

SUZANNE S. RISTER INTENDS TO RUN FOR PAULDING COUNTY COURT



Suzanne S. Rister, Antwerp, has announced her intention to file a Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy for the Judge of the Paulding County Court. In January, 2011, Ms. Rister was appointed by Governor Strickland to fill the unexpired term of Judge Tiffany R. Beckman, who was elected as Judge of the Common Pleas Court.

Judge Rister explained that the Paulding County Court is unique in that more citizens in the community interact with the County Court than Common Pleas, Probate or Juvenile Court. From minor misdemeanor traffic violations to more serious offenses, the County Court is often the first impression the citizens have of the judicial system in Paulding County. Judge Rister has worked to streamline the court system and will continue to look for ways to increase efficiency and public access. Judge Rister states that "the opportunity to serve on the bench has been a humbling experience and I look forward to continuing to serve Paulding County."

A graduate from Indiana University (Fort Wayne campus), Judge Rister obtained her law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law. Judge Rister has experience in estate planning, guardianship, probate, domestic relations, juvenile law, and business matters. She is licensed to practice law in both Ohio and Indiana.

Judge Rister resides in Antwerp with her husband and their two children. Judge Rister considers it an honor and a privilege to be a member of this community. She has been involved in the Paulding County Bar Association, DeKalb County (Indiana) Bar Association, and Legal Aid of Western Ohio. She is a member of Rotary Club of Antwerp, Antwerp and Paulding Chamber of Commerce, Paulding County Economic Development, Inc., and Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County.

Judge Rister states that "serving on the bench has been a rewarding experience." She goes on to say, "An elected official represents all the citizens of the county. My goal, as a judge, is to have a positive impact in the community and the lives of the people who come into my courtroom."

CORRECTION

In last week's West Bend News in the article about donation made to the Food Pantry, Levi's name was incorrect. He is Levi Monroe—not Ringler. We apologize for this oversight.

2012 FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW IS UNDERWAY

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN will host the 23rd Annual Fort Wayne Farm Show on January 17-19, 2012. Hours for the show are as follows: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper Midwest, featuring the latest technology the industry has to offer. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually to view the area's largest variety of farm machinery and equipment in one location. The northeastern Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District and Purdue Cooperative Extension Services present the educational seminars daily. The wheels of Yesteryears Collection of antique tractors will again be displayed. The St. Joseph fire department will be offering free CPR classes each day of the show. This year's grand prize drawing will be a Massey Ferguson lawn tractor courtesy of Harmony Outdoor Equipment located at 102 Peckhart, Auburn, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday featuring a variety of donated items.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, TradeExpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the Wichita Farm & Ranch

GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS AT PEVS



A Geography Bee was held at Paulding Ex. Village Schools on Thursday, January 5th. The grade level winners from the 4th-8th grades from Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School

competed against each other. Eighth grader Taylor Manz was the runner-up and 6th grader Cade McGarvey was the winner. All students who competed were 7th grader Allison Arend, 8th grader Taylor Manz, 6th grader Cade

McGarvey, 4th grader Claire McClure, 4th grader Nathan Hodge, and 5th grader Zoe Shepherd; 6th grader Isaac Baldwin, 6th grader Zach Branham, 6th grader Kirby Carder, and 5th grader Alex Riethman.

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OBITUARIES

Joan G. Lambright, 80, former Scott, OH resident, of Defiance, OH died Sunday, November 27, 2011 at CHP Hospice, Defiance, OH.



She was born November 7, 1931 in Terre Haute, IN, the daughter of Vaughn and Maria C. (Dupke) Grubaugh. On June 3, 1951 she married Maxie Joe Lambright, who survives. She was employed by Wayne Trace Schools for 35 years retiring in 1989. She was a member of Paulding County Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her husband, Maxie Joe Lambright of Defiance; three sons: Maxie Jay (Sarah) Lambright of Beachwood, OH, Steven Michael (Kate) Lambright of Ann Arbor, MI, and Jeffrey Alan (Mary) Lambright of Bloomington, IN; a brother, Vaughn F. (Betty) Grubaugh Jr. of Lima, OH; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Mary Lee Wetnight.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Donations may be made to CHP Hospice, Defiance College or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Rita M. Kaufman, 86, of Paulding died Sunday, January 1, 2012 at CHP Hospice, Defiance.

She was born October

4, 1925 in Putnam County Ohio the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Meyer) Neise. On August 3, 1946 she married Daniel J. Kaufman, who preceded her in death on March 17, 1976. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the VFW Post #587 Ladies Auxiliary. She was formerly employed by Cooper's Grain and Feed of Paulding retiring in 1991 and was the former owner/operator of Kaufman's Bar and Grill from 1959-1976.

She is survived by five daughters: Linda (David) Begley of Payne, Konnie Gerber, Jane (Steve) Sprow, and Jackie (Tom) Boyd all of Paulding, and Sue (Dave) Vogel of Lake Cormorant, MS; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted January 5, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Burial was in Cooper-Haines Cemetery, Paulding.

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

Bethel Gene Rakes, Sr., 79, of Oakwood died Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at Defiance Regional Hospital.

He was born May 17, 1932 in Ranger, WV to the late John Sherman and Perlina (Lambert) Rakes. On January 13, 1951, he married J. Wilma Cassidy and she survives in Oakwood.

Also surviving are three children: Carol Stahl of Oakrose, Janet Rakes of Oakwood and Pamela (Darwin) Sherry of Trenton, GA; seven grandchildren: David (Niki) Stahl, Mi-

chael (Tracey) Stahl, Johnny Rakes, Aaron Rakes, Karisa (Rob) Long, Lance Sherry and Cory Sherry; six great-grandchildren: Shelbie and Tyler Stahl, Jennifer Stahl, Taylor and Hunter Long and Kinlee Jo Sherry; one sister, Madgie (Cliff) Nally of Defiance; three brothers: Frank (Virgie) Rakes, Arnold (Linda) Rakes and Ernest (Trudy) Rakes all of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by a son: Gene Rakes; two sisters: Mamie Mullins and Geraldine Rakes; five brothers: Bub, Russell, Tom, Clarence and Vernon Rakes.

Bethel retired from General Motors, Defiance after 32 years. He was a member of The Church of Christ in Oakwood. He was also a member of Local 211 UAW; president of Defiance Coon Hunter's Club and member of North American Hunting Club.

Funeral service was January 7, 2012 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Pastor Lonnie Lambert officiating. Burial followed in Riverview Memorial Gardens, Defiance.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at: www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

Jacqueline S. Balsler, 59, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Jackie was born in Fort Wayne on May 19, 1952, a daughter of the late Lucille (Frane) and Edwin Messman.

She was a secretary at Woodburn Diamond Die and a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church. In 2007 she married Jerry Balsler.

Jackie will be sadly missed by her husband, Jerry; children: Eric (Denise) Reeb of Antwerp, Sara (James) Maxwell of Fort Wayne and Jenna (Craig McDaniel) Lichty of Monroeville; step-children, Wade (Melissa) Balsler of Cleveland and Sheila (John) Hilton of Antwerp; siblings: Larry Messman of Monroeville, Joyce Cosey, Joan Murlin and Judy Hunt all of Antwerp, Janet Palmer of Woodburn, Janelle Messman of New Haven, Jeanne Worden of Auburn and Gary Messman of New Haven; four grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her brothers: Donnie and Wayne.

Service were private.

Memorials are to Woodburn Children's Home or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Carolyn Ann Carr, 76,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." —John 3:36

of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp.

Carolyn was born in Hicksville on December 14, 1935, a daughter of the late Mona (Blair) and Richard Rowan.

She had worked at Kammerer's IGA, Lincoln Life and the Antwerp Local Schools. Carolyn was a devout member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star. On June 30, 1956 she married Wayne Carr, who passed away November 11, 2008.

Carolyn will be sadly missed by her children: Elaine (Dean) Phillips of Hicksville, Steven (Lisa) of Indianapolis and Kevin (Jackie) of Antwerp; siblings: Richard Rowan of Wauseon and Marilyn Conn of Texas; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating on January 9, 2012. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or Manor House Activity Fund. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Sally J. Young, 65, of Payne passed away Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

Sally was born in Paulding, on September 18, 1946, a daughter of the late Helen (Beck) and Carl Young. She worked at First Financial Bank, Payne for 47 years and was a member of Payne Church of Christ.

Sally will be sadly missed by her siblings: Patricia (John) Gray, Martha Jenkins, and William (Jeanine) all of Payne, and Richard (Susan) of New Haven; and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was at Payne Church of Christ with Rev. Dan Staifer officiating, on January 9, 2012. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery Payne, OH.

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

Dolores Ann Grant, 84, of Paulding died Friday, January 6, 2012 at Dupont Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN.

She was born October 24, 1927 in Latty Township, Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Ollie M. (Gerber) Laukhuf. On June 19, 1949 she married Thomas J. Grant, who survives. She was a member of Latty Apostolic Christian Church and was employed by as a bus driver for Parc Lane Schools, Paulding.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas J. Grant of Paulding; three sons: Gary (Linda) Grant and Paul (Charlotte) Grant, both of Paulding, and Philip (Gloria) Grant, Antwerp; two daughters: Lois Ann (Huron) Claus of Phoenix, AZ, and Mary Beth (Matt) Thacker of LaGrange, IN; 22 grandchildren; and 46 great-grandchildren.

by her parents; a brother, Lester Laukhuf; and a sister, Mary Ella Klopfenstein.

Funeral services were conducted January 10, 2012 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty. Burial was in Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Donations may be made to The Gideon's International or Gateway Woods Children's Home, Leo, Indiana. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

James "Jim" Craig Miller, 62 of Grover Hill, died in his home Saturday morning, January 7, 2012.

He was born March 8, 1949, to the late John C. and



Rita (Thitoff) Miller. Jim was a member of the Grover Hill Class of 1967 and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed at BF Goodrich Tire, Woodburn, IN for 43 years. He married Mary Jo Richards on March 6, 1976, in Venedocia, OH, and they were blessed with three children.

Left to cherish his memory is wife, Mary Jo; son, Kerby Richards; daughter, Kalyn M; and son, Dustin John (Jennafer), and faithful dog, Backee, all in the local area. Other survivors include brothers: Larry (Deb) of Van Wert; Lonnie (Sue) of Grover Hill and Roger (Deb) of Convoy, along with many beloved family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by granddaughter, Paislie Rose Dickinson-Miller; and

nephew, J.C. Caffro.

Through the years, Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, golf, playing cards, and various other past times. As an avid baseball fan, he was a member of the Cleveland Indians Club. He had a love of watching harness horse racing, especially his horse, Dutchess of Darwin. Jim was an active member and officer of Grover Hill VFW for 42 years. Jim also served his community as a member of the Grover Hill Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years, West Branch Conservation Club, and the Masonic Lodge of Payne.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home at 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert, Ohio on Wednesday, January 11,

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2012 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday with military services to follow at Middle Creek Cemetery.

