

FANTASTIC CROWD FOR FANTASTIC FALL FESTIVAL



The Flat Rock Creek Festival had perfect weather for the events and a great time. 2012 was one of the best years ever for the annual event of fun, food, shopping, music and what-ever else piques your interest.

Shown above is Spittin' Image is identical twins Blain and Brian Swabb, a musical/comedy duo. Professional entertainers since 1972. They donned the old-fashioned stage at the Flat Rock Creek Festival all three days this past weekend. Little Kendall and Cameron joined them for a song on Sunday afternoon. Other performers filling the air with their songs on Sunday were the Stockdale Family Band with some bluegrass tunes and Bard & Smith with their harmonica and guitar, and Mr. Bojangles on his mandolin. For more pictures from Flat Rock Creek Festival visit www.westbendnews.net

ANNUAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT IN MEMORY OF FORMER BOARD PRESIDENT

Registrations are open for the 4th Annual Mark Stoller Hog Run which will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Proceeds from the event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County in memory of Mark Stoller, a former Board President. Stoller was a committed family and business man who faithfully served Habitat for Humanity and other local organizations prior to his death in 2007. "He saw a great need within his community and was passionate about helping to provide housing for those in need," said Steffenie Merrill, Stoller's daughter. "He cared deeply and provided assistance to them before and after their houses were finished."

Pre-registration for the event runs until October 1, 2012. Events include a 10k or 5k race or a 2 mile walk or bike. Children, strollers and pets are welcome. The community is encouraged to attend as there will be activities for kids and a free community hog roast from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration and sponsorship information is available at www.markstollerhogrun.com. Donations are accepted online or in person the day of the event.

WOODBURN'S FIREWORKS & FALL FUN WILL SOON BE HERE!

There is excitement in the air as Woodburn plans its first Fall Fest. The festival will take place on Saturday, October 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending with a super fireworks display at dusk. There will be food, games galore, baked apple pie contest, Trick or Treat Safety program, Canine dog show, and fabulous musical entertainment. Kids will want to show their decorating skills by decorating a pumpkin and bringing it to the park for the decorated pumpkin contest. Bring your chair and plan on enjoying an evening of family fun. Call Cyndi Keller at Ladybugs Floral (260-632-5800) with any questions or if you would like to help. (Rain date for the fireworks is Sunday.)

CURVES CELEBRATES 4th ANNUAL "NOT FOR SISSIES DAY"



The local Curves facility located at 102 Lincoln Highway West in the Delmart Plaza, New Haven, will celebrate its 4th annual 'Not For Sissies Day' on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. I recently had the opportunity to visit with Mickey Hill, who owns the New Haven Curves facility along with her husband, Dave. She was excited to share with me the many exciting things that are happening at Curves not just next Tuesday, but every day!

"Our theme for this year's 'Not For Sissies Day' is 'No Limits,'" said Ms. Hill. "We just want to encourage women to keep stepping outside of the box to achieve and exceed their goals." To support women in their journey towards better health and overall wellbeing through fitness

and a nutritious diet, Curves offered its members a special evening with "Chef" Dave Hill on Monday, September 17th. Chef Dave showed the ladies how to fix a meal that is healthy, quick, and tasty that can be prepped and eaten in 30 minutes or less.

Following Chef Dave's demonstration, Curves mem-

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CLOTHING OF THE 1800S

Thursday September 27th 7:00 pm

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OBITUARIES

Joni Charlene Rhodes, 55, of Paulding, formerly of Antwerp passed away Sunday, September 9, 2012 at her residence in Paulding.

Joni was born in Hicksville, OH on September 19, 1956, a daughter of Rose (Carr) Rhodes and the late Charles Rhodes, Sr. Joni would be remembered by many for her years of service at Kameyer's IGA in Antwerp.

Joni will be sadly missed by her mother, Rose of Ligonier, IN; children: Terry (Charlene) Pastor, Jr. of Antwerp, Brandy (Benji Haven) Worthington of Edgerton, Candy (Ronald, Jr.) Sims of Kendallville, IN and Matthew Rhodes of Cecil; brothers: Jamie of Swanton, Charles, Jr. of Lima, George of Ligonier; sisters: Julie Wort of Ligonier, Lori Foltz of Paulding and Terri Mosby of Kimmell, IN; and nine grandchildren.

Joni's memorial service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio on September 21, 2012.

Please omit flowers. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Her family was served by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

John M. Bixby, 49, son of Martin and Maureen Bixby left his Harlan home to go to his Heavenly home on September 12, 2012.

Private services were held on Saturday, September 15, 2012.

John leaves behind a loving wife, Beth; and two adoring children: Jenny and Da-

vid. He greets his youngest son Joseph in Heaven.

Also surviving John are his parents; a brother, Mike (Linda) of Roanoke, IN; two sisters: Sally (Mark) Barker of Pendleton, IN and Susan (Mark) Janney of Muncie, IN; in-laws: Bill and Ruthann Holder of Riverside, OH; sister-in-law, Kathy (Ron) Brohm of Riverside, OH.

Burial was in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, Indiana. Memorials may be made to Gateway Chapel Missions or Dekalb County Humane Shelter.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio assisted the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Robert E. Husted, 85, of Hicksville died Thursday, September 13, 2012 at his son's home in Hicksville, OH.

Born on December 14, 1926 in Hicksville, OH, he was the son of the late Hugh and Bessie (Richardson) Husted. He was a 1944 graduate of Hicksville High School. On February 11, 1950, he married Florence Birkhold and she preceded him in death on September 11, 1980. On April 12, 1984 he married Nona Countryman and she preceded him in death on February 21, 2010. Robert served his country in the U.S. Navy in WWII in Naples, Italy. He was a rural mail carrier and a farmer. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, EAA, Farm Bureau Council and "The Office" at McDonalds.

Robert is survived by his son, Dean (Judy) of Hicksville; grandchildren: Kaitlyn and Thomas Husted; brothers: Richard (Fran) of Greenwich, CT and David (Phyllis)

of Ann Arbor, MI.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane; and brothers: Carlton and Roger.

Graveside services were September 15, 2012 at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Crippled Children & Adults Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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bers were invited to stay and attend a free Curves Circuit Fitness with Zumba workout. This 30 minute class is a fusion of the strength training of Curves and the cardio moves of Zumba, guaranteeing a fantastic total body workout in a comparatively short period of time.

On Tuesday, September 18th, local Curves members met at the New Haven Post Office to mail the handmade cards the ladies created to the Hill's daughter, Amanda, who is currently stationed in Afghanistan. Once Amanda receives the cards, Ms. Hill said, "Amanda will become a Hallmark Store and pass out the cards to the soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. Then the soldiers will be able to use the cards to send back home to family and friends." Renee Moore, owner of New Haven's Broadway Deli, is very generously offsetting the cost to mail the care package of cards overseas.

Following the visit to the Post Office, the Curves Ladies had lunch at Moore's Broadway Deli, no doubt where they fueled up for the 'Not For Sissies Day' powerwalk that was held later in the evening. The Curves members met at Moser Park Rivergreenway Trailhead and walked to the boat launch and back, which is a 5 mile circuit. As Ms. Hill reminded me when talking about this aspect of the day's events, "At Curves, we have no limits!" Participants in the evening walk received a pedometer and kerchief.

With so many exciting things happening at Curves this past week, it's hard to imagine that some of the other changes that have occurred inside the facility are just as exciting and will be around long after the 4th annual "Not For Sissies Day" has passed. In partnership with the Cleveland Clinic, Curves recently introduced the 'Curves Complete' program, which features a 3-pronged approach to successful weight loss: exercise, a healthful diet, and motivation. The circuit training approach to exercise offers all five components of a well-rounded exercise program: a warm up, muscle toning/strengthening segment, a cardio routine, a cool down, and stretching. Even the work-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Remember the wonders He has done."

—1 Chronicles 16:12

out machines at Curves have changed with the addition of Curves Smart, a personal coach type device that assists each member maximize their workout within certain parameters.

Of the new and improved Curves program, member Colleen Rhodes told me, "It's the easiest, most flexible plan I have ever done." Colleen, who works out about four times a week, has been a Curves member for five months and has lost over 30 pounds.

Owner Mickey Hill said of Colleen, the other members of Curves, and even those just thinking about joining Curves, "That's why we're here, to help the women of New Haven get healthier. We're just really excited to recognize that we are women without limits, we're community, we're getting together and we're celebrating, and we want to just keep encouraging one another."

In honor of 'Not For Sissies Day' and in conjunction with the many new and exciting changes happening at Curves, the New Haven location is currently offering a free, no obligation 30 day trial membership. To schedule a time to stop by for a fitness assessment, please call the facility at 260-748-4442.

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SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE IN OHIO FOLLOWING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR DROUGHT AND EXCESSIVE HEAT

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that federal economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes located in Ohio as a result of the drought and excessive heat that began on February 1, 2012.

The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following counties: Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot.

"When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affected by the same disaster," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in At-

lanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3 percent for private non-profit organizations of all sizes and 4 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disaster.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Distribution Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 9/12/12

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Van Wert ESC office located in the Thomas Edison Preschool Building. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Treasurer Gary Ginter reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board approved the following items:

Consent Items - WBESC:

A. Motion to increase Jamaica Cline's hours from 4.0 per day to 6.5 per day as the School Nurse at Antwerp Local, at current hourly rate, effective September 10, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year.

B. Motion to extend a one (1) year Limited Contract to Rebecca Johns as a Paraprofessional in the Allen County ESC system, effective at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, salary as per salary schedule.

C. Motion to extend a one (1) year Classified Contract to Laciada Crosby (1-year experience) as a Paraprofessional at Payne Elementary, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

D. Motion to extend a one (1) year Classified Contract to Tianne Pendergrast (1-year experience) as a Part-time as needed Paraprofessional at Antwerp Elementary, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

E. Motion to extend a one (1) year Classified Contract to Amanda McDorman (0-year experience) as a Paraprofessional at Antwerp Elementary, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

F. Motion to extend a one (1)-year Classified Contract to Deanna Wann (1-year experience) as a Part-time as needed Paraprofessional at Antwerp Elementary, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, salary and benefits as presented.

G. Motion to employ Angela Smith as a long-term sub at \$85.00 per day (until Ohio Certification is completed), - ½ time Intervention Specialist and ½ time Paraprofessional at Lincolntonview Local Schools, effective for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

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SEPTEMBER LUNCH & LEARN TOPIC: FOOT DROP, IT'S NOT ALWAYS A RUPTURED DISC

James Dozier, MD, will discuss "Foot Drop, It's Not Always a Ruptured Disc" on Wednesday, September 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Community Rooms 1 and 2 at Community Memorial Hospital (CMH), 208 N. Columbus St., Hicksville, Ohio.

This lunch and learn educational session is geared towards senior citizens, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend this event, and a complimentary brunch is provided by the hospital. A nurse will also be on hand to take and record blood pressure measurements. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lori at 419-542-5560.

Foot drop describes an abnormal neuromuscular (nerve and muscle) disorder that affects the patient's ability to raise their foot at the ankle. Foot drop is further characterized by an inability to point the toes toward the body or move the foot at the ankle inward or outward. Pain, weakness, and numbness may accompany loss of function.

Walking becomes a challenge due to the patient's inability to control the foot at the ankle. The foot may appear floppy and the patient may drag the foot and toes while walking. Patients with foot drop usually exhibit an exaggerated or high-stepping walk called steppage gait or footdrop gait.

Dr. Dozier, a board certified neurosurgeon with Fort

Wayne Neurological Center, sees patients at CMH as a visiting specialist with the Musculoskeletal Institute of Community Memorial Hospital. He received his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. He completed fellowships in pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital, New South Wales, Australia and in trauma neurosurgery at St. Paul Medical Center, St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Dozier is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS).

LATTA VOTES TO PREVENT HARMFUL DEFENSE CUTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in favor of H.R. 6365, the National Security and Job Protection Act, which would remove the across-the-board cuts, known as a "sequester," upon enactment of the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, or an alternative bill that achieves a similar level of savings. Additionally, this bill requires the president to submit a plan to replace sequestration with alternative savings by October 15, 2012.

"In less than four months, our Department of Defense will be faced with \$492 billion of additional cuts to its budget, on top of the \$487 billion already being implemented. While defense spending is less than 20 percent of the national budget, these cuts disproportionately target 50 percent of the defense budget that, as put by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, "would have a devastating effect" on our national defense. To further exacerbate this looming threat, last week President Obama failed to produce a report outlining how these spending cuts will be implemented," stated Latta.

In July, President Obama signed into law the Sequestration Transparency Act requiring the White House to conduct a report within 30 days on the anticipated effects of sequestration on defense and non-defense programs. The

White House failed to produce a report within the required 30 days. In addition to the Sequestration Transparency Act, this May the House of Representatives passed the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, which replaces the sequester cuts through other spending cuts and reforms. This piece of legislation is currently awaiting action from the Senate.

"Individuals on both sides of the aisle agree that a sequester would have a devastating effect on our national defense and our fragile economy. I urge President Obama to work with Congress to prevent these cuts and to ensure our troops receive the necessary funding to maintain a strong national defense and security while reducing spending to protect our economy," Latta concluded.

Sequestration is a result of the inability of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to reach an agreement to reduce federal spending. Under current law, sequestration is set to begin on January 2, 2013.

LATTA SUPPORTS BILL TO STREAMLINE CIVILIAN EMT CERTIFICATION FOR VETERANS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in favor of H.R. 4124, the Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012. This bipartisan bill assists states with emergency medical technician (EMT) shortages to streamline and waive certification requirements that are duplicative for veterans who are already qualified military EMTs.

"The current national unemployment rate is a great concern for all Americans, however the latest jobs report showed the unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan-era veterans at an alarming 10.9 percent. Finding employment has been a challenge for our young veterans and returning warriors, many of whom have desirable skills that can be translated into the civilian workforce," said Latta.

Currently, there are no waivers or allowances for veteran EMTs, who have already completed training courses in the military, to forego equivalent training as required by the civilian licensure system. These requirements create repetitive and unnecessary training for veteran EMTs, which only delay their entry into the civilian workforce.

"This legislation provides commonsense solutions to remove the roadblocks for veterans who already completed training and have the needed skills, as well as offer accessibility to jobs that utilize their military training. Our veterans have honored their commitments to this nation and we must honor ours by assisting all veterans with the transition back to their civilian lives," Latta concluded.

Congressman Bob Latta currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including the Subcommittees on Communications and Technology, Environment and the Economy, and Health.

REVISIT THE MAGIC: THE LAND OF OZ!

Bring the entire family to the Paulding County Carnegie Library's fall extravaganza and Revisit the Magic on October 4th at 6:00 p.m. The entire library will be transformed into the magical land of OZ, complete with all of your favorite characters, Dorothy, the Tin Man, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, Munchkins, the Wizard of Oz, Glinda, and of course, the Wicked Witch of the West. Follow the yellow brick road through the enchanted land of Oz and pass by and interact with all of the wonders. Children can have their photos taken with their favorite characters after the event. Refreshments, door prizes and lots of surprises await as the library "revisits the magic". You do not want to miss this exciting program. Admission is free. Call the library at 419-399-2032 for more information. This is a Library Centennial Celebration Event. We hope you like the color green!

NEW HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY OCTOBER EVENTS

SMART START STORYTIME:

Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m. - Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, fingerplays and an easy craft just right for Preschoolers.

October 2 & 3 - O is for Orange

October 9 & 10 - S is for Squirrel

October 16 & 17 - U is for Underwear

October 23 & 24 - P is for Pumpkin

BABIES AND BOOKS:

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Adults and their little ones, from birth through age 2, are invited to a storytime just for them.

PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY:

October 30 & 31, 10:30 a.m. - Wear your costumes and come for stories, snacks and games. NO scariness allowed.

TOO FUN TUESDAY:

Tuesdays, October 9, 23, & 30, 3:30 p.m. - Ages 6-11 are invited to some after-school fun!

October 9 - Falling for Art

October 23 - Halloween BINGO

October 30 - Day of the Dead

TEEN THURSDAY:

Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25, 3:30 p.m.

October 11 - Group Games

October 18 - Sweet Art: Candy Sushi

October 25 - DIY Magic 8 Balls

THOSE WITTY BRITS:

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. - A book club devoted to British humor. Come and laugh with us.

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY OCTOBER EVENTS

SMART START STORYTIME:

Fridays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. - This Storytime features finger plays, songs, stories of various lengths and crafts.

GIFTS: A WRITERS' WORKSHOP TO BE PRESENTED AT 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN PAULDING



'GIFTS: A Writers' Workshop' will be offered by First Presbyterian Church, Paulding. There is a minimal cost for the series of five sessions. Participation is open to the first 15 people who register. To sign up, or for more information, call the church, 419-399-2438 and leave your name and contact number.

church located at the corner of Cherry and Caroline St., Paulding. There is a minimal cost for the series of five sessions. Participation is open to the first 15 people who register.

