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THE U.S. 24 DREAM REALIZED



L-R Jim Keefer, INDOT Construction Engineer; Naomi Hoepfner; Richard Hoepfner, Mayor of Woodburn; KimberLee Peters, Project Manager; Karen Bobo, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (partially in shot) Brian Meeks, son of the late Sen. Bud Meeks; Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioner; Jacob Stir; Therese Brown, Allen County Commissioner; Mike Cline, INDOT Commissioner; Emma Stir; Governor Mitch Daniels; Caitlyn Stir; Don Stucky, INDOT project supervisor; Sen. David Long, State Senate President Pro Tem; Rep. Phyllis Pond; Linda Trosvig, Primco.

US 24 is finally open from New Haven, IN to Toledo, OH and the West Bend News was there to bring you the information you need to make this a part of your business planning. The highway will

bring many opportunities to the Ohio-Indiana area.

Many people throughout the years have been working to keep the Fort to Port project in forefront of new road construction. Ken Knoblauch of Woodburn coined the "Fort-to-Port" phrase 23 years ago at the first planning meeting with the communities along the now old 24. He stated that he has seen many people help and quite a few were not here to see it happen but there were all looking forward to this day.

Driving time between New Haven, Defiance and Toledo has been drastically reduced

including all the communities in between, making this a great area to bring industry and jobs.

Outgoing Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels was on hand giving the speech of how the road was financed by leasing the Toll Road and without raising taxes. Leasing the toll
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WBN CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

West Bend News office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22, 2012. We will reopen on Friday, November 23rd at 8:00 a.m.

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Happy Thanksgiving

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

This Saturday, November 24th, is Small Business Saturday. Started by American Express, it is the Saturday between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, a day dedicated to supporting small businesses nationwide. According to American Express, last year over one hundred million people came together to Shop Small* in their communities on Small Business Saturday*.

American Express wanted to do something for small businesses during the busiest shopping period of the year. The day was designed to spotlight small, local businesses that are often overlooked on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. (Promomagazine.com)

Help make a difference for small businesses, shop local this weekend.

WT SENIORS ACCEPT WHEELCHAIR DONATED BY P&R



Wayne Trace Seniors Michala Elliott and Emily Whitman are shown accepting a wheelchair donated by P&R Medical owners, (and Wayne Trace Alumni) Robin and Phil Farris. The wheelchair will be available to anyone in need in the JH-HS building.

LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED MAJOR IPFW SCHOLARSHIP

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) is pleased to announce Jesse Wilson of Paulding, Ohio, and a senior at Antwerp High School, has

accepted an IPFW Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship. Wilson plans to study Actuarial Science at IPFW as a math major next fall.

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OBITUARIES



he was the son of Wanda Jeanette Holcomb, who survives, and the late William L. "Hawk Eye" Holcomb, Sr. He worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 42 years, after graduating from New Haven High School. He was known for being an avid sportsman and was a member of the Thornbottom Hunting Preserve. He was an Alabama Football fan and loved cooking for others.

He is also survived by his wife of 23 years, Dawn "Kathy" Holcomb; and his Brittany Spaniel, Jake; son, William L. "Trey" (Shannon) Holcomb III; daughters: Jaime (Ryan) Overholt and Amanda Holcomb; nine grandsons; two granddaughters; siblings: Don, Butch, and Jeff Holcomb, Rhonda Barton, and Marcia Tulley; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lola Bennett.

Funeral service was November 16, 2012 at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Pastor Brian Gerig officiated. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital, Chicago. To share online condolences please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com.



Darroll Lee Scott Sr., 70, of Scott, OH passed away on Friday, November 16, 2012 in his home after a long battle of cancer.

Born in Tuscaloosa, AL,

He was born March 27, 1942 to John and Pauline (Ranes) Scott of Continental, OH. He is survived by his wife, Leota Mae (Lehman) Scott. They were married March 28 of 1998. He has five children: Brian L. Scott of Paula M. Scott, Darrold (Debra) Scott Jr., Amy (Lawrence) Goings, and Charlene (Terry) Pastor; step-children: Pattie Rangel, Barb Silliman, Kevin Huelsmeyer and David Huelsmeyer; brothers: Fred (Joann) Scott, Thomas (Sandy) Scott and Frank (Sharon) Scott; a sister, Flossie (Rhett) Chapman; 37 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by two brothers: Robert and Charles Scott; eight sisters: Mary Axon, Ellen Shaw, Ester Grubb, Maggie Carpenter, Martha Syndrom, Florence Collins, Violet Rupert and Mina Mae Scott; and a grandson, Dustin G. Scott.

He retired from GM, Defiance. He served in the US Army and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and UAW 211. He loved to be outside, loved outdoor sports and gardening. He was truly loved by all and will be greatly missed. His family hit the lottery—he was one in a million.

Funeral services were conducted November 20, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Terry Porter officiating with military burial rites accorded by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to Paulding Co Home Health Care/Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Earlene Mundy, 75, of Paulding, passed away Friday, November 16, 2012 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

Earlene was born in Floyd County, KY on February 4, 1937, a daughter of the late Aulda (Wireman) and John Shepherd. She was a member of Continental Missionary Baptist Church. On July 23, 1971 she married Thomas Mundy.

Earlene will be sadly missed by her husband, Tom; three children: Linda (Allen) Hook, Jr., Lonnie (Christina) Smith and Mark (Melanie) Smith, all of Antwerp; nine siblings: Mentha Prater, Owen "Jack", Quillen, and Roger Shepherd, all of David, KY, Edgar Shepherd of Martin, KY, Adgie Hall of Peru, IN, Jerlene Prater of Salyersville, KY, Ruby Bradley of Silver Lake, IN and Elma Kaye Caudill of Hagerhill, KY; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her brothers: Olen and Elzie Joe Shepherd.

Her service is at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 with viewing two hours prior to her service. She will be laid to rest at Saint Paul Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family or Community Health Prof. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Larry S. Miller, 71, of Paulding died Friday, November 16, 2012 at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert, OH.

He was born November 26, 1940 in Delphos, OH, the son of Merle and Martha (Weaver) Miller Sr. On April 30, 1966 he married Charline

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help."

—Psalm 34:17

A. Bruns, who survives. He retired from Johns Manville, Defiance, in 2004. He was a US Navy veteran; a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles #2405, Paulding and Trap Shooter Association. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and trapping.

He is survived by his wife, Charline Miller; a daughter, Melissa (Dewey) Lusk; a son, Jody Miller, all of Paulding; sisters: Marie (Harold) Thomas of Van Wert, Sammy Davis of Evansport, Shelva Browning of WS, Peggy (Mike) McClain of Bryan, Marcia (Don) Cisco of Kentucky, and Vera (Andy) Yorklin of Missouri; a brother, Bobby Davis of Tennessee; four grandchildren: Michael Barnes, Tara Lane, Katrina Lusk, and Tasha Cardoza; four adopted grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Merle Miller Jr. and a sister, Judy Davis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Visitation will be at 11:00 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WHO HAVE I HONORED LATELY?

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

One of the most tempting things I've experienced in ministry is to take credit for something I did not do instead of following the old adage "to give credit where credit is due." What is there in us that would cause us to steal the recognition due another? Pride, arrogance and selfishness could be some of the subtle yet lethal ingredients that prevent us from passing on proper praise and credit.

For example, Earl Allen told the story of how King Ptolemy decided to commission the building of a huge lighthouse. He ordered Sostratus to construct it. The lighthouse was called "The Pharos" and Ptolemy required that the structure should bear his name, but Sostratus did not think the king should be given sole credit. Nevertheless, he complied and in thick plaster, Sostratus inscribed the name of Ptolemy.

Secretly, beneath the plaster, in granite, Sostratus inscribed his own name. As long as the king lived, he saw his name on the building. With time, however, the sea wore away the name of Ptolemy, leaving eventually the name of Sostratus.

Regarding our treatment of one another as believers in Jesus Christ we are "to be different" than Ptolemy. We are to seek the welfare and in humility the honor of our spiritual family in Christ. The Apostle Paul put it this way... Philippians 2:2-4 (NIV), "Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

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

NHHS HALL OF FAME GAME & RECEPTION

The New Haven High School Hall of Fame basketball game and alumni reception will be Saturday, December 8 at the New Haven gymnasium. The New Haven-Leo reserve game will be at 6:15 p.m. The New Haven-Leo varsity game will be at 7:45 p.m. Recognition of attending New Haven alumni will be between games. New Haven Hall of Fame basketball inductees for 2012 will be announced during half-time of the varsity game. All New Haven alumni and their families are welcome to enjoy snacks and fellowship in the school library.

SETTLERS' CHRISTMAS 'AT HOME' AT THE HISTORIC SWINNEY HOMESTEAD

Settlers, Inc. will have the elegantly decorated Historic Swinney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, open on November 29, 30, and December 1. Guests are invited to celebrate Christmas in Victorian style and take refreshment. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The event includes Hearthstone Ensemble music, syllabus, a short program on Christmas traditions and lore at 2:00 p.m., a light buffet of homemade sweets, fruit, nuts, tea and coffee, and unique items in the upstairs Gift Shop.

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US24 IPAD WINNER ANNOUNCED



Stykemain Chevrolet and the West Bend News announced the iPad contest winner last week. Jack DeLong of Cecil, Ohio was drawn out of all the correct dates received over the past month and a half.

The West Bend News received many many entries from all over the West Bend News readership area and as far away as Messa, Arizona. It's quite apparent people like

contests and/or iPads!

We appreciate all who participated and especially Stykemain Chevrolet for sponsoring this contest with us!

Shown in the picture is Jim Stykemain of Stykemain Chevrolet, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, and iPad winner, Jack DeLong with his new iPad! Governor Mitch went on to explain to Jack how useful the iPads can be.

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road allowed Indiana to build or repair 6,350 miles of roads and over 1000 bridges. Governor Daniels also stated the US 24 project was completed two years ahead of schedule and \$23 million under budget.

From INDOT: Governor Mitch Daniels joined federal, state and local officials; the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce; representatives from the Fort to Port Coalition; project contractors and the Indiana Department of Transportation for a ribbon cutting ceremony November 14th on the US 24 Fort to Port project between I-469 in New Haven and the Indiana-Ohio state line.

road that finally eliminated all of the terrible accidents that occurred year after year. The idea of a four-lane interstate-quality highway was just a pipe dream. To see this road finally constructed as a non-stop, four-lane expressway from Fort Wayne to Toledo is a stunning achievement," said State Senate President Pro Tem David Long. "It is one of the great legacies of the Daniels administration. And it never would have occurred without the funding created by leasing the Toll Road. For that alone, we here in northeast Indiana are deeply and eternally grateful to the strong, visionary leadership of Governor Mitch Daniels."

The \$93 million Major Moves project involved the construction of a new four-lane, limited access expressway between New Haven, IN, and the Indiana-Ohio state line. Major Moves capitalizes on Indiana's strategic location at the Crossroads of America by improving and expanding road infrastructure in support of a stronger economy and greater mobility. Indiana's 11.2-mile section is part of the larger Fort to Port project, which connects US 24 from New Haven to Waterville, OH, for a distance of 75 miles.

This project improves access and safety, and promotes economic development across

northeastern Indiana and northern Ohio. It also provides direct connections to I-80/I-90, I-75, and I-69/I-469, which joins SR 25 Hoosier Heartland Corridor, connecting I-69 in Fort Wayne to I-65 in Lafayette. This roadway enables the motoring public to reach destinations northward into the Great Lakes Region and Canada and other large cities on the eastern seaboard.



NOVEMBER LUNCH & LEARN TOPIC: SPINAL PROBLEMS

Michael Arata, MD, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip and spine surgery, will discuss "Spinal Problems in Adults and Adolescents" on Wednesday, November 28, 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.

Dr. Arata, an orthopedic surgeon with Fort Wayne Orthopedics (FWO), has specialized in hip and spine surgery for over 31 years. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery and fellowship trained in spine surgery. He sees patients at CMH as part of the Musculoskeletal Institute of Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville (OH).

About The Musculoskeletal Institute:

The specialty physicians at the Musculoskeletal Institute of Community Memorial Hospital offer a wide range of surgical and non-surgical treatments for muscle, nerve, and joint pain. The Institute currently includes the following specialties: orthopedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, podiatry, chiropractic, psychology, and neurosurgery. Clinic locations include Hicksville, Van Wert, Paulding, and Ft. Wayne (IN).

CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD FORT

Welcome the holidays with fun and festivities at Fort Wayne's Historic Old Fort. Revel in a time when life was simpler with activities for the kids, a bake sale, caroling and more. Warm up by the fire and create decorations for your home (or the Fort) as we deck the halls. Period artisans will be on hand with unique gifts. Enjoy this unique seasonal event for all ages.

For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave

Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

About Historic Fort Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries through interactive programming. We are a 100% volunteer organization. All of our events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

PC BOOKMOBILE ANNOUNCES REVISED SCHEDULE

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is announcing a revised schedule that should carry it through the winter months. The biggest change is the addition of almost all the pre-schools and Head Start in the county. The number one service role of the library as defined by the Board of Trustees, is to "Create New Readers". By visiting the preschools, the Bookmobile will be able to excite the children with books and stories and provide them with a unique adventure that few children have an opportunity to experience. All pre-school stops and Head Start stops are not open to the general public, but just for the youth of those facilities. Another change is that the Cecil stop is being moved from Mondays to Thursdays and the Cabbage Patch stop is being discontinued.

