracts/Repairs, \$1,500.00
Juror's Fees, \$540.00
Other Expenses, \$2,000.00
PERS, \$21,460.71
Workers' Comp, \$2,789.89
Medicare, \$2,146.07
Indigent Defense, \$30,310.53
Total 2012 Budget - \$218,038.00

ELECTION BOARD 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Officials, \$14,748.00
Salaries - Employees, \$78,000.00
Supplies, \$7,000.00
Equipment, \$6,000.00
Contracts / Services, \$28,000.00
Advertising/Printing, \$2,000.00
Other Expenses, \$5,058.00
PERS, \$11,000.00
Workers' Comp, \$1,700.00
Salaries/Precinct Workers, \$23,000.00
Medicare, \$1,500.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$178,006.00

COMMISSIONERS' BUILDING & GROUNDS 2012 Figures:
Supplies, \$25,000.00
Maintenance Repairs, \$29,710.00
Utilities, Phone, \$162,557.00
Contract Services, \$86,000.00
AEP Balance New Jail, \$21,554.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$324,821.00

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WOODLAN INTERMEDIATE'S SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Woodlan Intermediate School hosted its first school-wide Spelling Bee on Friday, December 16, 2011. Mrs. Clark, principal, started the bee by welcoming guests and students present. She proceeded to introduce Mr. Whitehead, the pronouncer, and the following judges: Ms. Cave, Mr. Chen, and Mrs. Etzler.

Each fifth and sixth grade class had a spelling bee in their rooms to decide who would represent. The fifth grade participants: Jordan Ernest, Chris Huckereide, Devin Lewis, Dabrien Richhart, Keegan Walton, and Tyler Wenger. Sixth grade contestants: Kylan Davis, Nick Hettinger, Reese Martin, Stephanie Piedra, Hannah Saylor, and Paul Schmucker. All of these children did a fine job!

The spelling bee is designed to develop strong study skills, increase vocabulary, and improve spelling.

Tyler Wenger, a student in Mrs. Gibson's fifth grade room, won the bee by spelling the 105th word correct to become the Grand Champion. He accurately spelled "fashion" to become the winner. The Reserve Champion is Jordan Ernest from Mrs. Salzbrener's fifth grade room. Tyler earned himself an Encyclopedia Britannica online and an online subscription for one year to complete "Power-speak12" class, to help teach him word derivatives, courtesy from the National Scripps and Touchstone Spelling Bee sponsors.

Tyler will represent Woodlan Intermediate School in the Journal Gazette's and Touchstone Energy's Allen County Bee in February 2012. The Regional Spelling Bee is March 17, 2012. Both bees are held at IPFW's Rhinehart Music Center in the Auer Auditorium.



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PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Antwerp Village Council meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. At Town Hall, 118 North Main Street for the year 2012.

Due to holidays falling on the third Monday in Jan and Feb the January meeting will be held on Jan. 9th and February meeting will be held on Feb. 21st

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5TH & 6TH GRADERS PERFORM FOR SENIOR BREAKFAST



Here the Oakwood Elementary 5th and 6th grade choir are practicing a few finishing touches for their December performance at Paulding High School where they sang during the Senior Citizen's breakfast.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS COLLECT FOOD FOR BASKETS



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary collected over 700 canned goods and non-perishable items for the Christmas season. The items were donated to Divine Mercy, who put together the Christmas baskets for the commu-

nity, and to the food bank at the Payne Methodist Church. Shown in the picture are the student council members: Kalin Gerber, Jadyne Flint, Anne Eklund, Brooke Greulich, Chloe Thompson and Alex Reinhart.

ANTWERP'S MAIN STREET OPEN HOUSE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

December 21st is a distant memory in most of our minds, but the day saw some winners from Antwerp's Main Street Open House that need to be announced.

At West Bend News, two drawings were held - one for advertisers and one for WBN patrons. Antwerp Pharmacy won a half page ad in the West Bend News. Courtney Shull of Antwerp won a voucher for a box of business cards; Shelly Rough-ton of Melrose and George Clemens of Antwerp both won a self-inking stamp. Many WBN patrons and businesses stopped in and learned all about the printing and newspaper business. WB Printing debuted their latest items: lamination and iDrawboards.

Hometown Pantry had many new visitors in their shop. They also held a drawing for gift certificates to the store. The winners were Doris Smith of Antwerp, and Joan Bauer of Hicksville.

OVERCOMING BACK & NECK PAIN EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP

A two hour free experiential workshop is coming to Antwerp. "Overcoming Back and Neck Pain" with Jon Martinez, a certified Anat Baniel Method Practitioner, will facilitate the workshop on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The workshop will take place at Mr. Martinez's office, Movement Matters, 203 S Main St., Antwerp.