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YARNLOVER'S GATHERING:

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 p.m. - If you already know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet join us at Woodburn. We have people that can help you get started or teach you new techniques. Join us for a creative evening.

WOODBURN LEGO CLUB:

Monday, October 8, 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3 and up can create with Legos. Feel free to bring your own Legos with you if you like. There will also be Legos at the library for you to use. And, of course, snacks.

WOODBURN KIDS CLUB:

Wednesday, October 10, 3:00 p.m. - Each meeting will include a game, a reader's theater, a craft and a snack with book sharing. Each time you attend you will receive a sticker to add to your Woodburn Kids Club Sticker Book.

October 10 - Oh, the beauty of apples!

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FAITHFULNESS, NOT PLEASURE

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

It's not about whether we enjoy it; it's about whether God wants it.

That's a tough statement in a climate where we value pleasure over faithfulness.

We have athletes who will cheat to get the fame that victory brings. We have businessmen who will lie to make more money. We have workers who will slack off to get more down time. We have politicians who do whatever it takes to get elected. We are surrounded by a world where pleasure is valued more than faithfulness.

We like to spiritualize faithfulness and say that it is always more enjoyable to be faithful. But is it? Really? The person who says that has never experienced the pains this life brings, even when we are faithful.

When Isaiah was being sawn in two, do you think he thought how great of a time he was having? When Peter was hung upside down on a cross with nails in his feet and hands, do you think that he could not have thought of anything better to do? It's true that faithfulness usually produces more joy in our lives, but at times it can be quite costly.

In order to choose faithfulness over pleasure, we must truly believe in the promise of God. That is the only thing that will cause us to make what the world would see as a completely irrational decision.

When Abraham was told to pack up, leave his family, and head to the promised land, I doubt the journey was one filled with pleasure. But he went anyway. He persevered through the tough times and experienced some God-encountering majestic ones.

When you're asked to stop getting drunk, stop using drugs, stop gossiping about the people you hate, stop overeating, stop entertaining yourself in the wrong way, or

stop watching too much television, I doubt you think abstaining will bring you more pleasure. When you're asked to stop living for yourself and to start living for those around you, I doubt you think following through will bring more joy to your life. At times, it will. At other times, it won't.

But that's not the point. Life is not about experiencing as much pleasure as we can experience. Trying to find the next great high through business, risk-taking, or using some substance. There is something greater than pleasure.

God. He's greater than pleasure. Experiencing Him and living to bring about His will is greater than pleasure.

Instead of deciding on the tough decision by figuring out what would give us the greatest enjoyment, we should contemplate what would further God's kingdom. We need to ask ourselves, "What would bring about His will into this world?" And then do it. No matter what the cost.

In the end, being faithful to God will lead to the best life now and for eternity. That's the promise that will help us make the right decision during the tough times. That doesn't mean that every moment of our life will be filled with pleasure. But I do know, from experience, that along the road of being faithful we will get glimpses of heaven. You have experienced those moments when everything in the world just feels right. It's in those moments - moments when we hold a newborn baby for the first time, moments when we see an amazing sunrise, moments when we feel totally loved - those moments give us a glimpse of eternity in the presence of God.

It's not about whether we enjoy it; it's about whether God wants it. "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient

toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

"Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells," (2 Peter 3:8-13 ESV).

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

THE REASON I GO TO CHURCH IS?

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

In consumer driven "it's supposed to be all about me," we can be duped into thinking that when it comes to church and worship, we are the center of it all.

David Jeremiah tells a story in his "Turning Point Devotional" about a man who, leaving church one Sunday, complained about the music. "I didn't like the hymns you chose today," he said. The pastor simply replied, "That's OK; we weren't singing them for you."

The pastor may have been too blunt, but he made a good point. In our consumer-oriented world, we sometimes think church services are just for us; but we aren't spectators attending a show—we're participants in the greatest and most uplifting enterprise in the universe—worshiping God.

Though we are blessed in doing it, our worship is not for ourselves, but for Him. We are praising God for His power, His glory, His majesty, His wisdom, His holiness, His goodness and His grace.

The late William Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, put it well in his oft-quoted definition of worship: "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God."

The scriptures remind us that part of the reason we need to fellowship with others is to encourage them in one another in our walk... Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV), "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

(Turning Point Daily Devotional, 8-12-05)

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-

0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defyfc@embarqmail.com

BREAKING OUT OF THE "SIT-SOAK-AND-SOUR" SYNDROME

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

In Walnut Cove by Collum, a couple and their neighbor are standing outside of a church. It's obvious that this is the first time that the neighbor has ever been to church. He went in to the service, awkwardly stood at the times when everyone else stood, peered at the hymnal as songs were sung, and nervously shifted when the preacher prayed.

Upon leaving the church the neighbor exclaimed to the couple, "Well, I have to admit, Glen, your church is awfully friendly! I can almost see myself becoming religious in a place like that. Yessir, mighty friendly; I particularly liked the part where they passed around a plate full of money."

It's amazing how many people think just like that neighbor. Oh, I don't mean that people are taking money out of the offering plate. But some people come with the singular expectation of what they can GET out of the church than what they can GIVE or DO for the Lord and His Church.

We live in a time of history where folks tend to be "consumer conscious." Folks shop for a church like they shop for a supermarket. "Where can I get the most for me, my kids, my money, my time."

Certainly there is nothing wrong with finding a congregation of believers where one's spiritually, relational, and various other needs can be met. But if that is the ONLY criteria or ONLY reason for attending a church, it would seem to me that such an attitude is terrible self-serving.

Not only is the church a place to receive, it is a place where we can give. Give of ourselves. Give of our time. Give of our services. Give of our finances.

God doesn't ask us to serve and to give of ourselves in Kingdom ministry because the whole thing will crash and burn if we don't. Are you kidding? God can't accomplish His purposes with or without you or me.

Ministry in the kingdom and service for the Lord is something He offers to us because WE need it. The Lord understands that there is tremendous benefit and blessing to the one DOING the serving, to the one who is GIVING, to the one who is MINISTERING.

Obviously when we participate and serve in church ministries other people do benefit. But the biggest blessing is for the person who is investing the time, energy, effort, and labor for the Lord.

My encouragement for you this week is this. If you aren't involved in a church, you need to give it a try. There are many solid, Bible teaching, loving congregations in our area where you can be spiritually nurtured and fed.

If you already ARE tied in with a congregation, don't merely be an "attender." Don't settle for simply "sitting and soaking." Roll up your sleeves and get involved. You'll be surprised at what a blessing it will be for YOU.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 2:44 - How far had Joseph and Mary traveled before they realized Jesus' wasn't with them?

2. Luke 2:47 - All who heard Jesus were astonished at what?

3. Luke 2:48 - What was Joseph and Mary when they saw Jesus?

4. Luke 2:48 - How did Joseph and Mary search for Jesus?

5. Luke 2:49 - Who's business was Jesus about?

6. Luke 2:52 - What did Jesus increase in?

7. Luke 3:1 - How long had Tiberius Ceasar been reigning?

8. Luke 3:1 - Who was the governor of Judea?

9. Luke 3:1 - Who was tetrarch of Galilee?

10. Luke 3:1 - What does the word tetrarch mean?

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

Answers to Bible questions, as of the week 9/12/12:

1. 7 years
2. 84
3. About eighty four years
4. With fasting and prayers
5. Galilee then Nazareth
6. In Spirit filled with wisdom
7. The grace of God
8. For the feast of Passover
9. 12 years
10. He lingered behind

Now a scripture from the Bible:

Proverbs 16:32, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his Spirit than he that taketh a city. Loved ones sometimes we do show our anger and we must ask for forgiveness and make things right, so that God can forgive us of our sin."

GREAT BANQUET/EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Great Banquet/Emmaus Community of Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana is invited to join together for a time of worship and fellowship Sunday, September 23 at Antwerp United Methodist Church. We will gather for worship at 5:30 p.m. Our worship time will be followed by a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the community. Anyone who has participated in a Great Banquet, Walk to Emmaus, Awakening, or Chrysalis Weekend is welcome to be a part of the Gathering.

Definition of REVIVAL

1 a: renewed attention to or interest in something b: a new presentation or publication of something old c: a period of renewed religious interest 2: restoration of force, validity, or effect

Has your attention or interest in the things of God waned as of late? Are you looking to hear the Word of God presented in a fresh and new manner? Does your soul need restoration? Has the Gospel become valid (or invalid) to you? What positive effect is the Christian message having on you today?

Come join us and have these questions, and many more, answered!

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- Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - Antwerp
- Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Paulding
- Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Paulding

Others who have not attended these weekends are also welcome to attend.

Gatherings at Antwerp UMC will occur regularly on the fourth Sunday of each month. Another Gathering of the Northwest Ohio Great Banquet community occurs on the second Sunday of each month in Bryan at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Great Banquet/Walk to Emmaus is a 72 hour spiritual retreat during which a participant focuses on their relationship God in Jesus Christ. It begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The Awakening/Chrysalis is a similar retreat for youth ages 14-18 who have completed at least one year of high school.

All weekends include a series of talks and experiences that will invite the participant to examine their faith and lives in Christ. For more information regarding the Great Banquet/Walk to Emmaus or the upcoming Gathering contact Pastor Mike Schneider at Antwerp UMC at 419-258-7188.

JUNCTION BIBLE CHRISTIAN HOSTS 4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

The Junction Bible Christian Church will host its 4th Annual Community Picnic on Saturday, October 13th from 3:00 p.m. until the music and food run out!

Junction Bible Christian Church is located at 18878 CR 111 (Junction).

The menu and agenda for the afternoon include all the best Picnic "stuff": food, live music (praise, gospel, and christian rock), games, hayrides and a bonfire.

For more information find us at: www.facebook.com/junctionBible or call: 419-393-2671.

DIVINE MERCY LEARN ABOUT THE EUCHARIST

Chris Knight, Superintendent of Toledo Diocese Schools, recently enjoyed celebrating the Eucharist with students and staff of Divine Mercy School and visiting the school. After observing Father's lesson with the children, Mr. Knight was quoted as saying, "I think it is safe to say that these students know their faith! The school has a warm, inviting, nurturing feel that permeates the building. Clearly, there are good things happening at Divine Mercy!" We are very proud of our students and staff confirming once again that we are the best kept secret in P.C.!

APPRECIATION AND THANKS

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Sarah Mowery and staff for the recent retirement reception that they held in my honor. I applaud your efforts to make this day very memorable for me. Also, a special thanks to all who were able to attend and to all those who sent cards, gifts, and well wishes. I appreciate and value your friendship.

—William S. Bricker, DDS

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MR. & MRS. JOHN ROSE CELEBRATE 45th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. John (Bill) Rose of 502 Park Avenue, Antwerp will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on September 23, 2012.

John Rose and the former Beverly Eibling were united in marriage on September 23, 1967 by evangelist Marvin Biery at the Payne Church of Christ.

They are the parents of three daughters: Tianne (Tad) Pendergrast of Antwerp; Michelle (Mike) Smith of Fort Wayne, and Laurie Rose, deceased.

They also have five grandchildren: Brandon and Jonathon Pendergrast, and Dustin, Christopher and Marissa Smith.

SHARING THE ROAD DURING FALL HARVEST

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Fall is the time for field crop harvest, and motorists will be encountering additional farm equipment on rural roads, increasing the potential for accidents. Harvest season generally is a time when there is an increase in collisions between farm equipment and other vehicles. According to Dee Jepsen, Ohio State University Extension state safety leader, vehicle collisions are often the result of the speed differential between slower-moving farm equipment and passenger cars and trucks. Many times the passenger vehicle driver simply does not have enough time to react if they do not recognize the farm equipment soon enough.

When traveling on public roads, farmers need to be cognizant of high traffic times, usually mornings and late afternoons. While it often is impossible to avoid operating on the roads during these times, it may be possible to limit road transportation.

Motorist need to recognize the "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem. This emblem signifies the farm vehicle is traveling less than 25 miles an hour. Automobile drivers must quickly identify this emblem and slow down

immediately to avoid rear-end crashes. Slow-moving farm machinery traveling less than 25 miles per hour should display a slow moving vehicle emblem as near to the rear center as possible back of the equipment.

Farm machinery operators may not be able to see you because the large equipment or a load can block part of their rear view. Motorist need to be aware that machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder may suddenly move completely onto the road to avoid hitting obstacles such as mailboxes and road signs or make a turn onto a field.

Before passing farm machinery motorists should check to be sure the machinery is not turning left. Look for left turn lights or hand signals. If the machinery slows and pulls toward the right side of the road, the operator is likely preparing to make a wide left turn. Likewise, sometimes to make a right turn with wide equipment, the driver must fade to the left. Next, determine if the road is wide enough for you and the machinery to safely share. Then make sure there is adequate distance to safely pass.

"Rural road rage can be negated if everyone takes the responsibility to have extra patience, careful driving habits, and use high-visibility markings and lighting," states Jepsen.

DROUGHT RELIEF FOR OHIO'S GROWERS

By: Ohio State Senator Cliff Hite

As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, I know that Agriculture is by far Ohio's largest industry. Employing one out of every seven Ohioans, agriculture in our state spans more than 75,000 farms and 1,100 food processors. This vital industry generates more than \$105 billion in economic activity for Ohio, which illustrates perfectly why we must do all we can to support and strengthen Ohio's growers and processors.

Across much of the Midwest, today's conversation frequently centers on the persistent, and in some areas, worsening, drought conditions. The most recent analysis by National Weather Service shows that the majority of the state needs at least nine inches of rain to end the drought that has now spanned the majority of the summer.

This summer's drought has been called the worst in 50 years. With Ohio's farmers and much of the state's economy resting on the success of the agriculture industry, the hot, dry weather is taking a serious toll on our growers. Without a major turnaround, that pain may soon spread to all Ohioans in the form of higher prices at the grocery store.

While there is nothing we can do to change our weather patterns, the state government is doing all that we can to offer support for our farmers during this difficult time. In late July, Governor Kasich signed Executive Order 2012-11K, which empowered the Department of Agriculture, among others, to begin offering much-needed services to Ohio's farmers. In addition, at the Governor's request, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 85 of Ohio's 88 counties as Natural Disaster Areas. This designation gives Ohio farmers access to many different resources to ease the pain of the dry season.

For information on the resources available to you through the state government, farmers can access the Ohio Department of Agriculture at www.agri.ohio.gov/topnews/droughtinformationandresources. Information on programs run through the U.S. Department of Agriculture can be found at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Once on that site, you can select Ohio and then your county on the interactive map. You will then be provided with the contact information for a USDA Service Center near you where a representative can explore the programs and options that are available.

In addition to the online resources, the Ohio Department of Agriculture will be holding several informational meetings around the state including one at Heidelberg University on September 12, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the Campus Center Building in Room 120 at 310 East Market Street, Tiffin, Ohio.

As always, if you need more information on locating assistance through the state government, my office is at your disposal. I can be reached at (614)466-9009 or through email at hite@ohio-senate.gov.

THE 4th ANNUAL AG APPRECIATION DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to this summer's drought conditions and the later proposed date of this event, there were many concerns raised about whether farmers would be in their fields. Since the event is to support the farmers and the rural community, we felt it was in the best interest of all to cancel Ag Appreciation Day this year.

Anyone that has already paid for sponsorships and/or exhibits will be reimbursed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

For information or questions contact: The Chamber Office at 260-749-4484.

ASH TREE REPLACEMENT INCENTIVE

The Paulding SWCD will be offering money to replace dead ash trees in light of the widespread devastation of native ash trees by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insect. Paulding County residents are dealing with the huge task of removing and disposing of hundreds, if not thousands, of dead ash trees in their yards, along highways, and waterways. To many people who loved and

appreciated this important tree it is heart breaking to see this happen. In addition to the loss, there is the unexpected cost. Depending on the size and location of a tree, it can be hundreds of dollars per tree.

The Paulding SWCD is aware of the problem. While there is nothing the SWCD can do to stop the bug and the SWCD does not have enough financial resources to clean up the mess, the SWCD has a plan to help pay for the cost of planting trees to take the place of the ash tree.

It's being called the "Ash Tree Replacement Incentive". Basically, the SWCD will pay a rebate of up to \$150 per household when a paid in full receipt from either a contractor or retailer is presented to the SWCD Office. This is a pilot program and funds are limited, therefore, rebates will be distributed on a first come first served basis. Only certain native trees are eligible to be rebated. Please contact the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District at (419) 399-4771 for details on this program.

SIMPLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE

Simply Speaking Toastmasters will host an Open House on September 27, 2012 from

5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Defiance City Council room in the new municipal building at 631 Perry Street. Enter through the north door and follow the signs.

Speakers and leaders (or potential speakers and leaders), can come and see what toastmasters has to offer. Toastmaster mission is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Simply Speaking Toastmasters is a local chapter of Toastmasters International. Toastmasters International was started by Ralph C. Smedley in 1924 in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, California. Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. Currently, there are 13,500 clubs in 116 countries with a combined membership of 280,000.

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CELEBRATE MY DRIVE



By: Kayla Frederick

Celebrate My Drive is a national campaign, showing students they should only be concentrating on driving while they are driving. On Saturday, State Farm along with the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) students sponsored it and handed out some free prizes. There were also drug search demonstrations for the students to watch, as well as a

semi-truck which showed not to tailgate a semi because they can't see you. Students could also test drive golf carts provided by Whispering Creek, while wearing drunk goggles, texting and driving, or eating and driving; and how hard that is to do. All of this was to show students the consequences of doing any of those things while driving.

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ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Did you know this highway fact...?

Q. What public entity is responsible for maintaining the pavement on a state highway running through a city?

A. The city is responsible for maintaining the pavement on the state highways which are located within the corporation limits. The Ohio Department of Transportation does, however, provide a portion of the funding for resurfacing costs.

Defiance County:

U.S. 24 from Ohio 15 to the Henry County line restricted to one lane through the work zone for berm work. Work is being performed by Defiance and Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 249 from the Indiana state line to the village of Ney restricted to one lane through the work zone for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue through early November. Work is being

performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon.

Ohio 49 just north of Ohio 249 closed June 4 for a culvert replacement project. The project has been delayed due to issues with the stability of the organic peat soil in the area which will require additional monitoring and engineering. The duration of the delay is unknown at this time. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 249, Ohio 2, Ohio 567 and Ohio 34 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers Construction, Archbold.

Paulding County:

Ohio 613 east of Oakwood will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage tile repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 66 just west of Arthur will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage tile repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

U.S. 24 ramps at U.S. 127 will be restricted through the work zone while crews widen the ramp shoulders. Work is

INDIANA UNCLAIMED

Pond Report by: IN State Rep. Phyllis Pond

Rep. Phyllis Pond (R-New Haven) wants constituents to know Indiana has more than \$350 million in unclaimed property. Project Reunite was established by the Unclaimed Property Division of Attorney General, Greg Zoeller's, office to give money or property to the rightful owner. The money belongs to natives or former natives of Indiana. In fact, over \$75,000 was already discovered for Hoosiers during the Unclaimed Property stand at the Indiana State Fair.

Unclaimed property includes a number of different items, like old bank accounts, forgotten stocks, money, utility deposits, safe deposit boxes, insurance proceeds, or even an unclaimed inheritance.

According to the Attorney General's office one free, easy way to discover unclaimed property can be found by calling 1.866.462.5246 or by visit-

ing www.IndianaUnclaimed.com. Once on the website, there are six simple steps involved to become reunited with unclaimed property:

- Enter your name or the name of a friend or family member in the search field
- Place a check mark in the box next to the property you want to claim
- Complete the claim form and verify your information by clicking "approve"
- Print a copy of your completed claim form, sign it and gather all of the required documentation
- Drop your completed claim form along with the required documentation in the mail
- Allow up to 90 days to review your claim. If your claim is approved, you'll receive your check in the mail.

If you do not have access to a computer or need help, please visit your local library for any additional help, this a free service provided by your local public library.

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being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Putnam County:

Ohio 613 between the Paulding County line and Ohio 15 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for berm repair work. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 115 between Kalida and Ohio 15 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for berm repair work. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 65 at the south edge of Ottawa will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for a project adding turn lanes at the Williamstown Road intersection. Work will continue through mid-November. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

Ohio 613 between Putnam County Road 5 and McComb will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for a pavement repair and resurfacing project which will continue through early November. Work is being performed

by Shelly Company, Findlay.

Van Wert County:

U.S. 30 westbound exit ramp to westbound U.S. 224 and the entrance ramp from U.S. 224 eastbound to U.S. 30 westbound will be closed during daytime hours only September 18 and 19 for sealing of bridge decks. Closures will be in place generally from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. Traffic exiting U.S. 30 westbound will be detoured onto Ohio 49 back to U.S. 224. Traffic entering U.S. 30 westbound will be detoured onto U.S. 30 to U.S. 127 back to U.S. 30. Work is being performed by the ODOT bridge crew.

U.S. 30 between Van Wert and Delphos will be restricted to one lane at various locations during daytime hours only through September for a bridge repair project. Work is being performed by Dot Construction, Canfield.

U.S. 30 east of Van Wert will be restricted through the work zone at various locations for repair of pavement joints. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning at the OHSAA office in Columbus for its regularly scheduled September meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted later at OHSAA.org.

• The financial reports from the OHSAA's spring sports regional and state tournaments except track and field were presented to the Board. Of note, the boys tennis state tournament drew 1,078 fans and operated at a loss of \$2,373. The baseball regional and state tournaments provided a profit of \$51,400, with the state tournament drawing 15,934 fans to Huntington Park in Columbus. The softball regional and state tournaments provided a profit of \$20,029, with the state tournament drawing 8,773 fans to Firestone Stadium in Akron. The financial report from the regional and state track and field tournaments will be presented to the Board at its October meeting.

• The track and field coaches association proposed that the triple jump be included as a recognized event during the OHSAA track and field post-season tournaments. The Board is expected to vote on the proposal at its December meeting. The board did not pass a similar proposal last year.

• Six schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The complete list of schools, along with their infractions and the penalties, will be included in the complete meeting minutes, but media members may obtain the list earlier by requesting it via email from Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Information Services.

• The Board presented its list of goals for the 2012-13 school year. Among the goals are promoting sportsmanship, ethics and integrity; examining the future of interscholastic athletics and the OHSAA; continuing to review technol-

ogy, communications and junior high programs; continuing the promotion of education-based athletics, and implementing the tournament finances turn-key process.

• The preseason manuals for the winter sports were approved and will be sent to all member schools. Of note, schools may schedule no more than 35 regular-season hockey games beginning this season.

• Approximately 700 school administrators attended either the OHSAA's New Administrators Workshop held the first week in August in Columbus or one of the four OHSAA Regional Update Meetings that were held last month in Hudson, Dublin, Bowling Green and Kettering. The seminars are annual opportunities for school administrators to review key OHSAA regulations to try to minimize eligibility issues before the school year begins and to discuss other current topics of concern.

• An update was provided to the member high school list presented at the August board meeting, as an additional school did not renew membership for 2012-13 (Dayton Nicholas-Liberty). That brings the total number of member high schools this school year to 823.

• Per OHSAA Constitution item 7-6-2, four vacancies on District Athletic Boards were recently appointed by the board for the 2012-13 school year. Three of the new district board members are in the Northwest District and include Brenda Frankart, principal at Liberty-Brenton High School, as the female representative; Jason Selgo, principal at Ottawa-Glandorf High School, as the AA representative, and Mike Bute, principal at Antwerp High School, as the A representative. In the Central District, Tyrone Olverson, principal at Licking Heights High School, was named the AA representative. In addition, Jim Hayes, former athletic administrator at Ashville Teays Valley High School, was named the Central District treasurer. The interim district board representatives and other qualified school representatives will be eligible to run to fill the respective unexpired terms during the regular election process that takes place next May.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - NEW TEACHERS FOR 2012-2013



Front Row (l-r): Katie Perkins, 1st grade at WT Payne Elementary; Sarah Linder, pre-school at WT Payne Elementary; Jessica Jacobs, Title I at WT Grover Hill Elementary; Kim Coomer, kindergarten at WT Payne Elementary.

Second Row (l-r): Bethany Hughes, kindergarten at WT Payne Elementary; Rebecca Uphaus, 4th grade at WT Payne Elementary; Harry Florence, intervention specialist at WT Grover Hill Elementary; Tammy Nouza, 3rd grade at WT Grover Hill Elementary; Tasha Stucke, science at WT JH/HS.

SOUTHBOUND I-469 LANE RESTRICTION FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE WORK

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces that the southbound right lane of I-469 is currently restricted between Exit 15 (Tillman Road) and Exit 13 (Marion Center Road) due to continued maintenance work. The restriction is expected to remain in effect until Thursday evening, September 20. Although the lane will be restricted for approximately two miles, INDOT will be working on small sections within that area during the construction period.

Similar maintenance work will continue on I-469 through upcoming weeks.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit www.in.gov/indot. You can find traffic restriction information at [\[ficwise.IN.gov\]\(http://www.ficwise.IN.gov\). Contact the Fort Wayne District toll free at 866-227-3555.](http://www.traf-</p>
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EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE NEW HAVEN ADAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE-EMS GOVERNING BODY

The New Haven Adams Township Fire-EMS Governing Body will meet in Executive Session on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the hour of 5:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building located at 815 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is:

1. With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6); and
2. To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

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OLD DAN & I: OUT OF BERLIN

By: Stan Jordan

Old Dan slowed our Mustang down to about 350 mph. We have left Berlin behind. The biggest part of downtown Berlin is flattered. I wonder how that screw ball, Hitler, explains that to his followers? We flew over the Templehof Air Base at the edge of Berlin. There wasn't enough left for us to use our cannon. At one time this was a large beautiful Flughafen, but now you couldn't land a grasshopper on it.

Dan said, "I am going to lay out a course towards home, that will take us over Magdeburg. I bet they have a big railroad yard there."

So we ate our sandwich and put the wrapper in my left leg pocket and the core of a big red apple. I noticed we were going down in altitude. Dan said, "They won't be expecting us to be coming from this direction. So we will make a pass and then back up to 8,000 feet for on a course of 255 degrees. So be awake."

We are down to less than 500 feet altitude now and Dan slowed up a little so we get a good look and some good shots.

Oh boy! What a big railroad yard! It is huge. Right then I felt the rocking of our 40 mm cannon going off. We sped on and I could see what he shot at.

A big engine that was tied onto a huge string of tanks

on flat bed cars. We couldn't do anything to the tanks but that locomotive is just a pile of steaming metal.

The dispatcher's tower was my baby this time. I'll bet I put over a hundred rounds into that thing. Window glass and signal lights were flying all over and even a few Krauts were dodging for cover. We really surprised them.

Dan cried out, "Look to your left!" I did and hundreds of allied soldiers were standing beside a string of box-cars, waving and shouting at us. You could tell they were glad to see an American airplane—that was a train load of American prisoners.

At the edge of the railroad yards was a tug boat pushing a number of barges of war supplies. Dan fired our last round of 40 mm stuff and that boat disappeared in a firey, smokey black ball of everything and then nothing, only smoke.

Only now we are heading southwest for home and we are over some farming country.

Dan said we are doing about 400 mph and should be over Kassell in a few minutes.

He dropped us down to 500 ft and slowed up to a speed of, I guess, 200 mph. We didn't get any flack or anti-aircraft fire because we came from the wrong direction.

There was a convoy of german supply trucks heading west toward the front lines. I could hear and feel Dan's .50 caliber machine guns in action, as he flew right down the line of trucks—some of them burning; some were going off the road exploding or rolling over.

I fired a number of 20 mm stuff into their leaders in a six wheel command car and a couple of German scout cars. Bodies flew everywhere. We sure raised hob with that convoy.

And off into the blue and heading for Aachen, over by the Belgian border. We avoid-

ed all the big cities because of the anti-aircraft stuff. We landed like good boys, with no hoopla.

We went to the mess hall and heard some good dance music over the radio from BBC. We just sat and relaxed and then relaxed some more.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

This Italian fellow, an old timer, stood at the bank teller's window, and said, "I want some money!"

The lady teller was sort of shocked and did nothing and said nothing.

The old Italian fellow again said, "I want some money."

By now the teller could see that the old fellow was harmless, he didn't have a gun or weapon of any type.

So the teller was going to help him as soon as she understands what he wants!

"I want some money," the old fellow repeated.

The lady teller asked him, "What do you want the money for?"

"I want to buy a pick-up truck."

"Oh, well," she said, "you want a loan! You must see the loan arranger."

"Yes, yes," the old man said. "If I can't see the lone A-Ranger, I want to see Tonto!"

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SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 32: THE BEAR

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written in a long time.

We all returned to the Broken Arrow Agency. We all rested up for a couple days. Callie was pretty tired and sat in her rocking chair most of the time.

The winter is sort of mild. We have had snow and wind as usual, but not very bad.

We didn't decorate for Christmas, Callie is pretty good size now, and didn't feel like doing too much.

This is the last of January in 1854. We don't do much, just sit in the warm room and Callie plays solitaire.

I'll go out to the barn and get some deer and buffalo

meat enough for a few days.

Well, it has been a long time since I've wrote anything down again. I woke up in the army hospital at Fort Kearney a few days ago and I will tell you what those people have told me.

I guess some time in the last week of January, we were at the Indian agency and I went to the barn to get some meat. I had taken our good butcher knife along. Well, they tell me that I must have startled a black bear who was in the barn standing up eating some of our meat. I guess he swung a big paw at my head and I stuck the butcher knife into his chest. We both must have fallen down with the bear on top of me. I don't remember any of this except I did see that bear. When he fell on top of me, that must have driven that knife into his heart and killed him because I don't remember anything until I came to here at the Fort Kearney infirmary.

Callie tells me that when I didn't return from the barn, she went out to see if I was alright. Well, she found this big 400 lb black bear lying on top of me and he wouldn't move, he was dead. The bear was too big for her to move. She tried to move him but she was not strong enough.

She said my face was covered with blood from my hair on down, and she feared I was dead. All of these bad things came to her at once. She tells me I grunted or groaned a little and then she checked my wrist and felt a pulse. She then straighten up and realized what a predicament she was in.

Sam was out cold on the floor of the barn. A 400 lb. bear on top of him. She can't move the bear. He is so heavy and she is in no shape to tug or push, as her baby is due next month. Sam needs medical attention and that is two days away at Fort Kearney. She can't pull on that bear because if she does and something went wrong in her condition that baby might make up its mind to be born now and we can't have another problem. Callie was just about ready to come apart from all of this difficult situation, and she told herself, "Now settle down a minute and think this out and pray for help and guidance."

Soon she heard a noise, maybe it is a horse with help. Maybe it's an Indian, a good one or bad one.

Oh thank God, it was a miracle! Rooster, the runner, just arrived from the fort.

See ya!



Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

SAVING OUR HERITAGE AND OUR HISTORY

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

"When you strip away the rhetoric, preservation is simply having the good sense to hold on to things are well designed, that link us with our past in a meaningful way, and that have plenty of good use left in them."

—Richard Moe

It is a standard question my four year old grandson asks as we drive into Paulding and the Courthouse comes into view, "Grandma did you and Papa get married there?"

My standard reply, "No Callie, but it sure is a beautiful building, isn't it?"

Stan Searing, and his wife, Barb think the Courthouse is a beauty too. Their interest was so great, in the preservation of the building, that they created the Paulding County Courthouse Heritage Fund administered through Paulding County Area Foundation. The Endowment Fund accepts donations and is currently conducting a mug sale with the all the proceeds going into the fund. The idea of the Endowment Fund is to grow so that the interest of the fund will be used to assist the commissioners with maintenance project in and around the Courthouse. The Courthouse was built in 1886 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Paulding County Courthouse Commemorative Mug can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$10.00 and can be found in businesses throughout Paulding. You may also pick up a mug at Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio. Consider becoming a donor to the Paulding County Courthouse Heritage Fund. For questions, please contact the office at 419-399-8296 or visit the website at www.paulding-countyareafoundation.net.

ROUNDHEAD

The village of Roundhead in southwestern Hardin County, Ohio, is named for Indian Chief Roundhead of the Wyandot Indians. The Indian village was built on the banks of the Scioto River, which flows southeasterly to the Ohio River. The lakes and wetlands to the west and south of the village are the headwaters of the Miami River which flows south to the Ohio River. This was an ideal location for the Indian village and allowed river travel which was easier and quicker than following foot paths through the wilderness.

Hunting was the way of life for the Indian men of the village as well as fishing in the small lakes in the area. The hunter's gear was his bow and arrow, war club or tomahawk, and knife. Deer, wild turkey, quail, rabbit, and squirrel were available for their meat and supplied skins for cloth-

ing and blankets. The villagers were gatherers of plants and roots to supplement their meat and fish diet, while wild cherries, plums, and strawberries added tasty seasonal foods, as well as nuts and honey. The village women cooked over open fires and planted maize, and it was the main part of their diet. Beans and squash were also cultivated. The women dried and ground some foods to sustain them through the long winter months. The nearby forests provided their supply of firewood. Plants and roots were used as natural remedies for illnesses and injury. This community lived off the land.