- MONDAYS:**
9:00-10:30 - Area Preschools; 1:00-2:30 - Area Preschools (once a month); 3:00-3:45 - Country Inn & Villas; 4:00-4:30 - The Gardens of Paulding
- TUESDAYS:**
3:15-4:00 - Latty; 4:15-5:15 - Scott; 5:30-6:30 - Haviland; 6:45-7:30 - Briceton
- WEDNESDAYS:**
3:15-4:00 - Mandale; 4:15-5:30 - Grover Hill; 5:45-6:30 - Melrose; 6:45-7:30 - Broughton
- THURSDAYS:**
10:00 - Paulding Head Start; 11:00 - Grover Hill Head Start; 2:00 (1st & 3rd Thursday) - Anwerp Head Start; 9:30 (2nd & 4th Thursday) - Anwerp Head Start; 3:30-4:30 - Auglaize Township Hall; 5:00-6:00 - Cecil

Happy Anniversary Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, & Great Grandma



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FRIDAYS:
9:30-9:45 (1 time a month) - Area Preschools
For more information about the Bookmobile or library services call 419-399-2032.

BENEFIT FOR CHRISTIAN NIESE

Christian Michael Niese, the son of Andy and Glenna (Seibert) Niese, is an amazing little 4 year old boy. On July 12, 2012 Christian was diagnosed with a relatively rare form of childhood kidney cancer. On July 20, 2012 Christian underwent surgery to remove a tumor and what was left of his left kidney. The week of July 30, 2012 Christian began chemo and radiation therapy. Christian only needed six Radiation treatments, which are now complete. Chemo is expected to last approximately six months. Christian has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Kidney Cancer known as Wilm's Tumor.

Pathology reports confirmed that the cancer was not completely contained to the left kidney. Tumors have also spread to his lymph nodes. Family has pulled together and organized a benefit to help relieve some of the financial burden that this disease has placed on Andy and Glenna. The benefit will take place on Saturday December 1, 2012 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Miller City Sportsman's Club in Miller City, Ohio. Tons of exciting things will take place. Live auction begins at 5:00 p.m. Soup and sandwich meal will be served. There will also be a bake sale, 50/50 raffle, kids games, and a money wheel. Music provided by Magic Moment Entertainment. For more info please log on to teamchristianbenefit.weebly.com or contact event organizer Michelle Seibert 419-594-3126.

"KIDS AGAINST HUNGER" PACKING EVENT IN DEFIANCE

This notice is to inform you of the upcoming Kids Against Hunger packing event to be hosted by Children's Lantern in Defiance, OH on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:00-2:00 p.m. at The Compass, 320 Jackson Ave. Defiance, OH.

As you may know, Children's Lantern is an organization that is serious about helping the helpless. By focusing on four key areas - funding adoptions, foster care, feeding kids, and freeing sex slaves, they are making a difference worldwide for those in need. Below is some information on Kids Against Hunger as well as the press release details for the upcoming event. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

- Kids Against Hunger:**
- Is a national organization dedicated to the eradication of world hunger.
 - Is organized in a network of satellites across the U.S. who work independently and cooperatively to package and ship meals to those in need all around the world.
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 - Satellites host packaging events where volunteers work in an assembly line fashion to assemble these meals. This hands-on experience provides a sense of accomplishment and ownership for volunteers. It also creates awareness of world hunger issues through an educational section of the event.
- For more information, please contact at www.childrenslantern.org/events.php or 419-439-1388.

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Pictured here at their first communion are Kyler Baird, Pastor James Paulson, Breanna and Brett Fulk.

The First Communion Class at St. John Lutheran, Hicksville has completed their instruction from Pastor James Paulson. The class members received their First Communion along with their families on Sunday, Novem-

ber 11, 2012. Those who were in the class were Kyler Baird son of Ken and Tiffanie Baird of Hicksville, and Brett and Breanna Fulk children of Kevin and Jessica Fulk of Antwerp.

DOES THE GRASS LOOK GREENER IN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S YARD?

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

I grew up in a generation where if I complained about how much others have compared to us they would reference an old adage and then say... "The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence."

In her column, Ask Marilyn, Marilyn vos Savant gave an interesting perspective on contentment. One reader wrote in about a unique experiment she had conducted after being dissatisfied that her neighbor's yard looked better than her own.

She did what few have done and walked next door to look back at her own grass. When she stood in her neighbor's yard, the grass in her own yard now looked greener than theirs so she asked, "Why does this occur?"

Vos Savant, the celebrity

writer known for having the world's highest IQ, replied, "The grass looks greener on the other side of the fence because you're not close enough to see the dirt." Most of the time, things look better for others simply because we can't see their dirt.

With regard to "wanting more" or comparing what we have with others we read in scripture: Exodus 20:17 (NKJV), "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife... nor anything that is your neighbor's."

And again we read... 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV), "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

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

ACYC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

The Arch (Antwerp Community Youth Center building) will be open this holiday season starting Saturday, November 24th for its annual Christmas Tree fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards functions for ACYC.

Schedule for the season will be as follows:

Saturday, November 24, 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Friday, November 26, 27, 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Youth Center will be open for kids on these dates.

Saturday, December 1, 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, December 3, 4, 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Youth Center will be open for kids on these dates also.

Saturday, December 8, 1:00-9:00 p.m.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 4:31 - Capernaum was a city in what province?
2. Luke 4:31 - What was Jesus doing in Capernaum?
3. Luke 4:32 - What were the people astonished at?
4. Luke 4:32 - Jesus word or teaching was with what?
5. Luke 4:33 - What was wrong with the man in the synagogue?
6. Luke 4:34 - What did the unclean spirit say?
7. Luke 4:35 - What did Jesus say to the unclean spirit?
8. Luke 4:36 - How did Jesus command the unclean spirits?
9. Luke 4:38 - Whose house did Jesus enter?
10. Luke 4:38 - Who was sick in this verse?

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

- Answers to the bible questions for the week of 11/14/12:
1. Physician heal yourself
 2. A prophet
 3. Many widows
 4. A great famine
 5. Zarephath
 6. Sidon
 7. Lepers
 8. None but Naaman the Syrian
 9. Wrath
 10. Kill him.

The greatest tragedy: a man struck a match to see if the gas tank of his car was empty: it wasn't! A man patted a strange bulldog on the head to see if the critter was affectionate: he wasn't! A man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing: He didn't! A man touched a wire to see if it had electricity going through it: it did! A man quit going to church worship to see if God really was serious about punishing those who did not serve him: He was!

Loved ones, let us make the salvation of our soul "sure" by doing only and all the will of the Father! 2 Peter 1:10, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble."

DMC CHURCH HOST SPEAKER ROBERT ROGERS

Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 417 Main St. Paulding, OH is hosting special event speaker, Robert Rogers, on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. Robert will be telling his story on how tragedy took his family, but could not take his faith. Robert, his wife, and four children were caught in a flash flood. Robert was swept away by the current, and was the only family member to survive. Come hear about this fateful night

and how through it all, God's amazing grace sustained a father left to grieve the family he loved. Please join our parish celebrate Advent and The Year of Faith by hearing his uplifting remarks. Refreshments will be served.

WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG

By: James Wright, First Church of God, Dupont, OH

It has been two years since my cancer treatments, and now the spots are almost gone. Our medical technology has come a long way in the treatment of sickness such as cancers. Our doctors are some of the best in the country, their knowledge is highly commendable, but doctors do not always have the answers why things happened the way they do. There are those dreaded diseases that are untreatable such as ALS, MS, scoliosis, etc. Why are people afflicted with these destructive diseases? Why would a mighty God allow such things to happen? God created us a twofold being, we are physical, and we are also spiritual. The spiritual part of man is the part that God communicates with, because God is a Spirit, and the spirit is what animates the physical part of man. But the physical part of man is only temporary; it goes back to the ground it came from. But the spiritual is eternal in design, and the spirit is the most important to God. The reason I was stricken with cancer was not that God did not love me anymore. But that God allowed another approach to make me stronger. Our affliction that we go through is of design, and purpose. God will use our physical infirmities to make us stronger spiritually, I think of the prayer that apostle Paul made to the church, in Ephesians 3:14-21. Paul didn't pray for our physical being (that does not mean not to), nor did he pray for material things, the key is in the verse 16, "to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." The inner man is the soul of man what God desires to heal. Some of you may have heard of Joni Eareckson Tada, she is the founder and Chief executive Officer of "Joni and Friends", an internal advocate for people with disabilities. At the age of 17 Joni was injured in a swimming accident, she dove in the water not knowing it was too shallow, and broke her neck. She is now a quadriplegic, unable to move her limbs. Why didn't God heal her? Why did he leave her in that condition? Because Joni is right where God wants her to be, right where he can use her the most. It was not easy for her, but through prayer, trust, and faith God pulled her through it. "There fore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Corinthians 12:10. Paul learned to be content in whatever state he was in, through his weaknesses and distress Christ was able to work through him in a mighty way. My cancer experience was a tremendous learning experience for me; it taught me faith, trust, and the knowing that God had me where He wanted me. It also placed me in a humble attitude towards God, where He wants all of His children

to be. So the next time you get into a position where you see someone laid up with some disease that looks hopeless, (maybe you) and think God doesn't care, it's because God is working on their inward parts (soul). So it's not always God's will to heal a person physically, and that's not saying that God doesn't heal physically, because God is able to do anything, he is able to deliver to the uttermost, but it is his desire and will to heal spiritually, and prepare us for eternity. God bless you!

A SERIES OF DOUBTS

By: Regan Clem, Riverside Christian Church

I wish that I couldn't honestly say this, but I can and should if I am to be honest with myself and others. I have a lot in common with the Israelites in the Old Testament. I doubt.

They saw God miraculously deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians with the ten plagues. Afterward, they find themselves backed up against the Red Sea with the Egyptian army coming after them. They come up with what would seem to be a rational conclusion given their circumstances: God brought them out there to die.

I remember God providing miraculously for me to minister in Antwerp. Three times now our church has peered over the precipice of being financially broke. Each time, I despaired. Did you bring us this far God just to close this church?

And then God parted the Red Sea. Miraculously, the Egyptians walked across dry ground to get to the other side. And in the process, God even took care of their enemies.

It's been nearly a year now since we last peered into the precipice. God is good. And each time that we have peered into the precipice, we have received what would seem to be nothing sort of miraculous provisions from God.

Soon after the Israelites reached the other side of the Red Sea, they accused God of bringing them out the wilderness to die. They felt that it would have been better to die as slaves in captivity than to starve to death in the wilderness.

Then I sit down and watch a tragic documentary taken from live video footage of the 2004 Tsunami. People dying. Helpless. Standing there one moment and disappearing into the ocean the next. I wished that it was some fake Hollywood film. And in the back of my mind I can't help but wonder if there really is a God. And if there is a God, why did He allow that to happen?

Then God miraculously provides manna from heaven for the Israelites to eat. These miracles don't make sense. Food appearing on the ground in the morning. Food enough for the day but that will rot if you save it for the next. Miracles don't have to make sense.



WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS

Woodburn Lutheran students honored veterans of all USA military branches by presenting "A Salute to America", attended by veterans, parents, grandparents, and friends. All classes participated as the students sang "You're A Grand Old Flag", Battle Hymn of The Republic, "America, the Beautiful", and other patriotic favorites. Picture here is Connor Knoblauch holds the official flag for the USA Marines as the students sang "Armed Forces Medley". As each branch song was played, veterans were asked to stand and be honored for their sacrifice and service.

That's why they're miracles.

And God reassures me through a hug from a child that He still loves me. It doesn't make sense. The death and the tragedy of what I just saw makes God's love hard to believe. But something is going on with the Spirit in that little hug from a child, and God uses that moment to reassure me.

Then Moses goes away too long. Too long, yet all of this takes place within one hundred days of the exodus, the parting of the Red Sea, and the manna from heaven. But their leader disappears. He went up to the mountain, and he still has not come down. They despair and build a golden calf to worship.

Sometimes I think that we, ministers, don't express our doubts enough. We're scared that we will lose our job if we do. So we pretend at times to have super faith, one where we never doubt. And in a weird, twisted way, we are wrongly setting ourselves up to be an idol rather than direct people to the true mentor and Father of us all. And we despair in

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

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the fakeness of ourselves.

If we sit still in the midst of all of our searing doubts. If the baby doesn't move on the ultrasound. If our dearly loved one parts. If that ailment won't lighten up. If our house is gone from under us or we find ourselves without a job. If during our darkest hour, we take time to be still and silent. If we would just tell God that we want to see Him, we will be satisfied.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:7-11 (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.

AM I REALLY THANKFUL?

By: Bryce Steiner

This year to me seems as if Thanksgiving has been forgotten. The ads on television went from the elections to Christmas quicker than you could ask, "US 24 is now open?" How did we get here? Is no one thankful anymore for the blessings they have received?

I'm sure we are thankful. Let's take a deliberate few minutes to thank people for what they have done for us, but even more so God, his grace and the blessings he as provided for us. Further than that I want to take more than a few minutes and more than one day a year for Thanksgiving.