In this mini workshop you will learn about how to overcome back pain and stiffness; eliminate neck and shoulder pain and strain; increase flexibility and strength throughout your body; improve posture and breathing; and learn about the 9 Essentials for Vitality. This workshop is free, and any attendees are asked to refrain from wearing any kind of scented products and please wear or bring socks.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Liz at 419-506-1416 or jon@yourmovementmatters.com or visit the website www.yourmovementmatters.com

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WBESC JANUARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Van Wert ESC, 813A North Franklin St., Van Wert, OH 45891.

CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB MEETINGS & PHOTO CONTEST

The Classic Feathers Bird Club meets the second Sunday of each month at the Bryan Community Center on Buffalo Road in Bryan, OH at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Photo Contest has been extended to the February 2012 meeting. There is still time to mail your photos of your birds to Carlene Turner, Secretary, PO Box 72, Cecil, OH 45821 or by email to classicfeathers@gmail.com. Please include your name, address and phone number; plus your bird's name, breed, age and any other information you would like to share. Prizes will be awarded at the meeting on February 12, 2012. Categories include Most Colorful, Funniest Antic, Most Lovable, and Most Photogenic.

MAKING NOODLES CLASS AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

On Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, will be offering an adult cooking class. "Homemade Noodles" will be taught by Rosemary Thomas. Class size is limited to 14 people. Please call the branch to reserve your spot at 419-594-3337.

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SHERIFF 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$57,276.00
Salaries, Employees-Sheriff, \$516,000.00
Salaries-Employees, Jail, \$230,000.00
Supplies/Sheriff, \$55,500.00
Supplies/Jail/Outhousing, \$279,000.00
Equipment / Sheriff, \$55,500.00
Contracts/Services, \$10,696.47
Allowances (FOJ), \$25,456.00
PERS, \$145,392.96
Workers' Comp, \$14,459.02
Medicare, \$11,647.55
Total 2012 Budget - \$1,400,928.00
COUNTY RECORDER 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Official, \$41,165.00
Salaries - Employees, \$42,331.00
Supplies, \$3,000.00
Contracts/Services, \$10,435.00
Travel, \$1,500.00
Other Expenses, \$1,647.00
PERS, \$11,690.00
Workers' Comp, \$1,503.00
Medicare, \$1,211.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$114,482.00
HEALTH AND WELFARE 2012 Figures:
Handicapped Children, \$13,000.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$13,000.00
INSURANCE 2012 Figures:
Health Insurance, \$167,880.00
Unemployment Compensation, \$12,120.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$180,000.00
SOLDIER'S RELIEF 2012 Figures:
Salaries-Officials, \$20,846.40
Salaries - Employees, \$26,664.00
Supplies, \$2,000.00
Relief Allowances, \$35,000.00
Other Expenses, \$16,000.00
PERS, \$6,651.46
Workers' Comp, \$855.19
Transportation, \$32,000.00
Burial Expense, \$5,000.00

PAYNE AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORTS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Ellen Henriott, Chairperson for the Payne Community St. Paul United Methodist Church Food Pantry accepted \$500 from Mike Kennedy, Payne American Legion Ru-

ben J. Smith Post 297 Commander.

The Payne American Legion also donated \$100 to The Rock, a Christ Community Center.

Equipment, \$1,200.00
Medicare, \$688.90
Memorial Day Expenses, \$3,000.00
Grave Markers, \$5,000.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$154,905.95
INSURANCE/LOSS CONTROL 2012 Figures:
CORSA, \$150,000.00
Retirement Funds, \$42,037.00
Official Bonds, \$4,700.00
Salaries/Loss Control, \$31,485.58
PERS, \$4,467.97
Workers' Comp, \$629.70
Medicare, \$456.84
Other Expenses, \$32,040.96
Total 2012 Budget - \$265,818.05
COMMISSIONERS' - MISC. 2012 Figures:
\$45,000.00
Other, \$26,161.00
Contract Services, \$21,063.00
Note (unvoted jail note), \$25,500.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$117,724.00
COURT OF APPEALS 2012 Figures:
Other Expenses, \$6,500.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$6,500.00
GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS 2012 Figures:
Economic Development, \$15,000.00
20 Children's Services, \$100,000.00
7 Mandated Share, \$57,000.00
79 EMA, \$7,000.00
10 SWCD Operations, \$15,000.00
10 SWCD Nature Center, \$0
77 Fire Marshal, \$1,300.00
Fair Board, \$5,000.00
OSU Extension, \$15,000.00
Health Department, \$8,400.00
Maumee Valley Planning Org, \$1,420.00
Total 2012 Budget - \$225,120.00
GENERAL FUND SETTLEMENT FEES 2012 Figures:
Real Estate Fees, \$38,200.00
Mobile Home Fees, \$1,000.00
Rollback / Homestead, \$1,753.00
TOTAL 2012 BUDGET - \$40,953.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2012 - \$4,295,880.00
MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:
Marsha Yeutter, Paulding County Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter presented vouchers for signatures. She then stated the agency will be monitored this week. She is also gearing up for their audit. Ms. Yeutter added she anticipates cuts in the 2012 grant dollars. She reminded the Commissioners of the open house at the Senior Center Friday, December 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Chamber holiday festivities.

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