The Wyandot Indian Roundhead was born about 1760 along the Sandusky River. Little is known of his life until he led his warriors in the Indian Wars of 1790-1795 against Generals Josiah Harmar and Arthur St. Clair. Roundhead was a six foot tall warrior with leadership qualities. In August, 1812, he united his tribe with Tecumseh's warriors and fought the Battle of Brownstown south of Fort Detroit. The Indian alliance, with Chief Tecumseh and his second in command Chief Roundhead, was greatly outnumbered by their enemy at that battle but they overcame the American soldiers.

Roundhead is believed to have been killed in the Battle of the Thames, as was Tecumseh, and the surviving warriors withdrew to their villages. Their British alliance was ended as was their fight against the American Army. The Wyandot village of Roundhead continued to survive off the land, and after the Battle of the Thames, living peacefully with the white settlements that moved in around them.

In 1832 the Indian inhabitants of Roundhead were relocated west of the Mississippi River and their former village became home to new settlers. Thus, the village of Roundhead is the oldest community in Hardin County.

Around 1850, the small lakes west of Roundhead were dammed up to make a large reservoir to feed into the Miami and Erie Canal. The larger lake was named Indian Lake for the native tribes that first hunted and fished in these lands.

—Gloria Fast, Daughters of 1812

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RAISE YOUR "AWARENESS" OF BENEFITS OF LIFE INSURANCE

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor

You may be unaware of it, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And when you consider the lifetime of benefits you and your family may receive from life insurance, you might agree that a month isn't too long to spend on this important part of your overall financial picture.

Unfortunately, too many Americans are uninsured or under-insured. In fact, nearly a third of all consumers think they need more life insurance, according to the 2012 Insurance Barometer Study, published by the nonprofit LIFE Foundation and LIMRA, a research and consulting organization that specializes in insurance and financial services. And it appears that one of the main reasons so many people lack sufficient life insurance is their perception that they can't afford it. Yet, the cost for basic term life insurance has fallen by about 50 percent over the past 10 years, according to the LIFE Foundation.

The cost — financial, emotional and psychological — of not having adequate life insurance certainly outweighs the expense of carrying the proper coverage. You'll hear about many things that are designed to "last a lifetime," but in the case of life insurance, that expression is appropriate. Consider the various times in which you should look at the need for life insurance:

- When you're married — Many married couples assume they won't need life insurance until they have children. But if you or your spouse died, would the surviving spouse's income be sufficient to pay off the mortgage, or even the rent? How about credit card balances, car loans or student loans?
- When you're married...

with young kids — Now, in addition to having to pay off the mortgage if anything should happen to you, your surviving spouse will have to find the money to educate your children — and that's a big challenge, given the rapidly escalating expenses associated with college. But with sufficient life insurance in place, your spouse can deal with the high costs of higher education. Furthermore, if you have permanent life insurance, such as whole life or universal life, you have the potential to build cash value, which you may be able to tap to help pay for college — while you're still alive. (Keep in mind, though, that using some of your cash value could lower your policy's death benefit.)

- When your children are grown — Even with your children grown and gone, you can benefit from life insurance. For example, if your spouse outlives you by a decade or more, will he or she have enough money to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle?
- When you're retired — Your need for life insurance doesn't retire when you do. For one thing, you may be able to access the cash value of your permanent insurance to help meet your retirement expenses. (Keep in mind this may affect your death benefit.) And your policy's death benefit could help your children or other heirs deal with estate taxes, if any exist. Furthermore, if you'd like to be able to pass on something to your children or grandchildren, life insurance may be an ideal vehicle, because the proceeds are typically income tax free and can avoid the time-consuming process of probate.

Life Insurance Awareness Month only lasts 30 days — but, as we've seen, life insurance can offer a lifetime of benefits. So make sure you get the coverage you need.

LATTA NAMED 'GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS'

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) was awarded today the Guardian of Small Business Award by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

"I am honored to be a recipient of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. It is critical we listen to our small business owners as they have been this nation's job creators, generating 64 percent of all new jobs in the past 15 years. Entrepreneurs and small business owners have toiled and built their businesses, help-

ing to make America one of the most prosperous nations in the world," said Congressman Latta.

Latta received the award for supporting policies during the 112th Congress that will help small businesses expand and create jobs.

"In the 112th Congress, Representative Bob Latta proved that he is a champion of small business. The Guardian of Small Business Award is a legislative award given to U.S. Representatives and Senators who vote to promote and protect the right of small business owners to own, operate and grow their businesses," said NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner.

NFIB is small business association with approximately 350,000 members and with chapters throughout the United States, including a chapter in Ohio.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFERS MEDIATION FOR PUBLIC RECORDS DISPUTES

By: Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General

When battle lines are drawn between citizens or journalists asking for public documents and the agencies being asked to release them, forging a truce between the two sides can score a victory for common sense as well as good government.

If there's a conflict between residents or reporters who need information and officials who are in charge of providing it, the Ohio Attorney General's Office can now play the role of a neutral mediator.

The Ohio Public Records Act promoted open, transparent government through orderly and disciplined access to public information. Our public records law, however, had one glaring weakness: For those who asked a government agency for public information and had their request denied or delayed unreasonably, there was no provision to settle the dispute except through a lawsuit. Ohioans without the resources to wage a court battle had no real recourse.

We want citizens to receive the information they're after. We want government entities to have a clear and reasonable path toward complying with a request. To speed up the process, and to save taxpayer money and everyone's time, we launched a voluntary Public Records Mediation Program. Our goal is to protect the rights and interests of Ohioans, the media, and local officials as well as work toward resolving disputes before any of the parties engage in costly and time-consuming litigation.

Here's an example of how the program works.

A requester who had sought public records from a city municipal court asked us for public records mediation after nearly six months of waiting for, but never receiving, the records he requested. In addition, the city municipal court had not responded to his follow-up calls or emails. Our Public Records Unit worked with the city law director and ensured the documents were forwarded to the requester. The director was then also able to identify and fix the glitch the requester experienced with the municipal court's system, thereby pre-

venting problems with future requests.

Our mediation program assists (1) those who believe their requests for information were improperly denied or were not responded to in a reasonable amount of time; and (2) local public officials who struggle with requests they see as ambiguous, overly broad, or difficult to fulfill. Anyone who has requested public records from a local public office, or a public office that has received a public records request, can apply for mediation so long as the requester hasn't filed a lawsuit.

Once both parties voluntarily consent, and once we determine mediation is appropriate, a member of our staff who is knowledgeable about Ohio Public Records law and professionally trained as a mediator will arrange a mediation session — usually a telephone conference call. The mediator will help each party see the other's point of view but won't offer legal advice or make a "decision" about the dispute.

In addition, the mediator can cite the law and how it has been interpreted by the courts. This may provide the "reality check" necessary for either the requester or the public office to bring their approach more in line with the law and move toward resolving the dispute.

The mediation sessions are private, confidential, cost-free, and can deliver results more quickly than protracted litigation.

Because the Attorney General represents all state agencies and boards and commissions, our office cannot mediate cases involving clients. However, we can often assist in moving toward a resolution in these cases by simply picking up the phone and calling our counterparts in these agencies.

We believe that this program is a win-win for all concerned. It saves time and money while helping public agencies get public records out to those who request them.

For more information about Ohio's public records laws, our voluntary mediation program, or to apply for mediation, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Public Records Unit at 1-888-958-5088, or log onto our website at: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

OHIO HOUSE PASSES SERIES OF REFORMS TO BOLSTER, STABILIZE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Ohio House of Representatives today took a significant step toward responsible pension reform with the bipartisan passage of a series of legislation aiming to improve the solvency of the five state retirement systems.

Senate Bills 340, 341, 342, 343, and 345 make sweeping reforms to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), and the State Highway Patrol Retirement System (SHPRS), respectively. These reforms strive to allow the systems to reduce their unfunded liabilities so they can bolster their health care funds, ensure that retirees and future retirees receive their benefits, and offer much-needed stability.

"These reforms make adjustments to benefits that will pay the unfunded liabilities of the pension systems and bolster the health care coverage for its members," said Rep. Schuring (R-Canton). "The plans ensure long-term stability of the pension systems and protect retiree benefits and contributing members in the future. The committee process was a productive collaboration of lawmakers and interested parties. What passed today was a transformative plan for the sustainability of our state pension systems, which will benefit Ohioans for years."

Among the provisions included in the substitute bills are measures to:

- Set an effective date of January 7, 2013 to give public employees, teachers and safety workers time to plan for their retirement.
- Delay the "discretionary board authority" by 180 days. The bills, as passed by the Senate, allowed pension boards unilateral authority to change pension requirements and benefits. The substitute bill calls for the bipartisan Ohio Retirement Study Council to study the potential impact of board authority and its alternatives. By delaying discretionary board authority, the House has helped to maintain proper checks and balances and better safeguard the solvency of the pension system.
- Increase the base amount of earnable income for service credits, a provision that the House mediated between stakeholders and PERS.
- Include clarifying language that changes regarding the purchase of PERS service credits for military service.
- Specify that the vesting provisions do not apply to cost of living adjustments granted after the PERS pension reform bill is effective.

"I would like to commend the members of the subcommittee and the full committee for giving these bills the ample consideration, time and attention that was needed for such a critical set of reforms," said Chairman of the House Health and Aging Committee Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon). "The diligence and bipartisanship during this process made a challenging situation manageable and more conducive to the improvement of these retirement systems."

Each public pension reform bill received a total of nine hearings by the Retirement and Pensions Subcommittee, and two hearings by the Health and Aging Com-

mittee. The committees heard testimony from more than 25 stakeholders from across the state and worked in partnership with the Ohio Retirement Study Council, the pension systems, and the stakeholders to craft significant amendments to the legislation.

The subcommittee hearings in particular were scheduled in the afternoon and evening in an effort to give Ohioans the opportunity to express their support or concerns with the pending reforms.

"The meaningful reforms that are included in these bills lay the foundation for long-term solvency of Ohio's state pension systems and are a good first step in this effort," said Speaker of the Ohio House William G. Batchelder (R-Medina). "Chairman Wachtmann and Chairman Schuring did an outstanding job incorporating recommendations from the actuarial study and reaching out to the public on the issue."

All five bills had passed unanimously from the Health and Aging Subcommittee on Retirement and Pensions as well as the full Health and Aging Committee.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Paulding County Area Foundation has announced that it will be accepting applications from Paulding County non-profit organizations for 2012. Grant instructions and application form are available by contacting Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding Ohio; telephone 419-399-8296. The grant application instructions and application form are also available on line at www.paulding-countyareafoundation.net. Applications will be received until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 14th. Grants will be awarded in December 2012.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I will be voting in the most important election of my lifetime in November.

In my 84 years I have observed 11 presidents of the United States. All of them have contributed something to our Republic. Practically all of them have had experience in the real world of business, military, working class, or some other venture. Two of them, IMHO, have had extraordinary skills in oratory.

The present POTUS is very skilled in oratory. However, as a former councilman, I make note that we should never be swayed by their 'promises'. The primary thing for the responsible voter to do is to look at the record, not the promises.

You might even ask a question of yourself. "Am I better off now than I was four years ago."

Things are never as they seem. For instance, when the present Federal administration 'took over' GM and Chrysler, it was mandated by the government that certain car brands be dropped from production. As a result, there were a high number of skilled dealer technicians

who LOST their jobs as a result of this. This, of course, is not mentioned by most media or the present Administration. What was mentioned is that the government 'saved' the companies (albeit with strings attached) and union jobs, very important for votes.

I could go on but please look into the record of the present POTUS and see if he is the one to lead our Republic into the future. Again ask yourself, "Am I better off than I was four years ago?" Based on his record and the present state of my beloved Republic, I say NO.

—Wayne A. Doenges

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In a surprising announcement in the *News-Sentinel* on August 22, Terry Jo Lightfoot stated the EACS school board is paying \$8,000 for a "de-annexation" study. Now that they have dipped into the pockets of New Haven and Leo for the Woodlan and Heritage redesigns, they seem to think its ok to get rid of us both even though New Haven defeated the referendum for their redesign by a very large majority. I don't

know how Leo voted, but I would think they would be just as indignant to have their taxes go to a school system in which they were no longer a part. We (New Haven and Leo) are required to pay the redesign taxes since we were part of the EACS school system when it was voted upon. This is just another example of the Board throwing money down the drain for EACS.

First, they take our tax money; and then will tell us we can leave the district to create our own schools? Legal but again, as in many things the EACS School Board has done over the years, is unethical. Terry Jo Lightfoot even stated "it's possible the study won't be presented in public." I would certainly like to know the result. Why even suggest secrecy when the law requires public knowledge? She and the rest of the Board have problems with transparency as well as their financial inadequacies and many other problems.

Please check out all the candidates for your districts thoroughly and please vote the current inadequate, unethical members out.

—Marcia Geller

BENEFIT FOR LINDA PIERSMA



Linda Piersma was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in June 2010, after surgery for a bowel obstruction. Since that time she has faced chemotherapy, multiple surgeries, and multiple hospital stays. At the time of this writing, Linda is in Lutheran Hospital ICU. Since she is un-

insured, the cost of all this has been financially devastating. She needs your help!

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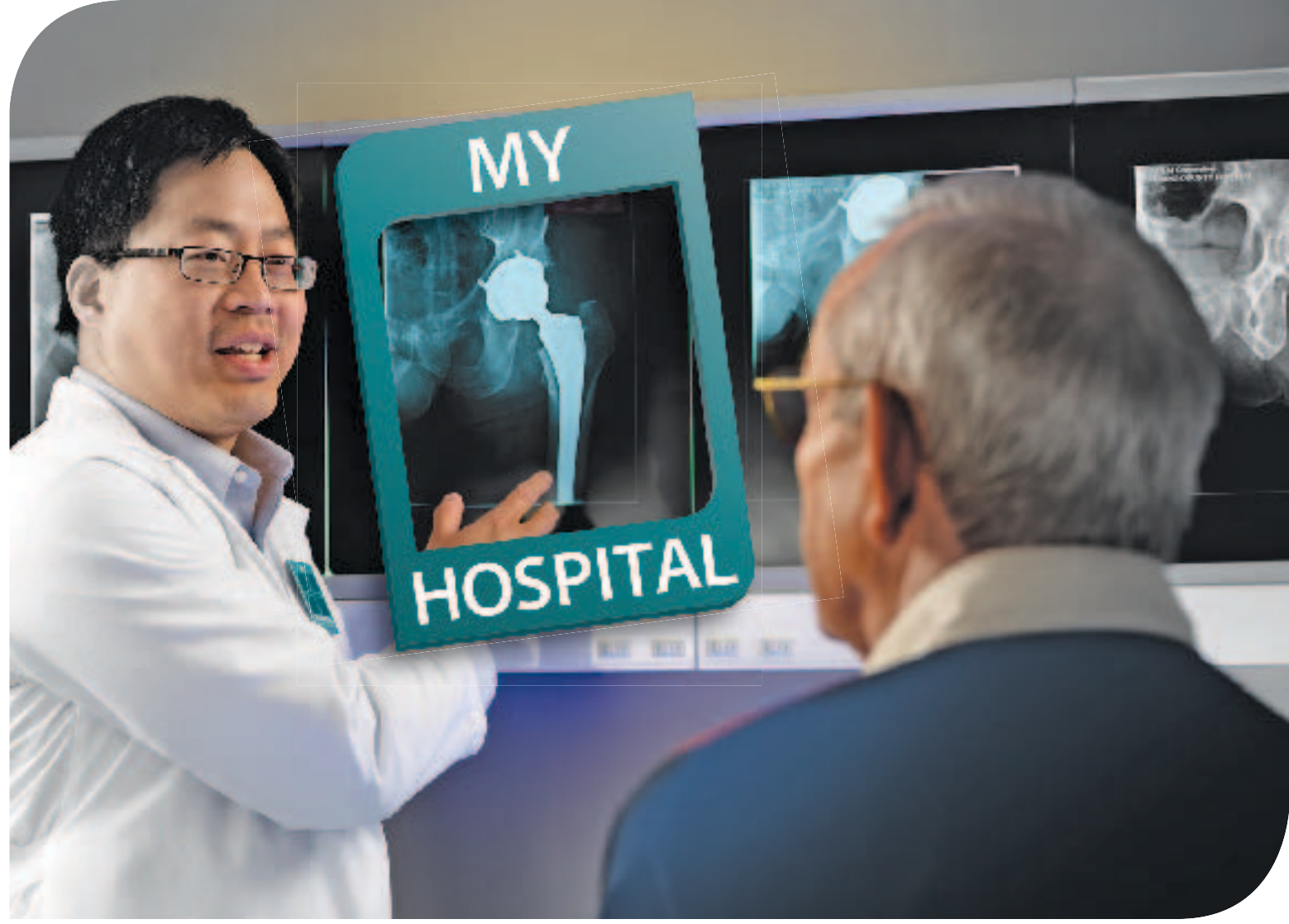
LATTA STATEMENT ON CONSTITUENT WORK PERIOD

During the August Constituent Work Period, Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) toured 80 factories and businesses, hospitals, farms, and met with constituents across the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio. Latta began the work period by touring drought stricken farms in the district, and was joined by Ohio Agriculture Director David T. Daniels for the day. Congressman Latta issued the following statement in regard to his tours:

"As I met with these owners, workers, and managers, I was impressed by the scope and breadth of what is being produced here in the Fifth District. My faith in the American entrepreneurial spirit was greatly reaffirmed by the hard work and ingenuity of these small business owners, who have dedicated their lives and capital, to create innovative products and employ people within their communities.