It's not about the turkey, dressing and even the pres-

ents for people who combine Christmas and Thanksgiving. It's about relationships. It's about family and friends. It's about humbling ourselves and serving others as the Christ did for us.

What am I thankful for? I would have to ask "where do I start?" I love my family and I'm thankful for the time this year I was able to spend together with my wife and children building our "Outpost" treehouse, wagon, cutting up fallen trees from the storm, and playing Monopoly. I'm thankful for my friends (old and new) who all worked together when the power went out at the end June during the storm.

I appreciate everyone who advertises and reads the West Bend News. We love the support you give us to keep on printing good news! I'm thankful for my friends at the Manor House Assisted Living and I pray for their strength and peace. I'm also very thankful for my friends at Riverside Christian Church who work hard making a great community.

It has been great this year seeing my friends in Antwerp, Paulding and the entire county and all the new friends I have made in New Haven and Woodburn. I'm thankful for my prayers constantly being answered. God has blessed us greatly, let us be a blessing to others.

LOTS OF THANKSGIVING

By: Ashley Messmann

I have a lot to be thankful for this year. My husband and I have recently got knew and wonderful jobs. I am thankful for my health and my family's health. I am thankful for my son, Asher. He is two years old and has a great personality that can melt your heart. He is the light of his father's and my world.

I am so thankful for my wonderful husband. We have been married for five years. He is a great provider and father to Asher. I could not ask for a better partner. I am thankful for my family and what they have done for me.

I know I don't say it enough. I'm very lucky to have family that is always there when you need something or get in a bind. I can't wait to see what new things I can be grateful for next year.

WHAT I'M THANKFUL FOR

By: Stan Jordan

Lets stop and look back at over the past year...

A lot of sorrow and a lot of good times. My fine wife of nearly 68 years past away last November 18. Yes, she is gone but certainly not forgotten.

That is the sorrow part, now lets look at the other side of the ledger. I am thankful for the fact I'm pretty healthy, except for my knees and eyes, maybe a cold or two. I'm able to take care of myself and I think my mind and memory are still pretty good.

I am thankful that my family are all pretty healthy and are steady church goers. I am thankful for the new US 24 and all the safety it brings to us. I am thankful for all of our service men and women.

I am certainly thankful for all of the progress our hometown has made in the past year.

I am thankful for my association with the West Bend News paper. Over the years I have picked up hundreds of friends and now a lot of new friends in New Haven.

See ya!

THANKS

By: Laura Stomm

After seven years of pure domesticity, I am so thankful for my job at the West Bend News (and not just because my boss is reading this). I am thankful for four great kids, but having something in my life in addition to them has been much anticipated. I get to be there when they need me, but also meet a lot of great people in my community. I am building relationships with the people I work with and I am thankful for each of them. Employment has been and continues to be a struggle for so many and I am thankful for the job that I

have and the opportunities it has provided me.

YOU CAN HELP!

If you have been wondering how you can help the victims of Superstorm Sandy there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Emanuel Lutheran Church on November 26, 2012 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Many blood drives in the East were cancelled because of the storm causing a country wide shortage. So you can help, give blood.

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BEING THANKFUL

By: Angel Steiner

As I have perused the internet this past month, and especially social media like Facebook, it was almost impossible to avoid expressions of thankfulness. Some have listed daily what they are thankful for since November 1st. I have found this both refreshing and commendable. I too feel thankful every day of the things that I have seen my friends, acquaintances and neighbors post, but am guilty of being too busy to "stop and smell the roses." With that said, I feel compelled to tell the West Bend News readership the things for which I am thankful.

As a kid I remember all the turkey crafts made of handprints listing off on its "feathers" things like food, my family, my friends, video games... and sometimes those things never change. But sometimes they do. As I've grown into adulthood, I still am thankful for my family, my friends, and yes, I still enjoy my video game console. I've begun though to notice things that some wouldn't think needed thanked. Like that big old oak tree on North Main Street a little ways down from my home. Or that lilac bush that blooms right over the sidewalk in the spring where I walk every day. Or my passion flower vine that invades the front yard every June. Or even the golden retriever across the street that barks his greeting to me every time I cross over to his side. God has placed such innocent things in our lives, that most times we don't think to be thankful for them, but without them life would be just a little more dull.

I thank God every day for these little things just so I won't forget the bigger things—my amazing children for whom I would give my life, my husband who is my home, and my sensational friends who can always make me laugh and forget life's woes. If I've learned anything about life, it's this: God is bigger than anything our government can throw at us; bigger than anything Hollywood can plague us with; even bigger than all the other evils around this fragile world. That big old oak tree keeps it all in perspective for me.

Happy Thanksgiving West Bend News readers! Enjoy the season and God bless.

CHRIST'S CUPBOARD MINISTRIES PREPARING FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Christ's Cupboard Ministries is now busy making

BEING THANKFUL



Mrs. Chelsea Miller's first grade class at WT Grover Hill Elementary School wrote about what they're thankful for this Thanksgiving. Pictured here (l-r) is Orië Weirrick, Libby Meraz, Walls Evan, and Noland Walls

POSITIVE WORDS FROM GH 1st GRADERS



Kaden Landwehr, Olivia Longstreth, Nathaniel Wappelhorst stand in front of the pumpkins that show their picture popping out. The students wrote a sentence describing themselves with positive words such as helpful, kind, or funny.

plans to foster a spirit of giving within our community for the annual Christmas project. In order to provide the food for the families in need this Christmas, and throughout next year, your donations of financial support are greatly needed right now. With the increasing large numbers of families coming in for food each month, the food pantry is extremely low on food. CCM has set a goal to raise \$40,000 by the end of the year. This amount will not only provide the Christmas Baskets for 2012, but will also cover operating expenses and help purchase food for the pantry throughout 2013. Monetary donations can be sent to Christ's Cupboard Ministries at 129 E High St, Hicksville, OH 43526.

Christ's Cupboard Ministries greatly appreciates the generous support of the community each year in making the Christmas Project and all its ministries not only possible, but also a huge success. With the continued poor condition of the economy, there are a very large number of fami-

lies in need in Hicksville. Last month alone, CCM provided around 100 of those families with food assistance. They estimate that at least 144 families or more will receive the sacks of food at Christmas, a gift to show that the people in Hicksville care for the less fortunate in this community. Those wanting to sponsor a family for Christmas can do so and those donations can be made at Farmers and Merchants State Bank, First Federal or directly to Christ's Cupboard Ministries.

Christ's Cupboard will continue to take names of those in need for Christmas until Friday, November 30, 2012. The distribution of food will be on Friday, December 14th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Hicksville First Church of Christ on Main St, with the sacking taking place at 7:00 p.m. the night before. Additionally, Christ's Cupboard always welcomes new volunteers; anyone wishing to get involved in volunteering for CCM can stop in any Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or e-mail Christ.cupboard@gmail.com.

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 14: GENERAL GUGGENHEIM BECAME AN ACE.

By: Stan Jordan

All of our P-51's, made it back to Shropshire airbase from the raid and bombing run on the Island of Arnun, Denmark.

We didn't lose any big bombers. I heard some took some flack. But the fact that we sprayed a lot of napalm on their anti-aircraft fortification was a good idea, and it worked out very well.

Now all of this is true and factual. We sat and talked about the raid and this is what General Guggenheim experienced.

After the tracers started the fires on the west side of the building, Lt. Hornish made a tight left turn and went to the west to get out from under the big bombers run.

General Guggenheim went on over to the Denmark main land. He made a tight left turn at about 500 ft altitude went north past the town of Hoyer. He said right then he got very busy, he had to stop talking and get things straight for the records.

As he went by the town of Hoyer, the Germans had an airbase there. There main airstrip went right up to the edge of the north sea, or a place called Heligoland.

Anyhow, an FW-190 came right towards him that had just risen off the ground of the airbase, the general, from now on called Norm gave him a quick burst of about four rounds, but that meant 24 rounds in total from all the machine guns. Norm said those tracers all went into the fuselage, that FW-190 just

fell off to his left and into the North Sea. He probably never saw who shot him down.

Just as Norm flew up to the German airstrip, another FW-190 flew out across the water and right in front of Norm. He pressed the trigger for a short burst, and he saw his tracers go into the engine cowling and the cockpit. That Kraut flyer didn't have enough speed nor time to elude me so he made a turn and burst into flames and fell into the sea.

Norm said he made a circle to his right to come up on the far side of that airbase. As he approached the tower he put about 20 rounds into the top section and glass flew out all over. That tower is now out of action.

Norm said things happened very fast now. A fighter plane was just starting to move down the runway. I was on his rear and watched my tracers go into his cockpit. He did a ground loop to his right and just cartwheeled and came apart.

Norm stayed right on the runway and blew another plane ME-109 into kingdom come.

I kept on going as there was another ME-109 speeding off the end of the runway towards the sea. As he had raised his tail and he was running on his landing gear about 100 mph, Norm raked him from tail forward and he just blew into flames and then out over the sea and fell into it.

Norm took a quick inventory of his condition. He only has a few rounds left. He does have plenty of fuel, he must go back to his course to take him to Yarmouth. That is almost straight west. He goes onto that course and settles down at his cruising speed of 350 mph.

After a few minutes of peaceful flying he saw a plane ahead of him going in the same direction.

Norm flew up beside the other slower moving P-51 and waved at him and signaled for him to pick up his mike and turn his radio on.

"G.N-15 this is Norm, are you having trouble?"

"Yeah, this is all the speed I can get out of this plane, but I think I can maintain this speed on in."

"Well good, I'm going to stay here with you. If you start to have trouble give me a call. Out."

Well, you know that Lt. Hornish and I got in okay. But by golly 150 mph seems awfully slow!

Dan spoke up and said, "You know Norm, you are now an ACE. You made it in one trip."

Yes, but I was not to go on that mission. The big boys will say I was AWOL from my command possession, and I did it on purpose. They will say that other fellow did not call in sick. The court marshal boys can make anything look bad. And can even change the meaning of some words.

Fellows, lets just sit here and mull this over for a while. The general really enjoys the boys, and his part in playing euchre.

See ya!

VETERANS DAY AT AHS

By: Stan Jordan

I just now returned from the big Veteran's Day celebration at the Antwerp High School.

I'm telling you, it was a bang all the way from the kindergarten to the main speaker. The students would call it "cool."

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary posted the colors. The elementary students lead the pledge of allegiance. The history of Veterans Day was presented with a fine talk by Travis Lichty, the elementary principal.

Music director, Matt Lovell lead the school band playing the National Anthem, a very fine job. The essay contest winners all read their winning essays. This class was lead by Mr. Miesle—there was five winners.

Mrs. Mary Smith, the director of the Antwerp High School choir, lead them in singing a tribute to the Vets called Heros.

The speaker was a former Navy Commander, Mr. Robert Kroeger, from the VFW district one.

A high school senior, Ryan Girardot gave a fine talk on the history of each branch of the service. Matt Reinhart gave a moving rendition of Taps.

Robert Johnson, representing the VFW, was awarded a wall plaque by the Cub Scouts in appreciation for all the help given by them to the Boy Scouts. The award was presented by Scout Aaron Hawley. Mr. Bob Johnson served in THE BIG RED ONE for many months in the ETO.

We had visitors from Cecil, Defiance, Paulding, and Grover Hill; and from Florida, New Mexico, and Roanoke, IN.

Mrs. Deb Altic, the head lady in the kitchen and all her helpers, were dressed in patriotic apparel. They had the stage area decorated in patriotic colors and mementos. Uncle Sam type red, white, and blue top hats on the tables. Red, white, and blue stars on the drapes. It was fantastic.

On behalf of all the veterans and their spouses, we thank the high school administration, all the fine acting student body, the kitchen help, Kathy Jones, Deb and Gail for all their favors and courtesies extended to us on

that very fine day of veterans appreciation.

Cool!
See ya!



LAURA STOMM

By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is of Laura Stomm. She is the sales engineer in the New Haven area for the West Bend News.

Laura was born in Columbia City, IN in May of 1978. Her parents are Wayne and Sandi Skiver. She has a sister Jenny Mosier and a brother Dan Skiver. She graduated from New Haven High School in 1996. She married Lance Stomm in July of 2001. Lance graduated from Angola High School and they lived in the Angola area for a while.

She attended Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, MI for two years. Then she attended IPFW and graduated there with a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice in 2001. She worked at Crossroads Children's Home in Fort Wayne, and a few years at Aon Innovative Services in Fort Wayne. She has been employed with WBN since last April.

Early in life she wanted to be a police officer, but she changed her mind and decided to become a stay at home mom. Laura has four children: Octavian is in 5th grade at Meadowbrook Elementary, Olivia is in 3rd grade at Meadowbrook Elementary, Traejen is in Kindergarten at Highland Terrace Elementary, and Tegan is in pre-school at Highland Terrace Elementary.

Laura and Lance live in New Haven now. She enjoys the times and her job. She makes new friends and reminisces with the old ones. Her hobbies are camping and family get-togethers. Her favorite food is a good steak.

Laura... we are glad to have you aboard.
See ya!

SAM RIVERS INDIAN AGENT, CHAPTER 41

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written in a long time, as there isn't anything going on here in the winter time. Rooster, the runner between the agency and Fort Kearney, came in just before supper time last night. He said, this is February 13, 1856 and the twins will be one year old tomorrow. His saddle bags were full of clothes for the twins, some old, some new. A few of the ladies made new things. The little boys wear indian moccasins most of the time. But there are some baby shoes in with the other apparel.

