

PHS JUNIOR CLASS EARN MONEY FOR PROM



Sierra McCullough, secretary of the junior class at Paulding High School, accepts a check for \$250 from Glenn Troth. The check was used to buy supplies for the Soup and Sandwich Dinner that was sponsored by the junior class on November 30th to raise money for Prom.

SANTA TO VISIT MAJOR FITNESS

Santa will be in the gym at Major Fitness on Wednesday

evening, December 12th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bring the kids in to chat with Santa and get a workout in while you're there!

OHIO OFFERS HUNTERS ADDITIONAL WEEKEND FOR DEER-GUN SEASON

Ohio's deer-gun season returns Saturday and Sunday, December 15-16, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Hunters can use a legal shotgun, muzzleloader or handgun to pursue white-tailed deer December 15-16 from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The extra weekend days were added in 2006 in response to hunters' requests for extended weekend hunting hours.

Ohio hunters and bird-watchers are reminded to be aware of one another as they pursue deer and birds on the shared weekend. Hunters need to remember that there may be other people — both hunters and non-hunters — in the woods. Birders are also reminded that hunters are allowed to hunt on private land where they have written permission. Deer hunters are required to wear a hunter orange vest, coat, jacket or coveralls in the field. Birders should consider wearing a hunter orange vest or hat during the deer-gun weekend for their own safety.

Hunters may take only one antlered deer, regardless of zone, hunting method or season. A deer permit is required in addition to a valid Ohio hunting license. Hunters must purchase an additional

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MARINE PRIVATE DUNDERMAN GRADUATES FROM MARINE CORPS



Grant B. Dunderman graduated on November 30, 2012, from the Maine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC. After a ten day liberty, he will be working with the Defiance, OH, Marine Corps Recruiting Office for an additional twenty three days before continuing his S.O.I. (School of Infantry) training at Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, NC for four weeks. Upon completion of training he will then go to his M.O.S. (Military Occupation Specialty) at 29 Palms in California for further training.

Grant is the son of Jon Dunderman, and Jamie and Jared Miller of Antwerp, OH. Grant has one brother, Kobe Dunderman, two step-brothers, Owen and Austin Miller, and one step-sister Olivia Miller. Grant is the grandson of Ami and Donnie Dunderman Sr., and Joan and Donald Waters, and great-grandson of Richard (Dick) and Ottie Dunderman.

BULLDOGS TEARDOWN LIONS



Before the varsity game New Haven honored its passed teachers and athletic alum. Senior VJ Beachem (shown above dunking the ball), senior, was also honored for his 1000 career total.

Every year Leo and New Haven compete for the "Old Leather Ball" trophy. Leo has taken it 46 times and New Haven previously had won 45 times. It was a big game for New Haven and Leo. The varsity game started off with Leo scoring the first basket, but soon New Haven was ten points ahead. New Haven finished with a 100-57 win against the Lions and tied up the win for the trophy. Leading scorers for New Haven: Jabar Ray 22, VJ Beacham 21, Monte Stevenson 17, Lacy Curry 15. Leading scorers for Leo: Busche 17, Waters 13, Davison 12. Lots more pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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OBITUARIES

Ernest D. Harshman, 75, of Payne died Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born March 3, 1937 in Payne, the son of David W. and Bertha (Miller) Harshman. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne; Eagles #2405, Paulding, and Moose of Van Wert. He retired in 2002 from Payne Equity Exchange Company and was previously employed by Homier's Implementations.

He is survived by his step-daughter, Fran (Jim) Litzenberg; granddaughter, Rachelle Litzenberg; and great-grandson, Samuel Lucas Litzenberg, all of Indialantic, FL; a sister, Joyce Barrand of Payne; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Mary M. Pickford.; two brothers: Paul E. Harshman and Harold Harshman; a sister, Kathryn Bruns; and a great grandson, David Lee Litzenberg-Loftin.