The family's preferred memorials are to Grover Hill Welcome Park and Grover Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be expressed at: www.alspachgearhart.com

Verlin "Dale" Gribble, 67, of Grover Hill died Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, OH.

He was born October 5, 1944 in McDougal, AR, the son of Barney I. and Eula (O'Guin) Gribble. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill; Paulding County Senior Center; Grover Hill Lions Club and the Welcome Park Board of Grover Hill. He was previously employed by Perma Glass of Payne, OH.

He is survived by two sons: Brad (Shadna Fink) Gribble of Fort Wayne, and Shawn (Jeanne Seffernick) Gribble of Melrose; four brothers: Talma (Marilyn) Gribble, Alvin (Gail) Gribble, Melvin (Barb) Gribble all of Grover Hill and Lee Roy (Lolita) Gribble of Van Wert; five sisters: Eladis (Jr) Hinchcliff of Grover Hill, Emma (Leon) Whittington of Van Wert, and Jeanie (Ishmael) Shelton of Oakwood.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters: Leona Busbey and Sylvia Deckard.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday January 13, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be 2:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Senior Center or Grover Hill Lions Club - Welcome Park Boosters. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WHAT IS HE THINKING?

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

A few months back, Doolley's Funeral Home in Antwerp started to destroy the nice stairway in front of their building, a stairway that they had just had refinished a few years back. Heck, I would say

that it was the nicest stairway in Antwerp, yet Shawn Dooley had the audacity to destroy it.

I was asked by people, "Do you know why they are destroying the stairs?" "Didn't they just get them redone?" "Those were nice stairs, why would he do that?"

This situation with the stairs reminds me of the way we interact with God. We are often on the outside of knowing the big plan. Things are going on, yet we are often left confused. What is God doing? Why is He allowing me to go through this bad health, these bad finances, this troubling situation, these distraught relationships?

A few years back, I had melanoma. I had to go to a plastic surgeon in Toledo to have it removed from my face. There is this period of extreme stress between having it removed and having further tests done to see if it has spread through my body. For melanoma, once it has moved beyond the skin and entered the system, is as deadly as the most deadliest forms of cancer. So I was worried. Something I shouldn't have been. And I talked a lot with God. Something I should do much more, even during normal, sunshiny situations.

After all the testing was done, I was given the all clear. Thankfully, I have not had a recurrence of the melanoma. The thing that shocked me the most through the whole situation is that with my melanoma also came the greatest increase in my faith. Through the whole experience, my faith grew tremendously. Actually, I do not think I would be a pastor here in Antwerp if it was not for my melanoma. My melanoma was a blessing, for it was used by God to shape me who I am today. My melanoma changed me.

Do you let your hardships change you for the better? Our times of confusion—our valleys—are much more than just moments of disease. We struggle through broken relationships. We face tough finances. We despair at the loss of loved ones. Life is full of one hardship after another.

Here's the thing though. With the stairs being destroyed, Shawn knew what he was doing. He had a plan for his nice, new steps that would have access on both sides to accommodate the people who would park in his new parking lot. The destruction of the nice stairway made sense to him the whole time because he knew the end goal. Shawn had the whole picture. To

many of the people watching, it made no sense. But then in the end, they could also look at the Dooley Funeral Home and see that what was confusing before makes perfect sense now.

G.K. Chesterton wrote, "One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak."

That is what we have to remember. God is using our valleys to show us something that we would not be able to see without them. Are we willing to see? If we are not, then all that pain and suffering is for naught. But if we go in with our eyes, ears, and heart open, we will come out on the other side of every situation more of who God wants us to be.

Sadly, sometimes our valleys lead to death, but we must remember that for those in Jesus, death is only temporary. It is just a passing, fleeting moment. It is the time when our physical shell is broken and the spiritual seed inside can finally grow into who we are destined to be.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts," (Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV).

We need to reach a point of trust. We need to be willing to be vulnerable with God. His thoughts are not our thoughts. His ways are not our ways. But they should be. The more we align ourselves to His way of thinking and His way of living, the more we will live the fulfilled life we were created for. We need to rest assured that no matter what happens, He has our back. What is going on now, even though we have no idea why how it will make things better, will be used to bring Him glory.

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.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

All scriptures are found in the New King James Version of the Bible.

In the 12/21/11 article a mistake was made with the first question, Acts 21:11, which should have read: What did Agabus bind his hands with? The answer is Paul's belt. Thanks brother for your close attention. Also with questions nine and ten the verses were wrong. Question nine should be Acts 22:18 and question ten should be Acts 22:21. The answers are right; these are questions for 1/4/12.

1. Acts 22:19 - What did Paul tell the Lord in this verse?
2. Acts 22:22 - What did the people from Acts 21:40 say about Paul in Acts 22:22?
3. Acts 22:25 - What did Paul say to the Centurion?
4. Acts 22:27 - What did the commander ask Paul?
5. Acts 22:28 - How did Paul receive his citizenship?
6. Acts 22:29 - Why was the commander afraid?
7. Acts 23:2 -Who com-

manded those standing by Paul to strike him on the mouth?

8. Acts 23:3 - What did Paul call the high priest?

Comments or Bible questions call 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert or 419-393-4775 for James Potter. Loved ones, always remember that God loves you and would love to hear from you in prayer and bible study. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Here are the answers to the questions now.

1. I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.
2. Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.
3. Because of the glory of that light.
4. Ananias
5. Receive your sight
6. Would be Jesus witness to all the world.
7. Be baptized
8. He was in a trance
9. Get out of Jerusalem
10. To the Gentiles

Loved ones, always remember in studying the Bible, you can learn its truths and know whether a preacher or a teacher is right. As you study these articles you can see I make mistakes and always remember to ask for book, chapter and verse when someone tells you something is in the Bible. If they can't, then they don't remember, or it isn't in the Bible. Most likely it isn't.

WHO IS CAPTAINING YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE?

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

I imagine you're familiar with the phrase "ship of fools." It was a common medieval motif used in literature and art, especially religious satire. One such satire is Hieronymus Bosch's famous oil painting by the same name, which now hangs in Paris.

This marvelous work, which is filled with symbolism, shows ten people aboard a small vessel and two overboard swimming around it. It is a ship without a pilot (captain), and everyone onboard is too busy drinking, feasting, flirting, and singing to know where on earth the waves are pushing them.

They are fools because they are enjoying all the sensual pleasures of this world without knowing where it all leads. Atop the mast hangs a bunch of dangling carrots and a man is climbing up to reach them. Yet above the carrots we find a small but significant detail: a human skull. This is the thirteenth head in the painting, unlucky in every imaginable way. The idea is that these twelve fools, who think all is perfect, are sailing right to their demise. The only pilot on board, the only figure leading the way, is death.

We find ourselves living in a culture of pleasure seeking pain avoiding men, women and young people. We're looking for the newest high, or the next party too often giving little if any thought to our mortality and especially our eternal destination.

Solomon had it right when he said... Proverbs 16:25 (NIV), "25There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

Where are you headed in this New Year? Who or what

TOM VANVLERAH SWORN IN AS ANTWERP'S NEW MAYOR



By: Sue Knapp

On January 3, 2012 outgoing Mayor Ray Delong swore in Tom VanVlerah as Mayor of Antwerp. Also sworn in was Ken Reinhart and Jan Reeb as council members.

Mayor VanVlerah commented that he would like to be active in the 49/24 project, keep up with the

current projects and to help Antwerp to grow. He is interested in what Antwerp people have to say and is ready to listen.

Mayor VanVlerah is currently attending IVY Tech in Fort Wayne and is a year away from a Business Administration Management degree.

is capturing your journey through life? I urge you to consider the ship of our life (our souls) and whether we have the right captain (Jesus Christ) steering our journey through life before it's too late.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You may not know it, but YOU are someone's hero. It could be the 4th grader receiving a coat and boots so he is warm walking to school. Or maybe the fire victims staying in a hotel room for a couple of nights until they find a place to live. Or an elderly home-bound man receiving a meal from meals on wheels.

As a United Way donor, you are a hero to many people in Paulding County. Last year United Way funded programs providing services all across our county. If you gave a donation last year you helped provide food, clothing, shelter and education; and helped improve the health, financial stability, and well-being of those in need.

Like everyone in this community, United Way has been affected by the downturn of our economy. In 2011 we awarded \$33,000 in grants to seven agencies/organizations. Today we are faced with a shortfall for 2012. Our goal this year is \$55, 501. If you gave last year, great! If you did not, be the "\$1"! This comes at a time when agencies are seeing increased demands for services. More people need food, rent and utilities assistance—the basic necessities of life.

But even more important, people need help to become self-sufficient—mentoring and tutoring so kids graduate from high school and continue their education; budget counseling and debt manage-

ment so families can stay in their home; self-confidence and leadership skills so teens and young adults can prosper.

As our community hero, you have an awesome power—the power to change lives for the better.

Warmest regards,

—Ron & Donna Lane,
2011/12 Campaign Co-chairs,
Amy McCreery,
UWPC Executive Director
P.S. Give Today. Change A Life. Be Our Hero!

THE NEXT BIG THING IS AT ANTWERP COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER!

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, a Junior High/High School Lock-In event is planned for the teens of Antwerp at the Antwerp Community Youth Center. Invite your friends for a night chock full of snacks (bring some to share!), games, tournaments, movies (age appropriate), devotional time, and much more. What a way to spend a wintry Sunday night!

Times are 8:00 p.m. on Sunday night, all the way through until 7:00 a.m. Monday the 16th (school is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

For more information, contact any member of the ACYC student planning committee: Maria Bradbury, Savannah Fettig, Joshua Steiner, Aaron Schneider, and Lydia Schneider.

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL BOOK STUDY AT PAULDING UMC

The Good Book Club of Paulding United Methodist Church will be reading, *Heaven Is For Real*, by Todd Burpo. The book relates a little boy who dies, goes to heaven, and then comes back to tell his family what he saw there. The public is invited to join in this study but Paulding UMC will need you to call or email and register, so there is enough books and space. If you have your own book, still register but let the church office know that you won't need a book.

The initial meeting will be Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Paulding UMC is located at 321 North Williams Street in Paulding. The church phone number is 419-399-3591 and email is pauldingumc@windstream.net. Pastor Ben Lowell will lead the study.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

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Dismissals: None

YOU ARE ALWAYS ONE CHOICE AWAY FROM CHANGING YOUR LIFE

This is the BEST time of year to get moving on your health & wellness! My name is Lisa S. Bashford and I am a physical therapist assistant and personal fitness coach for Team Beachbody. You may know some of this company's popular products such as P90X, INSANITY, Body Gospel, TurboFire, & Shakeology to name a few. Over the past year, I have found success with this company and its products which helped me to complete a full marathon! Setting fitness/health goals are important and I want to help you through your journey to success. My hope in 2012 is that we can all get on the same team. That the main priority is getting people healthy and fit, in ANY way possible, using as many tools as possible, and then sharing those successes with as many people as possible to inspire THEM to do the same thing. We are all in this together and it's up to us to make a difference.