Rooster stayed around for a few days and then returned to the fort. We asked him to make arrangements with the post chaplain for the baptism for the twins on Easter Sunday. That will be on April 1st. IF that is possible we will be very happy. We also asked him to re-

serve us some rooms for a couple of weeks at the guest haus.

Well, Rooster rode in last night and said all is okay for the baptism. In fact, the whole army post is looking forward to the celebration. We left the agency on Wednesday morning. I drove the team and wagon and Yellow Tulip sat on the seat with me and held Ned, and Callie rode in the wagon and held Ted. I had put the canvas cover on the wagon and it wasn't a bad trip at all. We faced the sun and the sun was warm on our legs.

When we arrived at the fort the soldier boy Farmer met us and took care of our wagon and horses. It seemed that everyone turned out to see us. Of course they wanted to see the twins and they did. They were so surprised because by now the boys can walk and have a good supply of teeth. Ned can say a couple of words, but Ted don't say anything. He is the silent type.

We have been told that General Kearney has declared a day of celebration. With a big carry in dinner and some horse races, running races, horse shoe contest and lots of other forms of competition.

To say that everyone is excited about the big day, is an understatement. Callie was tired, but she had the twins down in the big lobby of the hotel. Our indian girl, Yellow Tulip, was a big help and she new some of he soldiers when they came into the lobby.

Eight of the soldiers spent the summer at the agency along with the mess sergeant and she remembered all of them. She was quite a picture with her black hair and black eyes. Callie has been showing her how to apply powder and make up. All in all it was a busy evening. Actually we were all pretty tired when we turned in.

Well, on Friday we just, rested and renewed old acquaintances. Even a couple of the cooks came in and seen the twins and asked what to fix for them at meal time. Callie said anything you fix for the troop will be alright for the boys.

I went down and cared for the horses and greased up the wagon wheels and

all the moving parts. I stood there and remembered, a couple years back, that young fellow named Billy Metzger always took care of that chore, yes I miss him.

Billy was a nice young fellow who rode with us across the trail from Independence MO, to the Gold Fields in California. He made seven trips across this big country with us. He would be twenty years old now, and a junior in college. Gosh, I wonder how he is? He was a fine young fellow. He is studying to be a Veterinarian.

The stage coach came in and dropped off a mail bag, plus a middle aged man, I guess he was a peddler of some type. I went down to the post headquarters and got an appointment to talk to General Kearney. He had just finished reading all of his official and personal mail and he seemed in a joyful mood. We talked about the church services on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. That along with the Easter services and the baptism of the twins.

The general said the boys will fire one cannon round at 12:00 p.m. noon and that will start the festivities for the day.

See ya!

LETTERS TO SANTA

Do you have a question for Santa, a favorite story to share or maybe something special to ask for? Now is your chance to write to him!

It's safe to say that Santa is very busy this time of year and the sooner kids get their letters or wish list to him the better. With just over a month left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, with the help of the Antwerp High School National Honor Society, is working with Santa this year to get all those letters collected and forwarded to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off to Santa's mailbox located next to the Antwerp Insurance Agency, across the street from the Post Office. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

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WLS STUDENTS ENJOY A DAY AT LINCOLN RIDGE & KURTZ PUMPKIN FARM



The preschoolers of Woodburn Lutheran School recently visited Kurtz Pumpkin Farm. The staff of Kurtz Pumpkin Farm tell the children how pumpkins grow. The kids then enjoyed a hay ride and were able to each take home their own pumpkin!



Students of an School enjoyed a beautiful Fall day at Lincoln Ridge, Van Wert, Ohio. Activities included a corn maze, hayrides, straw mountain with slide and zip line, and a petting zoo.

WAYNE TRACE FALL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in the Wayne Trace Fall Tournament on November 11, 2012. Nine wrestlers competed and all nine were able to place in the top five of their respective weight classes. Placing 5th for the Archers was Kaden Phares. Placing 4th were Avin John-

son, Jerry Davis, Logan McKeever, and Kaden Steele. Placing 3rd for the wrestling club were Kamren Johnson and Skyler Octaviano. Placing 2nd were Eli Reinhart and Aidan McAlexander.

If you are interested in joining wrestling, practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. on the campus of the Manor House Assisted Living. The wrestling club will take place in the unattached gym.

WOODBURN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

FOURTH GRADE:

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FIFTH GRADE:

Hanna Albertson, Addison Bayman*, Aiden Bayman, Hannah Berry*, Katelyn Bertsche*, Ethan Botts, Karli Bricault*, Ashley Clifton, Jaedyn Davis, Lauren Durkes*, Lila Jade Farias, Ashtyn Garver, Leanna Graber*, Thomas Graber, Colin Hahn*, Colten Hamilton, Bradyn Livingston, Sebastian Lonis, Claire Lonsbury, Jaylee Lounsbury, Allison Mendenhall, Mitch Mendenhall, Andrew Miller, Tori Miller, Tyler Miller, Kai Niles, Logan Palm, Malia Pinckney, Pierce Reichhart*, Cassie Roehm, Emery Schindler, Joshua Schwartz, Skylar Shand, Hannah Sharrar, Jared Sherwood, Luke Spangler*, Kayley Spiller*, Mae Thomas, Lily Vondran, Adam Wallace*, Nicole Walter, Trevor Wiedenhoft

SIXTH GRADE:

Payton Ashcraft, Taylor Bodie, Ana Bullerman, Dane Castleman*, Hope Delagrang*, Steven Dellinger*, Morgan Foust*, Noah Funk, Jonathon Graber, Lanessa Graber*, Bryson Hertenstein, Brendan Holloway*, Lexia Holmes, Christopher Huckerie, NyZheria James, Malory Jordan, Kadi Kelly*, Morgan Kinney, Paige Kinney, Brooke Kurtz, Jordan Lawson, Brooke Lehman, Devin Lewis, Aleeyah Lounsbury, Britney Marker, Zariah Meador, Kayla Menshly*, Quintin Nobles, Juan Ortega, Jasmine Pilkinton*, Lexi Rhymer, Dabrien Richhart*, Allen Schmucker, Christopher Schuller, Matthew Singer*, Madison Spradin, Jack Stuckey*, Taylor Swymeler, Keegan Walton, Tyler Wenger, Karina Whitehead

HS STUDENTS ATTEND 85th FFA CONVENTION

On October 23rd, the Edgerton FFA Chapter, along with the Edon and Ayersville Chapters, departed for the 85th National FFA Convention. First on the agenda was a tour of the Wilson Sporting Goods Factory in Ada, OH. There they watched the process of how they assemble the Wilson football, the only brand of football made in the United States. Next up was the Neil Armstrong Museum where they learned about the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. The next day, they visited the GMS High Performance Machining Shop. There, they learned what all it takes to make and

assemble a pulling tractor. Later on that day, they visited Jungle Jim's International Market. It was there that they saw all kinds of exotic foods from all around the world. After Jungle Jim's they traveled to Indianapolis where that night they went to watch Brantley Gilbert and The Band Perry perform an amazing show at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The next morning, they attended the opening session of the National FFA Convention. There, they listened to motivational speaker Scott Hamilton who was an Olympic gold medalist for figure skating. After that, they spent some time at the career show learning about all sorts of careers in agriculture. Later on they enjoyed a show by world famous hypnotist, Dr. Jim Wand. Afterwards, they went to the Buckeye Bash dance, which is a dance for all Ohio FFA members. The next day, they attended the 4th session where they listened to another motivational speaker, Walter Bond, who is a retired NBA basketball player. That night, they went to the Worlds Toughest Rodeo, where they saw both bronc and bull riders, and also trick riders which they loved. Then on Saturday, they attended the 8th and final session where they watched Natalie Appel, Andrea Etchen, Emily Miller, and Tyler Blair receive the prestigious American FFA Degree. Once this was done, they departed from Indianapolis to head back home after a great trip and taking many memories with them.



Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

THE FOUNDATION OF 4-H

By: Lisa McClure, Paulding County Area Foundation

Since its humble beginnings over 100 years ago, 4-H has grown to become the nation's largest youth development organization. The foundation of 4-H began in the late 1800's with numerous agricultural projects geared to ensuring the youth of rural areas. In 1902, A. B. Graham, an Ohio educator, formed a club for boys and girls, with the assistance of the Ohio State University, known as 4-H.

Today 4-H is a community of more than 6.5 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-

CORRECTION



In last week's issue of the West Bend News, the article about the tree planting at Riverside Park had an omission. Pictured in this photo, are some more of the students and future Rotarians that helped with the project: (l-r) John Hudson, Russell Farrell, Austin VanAtta, Brynn Reinhart, and Corey Zartman.

Hers participate in hands-on learning activities supported by land grant universities that are focused on three areas; healthy living, citizenship and science.

In Paulding County 4-H is growing in numbers. There are over 30 advisors providing leadership to approximately 360 4-Hers. As of this date, 4-H projects are being selected, meetings are being planned and officers are being elected. Another year of 4-H is underway.

Paulding County has been a strong supporter of its 4-H youth. Many 4-H alumni, grandparents, and community members, as well as parents, contribute to the efforts of our 4-H youth of Paulding County.

An anonymous donor also recognizes the need for a strong 4-H program in our county. The donor has offered to match dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000.00 to the Paulding County 4-H Endowment Fund, which is managed by the Paulding County Area Foundation. The deadline for the match is December 14, 2012.

Donations can be made payable to Paulding County Area Foundation with "Paulding County 4-H Endowment Fund" on the check memo. Donations may be mailed or delivered to Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio. Any questions, please call Lisa McClure at 419-399-8296.

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BASKETBALL STAND OUT - NOTRE DAME BOUND



Pictured at the signing are in front (l-r) Bredonna Bechem (mother), VJ and father Victor Bechem. In the back are (l-r) Greg Mohler, principal, Al Gooden, NHH B-ball coach and Dave Myers, Athletic Director.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2012 V.J. Bechem, New Haven High basketball stand out signed a Letter of Intent to attend the University of Notre Dame next fall to play Men's Basketball. "V.J. is a stellar student athlete and a great leader in our school," said Dave Myers, Athletic Director. V.J. is a member of student council, the principal's advisory board, the student

athletic council and a member of the basketball team. V.J. is ranked 44th in his class of 240.

caption: Pictured at the signing are in front (l-r) Bredonna Bechem (mother), VJ and father Victor Bechem. In the back are (l-r) Greg Mohler, principal, Al Gooden, NHH B-ball coach and Dave Myers, Athletic Director.

OHIO STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OHIO COMMUNITIES

The OHSAA Foundation has announced the 2012 Foundation Game schedule as part of the sixth annual statewide community service initiative, "Foundation Service Week." Many schools already incorporate community service as an extension of learning in the classroom. "Foundation Service Week" provides an opportunity for OHSAA member schools to participate in a community service project(s), as well as a platform to highlight the community service activities schools already participate in throughout the year.

Foundation Service Weeks are highlighted by "Foundation Games," where participating schools are permitted to use one of the five allotted basketball scrimmages to play a live game under all normal game conditions, although the scrimmage does not count on a team's record. The statewide OHSAA Foundation Service Week will take place Friday, November 16, through Saturday, December 1, 2012.

This year during Foundation Service Week, over 150 schools will be participating in events across the state. A complete schedule of Foundation Games is available online at www.ohsaafoundation.org.

As part of Foundation

Service Week, all participating schools have identified a community service project that is meaningful for their school and community. OHSAA member schools will be raising money for a wide variety of charities including the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, and Susan G. Komen Foundation, amongst a number of other local non-profit organizations. Many schools are conducting food and clothing drives to assist those in need during the holiday season. In addition, Ohio student-athletes will be actively performing service in their communities such as working in local food pantries, mentoring programs, delivering gifts to underprivileged children and community clean-ups, amongst many others. All participating schools are working hard to make a difference.