"With a national unemployment rate that continues to linger above eight percent, bureaucrats in Washington need to understand that government intervention in our nation's businesses, small and large, will not move our current sluggish economy forward. I remain determined to working towards policies that reduce federal spending, cut the excessive red tape on area farms and businesses, and provide incentives for these businesses to grow and create jobs," concluded Latta.

Congressman Bob Latta currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including the Subcommittees on Communications and Technology, Environment and the Economy, and Health. He is a member of numerous congressional caucuses, including Reclaim American Jobs Caucus, the Manufacturing Caucus, and the Congressional High Tech Caucus.



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FIRST WARRIOR WIN AT HOMECOMING GAME



Woodlan earned their first victory of the season at home against for Prairie Heights Friday, September 14 for the homecoming game. The Warriors started strong and continued to a 55-29 win. Shown above is junior Jaylin Bennett who scored four touchdowns for the Warriors. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

2012 WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CROWNS THE ROYALS



Woodlan 2012 Homecoming King: Justice Williams; Queen: Rachel Sowels. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

Homecoming is a rite of passage for all public high school students. At Woodlan High School there is no exception. The 2012 King and Queen of Woodlan's homecoming were crowned on Friday, September 14th.

eTECH OHIO & LEARNING.COM PARTNER TO PROVIDE ONLINE SAFETY CURRICULUM TO SCHOOLS STATEWIDE

The eTech Ohio Commission (eTech Ohio), a state leader in promoting access to and use of technology for Ohio learners, will make Learning.com's EasyTech Online Safety curriculum available for K-12 students, teachers, and administrators in all of Ohio's public schools and chartered non-public districts. This initiative will allow Ohio schools to satisfy the national E-Rate requirements surrounding student internet safety and training.

eTech Ohio set out to find a comprehensive, cost-effective curriculum that would educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

"We wanted to provide districts the tools they need to stay compliant for E-Rate savings without an additional cost burden," said Greg Davidson, eTech Ohio interim executive director. "In surveying schools about whether this would be a valuable initiative, 100 percent said that it would be, so we are pleased to be able to extend Internet safety training through Learning.com to all Ohio schools."

Learning.com's EasyTech Online Safety curriculum is a complete K-12 Internet safety program that provides students with the skills to be safe, ethical digital citizens as they communicate online. The curriculum is easy to use, encourages safe educational use of the Internet, and meets E-Rate requirements while documenting compliance. Its engaging curriculum - based on current research - includes interactive, self-paced lessons, group activities, guided practice, and immediate feedback. And, it provides teachers and parents with the skills and resources to support students as they tackle tough topics.

"Internet safety skills are critical to student success and well-being," said Sarah Luchs, eTech Ohio chief learning officer. "The tools provided by Learning.com will be a tremendous resource to districts in their efforts to create safe and effective digital learning environments."

"Our mission is to connect quality content with teachers and their students, and we are pleased to partner with eTech Ohio to bring their students the critical online safety skills they need to succeed in a digital world," said Anita Kopec, interim chief executive officer of Learning.com.

For more information on Ohio's implementation, visit www.learning.com/etechohio.

For more information on EasyTech Online Safety curriculum, visit www.learning.com/easytech/onlinesafety.

NEW HAVEN BOY'S SOCCER TAKE DOWN PATRIOTS

By: Tami Britton

The New Haven Boy's soccer team took the field Wednesday, September 12th against the Heritage Patriots on Heritage's home field. The Bulldogs came out with fire and struck first within the 3 minutes of the start of the game. Christian Guandique fed the ball to TJ Moeller who buried it in the back of the net. The Patriots were on the attack, but our Defense held strong with sweeper Jake Britton directing the field. TJ Moeller again found an opening halfway through the first half and brought the Dogs up 2-0, where the score remained until halftime. The Patriots came out with a little more fire, but the defense held strong against the attack. Guandique found Connor Stephen in front of the net and the Dogs took advantage with Stephen scoring, bringing the Dogs up 3-0. Reese Sieger then powered the ball through the Patriot defense finding Bambi Bisengeta who fed it to Almin Haskic and the Dogs go up 4-0, where the score remained at the final whistle. The Dogs came out fighting and didn't stop until the end of the game. Justin Bennett had a fantastic game with multiple great saves as the Patriots fought to get back in the game but the Dogs were too much to handle shutting out the Patriots.

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CLOSE GAME FOR NH SOCCER



New Haven boys took on Columbia City at the home soccer field at Kreager Park off River Rd. on Monday, September 10th. The Bulldogs had tough competition and lost 1-0 that evening. Shown above is New Haven senior Almin Haskic driving the ball down towards the goal. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Tami Britton

The boy's soccer team took the field Thursday night, September 13th against the Concordia Cadets. This was a very physical match and the boys came out attacking the entire first half. Concordia struck twice pretty quickly in the first half, but the Bulldogs kept digging and Bambi Bisengeta found Reese Sieger who powered the ball in the net. The Dogs went to halftime down 2-1. The second half found a very aggressive Concordia team taking the field. With about 5 minutes left in the

game, it appeared the Dogs would tie the game with a corner kick from Christian Guandique connecting with a header by Brahndon Bolinger, but the Cadet goalie saved the shot. The Dogs played on the defensive for most of the 2nd half, but held the Cadets scoreless until 1 minute left in the game, when Concordia took advantage of the Dogs playing a man down. The final score from a well played, hard fought game was 3-1 in Concordia's favor.

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Scholarship. On behalf of ASABE, Dr. Scott Shearer, Food, Agricultural and Biological



Engineering Department Chair, presented Klopfenstein with the \$1,000 scholarship grant during a May 17, 2012 department event. The scholarship is made possible by the generosity of William J. Adams, Jr., and the late Marijane E. Adams, through the ASABE Foundation.

Klopfenstein was selected to receive the Adams Scholarship based on his excellent academic standing, financial need and interest in agricultural machinery design and development. The scholarship grant is presented annually to an ASABE student member enrolled in an ABET or CEAB accredited agricultural/biosystems engineering program. The scholarship is intended for students interested in careers in agricultural machinery product design. To qualify for the scholarship,

students must maintain a grade point average of a least 2.5 (4.0 basis) or equivalent and have financial aid needs for tuition, fees, books, and on-campus room and board.

Klopfenstein is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering with a focus on power and machinery from the Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Klopfenstein will graduate in May of 2013 from The Ohio State University. He currently has numerous offers from agricultural machinery companies and is also considering graduate school at Ohio State as well.

According to Klopfenstein, "I have been interested in the agricultural field ever since I was able to drive a tractor and help my father on the family farm. I have grown up working, living, breathing, and raising animals and doing the work on our farm. In addition, the problems and challenges that occur for a farmer interest me. When pieces of equipment break down, or some operation needs improvement, I love the challenge. I cannot wait for the day when I can work on the farm with my father and spend years watching the alfalfa, corn and soybeans come in for another harvest."

Since 1998 to the present,

Klopfenstein has worked in his families Alvin Klopfenstein & Sons Inc., Haviland, Ohio farming operation. And for the past three years he has also had the opportunity to work as an intern for Case-New Holland involving hydraulics and planter lab/field testing, travel the United States to test hay and forage equipment, and product development and design engineering Magnum tractors.

While at Ohio State University, Klopfenstein has been involved in numerous clubs and activities. He is a member of the Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences Student Council and the Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity. He has also been involved with numerous community and volunteer activities such as the Farm Science Review Recycling Squad, State of Ohio 4-H Engineering Webmaster, St. Johns Community Kitchen, and CFAES Canned Food Drive and School Supplies for Kids project to name a few.

A 4-year member of ASABE, Klopfenstein is currently the treasurer of their Student Branch, and has participated in various branch activities. He has also been a member of Ohio State's Quarter Scale Tractor Design Competition design team since 2008.

A few of his awards and honors include various State of Ohio FFA and Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity honors, and first place in Ohio State Fair's Woodworking competition. Klopfenstein has received eighteen scholarships in the past five years.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an international educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to biological, agricultural, and food systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members representing more than 100 countries. Further information on ASABE can be obtained by contacting the Society at (269) 429-0300 (phone) or (269) 429-3852 (fax); hq@asabe.org. Details can also be found at <http://www.asabe.org>.

WIN FOR WAYNE TRACE FOOTBALL HOMECOMING GAME



Wayne Trace Football took on the Ayersville Pilots Friday, September 14 at home. The first quarter was such a blowout that by the end it was already 39 to 0 in the Raiders favor. The Offense wasn't the only machine working for the Raiders, the Defense brought the Pilots down over and over. Wayne Trace finished with a 59-14 win. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WT HIGH SCHOOL 2012 HOMECOMING ROYALS



Wayne Trace's Homecoming King and Queen for 2012: Taylor Grant, daughter of Holly Ryan, and Nick McClain, son of Lisa & Tim Dunlap and Mike & JJ McClain.

Picture here are Wayne Trace High School's representatives for the 2012 Homecoming. Left to right are Junior attendants Dvin Wenzlick and Brenda Feasby; Senior attendants Nick McClain, Kaleigh Young, Dalton Sinn, Staci Wenninger, Grady

Gudakunst, Taylor Grant, Cade Harvey, Natalie Sinn; Sophomore attendants Jacob Dingus and Kelsee Rittenhouse; Freshman attendants Luke Miller and Brianna Sinn. In front is Princess Elise Miller.

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ANTWERP VB WINS AT HOME



Antwerp took on Edgerton at home Tuesday, September 11. Shown above is Sophomore Emily Hamman spiking the ball for the archers. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

Antwerp beat Edgerton in four games on September 11th.
Scores of the game:
25-18, 25-13, 22-25, 25-16
Archer individual stats:
Lydia Yenser - 22 kills
Alexis Jones - 10 kills, 4 aces, 7 digs
Emily Hamman - 7 kills
Tara Richhart - 4 kills, 5 blocks

Gabby Zuber - 3 kills, 2 aces
Katie Bissell - 35 assists, 13 digs
Avrial Sawyer - 20 digs, 27-30 passing
Kacy Brumett - 8 digs
Maddie Reinhart - 5 digs
Archer varsity record now stands at 6-2 (2-0 GMC). Antwerp JV won in three.

LADY WARRIORS SWEEP THE MATCH AGAINST THE RAILROADERS

By: Jeff Abbott
Woodlan got 12 kills from Hannah Robbins and added a pair of serve aces each from Burgundy Price and Tori Bontrager to defeat the Garrett Railroaders in three straight and sweep the match in ACAC girls volleyball.
Scores of the game: 25-16W, 25-20W, 25-16W

WOODLAN WIN ACAC VOLLEYBALL MATCH UP

By: Jeff Abbott
Woodlan swept past Bluffton in straight games to win their girls' ACAC volleyball match against the Tigers. Brooke Gerbers and Burgundy Price each had 3 serve aces and Hannah Robbins put in 12 kills and a pair of blocks to lead the Warriors to the win.
Scores of the game: 25-14W, 25-11W, 25-13W

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LADY ARCHERS FIGHT HARD FOR WIN AGAINST WILDCAST

Antwerp beat Delphos Jefferson in five games on September 10th.
Scores of the game:
24-26DJ, 23-25DJ, 25-17A, 25-19A, 15-7A
Archer individual stats:
Lydia Yenser - 15 kills
Alexis Jones - 9 kills, 11 digs
Emily Hamman - 13 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks
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Katie Bissell - 40 assists, 12 digs
Kacy Brumett - 10 digs
Avrial Sawyer - 16 digs, 2 aces
Antwerp JV won in two.

GRABILL BANK & MARKLE-BANK TO BECOME iAB FINANCIAL BANK

Grabill Bank and Markle-Bank will consolidate and become iAB Financial Bank as of October 9, 2012. The application for interagency bank merger was approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Financial Institutions in August. The two bank holding companies merged in 2005, leaving the banks separately chartered, and became Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (iAB). Grabill Bank and MarkleBank have had consolidated administrative and operations functions since then but have maintained separate identities.

Integration has been the plan for several years in order to make the organization more efficient and control costs.

This new bank consolidation allows for processing of customer transactions from a wider service network including 17 branch offices, a Mortgage Center with 2 regional offices and a Wealth Management Division. The combined organization will be nearly \$1 billion in assets with 250 employees. The new bank will be governed by the existing iAB Board of Directors.

Management for iAB Financial Bank will include Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kevin J. Himmelhaver, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Gregory A. Smitley, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Paul J. Grandlienard, Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer; Karen J. Cameron, Executive Vice President/Corporate Services; and Michael A. Rice, Executive Vice President/Operations. "Both banks have been successful in providing quality services to customers as well as being leaders in the communities we serve. The company is strategically focused on growth, and this consolidation into a single bank will allow us to expand our service network, provide larger loans to our borrowers, allow for more career opportunities for our employees and have a larger base from which to support our local communities," stated Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer. iAB Financial Bank will be the sole banking subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. The combined bank will serve 30,000 customers in our local communities which include Fort Wayne, Bluffton, Grabill, Harlan, Huntington,

Leo, Markle, New Haven, Ossian, Roanoke, Van Buren and Warren.

WIND ENERGY IN INDIANA'S FUTURE?

The Kruse Report by: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

As Indiana's population continues to grow, it is necessary to access new sources of energy to meet expanding Hoosier utility needs. Finding energy resources that are cost-effective and easy to transport throughout the state is often a priority in this search. While state leaders explore all options available, a variety of suggestions are brought to the table for debate.

As a member of the General Assembly's Regulatory Flexibility Committee, I recently had the opportunity to hear Clean Line Energy Partners present a proposal for a 700-mile-long transmission line that would carry wind energy through the Great Plains. This line could provide as much power as three Hoover Dams, the company's representatives said. Indiana would be the end point of a series of turbines called the Grain Belt Express, which Clean Line hopes to finish by 2018.

According to Vince Griffin, Vice President of Environmental and Energy Policy at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana's electric power demand will increase by 20 percent in the near future. The Grain Belt Express could diversify our energy resources and support Indiana's economy by delivering competitively-priced, renewable energy, he said.

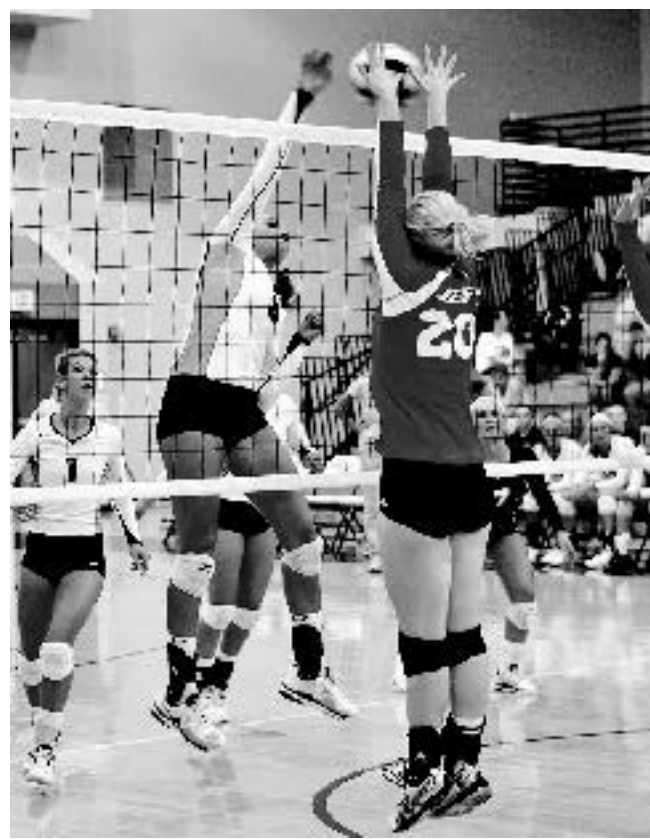
However, many people do not believe wind energy is the best direction for Indiana. Some argue other energy sources are better investments because they are more reliable. According to Indiana Power and Light spokeswoman, Crystal Livers-Powers, fossil-fueled power plants are better resources for consumers' 24/7 electricity demands than wind energy, which depends on whether or not the wind is pushing the turbines' massive blades. Additionally, while wind and solar production are becoming more affordable, traditional power plants are still the most competitively-priced source of energy, she said.