Funeral services were conducted December 7, 2012 at St. Paul United Methodist, Payne, OH. Burial followed in Lehman Cemetery, Payne. Visitation was December 6, 2012 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Clara M. Brown, 95, of Hicksville died Monday, December 3, 2012 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville, Hicksville.

She was born on September 13, 1917 in Antwerp, the daughter of the late John and Anna (Bulich) Meyer. She was a graduate of Antwerp High School. On May 7, 1938, Clara was united in marriage with Bernard A. Brown. He preceded her in death on May 8, 2008. Clara was co-owner of Hickory Hills Golf & Country Club in Hicksville for many years. She was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church, Hicksville and the Rosary Altar Society. She was also a member of the ladies golf league and Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving Clara are four daughters: Patricia (William) Grooms of Sarasota, FL, Diana (David) Brickel, Mary Brown, Cindy (Woody) Curry, all of Hicksville; three sons: Terry (Sharon) of Hicksville, Gary (Mary) of Englewood, FL, Michael (Carol) of Find-

lay, OH; 25 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Lance; and 12 siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial for Clara was December 6, 2012 at St. Michaels Catholic Church, Hicksville with Father Dave Cirata officiating. Visitation was December 5, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to CHP Hospice or to the Donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Ann Woodcox, 66, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Barbara was born in Van Wert on May 26, 1946, a daughter of the late Helen (Grostephan) and Harry Fry. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Antwerp, where she was the church secretary for many years.

Barb will be sadly missed by her children: Donald II and David Foltz of Paulding and Bryan Foltz of Defiance; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her husband, Dennis.

Her service was December 10, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of Antwerp, with viewing prior to her service. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Barbara's services were arranged through Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp and Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Donald E. Roehrs, 72, of Hicksville died Friday, December 7, 2012 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born on January 1, 1940 in Defiance, OH, the son of the late Edgar and Ruth (Duerk) Roehrs. Donald was a 1958 graduate of Concoria Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, IN. On June 15, 1963, he was united in marriage to Loretta Morrison. Donald served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 36 years. Donald was a member of Community Christian Center, Hicksville. He was a ham radio operator and loved woodworking.

Surviving Donald is his wife, Loretta of Hicksville; a son, Steven (Susan) Roehrs; a daughter, Pamela (Lou Roy Jr.) Roehrs; grandchild: Cassandra, Tiffany, Amanda, Melissa, Sean; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers: Norman Roehrs, Kenneth Roehrs; special friends: Stacy and Kendra Lemper; and his dog, Duke.

Funeral services for Donald were December 10, 2012 at Community Christian Center, Hicksville. Visitation was December 9, 2012 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to ALS Foundation or Community Christian Center. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Norma Grace Gutmann, 93, of Beavercreek, OH passed away Thursday, December 6, 2012 at her residence.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forest P. Gutmann December 11, 2011.

She is survived by two sons: Larry (Kay) Gutmann of Ridgefield, CT and Denny Gutmann of San Francisco, CA; grandchildren: Kimberly and Michelle; great-grandchildren: Micaelyn, Alexa and Brennan.

Norma had been a resident of Beavercreek, OH for the past 55 years.

Mass of Christian burial was December 10, 2012 at the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish with Paulding Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Interment was at Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Miami Valley, 46 N. Detroit Street, Suite B. Xenia, OH. Condolences: www.tobiasfuneralhome.com

Rosemary Perrine, 86, of Payne, passed away Saturday, December 8, 2012 at The Gardens of Paulding.

Rosemary was born in Payne, on June 2, 1926, a daughter of the late Anna (Schall) and John Linder. She was a homemaker and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Parish. On Oct 25, 1947 Rosemary married Harold Perrine.