As part of each Foundation Game, participating schools make a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization created over ten years ago to provide resources for enhancing educational opportunities and services for Ohio's student-athletes. Contributions to the OHSAA Foundation will be returned to all OHSAA member schools in the form of scholarships, leadership conferences and educational materials for student-athletes in all sports. All remaining proceeds from Foundation Games go to the participating schools' selected charity and community service projects.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES IN HICKSVILLE TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Wrestling Club competed in the Hicksville tournament on November 18, 2012. Of the 14 wrestlers who competed at the tournament, 10 were able to place in the top four of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th were CJ Eaton, Eli Reinhart, Avin Johnson, and Heaven Eaton. This was Heaven's first ever tournament as well! Placing 3rd were McKenna Smith, Kaden Phares, Aidan McAlexander, and Halie Davis. Also, Halie got her first win and pin on Sunday! Earning 2nd place were Kamren Johnson and Skyler Octaviano. Be sure to come and see the Antwerp Wrestling Club compete in many of their upcoming tournaments this year as well into next year.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/21 - 11/27

Breakfast:
 11/21 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 11/22-23 - No school, Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 11/27 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 11/21 - Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dinner roll, milk
 11/22-23 - No school, Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Breaded chicken sandwich, corn, fruit, milk
 11/27 - Meatball sub, California blend vegetables, tomato juice, fruit, milk

HONORING WOODLAN WRESTLING COACH

There will be a reception following the Woodlan High School wrestling meet on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 in the High School gymnasium. This reception is being held to honor Woodlan's former Athletic Director and wrestling coach, Denny Miesle. The meet begins at 6:30 p.m., refreshments and socializing to follow.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/21 - 11/27

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 11/21-23 - No school, P/T conferences & Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Waiver day
 11/27 - Links (sausage), tator tots w/cheese, juice/fruit, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 11/21-23 - No school, P/T conferences & Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Waiver day
 11/27 - Salad (spicy chicken) w/breadstick or Sandwich, oven fries, vegetable pack, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary
Breakfast:
 11/21-23 - No school, P/T conferences & Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Waiver day
 11/27 - Egg/cheese/bacon pizza, fruit/juice, milk
Paulding Elementary
Lunch:
 11/21-23 - No school, P/T conferences & Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Waiver day
 11/27 - Corn dog, baked beans, vegetable choice, fruit choice, milk
Oakwood Elementary
Breakfast:
 11/21-23 - No school, P/T conferences & Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Waiver day
 11/27 - Whole grain cheese breadstick w/marina sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 11/21 - 11/27

11/21-23 - No school, Thanksgiving holiday
 11/26 - Hamburger on bun, navy beans, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 11/27 - Hot dog on bun, green beans, applesauce, milk

THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SHOULD MAKE US ALL PROUD TO BE A BUCKEYE

Ohioans have proved once again that when it comes to conducting fair and efficient elections, our state gets it right. However, the success would not have been possible without the help of elections officials in all 88 counties and a team of more than 40,000 poll workers who were on the front lines to ensure Election Day ran smoothly.

Ohio's elections officials and poll workers don't get credit for the jobs they do and the positive face they put on our democracy. Ohio voters deserve a lot of credit as well, for wearing our battleground-state status with tremendous pride and a deep sense of responsibility.

Although I was among the record number of 1.8 million Ohioans who voted absentee prior to Election Day, I had the chance to visit a few polling locations on Tuesday. I witnessed voters enjoying friendly conversations with poll workers and saw first-hand the pride each poll worker had for what they were doing.

Not just the nation but the world was watching Ohio on Election Day. To help put it into perspective, on Tuesday alone, my website which included our Election Night reporting traffic had more than 2.6 million views throughout the day. Ohio voters taking advantage of my online poll-

ing location lookup topped more than 416,000 and 398,000 took advantage of voter information lookup on the website. The election in Ohio was truly fair and accessible allowing anyone from all over the world to view results with our Election Night reporting system and learn more about the Ohio Election process.

Despite the outcome and whether your favored candidate or issue won the day, we can all be proud that we delivered an election which accurately reflected the collective will of voters. Our system can always be better, but with the world watching, Ohioans can be proud of the fact we ran a good election and that the integrity of the process was sound.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED RELEASES NEW BUSINESS FILING FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2012

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 8,001 new entities filed to do business in Ohio in October 2012. These numbers are up compared to October 2011, in which 6,449 new entities filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office has assisted with 74,735 new business filings to date in 2012 (January-October). This is an increase from the same time period last year, in which there were 69,475 new business filings.

Though the most visible role of the Secretary of State is that of chief elections officer, the office is also the first stop for individuals or companies who want to file and start a business in Ohio. While recognizing these numbers can't provide a complete picture of Ohio's jobs climate, they are an important indicator of economic activity that Secretary Husted hopes will add to the discussion of how to improve the state's overall climate for business.



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BATTLE THOSE LOW RATES - WITH THREE TYPES OF INCOME

Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor



If you depend on fixed-income investments for at least part of your income, you probably haven't been too happy in recent years, as interest rates have hit historic lows. Nonetheless, even in a low-rate environment, you can broaden the income-producing potential of your investment portfolio.

However, before taking action, it's helpful to know what the near-term direction of interest rates may look like. The Federal Reserve has stated that it plans to keep short-term rates at their current historic lows until at least mid-2015. The Fed doesn't control long-term rates, making them somewhat less predictable, but it's still likely that these rates will rise sooner than short-term ones.

In any case, rather than worry about something you can't control - that is, interest rate movements - try to focus on those things you can accomplish. And one achievable goal is to create an investment mix that includes three types of income: variable, reliable and rising.

• Variable income investments - Some variable income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), offer significant protection of principal, and the value of your investment won't change with fluctuating interest rates, provided you hold your CD until maturity. Of course, current rates are quite low, which means

CDs provide you with little income today, but their rates have the potential to rise along with short-term interest rates.

• Reliable income investments - When you purchase reliable income investments, which can include individual bonds, you have the opportunity to earn more income today, and more consistent income over time, than you'd typically get from variable income investments. However, you will likely also experience greater price fluctuations as interest rates change. Specifically, as interest rates rise, the price of your existing bonds typically will fall.

• Rising income investments - When investing for income, you'll want to keep at least one eye on inflation - because if the interest rates paid on your CDs and individual bonds are lower than the annual inflation rate, you may lose purchasing power. If this gap persists over time, it could grow into a real problem for you. Consequently, you'll want at least some of your investment income to come from rising income investments, such as dividend-paying stocks. Of course, not all stocks pay dividends, but with the help of your financial advisor, you can find companies that have paid - and even increased - their dividends for many years running. And if you don't actually need the dividends to supplement your cash flow, you can reinvest them to build your ownership stake in these stocks. Keep in mind, though, that companies can reduce or discontinue dividends at any time. Also, remember that stock prices will constantly rise and fall, so the value of your principal could decline.

As you can see, all three types of income-producing investments - variable, reliable and rising - offer some benefits, along with some risks of which you need to be aware. But putting together a mix of these investments that's appropriate for your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance may help you boost the productivity of the "income" portion of your portfolio - no matter what's happening with interest rates.

DECEMBER 2012 LONG-RANGE FORECAST

By: Josh Steiner

And here begins the December long-range forecast released by Northwest Ohio Storm Prediction Center!

I'm not going to go into detail about the long-range factors going into this forecast, as I well know that only true "weather geeks" really care about them. So for this, I will only make mention of the truly important factors.

Currently, the Equatorial Pacific is in the neutral ENSO phase, which is sometimes called, "La Nada". This references the fact that Neutral winters tend to have less affect on North American weather than do other variables. SST anomalies have been fluctuating, but have generally averaged just slightly above normal in the Equatorial Pacific. Current MJO forecasts (Madden Julian Oscillation, a weather pattern or frequency that occurs in the tropics, but can affect weather across the Pacific, as far away as the United States) suggest that in the next few weeks it will be going through phases 8,1, and 2. Phase 8 generally favors the strengthening of an El Nino, while phases 1 and 2 favor "La Nada's" and La Nina's. Another variable that I look at is the NAO, as well as the AO. The NAO stands for North Atlantic Oscillation, which is related to atmospheric pressure across the North Atlantic, and the AO stands for the Arctic Oscillation which is related to pressure anomalies across the Arctic (and including the stratospheric circulations). Both of these have been in the negative phase for nearly the ENTIRE fall. Last year, it was hard to keep the two negative. A negative AO/NAO couplet suggests a greater potential for cold weather to invade the Northern and Eastern United States, including the Midwest. Using a forecast of persistence, I can see the NAO staying near neutral or negative for the month of December (including the AO as well). Other variables related to my forecast include snow cover across Canada, the PDO index, the PNA index, solar cycle variation, etc. I will not go into detail on these.

As for the forecast, I'll start with the lower Great Lakes forecast. For the last few days of November and very beginning of December, long-range forecast models indicate that the pattern will become very "changeable", and is likely to go through a "pattern change" around the same time. In fact, it is all-together likely that this pattern change is marked by a major Arctic blast into the Great Lakes, which would usher in the first major lake effect snow event of the season. In the same time frame, both the NAO and AO are expected to go at least slightly negative, which supports the development of blocking across the North Atlantic, and thus a "stopped" and unchanging pattern. This could in fact allow arctic air intrusions to become more likely in December. At this point I do NOT believe that the December 2012 trough/ridge pattern will be very "blocked". I do expect the pattern to still be rather "changing", but more likely to yield arctic air intrusions. In all, for the lower Great Lakes, expect slightly below normal temperatures, but averaging in any "sustained" warm ups

as well. As for precipitation, I expect near normal precipitation, as the storm track will favor Alberta Clippers into the region, but most "wet" storms will likely head south of the area. Areas downwind of the Great Lakes will likely see above normal precipitation and snowfall. For the rest of the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley, I think it will be definitely possible to see one decent snowstorm, but in light of recent events, most storm systems will likely feature a mix of ice/snow or heavy rainfall.

For the rest of the United States, expect below normal temperatures from the Northern Plains to the East Coast, with the core of the Arctic air still existing across Western Canada. An active southeastward storm track from the Northern Plains into the Ohio Valley and along the East Coast, will favor above normal precipitation in coastal cities, with near to below normal precipitation across the Southern Plains and Southwest United States. In the Great Lakes, precipitation will be near normal except for the Lake effect "belts". The Northern Plains will likely see near to above normal precipitation due to the storm track. This pattern I can see happening about two or three times during the month of December, each lasting about three or four days before a more transient trough/ridge pattern sets in, between these periods of Arctic cold. These will be the times when Midwestern storms make their way in, and a Great Lakes Cutter results, a storm that travels from the Central Plains into the Great Lakes region, bringing warmer conditions and heavy rains to the Ohio Valley and much of the East.

I will not yet release a Christmas Day forecast until December begins.

Once again, because of the fragile state of the ENSO phase especially, and the way the PDO has been trending, I can see that it is possible, that we see a storm track through the Ohio Valley, with near to above normal temperatures, but well above normal precipitation and potentially snowfall. This could in fact happen if a Western trough develops, which will eject disturbances into the Midwest region. I will keep an eye on this.

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

OPERATION: SAFE CHILD VISITS ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by three gals from Great Lake Marketing Research. They are part of the team Operation: Safe Child. These ladies visit senior centers to make sure the elders CAN open some packages, and then they will visit childcare centers to make sure the children can NOT open the packages! Our preschool recently participated in this program that has been helping manufacturers develop safety packages

for over 38 years. The products tested are specifically designed for the testing and absolutely safe for our children to handle.

Shown here with Safe Child employees, Miss Christine, Miss Annie and Miss Lee are preschoolers: Karleigh Sherrow, Reid Nutter, Caden Myers, and Konner Clemens. These children attend the three and young four year old class with Mrs. Cheri Collins and Mrs. Ann Miller.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012

**The following is the final report of the year concerning construction and maintenance work on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. Issuance of this report will resume in April.

Information concerning individual projects will be issued as needed.

Did you know this highway fact...?

Q. How much of an increase in traffic occurs on Interstate 75 in our region around the Thanksgiving holiday?

A. Traffic volumes on Interstate 75 increase by more than 50 percent on the Wednesday before and the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day.

Defiance County: Ohio 15 northbound just north of Blosser Road to the Williams County line will be restricted through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work

is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

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. The route is expected to reopen to traffic by Thanksgiving. 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: There are no projects scheduled for the week which will have a significant impact on traffic.

Putnam County: Ohio 613 between Ohio 15 and Ohio 108 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for tile installation. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 65 at the south edge of Ottawa intersection work is now complete.

Van Wert County: U.S. 30 between Middle Point and Van Wert will be restricted through the work zone for repair of pavement joints. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

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never give up! Wyatt Stabler is a 6th grader at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary. He likes to play football and play video games. His favorite subjects are science and social studies. He has three brothers and two sisters. His very favorite class is lunch! Wyatt is the son of Kenji and Andy Stabler of Payne.

PAULDING COUNTY CHRONICLES III

By: Caroline Wells Zimmerman

Cooking For The Canawlers

During the canaling days, a Mrs. Clara Shaughnessy, who was a "bound girl" in her early life, married Peter Purcell and honeymooned with him on the Wabash to LaGro, Indiana. They stayed with his brother-in-law, Warren Bartholomew, who was a section foreman on the Wabash. She put in her diary that her husband was often drunk which was not unusual as that was part of his pay probably at that time. He was abusive to her and she eventually left him and ended up in Toledo.

There she was hired on as a cook by Mr. and Mrs. Scantilin to cook on their canal boat, the "McIntosh". She said in her writings: "It was getting late in the fall and I only got as far west on my first canal trip at Antwerp, OH where we froze up. The pilot on the McIntosh was John Shaughnessy and he took a shine to me. I had learned that Peter Purcell had secured a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

I told John, the pilot of the McIntosh, that I was going to go to Toledo for the winter as soon as I could get a way back. He said "Why don't we just get hitched up? I have him no answer right away as I thought that was rather sudden (sic).

One day Capt. Scantilin and John went over the Paulding, OH (the county seat) and when they returned, showed me a marriage license. They said it lasts and all goes for a lifetime and we might just as well tie up and be done with it. So we went over to the Methodist preacher's and were married.

The following spring John and I hired out on the "Sam Buchanan", a canal boat named after a well-known business man of Huntington, IN. John was steersman and I was the cook. The next year we went on the dredge boat that removed the sandbars and made repairs where leaks in the tow-path occurred. Sometimes we were in one place for

several weeks. We met new people and made a lot of new lasting friendships."