Clean Line acknowledges wind energy will not replace other sources of generation, but it can be a bigger part of Indiana's energy mix, company officials said. A study by the American Wind Energy Association shows Indiana's wind resource is ranked 15th in the United States, meaning we can harness and utilize wind energy better than most other states. If that holds true, this could mean more competitive energy prices, an additional source of power and new economic development opportunities, some say.

As the General Assembly's interim study committees meet through the fall, Indiana's natural resources, energy opportunities and economic development potential will continue to be topics of discussion. It is my hope our legislators will weigh all sides of these issues and come to a decision that is best for Indiana in the years to come.

What do you think?

LADY WARRIORS LOSE HARD FOUGHT BATTLE



Adams Central came to the Warrior home court Thursday, September 13. The first two games were won by the Jets, but the Warriors came back and won the next two. The final match was won in a tight score 15-13 by Adams Central giving them the game 3-2. Shown above is senior Hannah Robbins spiking the ball. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Jeff Abbott

After dropping the first two games to Adams Central, woodlan fought back to win the next two and send the match to a deciding 5 set before falling to the Jets 3-2 in girls' ACAC volleyball. Woodlan and Adams Central closely battled throughout the evening with the Jets winning the first two by scores of 25-23 and 25-19. Woodlan rebounded to take the next two by scores of 25-20 and 25-18.

The Warriors held a slim advantage in the final set before the Jets came back late to close out the match at 15-13. Burgundy Price had 7 serve aces and 16 kills for the Woodlan offense and Brooke Gerbers added 22 assists in the match. Adams Central took the reserve match in straight games over the Warriors

Scores of the game: 25-23A, 25-19A, 20-25W, 18-25W, 15-13A

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WILLIAMSON & KRICK ON FIRE AT XC MEET



Antwerp hosted their annual Cross Country invitational at Riverside Park Tuesday, September 11. True to form Archers Sam Williamson and Collin Krick came in first and second place. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

On Tuesday, September 11th, the Antwerp cross country invitational took place at Riverside Park in Antwerp. In team finishes, Antwerp varsity and JH boys both took 1st place back to their schools. While Paulding tagged the 1st place in girls varsity and JH girls 1st place went to Ayersville. In varsity boys, Antwerp's Sam Williamson finished first at 18:11, and Colin Krick close behind in second with 18:33. Third and fourth went to

Ayersville's Noah Frost with 18:55 and Paulding's Andrew Layman with 19:09. In varsity girls, Paulding's Shayla Shepherd came in third with 23:39. In junior high, Paulding's Dayton Pracht took first in 13:14; Antwerp's Brandon Laney snagged second in 13:39; a couple from North Central grabbed third and fourth, giving fifth place to Antwerp's Matthew Dooley in 13:55.

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ANTWERP, HICKSVILLE & PAULDING AREA STUDENTS TO HOST FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT, JOINING THOUSANDS OF YOUTH ACROSS AMERICA

Students from Antwerp, Hicksville, Paulding and other area schools will be joining thousands of other youth on athletic fields all across the nation on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the seventh annual national Fields of Faith event. This rapidly-growing, interdenominational outreach event will be held at more than 400 locations throughout the nation on this same date. While many Christian rallies are anchored to an entertainer or professional speaker that creates a spec-

tator event, Fields of Faith is structured as a student-to-student ministry. Peers invite their own classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear fellow students share their testimonies, challenge them to read the Bible and to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This will be the second Fields of Faith event for Antwerp, Hicksville and Paulding. Last year, approximately 275 students and supporters attended at Antwerp Community Ball Fields.

The national growth of Fields of Faith has been remarkable. Since the beginning of Fields of Faith in 2004, more than 500,000 students have joined in the movement. In 2011 alone, more than 160,000 students gathered on 475 fields across 36 states to participate in the event.

It's not just those numbers that have FCA organizers excited about Fields of Faith. It's the real-life impact that these gatherings are having on young people. Last year's series of events saw 3,993 students make first-time faith commitments to follow Jesus Christ, 5,205 recommitted their life to Christ and 8,741 committed to reading the Bible daily.

"The impact of Fields of Faith has been incredible in just these past few years," said Les Steckel, FCA president and former veteran NFL coach. "It's all about young people in these communities coming together on their school's athletic field and challenging each other to go back to the fundamentals of reading God's Word and coming to faith in Jesus Christ."

The impetus for Fields of Faith began with Jeff Martin, an FCA staff person, who conceived the idea from an Old Testament reference in 2 Chronicles 34 after searching how to help today's generation of students face spiritual battles and temptations. In the scripture, King Josiah, an influential teenager very similar to Fields of Faith attendees today, gathered his people and challenged them to read the Bible. As a result, they changed their culture.

In 2004, the Josiah-influenced dream came true when 6,000 students gathered on school athletic fields throughout three states for the first Fields of Faith event. That was the beginning of what has become one of the most significant faith-related gathering of students in a single day.

"Fields of Faith challenges this generation to be committed to reading the Bible and living a transformed life for Jesus Christ," said Martin. "It's students challenging students, peers challenging peers and that's the heart and soul of Fields of Faith."

While Fields of Faith has its roots with FCA leadership, the event is designed to include multiple national Christian organizations, local churches and ministries. A local leadership team will determine the program of each Fields of Faith event.

More information about Fields of Faith is available at FieldsofFaith.com. To learn more about the event in Antwerp contact Savanna Fettig at 419-258-0453 or at antwepfca@gmail.com.

TIGERS DEFEAT WARRIORS ON THE FIELD

By: Jeff Abbott
Bluffton made their 2 touchdowns on Friday night hold up as the Tigers defeated the Woodlan Warriors 14-10 in ACAC football. Stormy weather on Friday evening postponed completion on the game until Saturday morning with Bluffton hanging onto a 14-8 lead. The only points of the morning came from a Woodlan safety as the Bluffton defense dug in to hold the Warriors' offense scoreless and preserve the win. Bluffton got a touchdown from Drew Pearson in the first quarter on a 7 yard pass play and Matt Streveler added a 14 yard rushing TD in the second period. Jaylin Bennett had a 59 yard run to the end zone for the only Woodlan touchdown
Score by the quarter:
Woodlan - 0 8 0 2=10
Bluffton - 7 7 0 0=14
B - Pearson, 7yd pass from Marshall (Zeis kick)
B - Streveler, 14yd run (Zeis kick)
W - Bennett, 59yd run (2pt conversion good)
W - Safety

PC FUSION WIN BIG SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



Paulding County Fusion All-Star team entered an all-star tournament in Leo-Grabill, IN. These girls were chosen from all Paulding County teams and had never played together. They came together and played as a team and won the whole tournament.

The team consisted of the following: Bottom row (l-r) Chloe Franklin, Taylor Long, Karsyn Brummett, Ashlynn

Rice, Claire Sinn, Aylivia DeVore. Second row - Keagann Parrish, Libby Wenzlick, Megan Speice, Kaitlyn Titus, Sidney McCullough. Back row - Karisa Long (scorekeeper), Coach Mike Carothers, Coach Dave Wenzlick. Not pictured was Mattie Brigner. Kortokrax Plumbing was the official sponsor of the Paulding County Fusion.

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LITTLE HARVEST PRESCHOOL IS CRAZY ABOUT THE LETTER A!



The Little Harvest Preschool taught their students about the letter A recently. They learned all about it, made their own applesauce, and Ms. Amber surprised the students with her special

A attire. Pictured above are Lance Maenle, Lexi Moore, Adria Webster, Torree Sinn, Aubree Miller, Gabby Carman, Ryann Jay, Gabby Thomas, and Ms Amber Miller.

GEORGE JONES RETURNS TO THE EMBASSY THEATRE STAGE

George Jones, considered by many to be the best country voice of all time, will make a rare tour stop in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Saturday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Embassy Theatre. Jones, the single greatest living link to country's golden age, will perform many of his 143 "top 40" classics amassed over an amazing 56 year music career. In fact, Jones has had more charted singles than any other artist in any format of popular music.

Having earned almost every conceivable award, including Grammy's and

CMA's, his career achievements in the industry were formally recognized with his election into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1992. Jones recounted many of the highs and lows of his life in his 1996 autobiography, "I lived To Tell It All." Don't miss your chance to see one of the greatest honky tonk singers of all time.

His hit "He Stopped Loving Her Today" is widely regarded as the greatest country single of all time! Hear this and many more of his hits such as, "White Lightning", "Tender Years", "The Door", "Still Doin' Time", "She Thinks I Still Care" and many more classic hits.

PREPAREDNESS MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2012: PAULDING COUNTY - READY, SET... PREPARE!

September 19 - In an emergency situation - what do you do with your pet? The time to prepare is now. Whether it's a dog, cat, horse or other farm animals, there is a course of action you should follow. Visit http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/disaster_preparedness.html for disaster planning for animals.

September 20 - Terrorists have frequently used explosive devices as one of their most common weapons. Terrorists do not have to look far to find out how to make explosive devices; the information is readily available in books and other information sources. For more on how to prepare for this type of terrorist attack, visit <http://www.ready.gov/explosions> Learn, and be prepared.

September 21 - As we've seen this summer, Paulding County can be hit by prolonged periods of extreme heat. Were you prepared? There are many things you can do to prepare yourself and your home for hot weather. For more information, visit <http://www.ready.gov/heat>

September 22 - Now that you are ready for heat, it is time to recognize signs of heat illness. Do you know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke? Being informed could save a life. Visit <http://www.ready.gov/heat> for more information.

September 23 - Extreme cold and winter storms can cause big problems - are you prepared? One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region. For more information on preparing for winter weather, visit <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

September 24 - Are you prepared "space weather" and the problems it could cause for you and your family? Space Weather refers to variable conditions on the sun and in space that can influence the technology we use on earth. Now is the time to be prepared, and learn about space weather! Visit <http://www.ready.gov/space-weather> for more information.

September 25 - You should prepare always - not just in September. Take a moment to "Pledge to Prepare." By Pledging you will become part of the National Preparedness Coalition. There is no cost or obligation in doing so. As a Coalition Member, you will have access to exclusive resources and be able to collaborate with thousands of fellow members across the country on ways to participate and get your community involved.

September 26 - You may think of earthquakes only happening in places like California, or South America, but there are major fault line running through Ohio - the New Madrid Fault Line. To prepare for an earthquake,

visit <http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>

September 27 - Preparedness 101 - The Zombie Pandemic: Are you prepared? The CDC came up with this graphic novel to drive home the importance of preparedness. To read the story, which includes a checklist to help you prepare before disaster strikes, visit http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies_novella.htm

September 28 - Like individuals and families, schools, daycare providers, workplaces, neighborhoods and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans. Ask questions now. Call your school - ask about plans - so you are informed, ready and prepared.

September 29 - Knowing what to do *after* a disaster is also important. Where to go for help? What local/state/federal governments are doing to help. Visit <http://www.ready.gov/recovering-disaster> for more information.

September 30 - Do you know where to turn to for information locally, in a disaster situation? If the power is out, and you have a battery operated radio, check for updates on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radios; they are one of the most effective means for you to receive timely warnings of severe weather events. For full details of this program check out the Wilmington National Weather Service Office site.



WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL EXPANDS HEALTHY LUNCH PROGRAM

Woodburn Lutheran School now offers a salad bar option to students in grades 3-8. WLS cooks, Jennifer Osborn and Kiley Smith, say the number of kids using the salad bar is exceeding their expectations and they have had positive feedback from the parents!

THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

Answers on Page 16

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DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT JOHNNY APPLESEED



Grades 1 and 2 of Divine Mercy are learning about apples and Johnny Appleseed. They are enjoying many books. They have conducted experiments with apples. They are studying the needs

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TRACT 1: 88 ACRES with approximately 70 acres tillable. There is over 1000 feet of road frontage along old U.S. 24. The soil types are mostly Paulding Clay with Roselms Loams. There is a closed waterway on the back corner of this tract. There is approximately 11.5 acres off woods on the southwest corner of this tract. There are some mature trees in this woods.

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A new Lab Volt Hydraulic Trainer was recently delivered to the Vantage Ag and Industrial Power Technology program. Here, Chad Whited, from Advanced Technology Consultants, demonstrates how it works to senior Ag students Jonathan McBride (Crestview), Mike Ladd (Crestview), Instructor Mr. Mike Miller, Joe McVay (Wayne Trace), and Devin Synder (Crestview).

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second test-drive in the all new 2013 Ford Escape! The money raised will be shared between the Vantage High School Scholarship Fund, the Interact Club, and the Student Activities fund. Additionally, those coming to Vantage for a test drive will get a "sneak peek" at the new south addition of the school, which includes the Commons area, the Cup & Saucer Restaurant, the high school office and the Community Room.

"We know funding for school programs is hard to come by, and we want to do our part to help make sure that these programs remain available to our local students," said Steve Munroe, General Manager at Statewide. "We're excited to add Vantage to the Van Wert County schools that have benefited from the Drive One program."

The event, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will feature many vehicles from Ford's impressive line-up. "Whether you are looking to test out our larger vehicles, like the Explorer or F-150, or are more interested in a smaller sedan like the Focus or Fusion, we will be able to put you behind the wheel of your favorite Ford vehicle," said Munroe.

Since the start of Ford's Drive One 4 UR School program in 2007, more than \$11 million in donations have been generated for high schools nationwide. Statewide has sponsored 6 Drive One events locally raising over \$30 thousand combined for Van Wert, Lincolnview and Crestview schools.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS TO BREAK GROUND ON THE WOODLAN CAMPUS PROJECT

On Friday, September 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., East Allen County School officials and community members will break ground on the Woodlan Campus project. The project is on schedule, with construction expected to begin this fall and completion set for May 2014.

For more information, please contact the EACS Administration Building at 260-446-0100.

PC RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION SET OCTOBER MEETING

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, October 8, 2012, at St. Paul Lutheran Church located at 601 Flatrock Drive in Paulding. Following dinner at 5:30 p.m., there will be a presentation on the Silver Sneakers program at the Paulding County Hospital.

State officers of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association will be present. Dues for 2013 will be collected. Members are asked to make reservations by calling Ann Furrow at 419-399-4320.

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(NAPSI)—Onions—they're used in a wide range of recipes, from breakfast to supper and nearly every ethnic cuisine. To help you get the best results, here are a few facts about each type and how to decide which onions to use.

• Yellow onions are all purpose, used every way from raw to roasted. They are the most abundant type of onion. When raw, their flavor can range from sweet to pungent, depending on the variety and time of year. Cooking brings out their nutty, mellow flavor—especially when caramelized.

• Red onions are increasingly popular, especially raw in salads and sandwiches. Their wonderful color also makes them perfect for grilling, charbroiling and roasting.

• White onions are commonly used in Mexican, Southwest and BBQ dishes. They are also used in sauces and potato and pasta salads. When sautéed, they turn a golden color and have a mild flavor.

With so many ways in which they can be used, it's easy to see why the National Onion Association says onions are among the most versatile vegetables.

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REVITALIZE YOUR SKIN

(NAPSI)—A rare flower can help bring the bloom of youth to aging skin, researchers say.

The Haberlea Rhodopenensis is what's known as a resurrection flower: It has the unique ability to survive in a state of dehydration for over two years, jolting back to life within hours of proper hydration.

Now, that flower is part of new Rosa Arctica Lightweight Cream and Rosa Arctica Eye by Kiehl's Since 1851. Both were created by the venerable New York-based skin and hair care purveyor's own chemists, after the successful introduction of last year's Rosa Arctica Youth Regenerating Cream, for those who wanted a lighter weight moisturizer and an eye treatment with the original's rejuvenating benefits.

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For more information on Rosa Arctica Lightweight Cream and Rosa Arctica Eye anti-aging skin care from Kiehl's, visit www.kiehls.com/Rosa-Arctica.

CORRECTED Sudoku solution from 9/12/12 Thank You Janet!