Rosemary will be sadly missed by her husband, Harold; children: Susan (Wayne) Smith of Angola, IN, Tim (Michele) of Powell, OH, Paula (Rick) Wiseman of McCartyville, OH and Kevin (Deb) of Ossian, IN; twin sister, Sr. Jean Linder, OSF; sisters: Genevieve Wilson and Sr. Helen Linder, OSF all of Tiffin, Theresa Baumle of Payne; brothers: Morris Linder of Fort Wayne and Jim Linder of Payne; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her son, Lynn; and siblings: Catherine Gonya,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him, Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:21

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/26/12

This 26th day of November, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 193377 through 193432 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Judge Tiffany Beckman, Ohio Assoc. of Domestic Relations Conference & Ohio Common Pleas Judges' Assoc. Winter Conference, Dublin OH - December 4, 2012, and December 5-7, 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 November 21, 2012, Warrant numbers 193297 through 193375 in the amount of \$93,810.09; 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 007):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2012 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Public Assistance Fund (Fund 007):

FROM: 007-001-00014/

Public Assistance/Other Expenses

TO: 007-001-00009/Public Assistance/Facility

AMOUNT: \$6,000.00

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman reminded listeners to support the Paulding County Fair Board by attending the Christmas light display December 8 and 9, and 15 and 16. Donations will go towards repairing and maintaining grounds and buildings. Mr. Zartman noted that the fair board members serve on a volunteer basis and commit to a lot of hours of work, along with handling concerns and complaints from the public. He commented that May and June are especially busy months, as the Board members prepare the grounds for the fair.

Commissioner Pieper updated radio listeners on the Paulding County Hospital emergency room renovation project. Mr. Pieper stated Paulding County is very fortunate to have a county hospital. During the renovation project, the ER is located in the former OB section of the hospital.

Commissioner Zartman explained the need for a County Employee Health Plan Reserve Fund. The County employees are covered under a partially self-funded plan, which requires an actuarial audit. The reserve fund was created and the appropriated amount will be divided among the various county entities who utilize the plan.

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 November 26, 2012, Warrant numbers 193383 through 193404 in the amount of \$1,973.76; 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

Marie Linder, Josephine Huguenard and Rita Linder.

Viewing is Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 4:00-8:00 p.m., with the Rosary recited at 8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, where there is also viewing Thursday, December 13, 2012 8:30-9:15 a.m. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 203 W. Townline Payne, OH at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012. She will be laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Masses or Right to Life Pilgrims. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

RUDY KACHMANN, MD, TO SPEAK AT CMH

Rudy Kachmann, MD, will discuss "Reversing Type II Diabetes" on Wednesday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m., in Community Rooms 1 and 2 at Community Memorial Hospital, 208 N. Columbus St., Hicksville, OH.

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.

For over 40 years, Dr. Rudy Kachmann has been a highly-regarded neurosurgeon. He founded the Kachmann Mind Body Institute with a firm belief that participation in the arts, yoga, meditation, and maintaining a positive attitude are keys to a long and happy life.

Dr. Kachmann observes that the typical approach to medicine today is centered on technology, with x-rays, CAT scans, and MRIs serving as the primary basis for diagnoses that often lead to surgical solutions. Dr. Kachmann believes that the missing element in this technology-focused approach is the failure to account for the incredible power the mind has over a person's well-being.

"We are dedicated to bringing wellness to the community," states Dr. Kachmann. "I believe that the vast majority of people who go to a doctor are actually in need of a coach. It is interesting that the Latin origin of the word "doctor" means "teacher," and that is what we strive to do; teach people how to be healthy."

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tional permit to hunt more than one deer. Hunters harvested 86,964 deer during the traditional deer-gun season, November 26 - December 2.

Ohio is divided into three deer hunting zones. One deer may be harvested in Zone A (six counties) and two deer in Zone B (44 counties). Three deer may be harvested in Zone C (38 counties).

Those hunting in urban units and at Division of Wildlife-authorized controlled hunts will have a six-deer bag limit, and those deer do not count against the hunter's zone bag limit.

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio, frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more.