Contact me if you're looking for a positive life change and check out my facebook business page at www.facebook.com/lisabashfordbeachbodycoach. I'm here to help you move from striving for SUCCESS to building a life of SIGNIFICANCE! Contact me at: bashford.lisa@yahoo.com

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LATTA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT TO OHIO

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement on President Barack Obama's visit to Shaker Heights, Ohio: "President Obama has again shown inconsistency and proven his disregard for the Constitution by his recess appoint of Richard Cordray to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In 2005, then Senator Obama speaking on John Bolton's appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations said, 'To some degree, he's damaged goods... Not in the history of United Nations representatives have we ever had a recess appointment, somebody who couldn't get through a nomination in the Senate. And I think that means that we will have less credibility and ironically be less equipped to reform the United Nations in the way that it needs to be reformed...' Furthermore, the President stated that it was time to get people back to work, such as construction workers—I wholeheartedly agree. The President has now only 48 days to approve the Keystone XL pipeline that would directly create 20,000 direct jobs and 118,000 spin-off jobs during the life of the project. I urge the President to support this bipartisan project to put Americans back to work and secure our energy future."

CORRECTION

In last week's West Bend News article about 'Overcoming Back and Neck Pain: Experiential Workshop' the time of the workshop was omitted. It will take place on Saturday, January 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We again apologize for our oversight.

—WBN editors

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE ELECTRICITY STUDENTS HELP COMMUNITY



Vantage senior Electricity students who worked on the new sign at the VW YMCA (from left) Harley-Davidson Lane (Continental), Austin Mseis (Continental), Zach Gawronski (Paulding), Kory Plotts (Paulding), Drey Gamble (Paulding), Caleb Sherry (Paulding), Austin Carder (Paulding) and Chase Fry (Paulding).

When community organizations need a hand with their electrical work, they often call Vantage. Mel White and his senior Electricity students are ready to pitch in when there's a need. And that's what happened recently at the Van Wert YMCA...

Jean Seekings had started working on the sign project for the YMCA and then contacted Vantage to see if the students were interested

VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS 2012 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Prior to the regular Vantage monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012, the board held a tax budget hearing and an organizational meeting. President Pro-Tem Lonnie Nedderman (Crestview) called the organizational meeting to order and the oath of office was administered. Returning board members beginning new two year terms are Karl Schimmoeller (Ft. Jennings), Ron Bradford (Continental), Greg Reinhart (Paulding), and Sally Snyder (Lincolnview). New board members beginning two year terms are Craig Byrne (Ottoville) and Linda Owens (Van Wert). The following new board members are beginning the second year of a two-year term on the Vantage Board of Education Kim Brandt (Parkway), Pat Baumle (Wayne Trace), Greg von der Embse (Kalida), and Dennis Recker (Antwerp).

Elections were held and Lonnie Nedderman from Crestview was re-elected President and Sally Snyder from Lincolnview, was also re-elected Vice-President. New board member Kim Brandt from Parkway will serve as Legislative Liaison and Ron Bradford from Continental, Student Achievement Liaison. Regular monthly meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of the April Board meeting which will be held at 5:15 p.m. on April 12, 2012, prior to the All Boards dinner. The July Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012. Lori Davis was appointed as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Vantage Career Center and was authorized to request tax advances from appropriate county auditors, pay outstanding bills, make general fund transfers and invest active, inactive and interim funds. The Vantage Career Center Board of Education Service Fund was

in getting some additional hands-on experience. The lighted sign on the front lawn of the Y wasn't lighting! Students replaced the ballast and re-wired the sign so the existing bulbs worked.

In addition to this project, senior Electricity students have also rough wired the Van Wert Habitat for Humanity house that the Carpentry students are building. They have worked on electric

set at \$8,000.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vantage Career Center, Purchasing Agent, Signatory for salary notices and contracts following board of education employment or salary notice adoption and the official to review and approve student activity budgets. The superintendent was authorized to extend employment contracts as well as accept resignations between regularly scheduled board meetings when necessary for the efficient operation of the school. The superintendent was authorized to approve staff member attendance at professional meetings and to approve travel and business related expense vouchers, leave forms, etc. She was appointed as the Vantage VWASIG Board Representative. The treasurer was authorized to approve travel and business related expense vouchers and leave forms, etc., submitted by the superintendent. The Vantage Board of Education as a whole was designated to serve as Audit Committee for the finances for the

baseboard heating for a rental property and finished wiring and installing devices on the 2011 Vantage house project.

The class will return to the Habitat House in the spring to install phone, TV, and computer equipment. They are currently working on motor controls, programmable logic controllers, conduit installation, and robotics in lab.

school district. The Van Wert Times Bulletin was designated as the official school newspaper.

Membership was approved for the Ohio School Boards Association, Association of Career Technical Education, Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents, and EPTI - Education Tax Policy Institute, and OSBA Legal Assistance Fund. Legal counsel and cashier positions were designated. Petty cash funds were set.

At the regular board meeting, the minutes from the December 1, 2011 board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of November, 2011. The 2013 Vantage Career Center Tax Budget was approved as presented at the Budget Hearing. The treasurer was authorized to compensate Vantage Board members at the maximum rate allowable by law of \$125 per meeting.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman presented updates on the renovation/construction project. She noted that the recent rains have pushed

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BILLY METZGER'S JOURNAL CHAPTER 38: IN THE ARMY

By: Stan Jordan

I reported to the Post Commander at 1:00 p.m. like they told me last Monday and he asked me if I wanted to accompany Captain Merkle of the engineers to where they are building the Indian agent house. This is July 15, 1851 and so I said, "sure" and I even drove one of the wagons and a pair of mules. It is about 30 miles on up the Oregon Trail to Wells Fargo stage stop at a place called Lexington.

We stayed there overnight and then went about straight north to a place we would call the Broken Bow Agency, at Broken Bow Territory. That is about 30 miles from Lexington.

I was very satisfied with the location. It has a small stream nearby for water called Rattlesnake Creek and it had lots of shade—a lot of grass and flat land with good dirt for a garden and crops. As we got near to the half completed building I could see some soldiers working on the roof and around the area.

I also saw a handful of Lakota Indians watching the workers. I got off the wagon and got down to the natives and sure enough one was Limping Buffalo and I also saw Chief White Elk. We all gave the peace sign and then I walked over and shook hands with both of them, just like they were white guys. This astonished the other soldiers and the other natives.

Well, since I saw Limping Buffalo the last time he has picked up some western English and we talked along pretty good. He was surprised that I was a Blue Coat and soldier, but neither one, the or White Elk, acted like it bothered them.

We sat down in the shade and White Elk sent for a peace pipe and we passed it around twice. I told them that in the fall I would go away for four years to school to become a veterinary doctor or what they call a shaman. I would be an Army officer but bigger

than that, I would be an animal shaman. As it was getting late, the Army cook, seeing what good of friends we were, brewed up some coffee and a couple rounds of biscuits, butter and honey. The natives all slept under a big birch tree and the soldiers pitched their pup tents or slept under a wagon.

About an hour after daylight everyone washed in the creek and waited for breakfast. We, the workers, ate first and then started to work on the building. Then each Indian took his pancake and put butter on it and then spread on honey or maple syrup. Then he rolled it up and started to eat it on one end. All of them had two cakes, and a couple, a third one.

Well, I worked for a while but the captain said for me to talk with the natives. That was all for good relations. I looked all their horses over good and they appreciated that and one of them remembered me as 'He Talks with Horses'. I told him that El Paso Sam would be here in a few moons and then he would be married and settle down. All smiled and nodded and was glad to hear that he would be their agent.

We stayed there a couple more days and nights. The boys had finished the roof, they make shingles out of the pine trees, The building had a floor in it. It was done along with a fireplace and hearth in the store and one in the residence side.

A one holer was built in the back yard not too far from the animal shed and corral. It is like any other outside privy.

One of the soldiers planted some turnips in the garden area. He said they had plenty of times to grow and mature.

Captain Merkle and I along with some soldiers and two wagons left early and headed back toward Lexington and the Oregon Trail. After we traveled about eight miles we came upon Limping Buffalo, White Elk and a couple natives along the trail. They had slipped out of camp unnoticed. They wanted to tell me good bye because they know I will be gone for four years. We all gave the peace sign and Limping Buffalo said, "You be good, Blue Belly," and White Elk nodded and gave a good grunt. I felt good about that. They had traveled eight miles each way to give me a true send off. I noticed that White Elks had shook a little bit like a 'white man' palsy. He is a good chief for the tribe and this army both and I hope he can live a long time yet.

At the Wells Fargo Station

stop one of the passengers said that back east the so-called railroad is now nearing to St. Louis. I would like to see a big engine. I wonder how you ride on it. Just imagine, traveling the east coast on the train at 15 miles per hour, that is five times as fast as a good team of horses.

Well, we left the stage stop and it took all day to get back to Ft. Kearney. We took care of the animals and then were just in time for supper. I talked to the man in charge of the animals and tomorrow he is going to let me shoe a team of horses.

See ya!

A LETTER FROM HELEN JUMP

By: Stan Jordan

Friends and readers, I wrote a column about Helen Jump a few weeks back and then I received a letter and a phone call from her and I want to tell you about a couple true stories.

Helen was born in Antwerp back in 1922 and attended the second grade here in Antwerp and then the family moved to Defiance. But her heart and a lot of memories are back in Antwerp.

She was telling me about her sister, Ila. She was married to Bill and they lived in Arizona and he was in the Air Force. They lived there a couple years and had a six month old baby. Bill was sent overseas, and Ila and the baby caught a commercial plane but was bumped off in Texas. She had to wait for several hours to get a flight to Chicago where her mother was waiting for her and the baby. She sat in the waiting room and espied an older lady sitting there and she talked to her as they both were alone. Ila talked to her about everything: hats, grandkids, sickness and health and even down to Ila's false teeth.

Ila had to go to the rest room and another lady stopped her and said, "That is Eleanor Roosevelt sitting there." Ila about fainted away. Here she was talking about her false teeth to the wife of the President of the United States. But later, Ila said she was a very fine person and easy to talk to. Yes, over the years she helped a lot of people who needed help.

Another interesting story is about Helen's granddaughter, Carrie.

Carrie got her first pony when she was two years old. By the time she was four she had a bigger horse and was riding in competitions and soon was old enough to take care of horses. When she was 18 she went to college in Cheyenne and learned about breaking, feeding, raising and training horses as well as rodeo competition.

After college she got a job with a huge championship mule ranch. She said it was so modern that some of the barns were better than some homes. She cared for the mules.

This big mansion had a lot of parties and get-togethers and even some high society gatherings. She could be a manager of the establishment if she would care to. The owner of the ranch is the daughter of Charles Schultz, the creator of the Peanuts cartoons.