When Clara was purchasing produce and vegetables and eggs along the canals for the dredge crews many times the visitors would be invited to stay for supper. Five decades later people remember her and remembered her as a good canal boat cook and what a good friendships she made along the canal during her lifetime. Sometimes the pay was \$1 per day to cook and bake for a whole crew for 25 -30 persons. "On some of the boats there would be a barrel of whiskey for those hands and they would come in and drink a small cupful four times a day."

Note: Some of this info taken from HOOSIER PACKET with permission.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/5/12

This 5th day of November, 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 192813 through 192923 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS:

- Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurers' Fall Conference, Dublin OH - November 13-15, 2012
- Roger Taylor, OSASVC Fall Conference, Dublin OH - November 16-18, 2012

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 October 31, 2012, Warrant numbers 192700 through 192757 in the amount of \$22,040.26; and it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING FUND 189 - HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM RESERVE FUND:

The County provides employees with a partially self-funded health insurance plan; and a mandatory actuarial audit was conducted; and a Claim Reserve Fund must be created to cover run-off claims should the County decide to drop the partially self-funded plan. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new fund for tracking the County's Health Insurance Claim Reserve:

Fund 189 - Health Insurance Claim Reserve Fund

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items in the newly created Fund 189:

- Revenue Line Items:
189-001-10001 - Health Insurance Claim Reserve/Revenue
189-001-99990 - Health Insurance Claim Reserve/Transfers In
Expense Line Items:
189-001-00001 - Health Insurance Claim Reserve/Expenses
189-001-99990 - Health Insurance Claim Reserve/Transfers Out

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 073):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the DRETAC Fund (Fund 073):

073-001-00008 - DRETAC/Travel/Education-Treasurer

AMOUNT: \$370.87

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 155):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Microenterprise Fund (Fund 155):

155-001-00001 - Microenterprise Fund/Leans

AMOUNT: \$66.25

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 182):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Capital

Improvements Fund (Fund 182):
182-001-00001 - Capital Improvements/Capital Improvements

AMOUNT: \$12,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016):

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

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA
TO: 001-016-00007/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings & Grounds/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$8,325.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-006):

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

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA
TO: 001-006-00001/General Fund/Bureau of Inspection/State Audit

AMOUNT: \$984.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL 2013 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET:

Pursuant to Section §339.06(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby approve the Paulding County Hospital 2012 Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS AND AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR 2012/2013 WINTER SNOW REMOVAL:

This day, being the date advertised to open and award proposals for 2012/2013 winter snow removal contract, a bid was opened from Solid Ground LLC, an insured grounds keeping service to maintain removal of snow accumulations for the 2012/2013 winter season at the location referred to as Paulding County Courthouse; and Solid Ground LLC will remove snow from all concrete walkways and steps as needed and will also apply sidewalk safe ice melter on said areas in conjunction to, or separate thereof, snow removal; and Payment Option B proposes an hourly rate of \$42.00 per man hour, \$80.00 per truck hour (for times needed to clear parking spots, not to be used on concrete itself), and \$0.43 per pound of concrete safe ice melter, to be billed monthly. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept Payment Option B and does enter into contract with Solid Ground LLC for the removal of snow accumulations at the Paulding County Courthouse for the hourly rate of \$42.00 per man hour, \$80.00 per truck hour (for times needed to clear parking spots, not to be used on concrete itself), and \$0.43 per pound of concrete safe ice melter, to be billed monthly through the natural winter season of 2012/2013.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED THE BID FOR REPAIRS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING:

The northwest corner of the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services building at 303 West Harrison Street is in need of repair; and Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, received four bids for the repair project; and Corey Walker has recommended the repair project be awarded to Birdstone, Inc. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services building repair project to Birdstone, Inc., 602 E. Perry Street, Paulding OH 45879, in the amount of \$950.00.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE POLICY BOARD MEMBER (WIA):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve and re-appoint Kay Langham to the Paulding County Workforce Policy Board in accordance with state mandates; and be it further said term is effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2015.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher met briefly with the Commissioners to present a travel request and jail and hospital bond paperwork for signatures.

• Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman discussed the 2013 budget procedures. He reported positive news for 2013. The budget committee is estimating an increase in revenue which will directly effect the General Fund and various non-mandated funds. Mr. Zartman explained the drop in elected officials salaries for those officials up for election this fall. Elected officials salaries are set by the state based on population. The 2010 census put Paulding County below 20,000, which bumped the salaries down. The decrease in salary line items for elected officials will allow those dollars to be appropriated to other budget line items. The census was "certified" in February, 2011, and the drop in pay will take place in the elected officials' next term. Mr. Zartman reported Paulding County's sales tax revenue has seen an upward trend over the last eighteen months. That, along with casino and wind farm revenue will have a positive effect on the 2013 budgets. Local government funding, however, has been dropping consistently and it effects all county entities. Mr. Zartman noted the 2013 General Fund expense worksheets are to be distributed today. Commissioner Burkley discussed recent demolition and clean up work being done at various places in the county. The old corn crib at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home was heavily damaged in the June wind storm. Kauser Trucking was hired to do the demolition work. He also reported Kauser Trucking will also be demolishing the old Certified gas station on the town square. Mr. Burkley then noted there is equipment at the Barnes Hotel site awaiting the go-ahead to proceed with that clean-up project. Commissioner Pieper reminded listeners that tomorrow is Election Day. He encouraged everyone to vote and noted the Election Board has had extended hour to accommodate early voting. Beginning October 31, they have been open until 7:00 p.m., Friday until 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY



Recently the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary students celebrated Veteran's Day. They invited area Veterans to join in as the 3rd grade presented a program. Mr. Ken-

nedy spoke to the audience about his experience in the military and how the Veterans have made a difference for this country!

p.m. Mr. Pieper remarked he and his wife voted Sunday and he was ballot number 2,851. He commented that everything seemed to be running smoothly at the Election Board.

• Rob Goshia and Gary Adkins, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Goshia and Mr. Adkins presented the 2013 budget for the Paulding County Hospital (see resolution above).

• Tony Langham, Pam Miller, Randy Derck - Paulding County Economic Development - Mr. Langham, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Derck met with the Commissioners to discuss the Paulding County Economic Development 2013 budget. Mr. Langham explained the working relationship they have with the Marshall Memorial Foundation. Mr. Langham reported

their budget committee will meet again November 27th to try and finalize the 2013 budget numbers.

• Ken Maag, Poggemeyer Design Group - Mr. Maag reports the Auglaize Sewer Project is winding down and is, for the most part, complete. He anticipates the contractor will move on to their next project within 5-7 days. Mr. Maag noted the punch list is being created. The Commissioners requested Mr. Maag to check on generators for the sewer system.

• Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services - Mr. Walker met with the Commissioners to recommend a bid award and to ask for re-appointment to the WIA board (see resolutions above).

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED

Regarding the ruling by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to grant a stay in NEOCH v. Husted, all of the following may be attributed to Secretary of State Jon Husted:

"I am pleased that the Court has once again ruled to uphold consistent standards and to maintain the integrity of Ohio's elections process.

"As the Court correctly noted, plaintiffs and the lower

court inaccurately portrayed Directive 2012-54 as a dramatic departure from prior policy and that to change the rules by which votes are counted after they have already been cast would compromise the interest of Ohio and the public in fair and orderly election procedures.

"Despite the efforts of those who sought to create controversy where none existed, we ran a smooth election in Ohio and did so according to the law and the Constitution.

"Today's court ruling is vindication."



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MRS. MUMMA'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS CREATES WALL HANGING FOR VETERANS DAY



Students in Mrs. Judy Mumma's kindergarten class at Paulding Elementary created a wall hanging for the VFW in Paulding in honor of Veteran's Day. The students were assisted by Paulding High School senior Abbey Edwards.

Shown in the picture making the presentation are kindergarten student Luke Beckman with Abbey Edwards, Phil Hanenkratt from the VFW accepting the wall hanging and kindergarten student Claire Miller.

WEIGAND CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCES KEY LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Weigand Construction announced key changes to its leadership team as the company continues to grow and expand its service reach throughout the region.

The full-service construction firm announced Larry Weigand will now exclusively serve as its CEO; Weigand had previously served as both president and CEO. Jeremy Ringger, who has served for the past four years as the firm's vice president of operations, will move into the role of president.

The move to CEO will allow Weigand to increase his focus on long-term strategy development and implementation for the company. The new role will also enable Weigand to focus on client relationships and community involvement for the company. The leadership changes will be effective immediately.

"This is a great, strategic move for the organization, and one we've put a lot of thought in to," Weigand said. "Everyone here at Weigand Construction is very excited about the opportunities for our industry and our company moving forward, and these changes to our leadership team put us in the best position to take advantage of them. In addition to that, I couldn't think of a more qualified and experienced person at

Weigand Construction to fill the position of president than someone like Jeremy. He embodies what makes our company special."

A nearly 15-year veteran of the construction industry, Ringger has developed and grown key long-term relationships with many of Weigand's largest and most prominent clients. In his new role as president, Ringger will set and help guide operational strategy for the company and will focus his efforts on leading estimating, project management, finance and field operations for the 300-employee company.

"Larry has worked very hard growing and building this company into the world-class organization it is today, so I am honored to step into this role and help continue that growth for years to come," Ringger said. "And while some things will change as we move into new roles and responsibilities, it's also important to underscore the things that won't change about Weigand Construction - our outstanding team, our commitment to quality, our dedication to providing value-based service and our mission to always give back to the community we call home."

"Having worked closely with Jeremy on a significant project here at Adams Central, we think this is a great move for the company," Mike Pettibone, Superintendent of Adams Central Community School, a Weigand cli-

ent, added. "Jeremy helped guide and manage a significant and complex project for us to a successful completion, so we are pleased to see his responsibilities grow at Weigand."

"Jeremy and his team did an amazing job for us with a very high-profile job," said Tom Dunn, chief operations officer of Grace College, for whom Weigand built the Orthopaedic Capital Center in Winona Lake, IN. "Jeremy was an absolute pleasure to work with, so I'm excited for him and everyone at Weigand. He's the right person to help lead a very talented team there."

About Weigand Construction: Based in Fort

Wayne, Ind., Weigand Construction is a full-service construction firm with business units focusing on the health care, educational, commercial industries; in addition, it offers masonry and restoration services as well as diversified building services specializing in small projects, design/build and maintenance work. Founded in 1906, today the company employs 300 people and has completed a number of large-scale and high-profile construction projects throughout the Midwest, including the new Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. To learn more, visit weigand-construction.com.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/29/12

This 29th day of October, 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 192626 through 192685 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 October 22, 2012, Warrant numbers 192473 through 192499 in the amount of \$1,238.47; 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 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 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' Misc./Contract Services

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

AMOUNT: \$181.96

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR TO PAY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC REPAYMENT LOAN FUND (FUND 080):

The rules issued by the Ohio Department of Development state that 20% of the interest income and principal received from the Economic Repayment Loan Fund annually and other fees associated with preparation and filing of applications may be withdrawn for administration; and the Paulding County Economic Developer submitted a request to the Paulding County Commissioners to pay the administrative fees for January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of administrative fees for the first half of 2012, January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012, in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Nine and 08/100 Dollars (\$21,129.08) from the Economic Repayment Loan Fund 080 to Paulding County Economic Development in the form of a check.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY AUDITOR TO PAY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO PAULDING COUNTY MICROENTERPRISE FUND (FUND 155):

The rules issued by the Ohio Department of Development state that 20% of the interest income and principal received from the Microenterprise Fund annually and other fees associated with preparation and filing of applications may be withdrawn for administration; and

the Paulding County Economic Developer submitted a request to the Paulding County Commissioners to pay the administrative fees in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 40/100 (\$1,920.40) from the Microenterprise Fund 155 to Paulding County Economic Development. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of administrative fees in the amount of Sixty-Six and 25/100 Dollars (\$66.25) from the Microenterprise Fund 155 to Paulding County Economic Development in the form of a check.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES:

Paulding County has programs which operates with Federal funding and said programs are supported by Paulding County's appropriated funds; and Paulding County desires to engage Maximus, Inc. to assist Paulding County in developing a cost allocation plan which conforms to federal requirements to recover funds due Paulding County for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014; and the County's financial year-end data for 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be the basis for recoveries to be claimed for calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an agreement with Maximus, Inc., 7523 Fredle Drive, Concord Township, OH 44077 to implement the cost allocation plan for Paulding County to recover funds due Paulding County for the year 2014, 2015, and 2016; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the total sum for the three year period not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,500.00) Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, and 00/100 (\$18,600.00) for all services required and hereby authorize the Consultant to be paid the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,500.00) Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars, and 00/100 (\$6,200.00) per year (2012, 2013, and 2014) for all services required to prepare the cost allocation plans under current federal standards.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman began the radio interview by discussing the wind farm PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) rate. He explained the calculation is complicated and is based on several variables. Rates are based on the nameplate capacity of the turbines and not on the actual mega watts produced. The percentage of Ohio domiciled employees (certified by the Ohio Department of Development) during the construction phase is also considered in determining the rate. On the EDP Renewables project, the PILOT will total approximately \$9,000.00 per nameplate mega watt. Of that amount, the County General Fund will receive about \$2,000.00 and the remaining \$7,000.00 will be distributed based on the current tax bills for that particular taxing district. The entities that have millage in that taxing district will receive a percentage of the settlement. Mr. Zartman went on to explain Senate Bill 232 allows the PILOT to be considered "new" money, with no restrictions as to how it must be used. Mr. Zartman commented these payments will be billable and due on the EDP Renewables' project beginning in 2013 for calendar tax year 2012, with the various entities receiving their share of the PILOT as part of the settlement process after tax collections are completed. Commissioner Burkley reported on last week's meeting with Mr. David Lynch of Bloomberg News. Bloomberg is a national financial newspaper based in New York City. Mr. Lynch is currently working on an article about the general economy. He was interested in the impact the wind farms had, or will have, on the local economy. Mr. Burkley stated the wind farms worked to utilize local businesses during the construction phase. Mr. Lynch noted he will be interviewing a landowner for his article as well.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher and the Commissioners reviewed a revised spreadsheet she prepared listing all the offices and agencies

4th GRADERS RESEARCH FAMOUS AMERICAN



Pictured is Isabelle Lantz with her presentation on Abigail Adams.