More information about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.com. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Hunters must still report their deer harvest, but they are no longer required to take their deer to a check station for physical inspection. Hunters have three options to complete the automated game check:

- Online at wildohio.com.
- By telephone at 877-TAG-ITOH (824-4864). This option is only available to people required to have a deer permit to hunt deer.
- At all license agents. A list of these agents can be found at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Hunters are encouraged to donate any extra venison to organizations assisting Ohioans in need. ODNr Division of Wildlife is collaborating with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to help pay for the processing

of donated venison. Hunters who donate deer are not required to pay the processing cost as long as the deer are taken to a participating processor. To see which counties are involved in this program, go to fhfh.org.

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

GET YOUR PRIVACY BACK, REGISTER FOR THE DO NOT CALL LIST

Pond Report by: IN State Rep. Phyllis Pond, House District 85

It seems inevitable - your family finally gathers around the table for dinner and not two seconds later the phone rings. You get up to answer it because it might be a family member or friend, but, to your disappointment, it's a telemarketer.

According to the Attorney General's office, an estimated 70 percent of unwanted calls are scams, which can be avoided by registering your phone number on the Do Not Call List. Not only do these calls interrupt your life, they can have serious financial implications. Giving fraudulent callers any personal information can lead to more unwanted calls or even identity theft.

Congressional statistics show that people in the U.S. lose an estimated \$4 billion in mail scams and \$40 billion in telemarketing fraud each year.

In September, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller hosted a discussion about the unwanted calls and text messages Hoosiers receive. Do Not Call complaints submitted to Zoeller's office in the first half of 2012 were more than double that of last year, leading many to believe that despite Indiana's tough telephone privacy laws, including the banning of robo-calls, scammers are still finding ways to thwart the system.

Data compiled from the complaints shows that about

53 percent of the unwanted calls are about credit card interest rate reduction scams and 13 percent deal with sweepstakes or prize-related scams. It may sound cliché but if the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In 2011, I supported a law to expand the protections of the Do Not Call List to include cell phones and ban spam text messages. I want Hoosiers to have the necessary protections in place to maintain their financial security and privacy. Congressional assistance may be required to fix this problem for good, since we only have jurisdiction in Indiana. We are doing our best to keep up with the ever-evolving technology, but we need some help.

The Attorney General's website has a lot of important resources, such as the ID Theft Prevention Toolkit, which outlines some necessary steps to reduce the risk of identity theft and assists those who have fallen prey to identity theft to correct their records after a scam. More information on the tools and resources available to shield Hoosiers from scams are available at www.IN.gov/attorneygeneral.

To sign up for the Do Not Call list, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com or call 1-888-834-9969. If you are on the Do Not Call list and still get telemarketer calls after the quarterly list update, report them by visiting www.IN.gov/attorneygeneral and "File a Complaint" or call the number listed above.

MOLLY CROSBY TO COMPETE IN QUEEN OF DIAMONDS SHOWCASE NORTH

Molly Crosby has recently been selected to compete in the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North (QDSN) at Kent State University in January 5-6, 2013. The QDSN, is now in its 19th season! The QDSN is part of the Queen of Diamonds Showcase events which are the largest fastpitch softball showcases of its kind in the U.S.

This event continues to attract athletes from 20+ states and two Canadian Provinces.



Its sister showcase, the Queen of Diamonds South, in its 5th season. Both events have over 2000 applicants in which 264+ athletes are selected. This showcase is very unique as athletes actually 'apply to' this event individually and are selected based on many criteria ranging from ability, potential, academics, grad year, coaches requests and referrals.

Molly Crosby is a sophomore pitcher at Wayne Trace High school. She earned her varsity letter as a freshman last year for the Raiders. Molly also is in her 3rd year of summer travel softball with the Buckeye Heat 16U - Toledo team.

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS 12/6/12

The Vantage Board of Education held their regular December meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 pm, prior to the annual holiday dinner. The minutes of the November, 2012 Board of Education meeting were approved, as well as financial statements for October, 2012. The board approved the check register, cash reconciliation worksheet, investment report and amended the FY13 revenues and appropriations.