Carrie is married now and they live outside of Colorado Springs and have a good sized ranch of their own. He also

is an outfitter for big game hunting and the like.

Well, Helen, thank you for the call and the letters. You gave us easterners a look at the life they live out west.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

A lady was driving with her three children and stopped at a red light. A blonde in a convertible ahead stood up and waved, but she was stark naked!

The five year old said, "Mom that lady wasn't wearing a seat belt!"

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Two elderly men were sitting on the front porch of the rest home.

An old lady streaked them, running by them fast and was stark naked.

One old fellow said, "What was she wearing?"

The other old timer said, "Whatever it was it needed pressing!"

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The little boy said, "Boy, am I glad to see you," as his grandmother on his mother's side entered the front door.

She asked, "Why?"

"Because daddy will do the trick that he has promised."

"What trick?"

"Well, he told mommy that if you came, he would climb the walls."

See ya!

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the "dry-in" date back a few days from the original projected date of January 9, but added that the project is doing well, financially. "We continue to be just under budget and not quite on schedule," the superintendent told the board. Director Bob Vennekotter updated the board on the 22 new National Technical Honor Society inductees, Math Numeracy Challenge winners, Blue Chippers for the first quarter, Haiti Carnival, OGT results, progress on the Carpentry Habitat for Humanity house and Building and Grounds projects, Culinary Arts Thanksgiving and Christmas buffets. Community Relations Coordinator MaryJo Wilhelm invited board members and the public to the Vantage Open House and BBQ Sandwich Dinner on Monday February 6th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. saying that tours of the completed areas of the building would be available that evening.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported that the HVAC and Electrical Trade programs have been approved by the Ohio Board of Regents and the accreditation board. An agreement has been reached with Owens Community College regarding a Wind-turbine repair program. It will be designed as a tuition based program. Attempts will be made to procure funding through WIA and other private loan sources. Efforts continue with local employers to address their training needs.

In new business, the board:

—Approved the follow-

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Paulding Elementary held their annual spelling bee on Friday, January 6th. Lexie Beckman (left) is shown holding the winning trophy with Heather Manz earning a first runner-up title. Lexie will now compete at the County Spelling Bee.

ing supplemental contracts: MaryJo Wilhelm, Shirley Jarvis, Annette Klinger, "Step Into Your Future" as presented;

—Employed the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Steven Stechschulte and Kevin Taylor, Police Academy; Tracey Borns, ABLE Support Aide;

—Approved the network Privacy and Acceptable Use and Policy for Adult Education;

—Resolution to enter in agreement with JER Group, Inc. regarding licensing of certain online training materials and resale of products;

—Resolution to approve the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between West Park Villas, LLC and Vantage Career Center;

—Resolution to accept a grant of \$24,500 from the Rothacker-Lampe Bequest of the Van Wert County Foundation to be used to purchase electronic items;

—Resolution to approve three (3) Memorandums of Understandings between Vantage and the OSFC dated March 21, 2011, May 16, 2011, and December 21, 2011 for Local Funded Initiatives;

—Resolution to enter into a rental agreement with CIC/Van Wert Innovation Center for storage space to be used during the renovation/building project at a price of \$25,000;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of medical classroom equipment for

Health Technology from Pocket Nurse for an estimated amount of \$31,700.50;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of 10 Clausing Metosa Lathes (6 for Precision Machining and 4 for Industrial Mechanics) from Ray Industrial Products, Van Wert, for an estimated amount of \$24,082.00 each;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of 2 Clausing Colchester Lathes for Precision Machining from Ray Industrial Products, Van Wert, at an estimated amount of \$28,540.00 each;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of 1 OMAX 2626 Jet Machining Center for Precision Machining from OMAX Corp, Kent, Washington, at an estimated amount of \$96,100.00;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of 1 VRTEX 360 Virtual Reality Welding Trainer for Welding from Lincoln Electric Company, Cleveland, at an estimated cost of \$53,940.00;

—Resolution to approve the purchase of 1 TM2 Toolroom Mill for Precision Machining from Midwest Manufacturing Resources, Ft. Wayne, at an estimated cost of \$65,885.00 plus shipping;

—Resolution to approve bid documents and authorize to bid the Abatement, Loose Furnishings, Metal Siding, and final Site Work bid packages.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

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LADY WARRIORS UPSET ARCHERS



Antwerp travelled to the Woodlan Stadium Tuesday, January 10. The Lady Archers dominated most of the game with their unending 3 point baskets. The Lady Warriors did not give up and brought the game to tie near the end of the fourth. Woodlan finished 50-48 taking the win from Antwerp. Pictured above is sophomore Haley Hostetler scoring for the Warriors. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace took on LCC at the Palace Tuesday, January 3. The Lady Raiders took the ball in the opening jump but Lima controlled the game from then on with their dominating defense. LCC won the game 60-37. Shown above is senior Sarah Feasby scoring for Wayne Trace. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

CLOSE ACTION SEES A LADY WARRIOR WIN OVER ARCHERS

By: Jeff Abbott

After starting off their girls' game with ice cold shooting and spotting the guests a 12-3 after the first period, Woodlan gradually came back on the Lady Archers and posted a 50-48 win at the Warriors' gym. Antwerp led at the half 26-20 and at the three quarter mark 39-37 but couldn't put the game away on the Warriors. Lauren Ehle scored 19 with Haley Hostetler adding 12 for the home team.

Score by the quarter:

Antwerp - 12 14 13 9=48

Woodlan - 3 17 17 13=50

Scorers of the game:

Antwerp - Jones 26, Smalley 11, Stuck 6, Kurtz 3, Wesley 2

Woodlan - Ehle 19, Malfait 4, Hostetler 12, Gerbers 7, Knoblauch 7, Price 1

ACAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW

Tuesday, January 10, 2012:

Opening Games (girls play first, followed by boys games beginning at 6:00 p.m.) - Bluffton at Southern Wells; Heritage at Adams Central; South Adams at Woodlan; Garrett at Leo

Wednesday, January 11, 2012:

Girls' Semi-Finals (at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne) - Bluffton/Southern Wells winner vs Heritage/Adams Central winner; South Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Leo winner

Thursday, January 12, 2012:

Boys' Semi-Finals (at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne) - Bluffton/Southern Wells winner vs Heritage/Adams Central winner; South Adams/Woodlan winner vs Garrett/Leo winner

Saturday, January 14, 2012:

10:00 a.m. - Girls' Championship Game; 12:30 p.m. Boys' Championship Game

WARRIORS TAKE VICTORY OVER RAIDERS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan built a 21-10 advantage at the end of the first quarter and led 35-21 at the half, but the Warriors saw the lead trimmed to 4 at the end of the third quarter, before hanging on for a

64-60 over the Wayne Trace Raiders in boys' basketball at Woodlan. Brock Hines, Shawn McGettigan, and Kadin Gerig all connected on three-pointers in the opening stanza as the home team opened to a 21-10 lead over the Raiders. A 14-11 advantage in the second period further pushed the lead to 35-21 at the half time break. Wayne Trace's Corbin Linder found the range on the three point shot in the third quarter, hitting 3 long range shots to help the Raiders outscore the Warriors 19-9 in the period and trail by just 4 at 44-40 after three quarters. Woodlan was able to hang on the in final period, getting 8 points from Shawn McGettigan and clutch free-throws to stop the Wayne Trace comeback attempt and post the win over the Raiders. McGettigan led Woodlan scoring with 20 points.

Score by the quarter:

Wayne Trace - 10 21 19

20=60

Woodlan - 21 14 9

20=64

Scorers of the game:

Wayne Trace - Gudakunst 14, C Spiece 5, Olwine 2, A Spiece 4, Linder 16, McClain 5, Kortokrac 4, Gerber 5, Wenzlick 5

Woodlan - McGettigan 20, Emenhiser 11, Hines 9, Bennett 10, Harris 9, Gerig 3, Whitlow 3

CHURUBUSCO PULLS AWAY FROM WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott

No matter what style of play Woodlan tried against Churubusco, the Eagles countered and pulled away with a 71-49 romp over the Warriors in boys' basketball at Woodlan. The Eagles used a patient, ball-controlled offense to take the early lead over Woodlan and led the home team 16-9 after the first period. When Woodlan tried to press the Eagles and play more up-tempo, Churubusco broke the press for easy shots from the front court players and extend their lead to 37-22 by the half. The Warriors tried to make runs to trim the lead in the second half, only to have the Eagles counter the run and extend their lead out to as many as 24 points in the half. Kadin Gerig came off the Woodlan bench and led the Warriors with 9 points, all coming on three point shots in the game. Tyler Arrowsmith, 6'8" center for the Eagles, had 21 points in the game.

Score by the quarter:

Churubusco - 16 21 21

13=71

Woodlan - 9 13 14 13=49

Scorers of the game:

Churubusco - C. Jones 10, Goepfrich 9, LeFever 17, Zumbrun 2, D. Jones 12, Arrowsmith 21

Woodlan - Emenhiser 6, Hines 8, Evans 2, Harris 6, McGettigan 7, Gerig 9, Paterson 4, Bennett 7

RAIDER WRESTLERS RUNNERS UP AT LCC

The Wayne Trace wrestling team traveled to LCC on the 30th of December to compete in the LCC Thunderbird Holiday Tournament. This tournament consisted of 16 teams traveling from as far as Cincinnati to compete. Being very competitive and loaded

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with talent, this tournament entered 41 district qualifiers and 13 state qualifiers.

Entering the tournament without the injured Zach Cotterman, one of the Raider's talented senior wrestlers, and with the increased talent in this tournament, the team knew it would be a long, hard fought day for the team trophy. "We thought we had a shot at the team title, but with Zach getting injured, we knew it would be really tough. I thought we really wrestled well today and just came up a little short. Some of the boys had some really big wins. Obviously with Zach in the lineup, today would have ended differently," stated coach Clemens.

Winning 10 matches in the first round and all of them coming by pin, the Raider team was off to a good start. Most of them would be facing district qualifiers in their respective pools before the end of the day. As the rounds continued, it became evident that Carey would be the team to contend with Wayne Trace for the team trophy. The Raiders continued to wrestle strong and handed several upsets to opponents as the tournament unfolded.

Wayne Trace chased Carey the entire day, distancing themselves from the Arcadia team and fighting each match to gain valuable points. They trailed by as many as forty points in the later rounds. It was made evident by coach Clemens that "every match was important, every wrestler needed to contribute, every point was critical." All wrestlers would contribute to the team points this day, but in the end, they would fall short. The entire gym was silenced as everyone knew the team race was tight, and then the much anticipated announcement came: team champion; Carey with 219 points, runner up; Wayne Trace with 216 points." The top 5 final team scores: 1st Carey 219, 2nd WT 216, 3rd Arcadia 164, 4th CHCA (Cincinnati) 161, and 5th LCC 149.

Contributing for the Raiders, but falling short of the podium was: Josh Reel 10th, Tim West 9th, Jacob Dingsus and Andy Norling 7th. All of these wrestlers were able to pick up wins and pins for the team score.