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

Sudoku solution from page 15

6	9	2	8	3	4	5	7	1
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9	4	6	3	7	5	1	8	2
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Furniture & Household including very nice Eastlake Table 44" x 51" plus 2 12.5" leaves ... Gibson Refrigerator Upright Gibson Freezer Hotpoint range Gateway computer w/ monitor; HP printer; scanner Folding poker table Tiered stand & other stands & end & coffee tables Upholstered stripe love seat Marble top stand 4 Pc White Twin Size BR Suite 5 Pc Double Bedroom Suite Blanket Chest Floor & table lamps Wardrobe(2) 3 pc bedroom suitesliving room suiteSweeperWall & other clocks 2 Sofas Glass front china cabinet Hall treeSewing machine..... "Crate & Barrell" red set of dishes with chargers - 12 place setting 12 crystal salt dips Stemware Glasses Bowls Plates Pots & Pans Small electrical, etc., etc., etc. Pool table & accessories Videos ... Cook books & other books Bedding, towels, etc. Luggage Entertainment Center Television Much, much more **Antiques & Collectables** including Vintage AMF Power Trac 502 Pedal Tractor Gorton (50's or 60's) Bicycle Roadmaster Tricycle 2 Wheel Scooter Metal wagon Wolverine DeLuxe Toy Washer 1939 Paulding School Student Manual and other advertising, etc. Glassware Old Silver Clarinet & case Old Children's books and magazines 45 RPM children's records and record players Wash BoardChildrens metal table & 3 chairs Stereo View & Views Art Deco Style Wardrobe with 2 small side doors, center drawers, half moon mirror - nice Coo-Coo clock RR lanternOil lamp Old painted corner cabinet & other old misc cabinets 5 Drawer bureau Old full size oak head & foot boards 7 Drawer chest Post Cards Wapak iron skillet Wood Plane VCR tapesOld wood rocking & straight chairs Old bottles & tins Ice tongs Lightening rod globes Old kitchen utensils & other primitives Wood hand wringer..... Victrola records Crock Wood pulleys Milk bottles, etc., etc. **XMAS decorations** including Large Pre-lit Xmas spruce tree from Bethlehem lights Large centerpiece Free Standing Santa Many ornaments and related this is a **Very Partial Listing as we are still un-boxing and sorting --- 2 auction rings (bring a friend) ----- Inspection of mower, boats, vehicles the week prior to auction from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M with Open Inspection for all items on the Sept. 22nd Auction: 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Fri., Sept. 21 and beginning at 8:00 A.M. day of auction. (Special Note - On Nov. 3rd , we will be having a very large auction of Dr. Bricker's hunting, fishing and related items including firearms & accessories - watch for ad or call for brochure - brochure available approximately 3 weeks prior to auction Terms: Cash or approved check day of auction with proper ID; VISA, Master Card or Discover Card For photos & more detailed list visit our web site @ www.gorrellbros-paulding.com or call for free brochure Sellers: Dr. William S. Bricker - and - Virginia Etzler - and - Opal F. Ankney Estate, Ronald Rex Ankney & Melody Joy Ankney & Marvin Eric Ankney, Co-Ex, Pldg Co. Probate Crt, Brian S. Gorrell, Attorney - and - Barry R. Hanenkratt & Jacqelyn K. Hanenkratt, Pldg Co., Common Pleas Crt Case DIV-11-259, Joseph Burkard, Attorney Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers - Don Gorrell, Larry Gorrell, Matthew Bowers, Aaron Timm, Nolan Shisler, Joseph Barker, Sandra Mickelson**

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STUDENTS REMEMBER 9/11



On Tuesday, September 11th the students of Divine Mercy Catholic School gathered around the flagpole at 8:46 a.m. After a moment of silence, the students offered up prayers for the men, women and families that were affected by the tragedy of that day. In music class then, the students

compared the events of 9/11 to the events in 1812 when Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem. They were able to see how important our flag was to the people at both times during our nation's history. It was a wonderful lesson in our study of the Star Spangle Banner.

WHITE-TAILED DEER IN OHIO IMPACTED BY COMMON DEER DISEASE

State wildlife and animal health officials have confirmed localized outbreaks of a common white-tailed deer disease in eight Ohio counties including Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Holmes, Paulding, Portage, Ross and Summit.

Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed that of the 20 samples, 13 deer had epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD). State animal health officials stress EHD occurs annually in deer herds across North America. A similar hemorrhagic disease called bluetongue has been known to occur throughout the United States and Canada, but should not be confused with EHD. There are no cases of bluetongue disease confirmed in Ohio.

White-tailed deer contract EHD from the biting midges, which typically live near water. White-tailed deer, along with mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope are susceptible to the disease.

The disease is not spread from deer to deer or from deer to humans. Once infected, deer show symptoms within five to 10 days. Infected deer initially lose appetite and fear of man, grow progressively weaker, often salivate excessively and become unconscious. Many deer die within 36 hours of the onset of symptoms.

Midges can also spread EHD among cattle and sheep. These outbreaks may occur at the same time deer are being impacted. However, this is not a case of the disease spreading from deer to livestock or vice versa, but is an indication that the biting midges are present in large enough numbers to spread the disease.

State wildlife officials stress to those planning to hunt impacted areas this fall that although this disease does not affect humans nor impact the safety of consumed deer, hunters should report deer that appear to be sick or diseased to their local wildlife officer. Deer that appear unhealthy should never be taken for human food.

According to the University of Georgia's annual Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, EHD is the most common ailment affecting deer in the Eastern United States.

The disease is common in portions of the northern Great Plains and the southeastern United States, and was first identified in 1955 in New Jersey.

TWO SURFACE WATER PATHWAYS IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE ROUTES FOR AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Two surface water pathways in Ohio's Muskingum River watershed are considered to be medium-risk routes for the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) today that identified Little Killbuck Creek in Medina County and the Ohio Erie Canal at Akron as potential risks for the movement of ANS, including Asian carp.

The study evaluated potential surface water pathways between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes Basins, which includes the Ohio River and Lake Erie. When a potential surface water pathway was identified by USACE, the ANS transfer risk was determined by the presence and location of the species in the basin and the ability to pass between the two bodies of water.

ANS are defined as plants or animals that invade new areas and have the potential to cause ecological and economic harm. Watershed boundaries typically act as barriers to the movements of ANS to new areas, but potential surface water pathways may facilitate ANS movement between these boundaries.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) recognizes the importance of closing the medium-risk pathways and is actively pursuing options for closure. The potential surface water pathway at Little Killbuck Creek is a low-lying area that is prone to flooding. ODNR is working with the landowner to facilitate a solution to minimize the risk from this pathway.

The Ohio Erie Canal pathway is a complex water system developed in the early 1800s as part of Ohio's canal system. The complexity of the system requires additional engineering evaluation to determine the appropriate method for closure. ODNR will be working closely with USACE to determine future actions.

ODNR is implementing actions to monitor for Asian carp in waters associated with the Muskingum River pathway. Asian carp have not been documented in the Muskingum River. Evidence has been found of bighead and silver carp in the Ohio River near the Greenup Dam, upriver of Portsmouth, which is more than 300 river miles from these hydraulic connections.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.com.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL STARTING 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

The Paulding Athletic Department is in the process of scheduling High School Soccer Games and putting together a player list for next fall. If you would like to know more about playing High School Soccer in the fall of 2013, please contact Coach Goshia at 419-399-7055 or pauldingpanthersoccer@gmail.com.

EACS TO HOLD ADAMS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MEETINGS

East Allen County Schools will host three meetings in Adams Township to receive input from patrons on the Adams Township proposed facility projects (New Haven Intermediate, New Haven Jr./Sr. High School, and Paul Harding Facility). East Allen County Schools' staff will begin the discussion with a brief presentation. Speakers must sign in to speak and may only speak at one of the three sessions. Speakers can only speak in reference to the Adams Township projects and will have a three minute time limit.

The meetings are as follows:

- New Haven Middle School – September 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- New Haven High School – October 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Paul Harding Jr. High – October 6 at 12:00 noon

Tours of the facilities will be held one hour prior to the meeting start time.

For more information, please contact the EACS Administration Building at 260-446-0100.

BETTS RECEIVES 33rd DEGREE AWARD AT MASONIC CONFERENCE



At the 200th Annual Meeting of all Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite held in Cleveland recently, Hicksville's Tim Betts, Brother of the Valley of Toledo, received the 33rd Degree. The Thirty-Third Degree is awarded for "Outstanding contributions to Freemasonry or for dedicated service to humanity, reflecting credit on the Fraternity."

Hicksville Lodge #478 was chartered in 1874. Illustrious Tim Betts will be only the second to receive this honor. F.B. "Chuck" Gorrell was the other 33rd from Hicksville. Betts is a past Master of the Hicksville Lodge.

A testimonial dinner will be held for this newly coroneted 33rd Degree Mason on Saturday, September 22, at Dyer's Family Dining in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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Auctioneers Notes: **OPPORTUNITY** this is a "HUGE" auction!! Don't miss the opportunity to purchase Farm Machinery, Tools/Carpenter Tools, Antiques, Primitives, Coins, Ney, Bryan & other local memorabilia, Toys, Glassware, Furniture and much more. This auction is such a large auction there will be 2 Large tents (5000 sq. ft. of tent space) and we will be running two rings, "Possibly Three", a Fantastic Auction Opportunity!!

Partial Listing: Vehicles: 1974 International 200 pick-up/camper special (very good condition), pickup camper, **Farm Machinery/Equipment/Lawnmowers:** 1955 Cleveland No# 95, Serial-3667, wheel ditcher/w/track, 1-Kilbros wagon w/seed auger, 1-Kilbros wagon, IH 700 automatic 6bottom plow, IH 449 6row/plate planter, 27 ft. Remlinger 3-bar harrow, Steel wheeled rake, New Idea No# 17 manure spreader, Eversman land leveler, IH 490 24 ft. disc, IH 6 row cultivator, JD 3 pt. rotary hoe, flat-bed wagons, Simplicity 5212 riding mower, Simplicity 2010 riding mower w/ 4ft. sickle bar attachment & 48" deck, 1550 gal. Poly tank, **Tools:** Carpenter Tools, Woodworking tools, wood lathe, drill press, air compressor, Sight Feed Portable Acetylene Generator (12-P), 4"x4"x4' cribbing, **Antiques:** Maumee Valley No. 3 Corn sheller, Merrill Co. Toledo Oh., Washboard, Travel trunks, wood picture frames, Pump Organ Loring & Blake Organ Co. Palace Organ, Adjustable Piano bench, Glassware; Depression glass, Homer Laughlin, Hull pottery, Fenton, McCoy, Carnival glass, Tiara, Princess house, Set of 8 Perma Hues Aluminum cups (Made in Edgerton Ohio) **Collectibles:** 1-horse sleigh, Dayton bicycle w/Troxel seat, 3-1bottom plows, Victrola-Edison, Edison records, Singer trundle sewing machine, Lionel Train Set, Richland Tire display signs (excellent cond.), nail keg, **Furniture & Appliances:** Buffet, Wood wicker rockers, Mantle clocks, sofas, Drop Leaf table & chairs, Piano, Gibson Upright freezer, Performa refrigerator, Kitchen Aid dishwasher, Whirlpool stove, Whirlpool washer & dryer, **Books/Newspapers:** 1906 German Bible, 1797 Bible, Little Woman, Old learners, Bryan Press 1883, Defiance Democrat newspaper 1890, 1892 Cleveland press newspaper, **Memorabilia:** Farmer Tigers 1946 Class B State Champion Basketball program w/tickets stubs & newspaper article, Farmer Varsity Letter, WWII ration books, 1875 Sandusky Co. Ag Society Fair Pass, Rosebud Ice Cream Ney Ohio, Dove Ice cream Bryan Ohio, Ney Oil promotional items, Ney Lumber, The Blue Moon Company Bryan Oh., **Toys:** Ohio Art, JD farm toys, International farm toys, Tonka Toys, Structo Semi w/trailer, Cast iron toys, **Harness & Tack:** Marble Hitching post, Simpson Pony Saddle w/bridle, Circle Y 16/17 w/ matching bridle & breast collar, Simco saddle, English saddle, complete team harness, collars & reins, double trees, Leather Fly nets, Complete leather tool set w/cutting board, **Misc. Coins:** Confederate Paper Money, 1920's Silver Dollars, Franklin & Liberty half dollars, Pre 1964 quarters, Roosevelt dimes, Wheat pennies, and much more!!! ***Go to Auctionzip.com and enter ID# 13801 to see full listing & Photos

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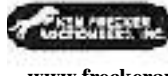
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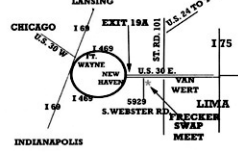
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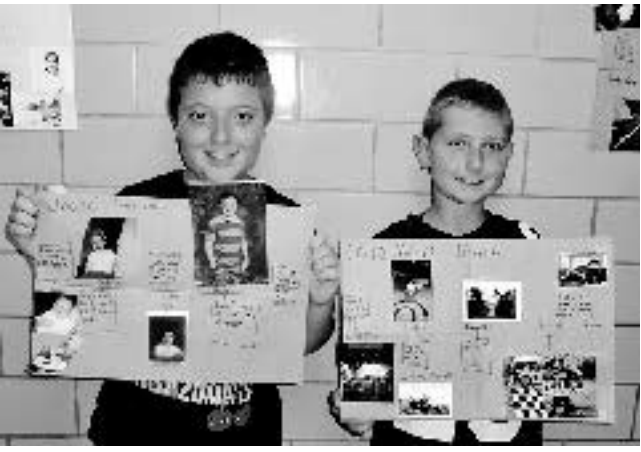
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PAULDING 5th GRADERS LEARN ABOUT TIMELINES



Fifth grade students at Paulding Elementary School have been learning about timelines in their social studies classes. After discussing how timelines could be useful in displaying important events in history in chronological order, students developed a timeline of their own lives. Starting with their birth and ending with future places, students illustrated their timelines with photos of themselves. Pictured with their timelines are Jaden Verfaillie and Cole Mabis.

THREE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

By: Dr. Thomas M. Stephens

The *Columbus Dispatch* reported that three central Ohio school superintendents have publicly pushed back on Ohio's misguided new reading law ("Reading Law Has Holdouts"). By Collin Binkley, *Columbus Dispatch*, September 2, 2012).

Superintendents Mike Johnson of Bexley; Ed O'Reilly of Grandview Heights and Thomas Tucker of Worthington were cited in the newspaper. O'Reilly, with strong research evidence on his side, labeled this law for what it is "educational malpractice". Worthington's school board is seeking legal advice as to the consequences if the district chooses not to adopt an enabling policy for implementing this malicious law.

CEDARVILLE ELEMENTARY & PARKVIEW NORTH HOSPITAL TO HOST ANNUAL KIDS SAFETY CAMP

On Friday, September 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Cedarville Elementary School will hold its annual Kids Safety Camp! More than 200 third grade students, parents and teachers will enjoy Kids Safety Camp at Cedarville Elementary. Parkview North Hospital hosts the all day event and children will participate in high-energy team activities, receive CPR training, bike and water safety training.

For more information, please contact Brad Bakle, Principal 260-446-0100.

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

LG SEEDS TO AWARD \$1,000 TO FFA OR 4-H CLUB AT OHIO FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

LG Seeds will be donating \$1,000 to an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club on behalf of a grand prize winner to be selected at the 50TH Ohio Farm Science Review in, London, Ohio next week.

LG Seeds will be at Lot 489 at the Ohio Farm Science Review this year. People who visit LG Seeds' tent will be offered a scratch and win ticket to see if they are an instant winner for a prize offered in the tent. Whether or not the person is an instant winner or not, he or she can fill out the back card and will be entered into a drawing to win the \$1,000 grand prize to be donated to his/her local FFA or 4-H Club. The winner will be contacted after the show.

LG Seeds Brand Supply Manager and Illinois 4-H Foundation Board Member, Eric Yoder, is very excited that LG Seeds is giving back to the community, particu-

larly ag-related organizations. Yoder says, "FFA and 4-H are both strong groups that provide learning and leadership opportunities to students across the country. LG Seeds feels it is very important to give back to the community and to such great organizations."

LG Seeds Marketing Specialist, Kristy Johns, is also very pleased with LG's focus to help a local area FFA or 4-H Club. Johns says, "FFA and 4-H are not your average youth organizations. It's a great fit to give back to those organizations because LG Seeds is also not your average seed company. We truly value our farming community and are thrilled to give back to an ag-related cause."

The Ohio Farm Science Review will be taking place September 18-20 next week in London, OH. LG Seeds, based in Elmwood, IL, is a producer and marketer of seed corn, soybean and alfalfa seed, operating throughout the US Corn-

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 8/29/12

This 29th day of August, 2012, 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 191023 through 191062 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on August 27, 2012, Warrant numbers 190957 through 190959 in the amount of \$2,448.68; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 006-016):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Contract Services

TO: 001-016-00002/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Capital Projects

AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR REQUIRING DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PAYROLL CHECKS:

In an effort to simplify payroll procedures, as well as cut costs of paper checks, the Paulding County Auditor has requested that all County newly hired employees be required to utilize direct deposit of payroll checks as of August 29, 2012. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve and authorize the request to require direct deposit of payroll checks for new employees as of August 29, 2012.