Highlight of the agenda was Superintendent Staci Kaufman's report on Vantage's ongoing renovation and construction project. Kaufman had good news, noting that a date of December 10 has been set for moving loose furnishings into the areas of the school still being renovated. Director Bob Vennekotter reported that 17 students gained Blue Chipper status for the first quarter - perfect attendance for the 9 week period and a 4.0 GPA and 20 students qualified for membership in the National Technical Honor Society. He was happy to say that progress continues on the last stages of the building project and the final phase of the building will be ready to move into on December 17, 2012. He also reported on parent-teacher conference results, program updates, classroom projects, and upcoming events and activities, and thanked the Vantage students and staff for their generosity during the Haiti Carnival and in raising funds through a jeans day for a former student diagnosed with leukemia.

Adult Education Director Pete Prichard reported on the Welding, STNA, CCOS, MA, and special interest class success and retention rates. He attended a Perkins Plan consortium meeting, held an agency open house, and continues to work with Northwest State's Custom Training Solutions division regarding the Wind Turbine program.

In new business, the Board:

- Approve the following Supplemental Contracts: Jo Mohr, Fruit Sales Coordinator;
- Approve the addendum to the Adult Education Director's contract effective December 7, 2012;
- Approve a three year contract for CTE Director, Bob Vennekotter effective July 1, 2013;
- Approve a five year contract for Treasurer, Lori Davis effective August 1, 2013;
- Employ the following list, as Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Matthew McDougall (2012-2013), Edward Klausling, and Robert Black, Police Academy; Irvin Tumblin, Trade & Industry; Lisa Hatcher, Health/Business; Jeffrey Stittsworth, Welding; Trent Sprow, Electrical; Jim Fast, ABLE Instructor;
- Resolution to appoint Lonnie Nedderman as President Pro-Tem for the January 2013 Organizational Meeting;
- Resolution to approve equipment purchase in the amount of \$37,618.80 for Police Academy training;
- Accept a donation of steel, with the market value of \$4,500.00 from Fort Worth Towers of Hicksville, Ohio to be used in the Adult Educa-

SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS DECEMBER 16th!



Everywhere you look beautiful lights and decorations are shining, which can mean only one thing... Christmas is just around the corner and its time for the 2nd Annual Santa's Workshop at Riverside Family Center. This is an event where children can come in and purchase a gift for that special adult(s) in their lives. Parents will have a separate room furnished with a snack table, plenty of conversation, and new to the program this year, we will have a few craft booths available for browsing as they wait. Get those last minute stocking stuffers while supporting a great cause from people like Holli's Hobbies by Holli Altic and Casey's Custom Cuties by Casey Hathaway. Warm yourself and the heart of another by helping donate to Santa's Workshop.

Also, we have received word from Santa and Mrs.

Claus and they will both be joining us this year to hear the children's wish lists and get those special pictures.

The goal of this unique event is to provide an affordable way for children to experience the joy of giving. After purchasing their special gift or gifts a FREE wrapping station will be available. The joy, the smiles and the sparkle in the children's eyes last year was like nothing ever seen before!

Join us on Sunday December 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and be a part of this special event! Contact Casey Hathaway at 419-258-2726 for any questions, donations, or if you would like to volunteer at the event until December 16th. Santa's Workshop is a project of Hearts & Hands: A Riverside Community Service Organization - Hearts that Know God and Hands that Show God.

tion welding classes;

- Accept a donation of steel, with the market value of \$12,000.00 from Eaton Corporation of Van Wert, Ohio to be used in the high school welding, precision machining and industrial mechanics classes;
- Approve the list of desired equipment list for submittal to the Rothacker/Lampe Bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;
- Resolution to approve the Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption with the City of Van Wert between Felt Development and Vantage Career Center;
- Approve the Vantage district's participation in the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Kalida Manufacturing, Kalida, Ohio to receive 2% PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) compensation;