A total of ten Raiders would reach the podium. Six would be wrestling for placement spots and the other four would be fighting for the title of champion. Garnering 5th place for the team was Matt Baxter, Justin Pierce, Aaron

Harris, and Zaine Cotterman. Aaron Miller would finish in 4th and Tyler Arnett at 3rd.

Sawyer Temple would see his first action since having knee surgery and wrestled hard the entire day. Coming into the finals against the number one seeded opponent would prove too much on this day as Sawyer would go down by decision. Tyler Showalter would eliminate the number two and three seeds, both district qualifiers, before falling to a state qualifier in the finals. Both Showalter and Temple would be runners up.

Two phenomenal performances were delivered by the remaining two wrestlers. Dustin Taylor would overcome the top three seeds in the tournament and a district qualifier to remain perfect on the day. Taylor, seeded 4th, would dominate this tournament recording a tech fall and four pins. He would meet the district qualifier first and win with a pin. Then, a very stout wrestler from Arcadia would fall via a pin and Dustin would be crowned champion in the 106 pound weight class.

Coming into the tournament as the number one seed and with everyone looking to dethrone him, Kameran Clemens quietly went about his business. He methodically dismantled and pinned all three wrestlers in his pool. Next he would face two stout opponents, both district qualifiers to determine who would be champion. Kameran would dominate the first match and then, would be pushed in the second, but would prevail in the end. For the second time this year, not only would Clemens earn the honors of champion, but also would be voted on by the coaches as the most outstanding wrestler of the tournament. Both Clemens', coach and wrestler, were surprised by the coaches voting. "It is a huge honor to be voted most outstanding, and for him (Kameran) to earn this a second time this season is really impressive," stated coach Clemens.

Coach Clemens was quick to point out that the Raiders wrestled well today. "We lost some matches we probably should have won, left a few points out there, but overall, I am fairly satisfied with the wrestling. I think we are on track. Everyone is improving and we are where we want to be coming into the middle of the season. Our big tournaments and GMC's are left, and of course, the path to state is where it is really at."

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HOLGATE AT WAYNE TRACE



Wayne Trace boys took on Holgate at the Palace January 5. The Raiders had the lead up until the 3rd quarter and then fell behind for the balance of the game. The Tigers went home with the 33-27 win. Shown above is WT sophomore Devin Wenzlick scoring for the Raiders. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp took on Tinora at home Thursday, January 5. From the beginning the Archers couldn't gain the momentum needed to take the lead from the Rams. Tinora finished with a 38-57 win. Shown above is Antwerp junior Braeden Hormann scoring for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

RAIDER WRESTLING REMAINS UNDEFEATED

Wayne Trace traveled to Paulding on January 3rd to wrestle county rival Paulding and Spencerville in a tri-match. In the latest DIII state wrestling rankings, the Raiders find themselves ranked 6th as a team. Currently these wrestlers are ranked in the top 50 in the state: 32nd Dustin Taylor, 44th Matt Baxter, 20th Aaron Miller, 31st Tyler Showalter, 8th Kameran Clemens, 21st Zach Cotterman, 17th Sawyer Temple, 9th Tyler Arnett, 47th Justin Pierce, 36th Aaron Harris, and 34th Andy Norling. The team was undefeated entering this tri-match and had their sights set on maintaining their unblemished record.

The Spencerville Bearcats would be the first opponent. Zaine Cotterman would have a very exciting match during this dual and would eventually prevail with a score of 14-4. Kameran Clemens and Josh Reel would pin their opponents for wins. Aaron Harris would wrestle a hard fought match, but would come up short with a score of 10-7. Norling and Pierce would also suffer defeats this dual. At the end, the final score would find WT on top 58-21.

Next, WT would face the Paulding Panther wrestling team. The dual would see 12 head-to-head matches and WT would take nine of them. Dustin Taylor would tech fall a sectional placer and Baxter, Zaine Cotterman, Dingus, Temple, Arnett, Pierce, and Harris would all win via pin. Norling would lose by injury default and Reel would also drop his match. Aaron Miller would wrestle a very competitive match against Taylor Deatricks and would fall short losing 10-4. The team would prevail 59-21 and push their dual meet record to 11-0 for the year.

Following the tri-match coach Clemens was pleased with his wrestlers' efforts. "I felt that most of the matches we should have won, we did. We lost some close matches, lost to some quality opponents. We are still improving and need to, especially the younger wrestlers. It will take everyone to reach our goals at the end of the year," stated Clemens. Wayne Trace will return to action on Saturday, January 14th at the Woodlan Invitational.

PAULDING COMPETES IN TRIMATCH ON THE MATS

Paulding HS wrestlers met up with the wrestlers of Wayne Trace HS and Spencerville HS on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Wayne Trace dominated Paulding with a final team score: Wayne Trace 59, Paulding 21

Individual results:
 Taylor (WT) tech falled Salinas (P) 16-1
 Baxter (WT) pinned Mock (P)
 Cotterman (WT) pinned Foster (P)
 Deatricks (P) dec Miller (WT) 10-4
 Dingus (WT) pinned Hemker (P)
 Clemens (WT) won by void
 Cotterman (WT) won by void
 Nichols (P) pinned Reel (WT)
 Temple (WT) pinned Hahn (P)

Arnett (WT) pinned Deatricks (P)
 Pierce (WT) pinned Valdez (P)
 Harris (WT) pinned Mohr (P)
 Ash (P) won by void
 Jarell (P) won by injury default over Norling (WT)
 Paulding took a win as a team from Spencerville: Paulding 47, Spencerville 23
 Salinas (P) wins by void
 Mock (P) wins by void
 Deatricks (P) pinned Bockey (S)
 Bellows (S) dec Hemker (P) 10-2
 Sawmiller (S) wins by void
 Nichols (P) tech falled lunnz (S) 16-1
 Hahn (P) wins by void
 Jarell (P) wins by void
 Shumate (S) pinned Deatricks (P)
 Bellows (S) pinned Mohr (P)
 Ash (P) pinned Vandemark (S)
 Jarell (P) pinned Adams (S)

NAMI JANUARY MEETING "PAIN & STRESS OF PARENTING A CHILD W/MENTAL ILLNESS"

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16th. All meetings are open to the public.

Due to renovations at the Drop-In Center where the meetings are usually held, this month's meeting will be held at the Westwood Behavioral Health Center at 1158 Westwood Drive in Van Wert.

Topic for the evening has been changed to "Pain and Stress of Parenting a Child With Mental Illness".

Mental illness impacts the lives of at least one in four adults and one in 10 children or sixty million Americans.

NAMI works to eradicate the stigma of mental illness through education and support. Ohio has 50 affiliates reaching out to those in need. Telephone service is available 24/7 in the local community and may be reached at 800-541-6264 or 419-238-2413.

Time For An "Electronic Media Time-out"

by Father Steven E. Boes (NAPSA)—While stopped at a red light the other day, I glanced in my rearview mirror. In the car behind me, the mom (and driver) was talking on her cell phone while her teenage daughter sat in the passenger seat. I wondered what that young girl might have shared with her mom if mom had just put down the phone.



Father Boes

While we worry that electronic media is overtaking our kids' lives, more and more adults seem to be too locked in to their phone and computer screens to notice that it's happening to them as well. The result is that modern media is stealing away face-to-face time between parents and their children, fracturing these most important relationships.

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Laura Buddenberg, Boys Town author and family expert, has some great advice on how parents can make these changes and bring their family back together. I encourage you to watch her "At Home With Kids" video presentation, "Texts, Tweets and TV: How Much Is Too Much?" and learn what you can do to create more family time while balancing the use of electronic media in your home. For parenting tips, go to www.parenting.org.

• Father Boes is president and national executive director of Boys Town, which has been saving children and healing families for more than 90 years. He offers more good advice at www.boystown.org.



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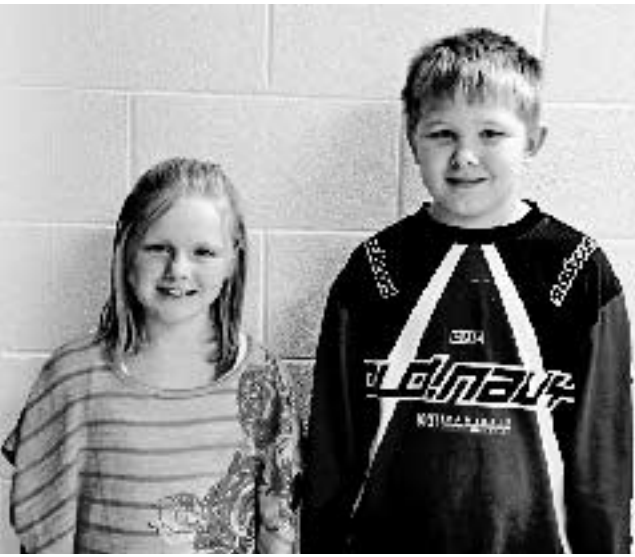
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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY RECYCLING PROGRAM POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Pictured here (l-r) are Samantha Wagner and Michael Humphreys.

Oakwood Elementary fourth grade students entered the poster contest through the local Recycling Program. Samantha Wagner's poster was selected as a billboard winner and is on the billboard on

Route 613 heading west out of Oakwood. She also received a check for \$50.00. Michael Humphreys' poster was selected as the school winner and he received a check for \$25.00.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND NINE WEEKS 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

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Mrs. Pier 5B:

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BROWN BETTYS AND BUSTER BROWN 4-H CLUB MEETING NOTES

The Brown Bettys and Buster Brown 4-H Club held a meeting December 28, 2011 at the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood.

The pledge to the American flag was led by Aiden Miller and Sadie Estle. The 4-H pledge was led by Koby Foor and Jalynn Parrett. Twenty-one members answered the roll call.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. 2011 pins and certificates were passed out to the members.

Officers for the 2012 year are: President, Katie Carnahan; Vice-President, Molly Meeker; Secretary, Estee Miller; Treasurer, Ellie Miller; News Reporter, Jordyn Merriman; Recreation and Social Leaders, Madison Parrett, Aaron Horstman, Sadie Estle, Justin Carnahan, Cole Parrett, Jalynn Parrett and Kennedy Foor.

Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2012 at the Cooper Community Library.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/18 THROUGH 1/24

MS/HS - Breakfast:

- 1/18 - Egg, sausage & cheese muffin, juice, milk
- 1/19 - Eggs (scrambled) & ham, biscuit, juice, milk
- 1/20 - Gravy (sausage) w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 1/23 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 1/24 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:

- 1/18 - Walking taco w/ salsa & sour cream or Potato bar, bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/19 - Pasta w/meat sauce, garlic toast or Honey mustard tenders, roll, caesar salad, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/20 - Oven potatoes, cheeseburger w/bun, or Big daddy pizza slice, italian blend vegetables, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/23 - Stuffed crust pizza, seasoned corn or Salad bar w/bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/24 - Salad (oriental chicken), eggroll or Sandwich, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:
 - 1/18 - Pancake wrap, juice, milk
 - 1/19 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
 - 1/20 - Cereal bar, crackers, applesauce, milk
 - 1/23 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
 - 1/24 - Muffin, string cheese, cracker, juice, milk
- Lunch:
 - 1/18 - Breaded chicken w/ bun, carrots, fruit cup, milk
 - 1/19 - Cheezy bread stick w/marinara sauce, peas, fruit cup, milk
 - 1/20 - Sloppy joe scoops, tator tots, fruit cup, milk
 - 1/23 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk
 - 1/24 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
- Breakfast:
 - 1/18 - Rainbow yogurt, crackers, juice, milk
 - 1/19 - Breakfast burrito,

juice, milk

- 1/20 - Assorted cereals, crackers, fruit, milk
 - 1/23 - Whole grain cinnamon roll, juice, milk
 - 1/24 - Biscuit w/sausage patty, juice, milk
- Oakwood Elementary
- Lunch:
 - 1/18 - Chicken fajita, corn, fruit, milk
 - 1/19 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, bread, fruit, milk
 - 1/20 - Taco in a bag, lettuce/cheese, fruit, milk
 - 1/23 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 - 1/24 - Sloppy joe w/bun, corn, potato chips, fruit, milk
- Menus are subject to change.

SCRAPBOOK GATHERING COMING TO COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

An Oakwood Scrapbook Gathering will be held February 3-5, in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The event will start Friday, February 3 at 5:00-10:00 p.m.; continue on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will finish up on Sunday, February 5, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share and all their own materials to work on their projects. What a fun way to see

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Pictured (l-r) are Ian Vogel and Wyatt Stabler.

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary held the Annual Spelling Bee this month. Ian Vogel, son of Nikia Vogel of Payne and James Vogel, was our champion. Ian is a 6th grader. Our runner-up is

Wyatt Stabler of Payne. He is the son of Andy and Kenji Stabler and is a 5th grader. Ian will go on to participate in the Paulding County Spelling Bee in February.

what new things people are doing in the area of scrapbooking! This event is open to all but we request children be at least in 6th grade and

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/14/11

This 14th 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 183772 through 184012 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:
Suzanne Shuman Rister, New Judges' Orientation, Dublin OH - December 12-16, 2011

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on December 5, 2011, Warrant numbers 183652 through 183730 in the amount of \$151,185.98; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allow-

ance of Claims on December 7, 2011, Warrant numbers 183740 through 183771 in the amount of \$75,159.86; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE YEAR 2012:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the County Courthouse Holiday Schedule for 2012 recommended by Judge John DeMuth, Probate Court, as follows:

January 2, 2012 Monday, New Years Day
January 16, 2012, Monday, Martin Luther King Day
February 20, 2012, Monday, Presidents' Day
April 6, 2012, Friday, Good Friday (close at noon)
May 28, 2012, Monday, Memorial Day
July 4, 2012, Wednesday, Independence Day
September 3, 2012, Monday, Labor Day
October 8, 2012, Monday, Columbus Day
November 12, 2012, Monday, Veterans' Day
November 22 & 23, 2012, Thursday/Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24 & 25, 2012, Monday/Tuesday, Christmas Holiday

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR CLEANING THE COURTHOUSE AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICES:

The 8th day of December, 2010, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of gen-

eral circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received for cleaning the courthouse and other offices, with specifications on file in the Board of County Commissioners' Office. This 14th day of December, the bids were open:

Vernon Killion, 9881 Road 180, Paulding, OH 45879 - \$1,960.00/month

Jim's Handyman Service, LLC., 750 Woodring Avenue, Paulding, OH 45879 - \$28,000.00/year

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the cleaning of the courthouse and other offices to Vernon Killion at the monthly rate bid by him of \$1,960.00/month, said agreement effective immediately.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following:

FROM: Pay-In #92540
TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects
AMOUNT: \$27,679.17

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 014):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 014 - Board of DD, 014-001-00038/Stimulus-FMAP, \$7,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 076):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 076 - LEPC Fund, 076-001-00012/Admin/Cont, \$8,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2011 Annual Appropriation and hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds:

Fund 134 - County Court Special Funds, 134-001-00001/Other Expenses, \$7,000.00

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: 001-002-00002/General Fund/County Auditor/Salaries-Employees
TO: 001-002-00007/General Fund/County Auditor/Advertising/Printing
AMOUNT: \$288.84

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-004):

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

FROM: 001-004-00005/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Allowances
TO: 001-004-00002/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Salaries-Employees
AMOUNT: \$603.74

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-004):

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

FROM: 001-004-00008/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Workers' Compensation
TO: 001-004-00005/General Fund/County Prosecutor/Allowances
AMOUNT: \$456.64

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

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

FROM: 001-031-99997/General Fund/Commissioners' Misc/Note (unvoted jail note)
TO: 001-014-00018/General Fund/County Court/Indigent Defense
AMOUNT: \$3,372.57

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

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

FROM: 002-001-00007/Dog & Kennel/Other Expense
TO: 002-001-00003/Dog & Kennel/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$730.00

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

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

FROM: 007-001-00015/Public Assistance/Salaries
TO: 007-001-00002/Public Assistance/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$3,000.00

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

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

FROM: 007-001-00015/Public Assistance/Salaries
TO: 007-001-00014/Public Assistance/Other
AMOUNT: \$3,000.00

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

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

FROM: 009-001-00015/Engineer-Gas Tax/Other Expenses
TO: 009-001-00015/Engineer-Gas Tax/Other Expenses
AMOUNT: \$40,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2011 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032):

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

FROM: 032-001-00007/Certificate of Title/Travel
TO: 032-001-00003/Certificate of Title/Supplies
AMOUNT: \$500.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 11:01 a.m. with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

At 11:30 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU Radio Station - The Commissioners discussed the CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) Winter Conference they attended on December 11, 12, and 13. Commissioner Zartman attended the session on Solid Waste.

He reported Paulding County is currently a part of a four-county consortium. There are currently 55 solid waste districts in Ohio. All districts comply with Ohio EPA rules and regulations and must also meet their recycling criteria. The OEPA's current recycling base is currently 35% and our district meets that base.

Mr. Zartman noted the OEPA is currently considering reducing the solid waste districts from 55 in the state to only 5. An increase in consumer fees is anticipated if this occurs.

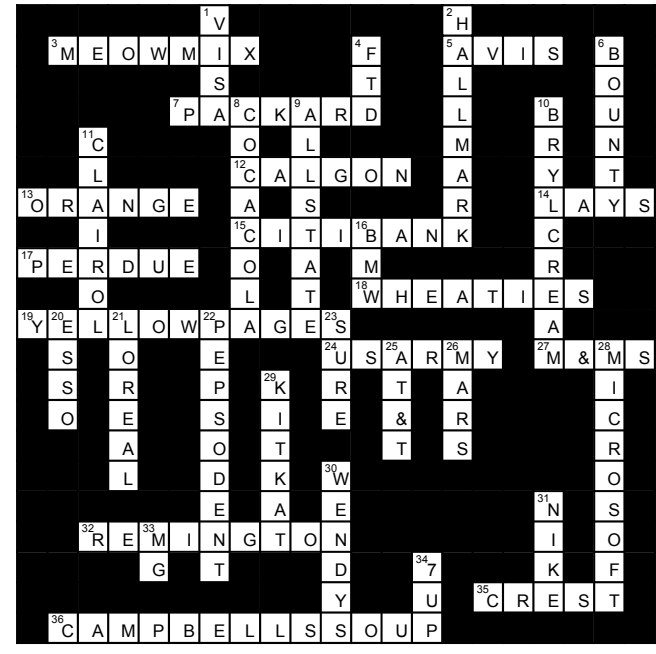
Commissioner Burkley reported on the session he attended on new sentencing guidelines for judges and the impact they may have on the county and state level. The pre-sentencing investigation process will become more crucial as it assists the judges in determining the sentencing. The judges' goal is to consider the charges and attempt to balance the sentencing in an effort to assist the offender in meeting their obligations. Judges also consider the burden on family members, counties, and the state to house the offender.

For offenders who are gainfully employed, house arrests with work releases may be an option. A daily fee is charged to inmates who are able to pay, although recoupment doesn't come close to the cost incurred to house them.

Commissioner Pieper attended the Bureau of Workers' Compensation session. He reported BWC rates are going down slightly. Proper training, education, and safety awareness may be contributing to fewer claims. Mr. Pieper also attended the session addressing social media and office policies for employees. This session focused on employees' use of facebook, Myspace, tweets, you-tube, twitters, etc. Cell phone use on and off the clock was also discussed.

Mr. Zartman noted the courthouse employees on the main floor are sponsoring a 'walking' lunch today with any donations going to the Relay for Life.

The answers to "Ad Slogans"



Fireplace Inserts Save Energy And Money

(NAPSA)—Here's an idea many homeowners may greet warmly: keeping hot air inside when it's cold out.

In many houses, the problem—surprisingly—comes from something you'd think would keep you warm: traditional open-masonry fireplaces. They just aren't very efficient. Every minute they burn, these fireplaces can exhaust as much as 300 cubic feet of heated indoor air outside your home, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. That's 18,000 cubic feet of heated air lost per hour.

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WHEN SHOULD YOU START TAKING SOCIAL SECURITY



Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

If you're of a certain age, the new year means you're that much closer to a day you may have anticipated with a combination of humor and resignation—specifically, the day you're eligible for Social Security. But just because you can take Social Security, it doesn't mean you must take it. So, should you?

Before we get to that question, let's review the basic rules governing Social Security payments. You can typically start collecting benefits at age 62, but you'll get only about 75% of what you'd receive if you waited until your "full" retirement age, which varies according to your birth year but is most likely 66. You'll get even bigger monthly checks if you delay collecting them until you're past 66, and you'll "max out" on your payments once you reach 70.

So, the question boils down to this: Should you start collecting Social Security early — thereby receiving smaller, but more numerous, checks — or later, when your checks will be bigger but fewer?

If you really need the money once you reach 62, you've already got your answer. But if you could potentially afford to wait, we recommend you view your decision through a LENS:

****L:** Your projected lifespan — You can't see into the future, but given your family history and general health, you can make an educated guess about your projected

longevity. If you're fairly confident that, once you reach 66, you've still got another two or more decades in front of you, you may want to consider delaying taking Social Security past age 62.

****E:** Your employment status — If you're under full retirement age — between 62 and 66 — then for every two dollars you earn over \$14,640 (in 2012), you'll lose one dollar in Social Security benefits. In the months before you reach your full retirement age, for every three dollars you earn over \$38,880 (again, for 2012), you'll lose one dollar in benefits. But starting in the month you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing any benefits.