RESOLUTION-CONTINUATION OF FIRST HEARING OF PETITION, WITHDRAWAL, AND DISMISSAL OF THE PETITION:

In the Matter of the Harold Hasch, Single County Ditch No. 900, Peti-

tioned for by Harold Hasch, Jr.:

This being the day fixed by said Board in its order dated the 8th day of August, 2012, for the Continuation of the Suspended First Hearing on the Petition in the above named improvement; and after having read publicly the Paulding County Engineer's preliminary report and estimation of the cost of construction of said improvement, the Petitioner, Mr. Harold Hasch, Jr., has requested in writing that the Petition be withdrawn and dismissed with alternative plans to complete said improvement privately. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the written withdrawal of the Harold Hasch Single County Ditch No. 900 Petition and that said Petition be and the same is hereby dismissed; and that all the costs in said proceedings are hereby ordered to be paid by the Petitioner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Tony Burkley to go into executive session at 10:16 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Pieper. All members voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR CHILD DAYCARE SERVICES WITH NOCAC:

The Director of Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services has requested authorization to enter into a contract for child daycare services with NOCAC. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve and authorize the request to enter into a contract with NOCAC for child daycare services.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services to employ John McCord for the position of Social Services, Investigator II, at a pay rate of \$15.65 per hour, effective July 30, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services to employ Charlene Burnell for the position of Income Maintenance, at a pay rate of \$11.83 per hour, plus \$.50 per hour for bilingual abilities, effective September 10, 2012.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

This 29th day of August, 2012, Commissioners Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, and Fred Pieper met with the following members of the Audit Committee: Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts; Claudia Fickel, County Auditor; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer. Lou Ann Wannemacher distributed the Permissive Sales and Use Tax for August, 2012. Sales tax was slightly up from July by \$375.64; however, down \$214.08 from August, 2011. August sales tax revenue was up \$17,177.48 from the four-year average (2008-2011).

Claudia Fickel then distributed the General Fund Receipts and Expenses Reports ending July, 2012. General Fund receipts of \$200,640.96 were up from June, 2012, by \$90,714.06, however, up from July, 2011, by \$158,346.84. July General Fund receipts were up from the four-year average for July by \$51,153.54. General Fund expenses for

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July were down \$77,332.31 from June; however, up from July, 2011, expenses by \$14,064.71. Expenses were down \$37,744.19 from the four-year average for July. Ms. Fickel stated the increase in General Fund expenses when compared to previous years is largely due to expenses incurred because of Friday hours. She also reported the General Fund cash balance is up when compared to the same time frame in 2011.

In other business, the County has received its first casino revenue. The Commissioners recently learned that revenue from the wind farms will not be realized until 2014. The PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) will be collected the same as real estate taxes, due twice a year in February and July.

Claudia Fickel noted her internet findings. There are several internet providers within the Courthouse. It may be beneficial to settle on one provider, unless it is office prohibitive. This matter needs further investigation.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be September 26, 2012.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jeff Hollis and Cassie Kunkle, The Traditions Group - Mr. Hollis and Ms. Kunkle met briefly with the Commissioners to update the storm damage repair project at the Courthouse. Mr. Hollis further discussed the maintenance and stabilization of the Courthouse. He made several recommendations to 'weatherize' the Courthouse.

Harold Hasch, Jr.; Greg Adkins, Emerald Township Trustee; and Chad Crosby, Paulding County Engineer's Office - The first hearing on the Harold Hasch Ditch Petition was continued (see resolution above).

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor -

Ms. Fickel presented monthly reports for the Commissioners' review prior to the Audit Committee meeting. She reported a strong carry-over in the General Fund. Ms. Fickel also reviewed her report of internet service providers for the Courthouse offices. She also noted receiving the County's first casino revenue. Ms. Fickel also noted she will notify the Village of Paulding about the trash can lids that were broken during the wind storm.

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Ms. Yeutter discussed the possibility of entering into an energy savings program in an effort to keep electric costs down. The Commissioners agreed to contact Palmer Energy to see if the Senior Center can be included on the County's contract with DPL.

Jeff Hollis and Cassie Kunkle, The Traditions Group - Mr. Hollis and Ms. Kunkle returned to further discuss the maintenance and stabilization of the Courthouse. Mr. Hollis also noted there are twenty windows that need repair and weatherized.

Corey Walker, Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker requested resolutions of the child day care contract with NOCAC and two personnel issues (see resolutions above). He also noted he will be applying for a grant to assist in water-way clean up in the aftermath of the wind storm June 29, 2012.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/5/12

This 5th day of September, 2012, 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 191073 through 191177 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Sandee Buffington, Directors' District Meeting, Fremont OH - September 7, 2012

Jonathon Lichty, OSACVSO Fall Conference, Dublin OH - October 17-19, 2012

Robin Dobbelaere, Probate Court Clerks' Training Seminar, Dublin OH - October 22, 2012

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-035):

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on August 29, 2012, Warrant numbers 191025 through 191053 in the amount of \$46,684.20. 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 THE REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP FOR AN RLF GRANT TO BE USED AS THE LOCAL MATCH GRANT FOR A WATERLINE PROJECT:

The Village of Antwerp intends to replace a four (4) inch waterline with an eight (8) inch waterline in order to better serve residential and US 24 service connections in South Erie Street (SR 49) and to serve potential development in vacant property located at the new US 24/SR 49 exit; and the estimated cost for the total project is \$184,025.00; and the Village of Antwerp has been granted \$144,000.00 from the Ohio Public Works Commission to replace this line in the fall of 2012; and the Village of Antwerp has requested the difference of \$40,025.00 from the Paulding County Revolving Loan Fund to be used as the local match grant in order to obtain the Ohio Public Works Commission. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve and authorize the request from the Village of Antwerp for an RLF grant in the amount of \$40,025.00 for the purpose of local match dollars for the above-mentioned waterline project.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 046):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Felony Delinquent Care & Custody Fund (Fund 046) for the first half of its Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012):

- 046-001-00006, Workers' Comp - \$836.23
- 046-001-00007, Supplies - \$470.00
- 046-001-00008, Travel - \$1,660.00
- 046-001-00009, Training - \$1,550.00
- 046-001-00010, Secure Detention - \$7,500.00
- 046-001-00011, Contract Services Clinical - \$1,000.00
- 046-001-00012, Contract Services Sex Offenders - \$4,000.00
- 046-001-00013, Contract Services D & A - \$7,750.00
- 046-001-00014, Contract Services Family - \$7,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services

TO: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees

AMOUNT: \$459.63

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 128):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

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

TO: 128-001-00001/Defiance/Paulding Counties Joint Auglaize Sewer Project/CONTRACTED SERVICES

AMOUNT: \$2,715,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Ellen Townley - Telephone conference call to discuss fairground wind storm damage repairs. Derck Construction is able to have the damage repaired by November 1, in time for winter storage use. CORSA is covering the total amount of the damages.

Jim Machock, Wells Fargo Insurance Services; Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Mr. Machock reviewed the costs of the County's partially-funded health insurance plan. He compared minimum costs to maximum costs. Last year the plan was at 106% of the projected cost. The last three years have averaged 96% costs/claims versus collection/premiums. The Actuary Audit was discussed. Mr. Machock reminded the Commissioners this special audit must be done annually at plan renewal time. The Actuary Audit emphasized the importance of having "terminal" reserve dollars, which pays on claims after the policy is terminated. This would be necessary if the County ever decides to change back to a regular group plan.

Jeff Hollis, The Traditions Group - Mr. Hollis reported the wind storm damage on the dome, tower, and chimney areas on the Courthouse. He also noted the gazebo has been roofed and painted, stating there is a little more work left to be done on the gazebo cap. Mr. Hollis is hopeful the east entrance to the Courthouse cleared this Friday.

Tim Phipps, Joey Buell, Art Miller - Representatives from the Pleasant View Baptist met with the Commissioners to discuss sewer permits and inspections.

Judge Suzanne Rister, County Court - Ms. Rister announced the hiring of Tony Gonzales for the position of probation officer. She stated he will be taking four days of training in preparation for the position. Ms. Rister then commented County Court has made positive strides toward collecting money due the court by utilizing a collection agency. Collection agencies have the authority to garnish wages (for inmates who are working) and may also take from inmates' commissary account. Mr. Rister reported traffic tickets cases are up from 2011, with 1,200 already issued this year. She also anticipates over 400 criminal cases will be heard this year. With the increase in cases, zoning issues, load limits, and speeding tickets, Judge Rister is on the bench three days a week. Administrative/paper work is usually done on the weekends. Ms. Rister states that very few County Court judge positions in Ohio are part time.

Tony Langham, PCED - Mr. Langham reported the Village of Antwerp has requested an RLF grant to be used for a waterline improvement. The RLF committee met on August 27, 2012, and voted to approve the request (see resolution above). Mr. Langham then discussed the development of US 127/US 24 and US49/US24 interchanges. He emphasized the importance of sewer and water at the US 127/US 24 interchange.

Darlene Jordan - Ms. Jordan discussed vacation and sick leave for retirees who are rehired.

Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center - Mr. Yeutter reported preparing for this weekend's car show sponsored by the Senior Center. She also discussed the Commissioners' agreement with DPL for savings on the generation portion of electric services. The Commissioners will inquire as to adding the Senior Center on the contract.

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HUGE BARN SALE: 24320 Tile Mill Rd. Sept. 21 & 22, 8-5. Hydro 16 Simplicity mower, Jazzy Pride mobile scooter, baby cradle, fish tank, hutch, antiques, tools, yard trailer, household, toys, clothes and much more.

ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs Sept 20 & Fri Sept 21, 9am-5pm & Sat Sept 22, 9-12. Roll-away bed, kid-adult clothing, toys, x-mas tree, lots of misc. 1 mile N of Antwerp on 49. West on CR 192. 1st house on right. M. Zuber p

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat Sept 22, 9-5. 13998 Rd. 27C Antwerp. A mile west of Rootbeer Stand, turn right on 250 then right on 27C. Children's clothing 18 mon-10/12, coats, jackets, toys, baby items, kitchen table & chairs, queen headboard; like new. Ohio State items... too much to list!

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 8/27/12

This 27th day of August, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 190928 through 191022 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on August 20, 2012, Warrant numbers 190695 through 190751 in the amount of \$19,792.70; 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.

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The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation:

001-016-00002 General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Capital Projects

AMOUNT: \$12,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-035):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Contract Services

TO: 001-035-00005/General Fund/General Fund Transfers/EMA

AMOUNT: \$157.57

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Pieper discussed the annual CORSA (County Risk Share Authority) meeting he recently attended in Columbus. He learned that 51% of the claims filed with CORSA were auto/vehicle related, while 41% were property claims. Mr. Pieper also noted that there are currently 63 counties participating in CORSA. He further noted Paulding County enjoys dividends because it was one of the 39 original investors when CORSA was formed. Mr. Pieper commented the Courthouse storm damage repairs are, for the most part, complete. The fairgrounds and the dog kennel still have repair work that needs to be done. Commissioner Zartman advised County fair-goers to avoid contact with swine. He related the Ohio Department of Agricultural and the counties' Health Departments are closely monitoring the situation. Area hog farmers are also being very careful to follow strict Ohio Department of Agricultural guidelines. Mr. Zartman encouraged county residents to contact the Paulding County Health Department with any concerns or questions regarding the Swine Flu and the West Nile Virus. Commissioner Burkley announced the applications/resumes for Paulding County Assistant Dog Warden are due today. The current full time Dog Warden will review the applications and make a recommendation to the Commissioners for the appointment.

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2 - 2:45...103 MADISON - Charming 2 Bdrm Home with large bath, beautiful kitchen w/appliances & bar, formal dining, Small office, Large utility, C/Air. Detached garage & Extra bldg. 2 Lots. \$58,500

2 - 2:45...107 WOODLAND - 3 Bdrm home; Completely Remodeled; Appliances included; Usable basement; New Roof; Detached 1-Car Garage; Hardwood floors throughout. \$69,000

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20TH ANNIVERSARY STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS HONORED AT ANTWERP SCHOOL



Antwerp honored their 1992 State Volleyball Champions at the annual volleyball trimatch against Kalida and Crestview Saturday, September 15. Back Row left to right Christina [Rinehart] Wolfe, Jennifer [Knapp] Nestleroad, Lori [Kemerer]

Carter, Rachel [west] Ousley, Cindy [Harper] Brewer, Sarah [Schutt] Schuette, Sarah [Laisure] Schott; Front row left to right Trisha [Bagley] Fuller, Tasha [Koppenhofer] Panico, Lori [Lichty] Hines, Melissa [Bassett] Tope, Lisa [Parrish] Bashford, Kelly

Peters. Antwerp won against (2012) Kalida 25-23, 25-11. Against Crestview the Archers found it a little harder and lost 25-20 and 28-26. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

ODNR OFFERS CONTROLLED TRAPPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BEAVER, RIVER OTTER ON PUBLICLY MANAGED LANDS

Beaver and river otter trapping on public land requires a special permit, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Controlled beaver and/or river otter trapping opportunities on 75 wildlife areas, state parks and other publicly managed lands statewide will be awarded through a system of random drawings. Applicants may apply online or print an application and mail it in along with all fees, and applications may also be obtained from district offices. The application period will be September 15 - October 15. Trappers may apply for each event once annually, and people who apply more than once per event will be disqualified and forfeit his or her application fee. Independent drawings will be held for each event. Application fees are non-refundable, and all applications must be submitted in the name of an adult that holds a current hunting license.

populations and provide a fairer system for all trappers interested in these recreational opportunities."

Results will be available by mid-November. Applicants will be notified by U.S. mail of the results. Additionally, each applicant can check his or her customer account online to view lottery results for events for which they applied. Trappers chosen to participate may print their permit online, along with any special instructions and maps. The permit to trap applies to the successfully drawn applicant and one named assistant, but the assistant may not be changed once named. Where river otter trapping is allowed, both the permittee and the assistant may trap the legal limit within their zone. All permitted trappers and assistants must be properly licensed.

Beaver trapping permits are not transferable. If a successful applicant is not able to trap an area for which he or she was chosen, the permittee must inform the district office so an alternate can be drawn from the pool of applicants. Trappers must complete and turn in a trapping log for each site for which they are permitted.

The lottery system for awarding controlled beaver and/or river otter trapping opportunities on select public lands in Ohio allows area managers to set specific limits and restrictions based on the trapping opportunities and needs for their areas.

For the wildlife refuge portions of Killbuck Marsh and Mosquito Creek wild-

life areas, the current system will not change since they are not part of the lottery system. However, sealed bids will be accepted in September for all furbearer trapping opportunities at these areas.

For official bid proposal forms and other information related to these two areas, contact the Division of Wildlife District Three Office in early September at 330-644-2293. Also, beaver trapping within American Electric Power's recreation area, known as ReCreation Land, Avondale Wildlife Area and Conesville Coal Lands will continue to require a special beaver trapping permit, in addition to the normal user's permit. This special beaver trapping permit is issued from the AEP Land Management office in McConnellsville.

For more specific information, visit wildohio.com or call the nearest wildlife district office.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.com.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE ANGELA ZIMMANN BRINGS CAMPAIGN TO LOCAL EVENTS

Angela Zimmann, candidate for Northwest Ohio's newly competitive Fifth U.S. Congressional District, continued her campaign around the district all day Saturday, September 15th at several area events, including Harrison

Rally Day and the BGSU-UT football game.

Saturday's series of visits - which included stops in three of the recently redrawn district's 14 counties - reinforced Zimmann's grassroots focus of putting people before party.

"It is so important that the hardworking men and women of Northwest Ohio know that I am here to represent them," Zimmann said. "Northwest Ohio deserves representation that is accessible and accountable, and that is what I pledge to be in Congress."

Zimmann started her day in Paulding, OH, where she

was the featured guest at a town hall meeting. Speaking before a group of local residents and community leaders, Zimmann discussed her plans to bring more jobs to the district and how her opponent, Congressman Bob Latta, has failed to represent the needs of his constituents.

Afterwards, Zimmann was approached by a local sheriff and two registered Republicans who each expressed their support for Zimmann.

Following her visit to Paulding, Zimmann joined festival goers at Perrysburg's annual Harrison Rally Day, where she met with local ven-

dors and community members.

Zimmann wrapped up her day tailgating at Northwest Ohio's biggest football rivalry between the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University - both of which are Zimmann's alma maters.

Since last November, Zimmann has been traveling and meeting with constituents in all 14 counties included in the Fifth Congressional District. Zimmann will continue to travel the district in the coming months, giving voters more opportunities to engage with Zimmann and express their needs and concerns.

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