• Approve the agreement between Vantage Career Center and Boston Reed College for the purpose of offering additional adult education training courses;

- Accept a check from Statewide Ford's Drive One4UR School event in the amount of \$5460.00 to be divided among the following accounts:
 - \$1,500.00 - VTO Scholarship Fund
 - \$1,500.00 - Haiti Interact Club
 - \$2,000.00 - Principal Fund
 - \$ 460.00 - Adult Education Fund

The Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting and regular January Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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THE WOLF & THE LAMB

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

Isaiah 11:6, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

Throughout the Bible you will find figurative language used, such words as Branch, stem, sheep, wolves, asps, bear, lion, etc. They do not represent themselves, but their characteristics are used to symbolize a historical event, or a person's character. For example, Jesus called Herod a fox. We know Herod was a man, not an animal, but Herod had the characteristics of a fox, he was sly. Jesus was called the Lamb of God, meaning He was the sacrifice went from God to redeem the world of sin. Christians are regarded as sheep, while those lost are called goats; sheep are humble while goats are stubborn, and cantankerous. Jesus called the Pharisees serpents, a generation of vipers, because their teachings were poison. In our lesson we see in verses 6-8 different animals mentioned bears, cows, wolves, and sheep and so on. At the beginning of the chapter we see the word Branch which symbolizes Christ. He grew out of the roots of Jesse which is a prophecy in Isaiah's day concerning the coming of Christ, (His first advent). Let's look at the animals in our lesson. We see a wolf dwelling with a lamb, and we know that a wolf is a carnivore and a lamb is a herbivore, and when God created these creatures, He did it to balance out nature. In looking at the nature of these two animals, a wolf's character is ferocious and vicious, while a lamb is a gentle and humble creature. You might say, "I have known people who have a wolf for a pet." Yes that is true, if you remember the two entertainers Siegfried and Roy they entertained with their beautiful Bengal tigers, now these majestic cats were tame to a point but the one turned on Roy and injured him. You can NEVER remove their nature; an animal's will always be that which God created. Keep in mind an animal is in the perfect will of God, an animal will do what it is suppose to do, man is the only creature that He created that fell out of His will; sin entered into man and con-

taminated the whole human race. Jesus never came to change the nature of a wild animal, but He did come to change the nature of man from a vile and beastly nature like that of a wolf, to a humble nature like a lamb. When we look at the characteristics of a wolf we see the nature of a sinful person, it is vile and beastly like the wolf, or bear. Sin is destructive; it devours its victim without mercy. Sin separates us from the fellowship of God. The passage speaks of the deliverance of sin in a person's life after one has been converted through the blood of Christ. "A child shall lead them," Luke 18:16,17, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." It is our faith that leads us. Faith is what leads a person to Christ, trusting in what he said He will do. I myself was like that wolf at one time, self-centered things done my way, mind you I was a good person, but sin deep within can make person ugly and destitute. After the blood was applied to my heart, the wolf nature that I had, become humble like the nature of a lamb. Verse eight speaks of a child playing on a hole of an asp, and one's hand on a cockatrice (viper) den. Jesus told His disciples in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread (trample) on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Vipers and serpents are represents as enemies, those who are contrary to God, fighting in spiritual high places. Verse nine says, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." It shows the peace one has after he or she has been converted, God's kingdom is a kingdom of peace, which is represented by God's "holy mountain". My friend, God loves you and wants to deliver you from that vile nature, when we acknowledge sin in our lives and confess it before Jesus Christ, and give our whole being to Him, He will do just that. Christ will remove that beastly nature and give us a peace that surpasses all understanding. Hard times may come you way, those afflictions and tribulations in life, the road may be rocky, but deep down inside there is that peace knowing that God is in control. Praise God. God bless.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

1. Luke 4:44 - What was Jesus doing in the synagogues of Galilee?
2. Luke 5:1 - Where was Jesus standing?
3. Luke 5:1 - Give another name for Lake Gennesaret?
4. Luke 5:1 - How many boats were standing by the lake?
5. Luke 5:2 - What were the fisher men doing?
6. Luke 5:3 - Whose boat did Jesus get in?
7. Luke 5:3 - What did Jesus do, after getting in the boat?
8. Luke 5:4 - When Jesus stopped speaking what did he tell Simon to do?
9. Luke 5:5 - After fishing all night, how many fish had Peter caught?
10. Luke 5:5 - After obeying Jesus, how many did Peter catch?