Paulding Elementary fourth graders had the opportunity to combine Social Studies and Language Arts skills while working on a research project. Students had to research a famous American who had some influence on the develop-

ment of America. Students then made a presentation to their classmates. Shown are two students making their presentations.

caption: Pictured is Isabelle Lantz with her presentation on Abigail Adams.

covered under the current health insurance plan.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/14/12

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Van Wert ESC office. 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.

Superintendent Brian Gerber discussed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) known as Obamacare and the negative financial impact it potentially has on the ESC and other small businesses. "I am not opposed to people getting and having affordable health care. I am opposed to poorly conceived legislation. In this case legislation did not do a thorough investigation or study regarding the negative impact Obamacare has on small businesses and agencies. PPACA (Obamacare) will force businesses to limit schedules of hourly workers to less than 30 hours a week. That is the threshold at which employers in 2014 would have to offer workers a minimum level of insurance or pay a penalty starting at \$2,000 for each worker. This forces businesses and agencies such as Western Buckeye ESC to find workers willing to accept part-time employment of less than 30 hours per week. This piece of legislation has the potential to force the employer to reduce employee hours in order

to prevent the Obamacare penalty of \$2,000 per employee. In our case at Western Buckeye ESC, Obamacare would create a \$60,000 penalty that we would have to pay each year. We simply cannot afford such a penalty."

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

Consent Items - WBESC
A. Motion to approve an out of state trip to Chicago, IL on December 17, 2012 to attend a Special Needs Students' Executive Function Seminar for Ava Burkheimer and Jastine Curry that is presented by ASHA Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

B. Motion to extend a limited contract to Shirley Etzler as a part-time as-needed Paraprofessional at Thomas Edison Preschool for the 2012-2013 school year, effective 10/23/2012, salary at substitute pay rate.

C. Motion to approve the new, revised or replacement NEOLA policies as presented.

D. Motion to approve the FY13 FCSS (Family Centered Services and Supports) allocations and appropriations in the amount of \$10,934.

E. Motion to approve the Help Me Grow Home Visiting Provider Agreement with the Ohio Department of Health.

F. Motion to approve transfer of funds as needed up to \$25,000 from FCFC fund 022-9133 to HMG fund 022-9141 for the FY13 Help Me Grow Program.

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, December 12, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

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WT GROVER HILL SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS



Wayne Trace Grover Hill School honored military veterans on Monday during special Veteran's Day ceremony held in the Grover Hill Gym. Lucinda Meraz mother of three Grover Hill students enjoys lunch with daughter Libby. Lucinda was in Afghanistan During Operation Freedom serving in the Army. Her husband also Army is in Kuwait.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER ELECTION DAY?

By: IN State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

While the 2012 election has come and gone, lawmakers' work is just beginning. In a few weeks, the Indiana Senate will convene for the first time since March. This day - Organization Day - will ceremonially kick off the 2013 legislative session.

Generally, Organization Day is administrative, and no legislation is voted on or discussed. It is used as an opportunity for arranging committees and swearing in new members. This also gives each caucus the opportunity to organize before session officially begins on January 7, 2013.

Every other year, the General Assembly focuses on drafting and implementing a new budget to fund government services in Indiana. The 2013 session will be a budget year with session scheduled to conclude on April 29, 2013.

Many issues will be brought to the table for discussion in 2013. These include:

• **BUDGET SURPLUS:** Indiana is projected to have a budget surplus of more

than \$400 million this year. Some people believe this money should be returned to taxpayers while others think it should boost funding for state services. This debate will be reviewed as our legislators construct next year's budget.

• **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUNDING:** Many Hoosiers feel there should be a stronger emphasis in our schools on vocational and technical education as an alternative to attending college. Lawmakers are considering increasing funds to support these programs and expand opportunities for students.

• **SENTENCING REFORM:** For the past two years, the General Assembly's Criminal Code Evaluation Commission has reviewed Indiana's system for categorizing crimes and made suggestions to improve the system. The Commission's proposed legislation to change felony sentencing will be discussed once session begins.

• **DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES HOTLINE:** Indiana's Department of Child Services (DCS) was investigated this year following concerns about its management and

performance. Particularly, the DCS hotline for reporting child abuse and neglect came under scrutiny as some believe it does not properly respond to complaints. The General Assembly's DCS Interim Study Committee deliberated the idea of allowing professionals like police and teachers to report abuse directly to local caseworkers rather than through the statewide hotline. This proposal will be further reviewed during session.

• **COLLEGE PERFORMANCE FUNDING:** In an effort to help more Hoosiers graduate from college on time, some legislators support giving more state funding to public universities and colleges that meet performance goals like improving on-time graduation rates and degree completion. Expect college performance funding to come up in budget discussions.

It is my goal to best represent the people in the communities in Senate District 14. I encourage anyone who would like to voice an opinion on these issues or any others affecting our state to email me at senator.kruse@iga.in.gov or write to the following address:

State Sen. Dennis Kruse, Indiana Senate, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204

As our legislature prepares to meet, it is my hope Hoosiers will stay involved in the political process. You can start now by contacting me with the answer to this question: What do you think?

INMATE LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM INTRODUCED IN NORTHWEST OHIO

A new program between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) which began earlier this year in the Mansfield area is being introduced in northwest Ohio.

Beginning as early as next week, select inmates of the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI) in Lima will begin picking up litter along several four-lane routes in the region.

Crews of inmates will pick up litter along Interstate 75 in Allen and Hancock counties; U.S. 23 in Hancock and Wyandot counties; U.S. 30 in Allen, Hancock, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot counties; and Ohio 15 in Hancock and Wyandot counties.

Inmates participating in the program will be low security level offenders who meet the eligibility requirements to work outside of the prison. Each inmate work crew will be supervised by ODRC security staff.

The agreement between ODOT and ODRC began July 2, 2012 with offenders from the Grafton and Mansfield Correctional Institutions.

With ODOT spending nearly \$4 million and 206,221 man hours annually to remove litter along Ohio's highways, the new joint program will utilize local inmates from state-owned prisons to pick-up litter and save money.

"Litter is a totally preventable problem that wastes tax payer's dollars. This new

program will allow ODOT to focus on its primary goal of maintaining Ohio's transportation system," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "We are excited to have the help of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and look forward to working with them to keep Ohio's roads clean and litter-free."

"We're glad AOCI is able to assist ODOT in a service which will provide a savings to the state and give our offenders a chance to give back to the community," said John Coleman, warden of AOCI.

The pilot agreement between the two departments will be in effect from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Debris in the roadway that may cause a hazard to the driving public and the removal of filled trash bags as the inmates perform the pick-up will remain the responsibility of ODOT.

"This is an opportunity for two state agencies to work together in something that is truly beneficial to both organizations and to the citizens of Ohio. It's one of those rare partnerships where there is really no downside to it," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director.

Ohio's highways are essential to keeping and creating new jobs. With a mission to provide easy movement of people and goods from place to place, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for maintaining one of the largest transportation networks in the nation. Guided by ethical principles and accountability, ODOT works to improve safety, enhance travel and advance economic development. As a \$2.8 billion enterprise, the department wisely invests in its core services of snow and ice removal, annual construction program and highway maintenance operations.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/22/12

This 22nd day of October, 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 192464 through 192529 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 October 17, 2012, Warrant numbers 192326 through 192426 in the amount of \$45,852.23; 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 001-003):

The Board of County Commis-

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sioners 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/Supplies

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

AMOUNT: \$150.20

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011):

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

FROM: 001-010-00012/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Medicare

TO: 001-011-00013/General Fund/Probate Court/Medicare

AMOUNT: \$250.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY OF NORTHWEST OHIO:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following member to the Board of Directors of the Regional Port Authority of Northwest Ohio:

Gary Adkins, 4-Year Term, expires 12-31-16

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING A BRIDGE LOAD LIMIT:

Upon completion of a recent inspection of bridge CR79-1.33 BR. in Blue Creek Township, Sections 28 and 29, on County Road 79 one half mile south of State Route 114, over Blue Creek, the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey is recommending the load limit be reduced due to structural deficiencies. And the recommended load limit is thirty-five (35) tons. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Paulding County Engineer, does hereby authorize the load limit for the aforementioned structure:

CR79-1.33 BR. Blue Creek 28 & 29 35 tons, Blue Creek

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman began the radio spot today by discussing the Moving Ohio Forward grant. He explained that all 88 counties in Ohio were allotted grant dollars based on population. Paulding County will be receiving \$104,296.00. With Maumee Valley Planning Organization as the administrator, the grant dollars are to be used to clean up blighted areas within the county. Several weeks ago, all villages and townships received a letter from the Commissioners explaining the grant and requesting applications for suggested projects. Fifteen applications were received. A committee comprised of the Commissioners, the County Treasurer, the County Recorder, and Matt Davis from Maumee Valley Plan-

ning Organization reviewed the applications and prioritized them following the suggested guidelines of the grant. It is the goal of the committee to complete as many projects as possible with the dollars allocated. Of the top five projects, two are located in the Village of Oakwood, one in the Village of Payne, one in the Village of Broughton, and the fifth in the Village of Scott. Maumee Valley Planning Organization will oversee the bidding process and the paperwork involved throughout the process. If there are dollars left after the first five projects are complete, the next five projects are in the Villages of Paulding, Latty, Antwerp, Payne, and Oakwood. Maumee Valley Planning Organization is currently working on obtaining landowners' permission on the first five projects before conducting an asbestos test. Grant dollars must be used by December 31, 2013. Mr. Zartman noted Paulding County is fortunate to have Maumee Valley Planning Organization as the facilitator of this grant. They do an excellent job of getting the paperwork done in a timely fashion. Commissioner Burkley then remarked the work on the Courthouse for 2012 has been completed. He noted the Courthouse looks good and the Commissioners are very happy with the quality of the work. Mr. Burkley stated that it has been an active year for much needed Courthouse improvements. The dome and tower have had extensive carpentry work, painting, and roofing. The exterior steps on the south side of the Courthouse have been replaced. The gazebo in the southwest corner of the courtyard has also had a face lift. Mr. Burkley noted he is very proud of Paulding County's Courthouse Square. As people drive through the downtown district, they can't help but notice the beauty of the building. Commissioner Pieper reported he recently met with the Don Foltz and John Brownlee to review the County's insurance rates. Mr. Pieper will be starting building inspections soon for next year's review.

Erika Willitzer, Paulding Chamber of Commerce - Ms. Willitzer met with the Commissioners to question the status of the old jail building. She then update them on the Flat Rock Creek Festival. Ms. Willitzer is hoping for a smooth transition as the Chamber of Commerce will be assuming the responsibility next year. She reported the financial transfer to the Chamber will begin in November. Ms. Willitzer hopes to meet soon with the fair board to begin working on a rental contract for the 2013 festival. She then remarked the Chamber will be creating a committee for a beautification taskforce for Paulding County. Ms. Willitzer then noted the old Certified gas station on the northeast corner of the square is the Chamber's current project. She hopes we can enjoy a small 'park' in its place by next summer.

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SCAVENGER HUNT IN OAKWOOD

Students at Oakwood Elementary who passed the spring OAA tests were able to participate in a Scavenger Hunt around the town of Oakwood. Shown in the

photo is Samantha Wagner, Mrs. Bockrath, Taylor Long, Natalie Speiser (in back), Wyatt Hale, Braxton Conley, and TJ Vargo.

**LOCAL BUSINESSES
HONORED AT NEW HAVEN
CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER**

New Haven Chamber of Commerce held its 2012 Annual Dinner on November 8 at The Orchid Reception Hall. The theme for this year's dinner was "An Evening of Mystery". The Bower North Productions, Inc. presented a mystery-comedy entitled "The Case of the Deadly Diamond". Everyone had fun watching the play and then guessing who actually committed the crime. State Representative Dennis Kruse offered the opening prayer followed by Krystal Grush singing a beautiful rendition of God Bless America. The silent auction took place while people were arriving with donated items from different businesses.

This year's event had the largest attendance recorded with over 250 individuals in attendance. Some of those included in this attendance were Senator Dennis Kruse, State Representative Phyllis Pond, Allen County Commissioner, Nelson Peters, and New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald. Also attending were City Councilmen; Ron Steinman, Bob Byrd, Terry Werling, Tim Martin, Floyd Ball, and Craig Dellinger.