****N:** Your need, including your other sources of retirement income — If you have a pension, or you've built substantial resources in your IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you can support your income needs with modest withdrawals from these accounts, you might decide it's worthwhile to delay taking Social Security to maximize your benefits. Remember that regardless of your Social Security decision, you typically would have to pay a 10% early withdrawal penalty if you started taking withdrawals from these accounts before you reach age 59½.

****S:** Your spouse/marital status — If you're single, you basically just need to think of yourself when making this decision. But it's a different story if you're married. If you die first, your spouse can keep receiving his or her own Social Security benefit or receive yours — whichever is larger. Consequently, you and your spouse will want to coordinate when you take Social Security benefits so that you can maximize the benefit for the spouse likeliest to live longer.

The choice of when to start taking Social Security can affect your lifestyle throughout your retirement years — so weigh all the factors and make the choice that's right for you.

UPDATED LONG-RANGE FORECAST

By: Josh Steiner

Now for the long-range update that I have been promising. Right now, in the Central Pacific, a raging La Nina is underway, with the Nino 3.4 region experiencing values near -1.1 degrees Celsius (note: these values are anomalies; actual temperatures in this region are near 70 degrees Fahrenheit.). Over the last few weeks, this area of below normal sea surface temperatures has spread westward, causing a basin-wide La Nina. This is what we had last winter, which means we should start seeing that same weather pattern again. One thing that has surprised many meteorologists is the fact that the SOI values have really dropped, even though the La Nina has in fact strengthened. SOI stands for Southern Oscillation Index. When the index is positive, a La Nina is underway, because the pressure difference between Tahiti and Darwin, Australia is positive. When the index is negative, an El Nino is indicated. If these negative values continue for a lot longer time, expect the La Nina to weaken significantly, and in fact reverse to an El Nino by the middle of March or April. This would cause a lot less precipitation over the area, which is really bad news for snow lovers in the Ohio Valley.

Right now, this scenario does not look at all likely, mainly because these negative values may be because of the westward expansion of colder than normal waters in the equatorial Pacific. In fact the most likely scenario right now is that the La Nina may be strengthened a bit before the end of January, before beginning a gradual weakening trend. The CFS climate model is forecasting the continued strengthening of a moderate La Nina to a strong La Nina, with the La Nina becoming stronger after July. This would mean, a very snowy end to winter, even if temperatures are above normal (not taking into account the pattern change). On the other hand, the CFSv2 model (an enhanced version of the CFS model) is forecasting the La Nina to remain steady or slightly strengthen before the end of January, and then it is forecasting a rapid weakening of the La Nina, becoming neutral by May and becoming an El Nino by July or August.

The most likely forecast is a combination of these models' forecasts. This will cause continued above normal precipitation and snowfall. Another factor that I am taking into account is the teleconnections, which affect the position of the jet stream. The NAO, North Atlantic Oscillation, is an index measuring the difference between observed sea level pressure between the Azores and Iceland. When it is positive, a strong low pressure center is positioned over Iceland, when it is negative, high pressure is located over Iceland. The positive phase tends to bring warmer than normal conditions to North America and Europe, while the negative phase tends to bring widespread cold and snowy conditions to North America and Europe. Ensemble forecasts have the NAO becoming negative especially after January 16th. This will finally allow winter to return

to the United States. The next teleconnection, which is very closely related to the NAO, is the Arctic Oscillation or AO. When it is in a positive phase, stratospheric temperatures become very cold over the Arctic, while in the negative phase stratospheric temperatures become much above normal. When it is in its negative phase, cold, Arctic air is pushed southward out of the Arctic, causing brutal winters over the United States and Europe. When it is positive, warm air dominates both continents, as a strong low pressure system dominates the Arctic, keeping the arctic air "locked up". Ensemble forecasts show general agreement that the AO will go strongly negative by about January 16th, with the lowest values since December 2010 showing up. This will finally allow winter to return to the

Upcoming
WEATHER
Forecast

Wed, Jan 11 – Partly Cloudy
Hi 51° – Low 33°

Thu, Jan 12 – Cloudy & Wind
Hi 33° – Low 15°

Fri, Jan 13 – Partly Cloudy
Hi 20° – Low 19°

Sat, Jan 14 – Cloudy
Hi 27° – Low 18°

Sun, Jan 15 – Few Snow Showers
Hi 24° – Low 18°

Mon, Jan 16 – Mostly Cloudy
Hi 28° – Low 28°

Tue, Jan 17 – Showers
Hi 36° – Low 25°

United States, with several snowstorms possibly in our area after the mid-month. In fact, we could see some hefty snowstorms by February. But for now, expect to be in a transition phase, with a more turbulent pattern.

One sign that shows this might actually be happening is the fact that a Significant Stratospheric Warming event is occurring, which is the tell-tale sign of the weakening of the Polar Vortex, a major factor that has kept cold air out of the area throughout most of the winter. In the lower stratosphere, over the past few weeks, temperatures have warmed from much below normal back in mid-December, to well above normal in only a few day's time. When significant warming in the stratosphere occurs above the Arctic, a disruption of the powerful polar vortex occurs. The polar vortex is just the meteorological term for the very center of the brutal arctic air. If this happens, the cold, arctic can finally come rushing out of Canada, and stay in the United States. Even though significant warming has occurred, the atmosphere usually takes a couple of weeks to respond to this burst of warm air. Therefore, we should be seeing the longer outbreaks of Arctic air into the air by the middle or end of January, and continuing shots of arctic air into February and early March. This will be something I will continue to monitor. As an example, next week, a powerful cold front (just about as powerful as last Sunday's) will push through the area, dropping temperatures from the lower 50's to the lower and mid 20's by Friday of this week, with heavy lake effect snow returning. This cold air will likely retreat after a several days, but there will not be as much warming as with the last time. In fact, the Climate

Prediction Center is forecasting that a large trough will dominate the country for the rest of the month, leading to frequent arctic outbreaks and rather stormy weather to persist across the Ohio Valley. This may bring our first real snowstorms by the end of January.

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

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/19/11

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on December 19, 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 and Administrator Wiebe were also present.

Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of the December 5th Council meeting, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Rife presented the Committee of the Whole's December 7th report. The Committee had met with Julie Ward of RCAP to discuss funding for the EPA Mandated CSO (Combined Sewage Overflow) project (total estimated project cost \$12.3 million). Rife noted the Village failed to qualify for funding through the "Principle Forgiveness Program" because it did not meet the minimum requirements, but the Village has qualified for a 1% – 20 year loan through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). Rife relayed that due to the lack of principle forgiveness, residents should prepare for a potential \$5-8 per month per residential unit increase in 2012. Wiebe noted there may also be additional increases for operation and maintenance of the sewer system. Rife encouraged citizens to express their concerns to their state representatives regarding the financial burden these unfunded mandates costs small entities and their residents. Daeger then added that the Village has requested the Ohio EPA reevaluate the project after the completion of each phase in the hopes the next phase will not be neces-

sary, but the Ohio EPA will not consider this idea. Wiebe noted the Village continues to work organizations such as MRBPLG and TMACOG in the hopes of bringing awareness and change to the powers the Ohio EPA has over local entities.

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 third time. Sutton motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

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 third time. Sutton motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned to approve Tope's request to move \$40,000 from the Income Tax fund (#102) to the Police fund (#102), seconded by Guelde. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe presented Council with a copy of the comment letter sent to the Ohio EPA regarding the draft Management Plan for the WPCLF PY2012.

Wiebe also requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda which included a copy of Change Order #1 (decrease of \$12,291.91) for the 2011 Street Resurfacing Project. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Trausch. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also thanked Council woman Kim Sutton for her five (5) years of service to the Village Council, and wished her the best in her future endeavors. Sutton noted it has been an incredible experience, and thanked Administrator Wiebe and Mayor White for all they do for the community.

Solicitor Jones swore in Councilmen Tom Diaz and Roger Sierer, and Mayor Greg White.

The following committee meetings were scheduled:

Village Council – Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

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 1/19 - Egg/cheese omelet, hashbrowns, juice, milk
 1/20 - Turnover, juice, milk
 1/23 - Pizza, juice, milk
 1/24 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 1/18 - Soft taco w/meat, cheese, lettuce/salsa, corn, fruit, milk
 1/19 - French toast sticks, sausage links, hashbrowns, 100% juice, milk
 1/20 - Mini corn dogs, tator tots, fruit, milk
 1/23 - Hot dog w/bun, macaroni & cheese, fruit
 1/24 - Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter sandwich, carrot stick w/dip, fruit, milk
Menus are subject to change.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR 1/18 THROUGH 1/24

1/18 - Breaded chicken on bun or Burrito, baked beans, cherries, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Chicken salad cup
 1/19 - French toast sticks or Broccoli w/cheese & rice, hash browns, OJ, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup
 1/20 - Stromboli or Egg salad sandwich, coleslaw, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Cook's choice
 1/23 - Hamburger or Spicy chicken on bun, sweet potato fries, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Egg salad w/crackers
 1/24 - Chicken fajita or Polish sausage on bun, corn, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar or Pudding cup
Menus are subject to change.

College Degree Required For Sixty Percent Of U.S. Jobs By 2018

Four Factors To Consider When Contemplating An Online Degree

(NAPSA)—As a new year begins, we often evaluate our lives—where we are and where we'd like to be. It's no surprise that many Americans are making education a priority as they set their personal goals for 2012.

"The unemployment rate for people who have never gone to college is more than double what it is for those who have gone to college," says Dr. Mary Hawkins, president of Bellevue University. "And during the next 10 years, nearly eight in 10 new jobs will require workforce training or a higher education. These statistics make it clear that completing some form of higher education is the best tool to meet the challenges of a 21st century economy."

If you're considering going back to school, chances are you've wondered about online learning. Is it legit? Will I get the same quality education I would in a classroom? Will my degree be as respected as much as it would if I attended in person? The answer is, surprisingly, the same as with a traditional, in-class situation—there are varying levels of online degrees and you must do your research to find the best one for you.

Here are four factors you should consider if you're contemplating getting your degree online:

1. Just as with an in-class program, you want to make sure the institution you attend is regionally accredited. This designation is an indicator that the institution voluntarily reports on the quality of its programs and submits to assessment to ensure quality offerings.

2. Determine whether or not you must be online at a particular time each week; if you can enter the virtual classroom when it is most convenient for you. Based on your lifestyle, decide which of

these formats will best set you up for success. Maybe you have a hectic, unpredictable schedule and you need to do the work when you can fit it in. Or perhaps you are the kind of person who benefits most from a set time each week to attend class.

3. Online learning is still relatively young in higher education. Some institutions, like Bellevue University, have been offering online degree programs since the mid-'90s. It is important to make sure the school you choose has had time to optimize its online offerings.

4. Ask if the entire degree program is offered online or if it is just one component of the larger program. Some universities require both online and in-class participation within the same program. If you are interested in this type of blended program, make sure you ask how much content is delivered online and how much is delivered in class so that you can plan how you are going to fit the components into your life.