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

Answers to last week's questions:

1. He rebuked the fever
2. She arose and served them
3. By laying hands on them
4. Every one of them
5. You are the Christ
6. Rebuked them
7. He departed into a deserted place
8. To keep Him, from leaving them
9. He must preach in other cities
10. Verse 6 says a great number

Now a look at the human body: in 24 hours, your body will have its heart beat 103,000 times; breathe about 23,000 times; inhale 430 cubic feet of air; consume about three pounds of food; drink about three quarts of water; speak about 4,800 words; use over 700 muscles; use 7,000 brain cells; walk seven miles. Every aspect of the human body declares the greatness of its Creator, Jehovah god. With great technological advancements by man, and vast human knowledge, we quickly agree that no machine we might design or create could even begin to approach the capacity of the human body. Truly, the Psalmist said it correctly: Psalms 139:14, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

ARE YOU PREPARED, PACKED AND READY?

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

Last week I had a little time on my hands and so I read a few pieces in the newspaper where men and women often write in for seeking advice on relationships. I was both humored and humbled after reading some of questions asked by readers caught in life's complicated web of relationships. I also read a piece in Preaching Today.com that spoke to this same subject:

Nobody who wants to keep on living wakes up one morning and suddenly decides, "I think I'll climb Mount Everest today." Such a monumental assault requires training, preparation, and gear. Lots of gear.

In fact, experts suggest those who climb Mount Ever-

est should approach it with no fewer than three separate pairs of boots: double plastic climbing boots, fully insulated overboots, and light hiking boots. And yeah—you need crampons, and certainly gaiters, and booties. Plus socks. Wool socks, pile socks, synthetic socks.

Lots of socks. Tools help keep you alive, so don't scrimp here—you'll want an ice ax, carabiners, ascenders, a rappel device, a climbing harness, trekking poles.

To stay warm, you'll need plenty of good underwear, a pile jacket, pile pants, down pants, a down parka, a Gore-Tex shell with a hood, and probably a bib. Along with your sleeping bag you'll need two different sleeping pads (and a repair kit). Plan on two pairs of synthetic gloves and two pairs of pile mitts or Gore-Tex overmitts. Hand warmers are optional, but you won't regret bringing them.

For your head you'll want a baseball cap or some kind of sun hat, at least a visor... Many climbers also like to use a neoprene face mask, and make sure you include a headlamp (with plenty of extra bulbs and batteries).

And toilet paper. Please don't forget the toilet paper.

Climbing Everest is a big deal. You need to be prepared. The same is true for other areas of our lives.

Take marriage, for instance. Just as you wouldn't try to scale a mountain without making sure you have what you need, don't enter the most difficult relationship of your life without doing so.

One key to building a healthy relationship is to take seriously the admonition of the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the church at Philippi; Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV), "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. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

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

ST. JOHN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE RECEIVES 1 STAR RATING FOR STEP UP TO QUALITY

St. John Preschool and Child Care in Hicksville, OH has recently received a 1 Star Rating for the Step Up to Quality Program in the State of Ohio. Step Up to Quality is a voluntary, quality rating system created by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Bureau of Child Care and Development to improve the quality of early care and education programs in Ohio. Programs can earn a 1, 2, or 3 Star Rating by meeting the quality benchmarks for the State of Ohio. Step Up to Quality means: fewer children per classroom, better trained teachers, a more comprehensive early education experience for children, and a focus on continuous improvement. Step Up to Quality was created to help parents identify early care and education programs that go beyond

WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS CHRISTMAS COMEDY



Woodburn United Methodist Church will be presenting the Christmas Play, *A Manger Mix-Up* on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. The play was written by Stuart B. MacMillan, is produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company, and is under the direction of Dawn Patterson.