This year the Business of the Year, an award that is given to companies that show significant commitment to the community, its people, and the business community, was awarded to Continental Diamond. Ray Viggiano the owner of Continental Diamond was present to except the award. This company recently had a 20,000 square foot addition to their business; a one million dollar investment. This addition not only added value to the community in property improvement but also added jobs for residents in the area. Also, Continental Diamond is very active in their support of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

Pampered Coach received the Community Pride award. This award is given to companies who make a significant contribution to the New Haven Community. Pampered Coach has also made additions and building improvements thereby giving the west entrance to New Haven a facelift.

The Ambassador of the Year which is given to am-

bassadors that show leadership and participation was received by two individuals this year. Steve McMichael from Imagine RealEstate and Mike Neville from Frontier Communications received the award because of the revamping and reorganization of our Business Appreciation Blitz held this September. Over 200 New Haven Businesses were visited in one week and received a thank you gift from the New Haven Chamber.

Every year Vince Buchanan, New Haven Chamber of Commerce President awards an individual with the President's Award. This year's recipient Craig Dellinger owner of New Haven Print & Copy has been on the Chamber Board of Directors from 2005 to 2011. At this time he is on the Advisory Committee which is available to advise the Board and President on situations vital to the community. Buchanan had this to say at the dinner, "If you want someone that never says no, go to Craig to get something done."

This year's Dinner Committee chair, Amanda Brennan from Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, and her team put together a great evening of information and entertainment!

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
10/22/12**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom VanVlerah. Council persons present: Rudie Reeb, Larry Ryan, Ken Reinhart, Steve Derck, and Council President Jan Reeb. Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Police Chief George Clemens, and Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker. Media Present: Amber Gebers from Paulding Progress. Visitors: Mike Winans and Keith Nern.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to excuse Karen Lee due to illness. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The minutes from the regular council meeting held September 17, 2012, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb to accept the minutes from the September 17, 2012, council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The September disbursements were reviewed. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck to approve the September Reconciliation Report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS:
Mike Winans attended the council meeting to ask for support in the coming election in November. He is running for County Commissioner. He has been a farmer, business owner of Anchor Propane and for the past three years Sewer Project manager at Auglaize. This project is near-

ing completion and Winans stated he is now available to dedicate his time to the people of this area as County Commissioner.

FISCAL OFFICER:
**Emergency reading of Ordinance No. 2012-17: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of sanitary sewerage system in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan to suspend the rules regarding Ordinance No. 2012-17. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Reinhart to accept Ordinance No. 2012-17. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR:
Topics of discussion:
OPWC Cleveland/Washington Street repaving will start this week and should be completed in one week.

OPWC S. Erie Street Emergency Waterline Replacement has been installed and will be activated after water testing is complete. After tests are clear of bacteria, they will proceed with new meters, connect services and then grade and seed the area. They will also repair all stone, concrete, and paved drives. This project is to be completed by December.

Depot Project: Seeding and strawing is done. Decking on outside is complete. They are now working on the interior with window replacement. They are hoping to be completed by December 1, 2012.

Storm damage with FEMA replacement monies has been filed. It was determined by FEMA that the total cost of clean up was \$4,408,97, of this figure the village qualifies for \$3,857.84.

Madison Street railroad crossing is now closed which completes the Harrmann Road Rail Improvement. Guardrails on E. Canal also repaired.

Keeran asked council for direction for next steps for the two homes in the village that need to be demolished: 122 Oswalt and 109 Stone Street. Keeran stated there may be an interested buyer for the property at 109 Stone Street. Solicitor Farr advised council there is a multi-step process for demolition and the village must comply with all notices and legal requirements. Council suggested Keeran contact Maumee Valley Planning to check where they are with the list of grant monies for demolition.

Administrator Keeran notified council of a pre-application for water pollution loan program. This will allow the village to "get on the list," but will not commit the village to any project. Keeran would like to replace the lift station at Stone Street with controls on outside and permanent generator attached to prevent overflow in case of power outage. This would be an approximate cost of \$500,000 with 1/2 loan and 1/2 cost to village.

Keeran brought up the issue of an adult-oriented business being an issue at the new 24 interchange. Solicitor Farr explained the danger of violating the first amendment by prohibiting these businesses. Farr stated ORC 715.55 provides a process for the village to seek assistance from the Ohio Attorney General's Office on an ordinance regarding the operation of adult entertainment establishments that does not conflict with general laws.

POLICE REPORT:
Police department reported 96 calls for service, with 38 offenses for the month of September.

EMS report - No report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Finance committee met twice last month to review the budget and make recommendations. The first meeting reviewed the initial budget prepared by Baker and finance committee asked for a number of check point items. At the second meeting on October 8, council reviewed an updated budget looking at salaries.

NEW BUSINESS:
Trick or treat will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On October 27. It was suggested by Chief Clemens that next year the village change the time to 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. due to darkness at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Ryan stated, after attending the Sunshine Law classes regarding 24 hour notice of meetings, he would like to have an ordinance allowing the village to provide notice of committee meetings on our website. Solicitor Farr will address this ordinance at next council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor VanVlerah reported collections of \$1,690.00 for mayor's court with \$1,541.00 for the village. Ryan asked why collections are down. Mayor's response was it was due to new highway 24.

Mayor VanVlerah read a letter from Prosecutor Burkard regarding the superior efforts of Deputy Victoria Clemens. An award will be presented to Clemens at our next council meeting.

Motion made by Ryan, second-

ed by Jan Reeb to go into executive session at 7:31 p.m. regarding Ohio public employees retirement system ("OPERS") and EMS personnel. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck to come out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. regarding OPERS and EMS personnel. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

No action taken in executive session.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan to go into executive session regarding personnel compensation. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan to come out of executive session at 8:09 p.m. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

No action taken in executive session.

Baker presented information to council on health insurance renewal for the village.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb to renew the health care plan of Anthem Blue Access Option D52 RX7 for 2013. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

PUBLIC RADIO NAMES INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

This follows the pending departure of current GM Will Murphy, who is leaving to lead WFIU, the Indiana University public radio station based in Bloomington. "I am very torn about the decision to leave Fort Wayne," Murphy said. "I've grown very fond of the people and the town, and the staff at NIPR have been phenomenal. We've gotten a lot done in two years."

NIPR's board of directors has named David Hunter as the interim general manager to handle the transition. "I'm honored to be given the privilege to oversee and assist the best staff I've ever

OAKWOOD ELEM. HONORS VETERANS

Students are demonstrating the 13 folds of the American Flag. Each fold has a special message to go along with it. As each message was read, the boys made the fold to the flag. The boys are JB Rickels, Riley Noffsinger, Darrick Bowersox, and Sawyer Grimes.

Oakwood Elementary held their Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 12th in the gym. The first graders sang "There Are Many Flags in Many Lands". The second and third graders sang and signing the song, "Red, White, and Blue" with a salute at the end to the flag and the veterans. Veteran's essay contest winners from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades were Alexis Lamond and Kaitlyn Shaffer

worked with," Hunter said.

Hunter has worked as the membership manager at NIPR for the past three years, and during that time, membership revenues have increased by more than 25 percent. He recently led the effort to redesign the station website, and was integral to the acquisition of a new smart phone app for the sta-

tion. Hunter will take over as interim GM on December 10th.

NIPR serves 50,000 listeners a week across north-eastern Indiana, northwestern Ohio, and southern Michigan. It provides news and jazz through WBOI (89.1 FM) and 24-hour-a-day classical music through WBNI (94.1).



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Jassmine Foust and Andrew Reyes of Antwerp would like to announce their upcoming marriage. They have planned a wedding for December 1, 2012 at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, OH and a reception to follow at the Baker Street Train Station in Fort Wayne, IN.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Antwerp High School and a 2004 graduate of Miami University. She is currently a 4th grade teacher at Montpelier Elementary School. Her parents are

Terry and Janet Foust and grandparents are Sue and Seymour Hand and Alice and the late Orlando Foust.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Antwerp High School and is currently enrolled at Franklin University in Information Technology. He is employed at SDI, Inc. His parents are Nick and Vic Mendez and Maryanne and the late Felix Reyes. His grandparents are Lois and Archie Terwilleger and the late Joseph and Andrea Mendez.

THE UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE UNITED?

By: Sonya Herber

As the Executive Director of the United Way of Paulding County (UWPC), I think about this question on a daily basis and finally realized the message of “Live United” and the mission of UWPC may not be reaching the county-wide community. It is the goal of this commentary to bridge the information gap and to detail how you can make an impact in your community.

The mission of the United Way of Paulding County is: “To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community.” This is quite a change from the traditional mission that focused on financial contributions to support local non-profit agencies.

To clarify this change, it is necessary to look at the history of the United Way, which, quite simply, centered on “fund-raising” to reach

a pre-established financial goal. The funds were then “allocated” to service agencies that used the grants to provide services to those in need. This was the accepted approach until about 10 years ago, when the United Way of America, (now the United Way Worldwide), reviewed the process and discovered that the number of people being served was not declining, but was actually increasing! Born was the idea that money alone would not provide the solutions to the problems of inadequate food, shelter, financial stability, education, health, etc. but a more in-depth process was needed to identify the causes of these issues. The United Way took the lead in reaching out to other non-profit, service agencies to identify specific problems within the community, to develop an information and referral process to make sure individuals were directed to the appropriate programs, and lastly, in order to be good stewards of donations, put in place a system that

would determine the success of programs funded by United Way. We call this “Community Impact” and United Ways worldwide are making the changes to better serve their respective communities!

The United Way of Paulding County is also making the change and has specific goals and specific focuses: Better health, financial stability and education are all necessary. Improving outcomes in these areas are the most cost effective ways of improving societal outcomes. Those are keys to helping make a difference in people’s lives. It’s not just giving money, it is helping people stand on their own. How can you contribute? By joining hands, opening your heart, lending your muscle, finding your voice, reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all and by investing in our community! More specifically, GIVE, ADVOCATE AND VOLUNTEER TO LIVE UNITED!

The following programs are currently supported through your donations to the UWPC and are making an impact on people’s lives: Meals on Wheels program, home delivery, Paulding County Senior Center; Patient Care Fund, Hospice, Community Health Professionals; Summer Food and Emergency Services programs, Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission; 4H Camp Scholarships, Paulding County 4H and OSU Extension; “Earn While You Learn” program, CPC Women’s Health Resource; Food Distribution program, West Ohio Food Bank (Caring and Sharing Food Pantry), and Disaster Services program, Paulding County American Red Cross.

Ninety-nine percent of all funds remain in Paulding County and are used to support programs that impact people’s lives in a positive way. Approximately 60% of residents have been touched in some way by the United Way of Paulding County. Just ask yourself the following questions: Do I know someone who is receiving home delivered meals; Do I know someone who is receiving or who received Hospice services; Do I know someone who lost a home to fire, storm damage or other disaster? If you answered “Yes” to one or all of these questions, then you know someone who has been touched by the United Way of Paulding County!

We have work to do – community outreach is so important in sharing our mission, identifying needs, and developing solutions.

The UWPC is not an expert in knowing all of the solutions, but we know we can facilitate discussion that will lead to the best strategies to resolve issues. Please consider Giving, Advocating (will you share this message with others, do you have a personal experience to share with others, can you spread the word about the mission of UWPC?); Volunteering (do you have an interest in becoming a board member, can you write thank-you notes, do you like to organize special events?). This is what it means to LIVE UNITED. Please contact the United Way of Paulding County at 419-399-8240 for more information on how you can make an impact in the community.

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

By: Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator

Thanksgiving is a very special day for families to create traditions and memories that last a lifetime. As families gather and celebrate Thanksgiving, let us look at some history of Thanksgiving in the United States.

The first recorded observance of Thanksgiving in America was a religious occasion that did not include the feast now associated with the holiday. On December 4, 1619, a small group of English settlers arrived at the Berkeley Plantation on the James River in Virginia. In accordance with their charter, the group observed this day by giving thanks to God.

Two years later, the residents of Plymouth rejoiced in an abundant crop and Governor William Bradford proclaimed a three day harvest festival. The colonists and about 90 Indians enjoyed an enormous feast which included duck, geese, turkey, fish, corn bread and vegetables. It is this particular feast that is usually referred to as the First Thanksgiving.

In the middle of the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November 1863. For the first time, Thanksgiving became a national, annual holiday with a specific date. Succeeding presidents honored the tradition of annually declaring the final Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving.

But in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt broke with this tradition. November had five Thursdays that year and Thanksgiving was to be celebrated on November 30. Retailers asked the president to move

Thanksgiving up one week earlier. It was determined that most people did their Christmas shopping after Thanksgiving and retailers were hoping that with an extra week of shopping, people would buy more. So, when Roosevelt announced his Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1939, he declared the fourth Thursday as Thanksgiving.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with a live turkey and two dressed turkeys in celebration of Thanksgiving. The annual presentation of the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President has become a traditional holiday ritual in the nation’s capital, signaling the unofficial beginning of the holiday season and providing the President an opportunity to reflect publicly on the meaning of the Thanksgiving season.

To you and your family, have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



McKenna Elizabeth Rose McCreery was born at 11:11 p.m. on November 11, 2012. She weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Her parents are Ethan and Catherine McCreery. They are both Marines and are stationed Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan. Proud grandparents include Steve and Rosalie Warner of Beaverton, OR. Edward and Dodie McCreery are first-time great-grandparents.

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