Lastly, please know that when you reach your goal, your degree will not indicate whether you studied online or in class. You don't need to worry about perceptions from those who still doubt online learning. What's most important is determining if earning your degree can get you to where you want to go and if online learning is the best way to fit getting a degree into your already busy life.

RECIPES FROM A GREAT-GRANDMA

By: Sue Knapp
 Well, it's cold and comfort food is in full swing. We all knew it would come to this.

This recipe is neat because it is definitely comfort food and you can put it in the oven before going shopping and it will be done in time for supper. Yes, we still must shop.

This recipe was given out at a ladies retreat and your man will think you've been slaving all day in the kitchen.

Oven Stew
 2 lb. stew meat, cut in chunks
 6 potatoes, cubed
 6 carrots, sliced or bag of baby carrots (love those baby carrots)
 2 onions, peeled & diced
 8 oz. mushrooms
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PAULDING COUNTY COURT'S YEAR END COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Paulding County Court has announced its year-end report on the Court's Community Service Program. Community Service is ordered by Judge Suzanne Shuman Rister and administered and supervised by Chief Probation Officer Jamie L. Hughes at the Court's Probation Department.

In 2011, community service workers logged 1461.5 hours. Figured at minimum wage of \$7.40, this equals \$10,815.10 worth of worked performed for the benefit of the community. Any non-profit or governmental agency who wishes to receive further information on the community service program can contact the Paulding County Court Probation Department at 419-399-3016.

Agencies that benefited from the program in 2011 include:

- Auglaize Township, Brown Township, Caring & Sharing Food Pantry, First Church of God, First United Methodist Church, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Goodwill Industries, Grover Hill Fire Dept., Grover Hill Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, House of Love Ministries, Jackson Township, John Paulding Days, John Paulding Historical Society, Moose Lodge 1320, Paulding Chamber of Commerce, Paulding County Library, Paulding County Senior Center, Paulding County Sheriff's Dept., Payne Activity Planning Committee, Payne Food Bank, Relay For Life, Sherwood Open Bible Church, St. John Lutheran Church, T.G.I.F., Van Wert Welfare Office, Village of Antwerp, Village of Hicksville, Village of Melrose, Village of Paulding, Village of Payne, Village of Payne Water Department, Wayne Trace Wrestling, W.O.R.T.H Center.

MEADOWS OF KALIDA TO HOST MEMORY CARE SUPPORT GROUP

The Meadows of Kalida will be hosting their monthly Memory Care Support

Group meeting on Jan 25, 2012 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. This group is offered to any of our family members or outside community members going through the dementia journey with a loved one. RSVP to Cindy by January 24th at 419-532-2961. Refreshments will be served.

GIRLS' NIGHT ONLY 2012 AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Girls' Night Only 2012, Friday, January 20th at the Cooper Community Branch Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Food, Karaoke, Wii, Funky Photos, and fun with your friends. Theme for the event is "Decades!" Come dressed for your favorite decade of fashion if you like. All girls in grades 6th through high school are invited. Pre-registration is required by calling the branch (419-594-3337). Space is limited. This event is sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board.

PAULDING BOY SCOUTS TO HOST PANCAKE/SAUSAGE SUPPER

The Paulding Boy Scout Troop 315, will host a pancake and sausage supper at the Paulding VFW on Saturday January 14th. The supper will begin at 4:30 p.m. and go to 7:00 p.m. This is a free will donation meal.

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ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

For the first time, online pre-registration with a credit card is available for private pesticide applicators planning to attend training for their recertification credit. About one-half of the counties in Ohio are participating in this pilot, including Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, and Van Wert counties. The pilot offers both convenient online and mail-in pre-registration for applicators.

Private pesticide applicators can visit the Pesticide Safety Education Program web site at <http://pested.osu.edu/privaterecert.html> to review over 90 training opportunities across the state of Ohio for private applicators to receive their recertification training. Applicators can click on their local area to see a listing of available training meetings and if the online pre-registration option is available.

Pre-registration is highly recommended for any pesticide recertification training as space may be limited and walk-in fees may be higher. There is a charge for the meetings. Funds from pesticide applicator training will be used to support local OSU Extension programs for agriculture. OSU Extension provides research-based, unbiased solutions for issues facing local farmers.

The pesticide recertification meeting will be conducted by OSU Extension educators. Topics include new technologies to address pesticide resistance, drift management and invasive species. Applicators will learn more about effective pesticide management to enhance crop productivity while protecting themselves, the public and environment.

Online registration will be available at <http://pested.osu.edu> or look for a registration form in your mailbox soon. For information about pesticide recertification training, visit <http://pested.osu.edu/privaterecert.html> or contact your local OSU Extension office.



Collecting And Storing Family Memories

(NAPSA)—From snapping photos to making scrapbooks or shooting home movies, parents have long been the curators of family memories.

Today, those memories are more likely to be preserved digitally, saved on our computers and shared via social networks. Collecting memories online makes it easier to share them with family far and near, especially if you keep in mind a few simple rules of thumb.

Here are a few tips to help you get started:

Scan to save. Don't forget to scan in documents, such as relevant newspaper clips, great report cards and awards that might otherwise fade and become fragile.

Celebrate the everyday. Don't just document special events such as weddings or birthday parties. Snapshots of everyday life are likely to be treasured years later.

Add action. Mix up memories in photograph form and video.

Choose a computer that makes it easy. When you shop for a new computer, choose one with a red VISION Technology sticker from AMD. Computers with this technology offer better tools for transforming photos and videos into memories that last a lifetime. All-day battery life means easy editing and photo sharing on the go, crystal-clear HD visuals so pictures and videos

look more lifelike, and smooth video playback so finished home movies can be viewed and shared with loved ones.

When looking for a PC:

•Speed counts: Lack of time holds most people back from doing more with their photos. When you choose a PC with a supercomputing processor such as AMD's VISION Engine, your computer will have the horsepower needed to upload and edit photos and videos quickly.

•Focus on the graphics: Home videos and digital photographs look richer and more vivid, and editing is a breeze if you have a computer with super-sharp graphics capabilities.

•Smooth out those shaky home movies: Video-editing software, such as vReveal, allows you to easily organize, fix, edit and share your videos. You can edit videos taken from a smartphone, tablet or video camera to brilliant HD quality with a single click, create panoramic photos from your video, and save in a mobile-friendly format for easy sharing on the go.

•Battery life: If you're planning to upload photos or share a video with mom while you're away from home, choose a machine with long battery life, such as the HP dv6 with AMD AllDay Power, which lasts up to 10.5 hours.

For more information, visit www.AMD.com/us/vision.

LOCAL GIRL DONATES HAIR



Lora Williams (left) at Salon 206 with Melanie and her donation to Pantene Beautiful Lengths.

Melanie Wann, age 9, of rural Antwerp had ten inches cut off of her hair by Lora Williams at Salon 206 in Defiance. Melanie donated her locks to Pantene Beautiful Lengths.

Beautiful Lengths is a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society, the largest nonprofit health organization committed to saving lives from every cancer, in every community, and improving the quality of life for people facing the disease. The role of Pantene is to help women grow long, strong, beautiful hair and provide the funds to turn this hair into free, real-hair wigs for women with cancer. So far, Pantene has donated 18,000 free real-hair wigs to the American Cancer Society's wig banks which distribute wigs to cancer patients across the country. They're currently the country's largest donor of real-hair wigs through the American Cancer Society. Because real-hair wigs are expensive, and many women with cancer can't afford them, demand for these wigs is high. Pantene can only

create as many wigs as donations, so the donor's part is critical to improving the lives of as many women as possible. To see eligibility to receive a free wig or if there are wigs available in your area, please call the American Cancer Society's Wig Bank Line at 1-877-227-1596.

Thanks to people like Melanie, Beautiful Lengths has collected over 272,113 ponytails — to date, a number that's growing every week. Since Pantene started the Beautiful Lengths program back in July 2006, they have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. Every year, they receive page after page with messages of hope and gratitude, of love and of loss. Pantene receives boxes of photos of women, children, and even men holding their ponytails, sporting a new short style, with notes attached in memory of their loved ones. These photos, letters and cards are moving and inspiring in the purest way.

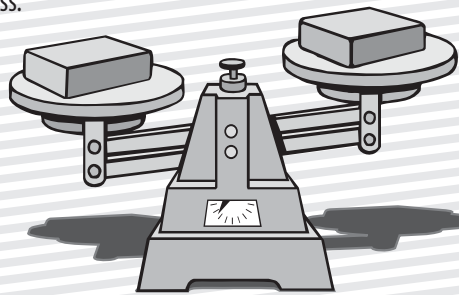
caption: Lora Williams (left) at Salon 206 with Melanie and her donation to Pantene Beautiful Lengths.

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Vacation Rentals On The Rise—Book Smart

(NAPSA)—Vacation rentals are gaining in popularity among Americans looking to spend quality time with family and friends. That popularity is due in part to the growing number of properties available online, as well as the many advantages this type of lodging offers.

From abundant space and privacy to convenient home amenities such as a washer/dryer and fully equipped kitchens, vacation rentals appeal to the practical-minded traveler. Vacation rentals also offer a more authentic way to experience a destination, and some include such extras as cleaning services and golf course access. Reaching beyond the traditional home or condo offerings, a number of vacation rental companies even feature castles, houseboats and cottages.

For budget-conscious travelers, vacation rentals also provide excellent value, with pricing often lower than other lodging options. But it is important to ask yourself a few questions before booking a vacation rental online:

1. Who do I book with? Book a vacation rental directly with the owner through a listing service site or by opting for a professionally managed rental service that acts on behalf of a rental's owner. For added security, use a professionally managed rental service that's backed by a global hospitality brand like Wyndham Vacation Rentals, which owns trusted brands such as ResortQuest, Hoseasons and The Resort Company. With these businesses, you get globally recognized customer service, clearly outlined quality and safety standards applied to each rental, and a local presence



Vacation rentals provide excellent value for budget-minded travelers.

well acquainted with the area.

2. Who do you call if there's a problem? There should be customer service representatives who speak your native language and can dispatch a local team for on-site repair assistance in a timely manner if needed. Look for the terms "professionally managed" or "full-service" when doing your search.

3. Is what I see what I get? Professionally managed vacation rental companies consistently provide updated and accurate rental pictures and descriptions, which is not always the case with listing services. If you decide to book with an individual property owner through a listing service, be sure to check recent feedback from previous guests.

4. Can you book in real time? Booking with a renowned hospitality brand allows you to enjoy secure booking along with competitive, real-time rates within the destination, which avoids haggling with the owner.

Now that you have a better idea of what to look for—and how to safeguard your peace of mind—enjoy your vacation rental booking experience. For more information, visit www.wyndhamrentals.com.



(NAPSA)—Scientists are seeking volunteers ages 55 to 90 to participate in an Alzheimer's disease study. To volunteer or learn more, call the National Institute on Aging's Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center at (800) 438-4380 or visit www.adni-info.org.



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