Howard Sinclair is ready to direct the church's outdoor manger pageant. Since the previous pageant done five years ago was a complete disaster, his wife Gladys wants to be especially careful that this year everything runs smoothly. But of course that doesn't happen.

First the rented animals are delivered a week early, but instead of a camel, a goat is sent and it promptly starts eating the neighbor's bushes. To appease their prickly neighbor, Howard agrees to let him play the part of a shepherd, even though another church member had been promised the role. Then there's the elderly Mrs. Quimby who fell off the donkey the last time, but once again demands to play Mary. And finally, the church members playing the wise men argue over who will carry the gold.

With all the bickering, how can this pageant even go on? Reverend Crosby helps them resolve their difficulties and the pageant turns out to be a medium for reconciliation, forgiveness, and the healing of old wounds.

The members of the cast are as follows:

- Howard Sinclair - Dick Hall
- Gladys Sinclair - Sandy Hobbs
- Rev. Crosby - Pat Breit
- Mrs. Quimby - Dawn Patterson
- Bob Harmon - Terry McDonald
- Jack Carpenter - John Breit
- Reggie Connors - Lyda Cutchin
- Gertie - Margo Tester
- Lights - Tom Cutchin
- Sound - Margo Tester, Tom Cutchin
- Set, Props, Costumes - Members of the Cast
- Setting: The living room of the Sinclair home.
- Scene 1 - Current day
- Scene 2 - One week later
- Scene 3 - Later that same day
- Scene 4 - Several evenings later
- Scene 5 - A day or two after Christmas
- Pastor Terry McDonald and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join in celebration of "The Reason for the Season" by attending this worship in theater. Refreshments will follow the performance in the Fellowship Hall. Woodburn United Methodist is located at 4300 Becker Road behind the Mainstreet Oasis Marathon Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn.

the minimum standards of licensing.

St. John Preschool and Child Care has been in operation since 1988 and serves Hicksville and the surrounding area. For more information on the Step Up to Quality Program, visit the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and especially the prayers before and after my surgery. Also, Pastor Schneider for his trip to Indianapolis to be with me and my family! Also, to my family for support and meals and to my husband for being there with and for me.

—Verlaine Bute

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To all customers of Gorman's Fix It Shop: As of January 10, 2013 my shop will be closing as a full time repair shop! After 46 years of working, paying taxes and with the country's economy continuing to get worse, it's time to slow down! And now that O'bummer and his storm troopers talking about raising taxes to cover up their failures, it's no longer profitable to have a small business! Since I can still work and earn a limited amount (and yes pay more taxes), I will be doing limited work by appointments on certain days. You are welcome to supply your own parts or products as I will not be providing large amounts of parts to keep costs down. I will only be doing work for my very good customers who have been with me forever and really appreciate my efforts. Those who still owe me money or only seem to be friends when they need work or credit will be given a very low priority for work.

I have enjoyed my work but the dark side of the human race has really come out in the last few years; a lot of it because of the poor economy, but some people are just out to take the mechanics for all they can get. We are the first you call and the last you pay! As far as my endorsing other shops to take over my work I pick Boyd Automotive, Albert's Automotive and Ed's Auto Care. These are good independent people working

hard to make a living—and please pay them for their services to you.

All my long time customers, feel free to call me as I will be doing work for you as I have promised you. Other people can call, and if I can, I will do work as I can.

All of you mechanics, look for a sale when the weather permits as I have a lot of parts, tools, and equipment to sell to reduce my inventory.

I'm grateful for all the years and I hope to do work for you as I can on a part-time schedule.

My big goal now is to concentrate on my golf game and enjoy life.

—Gregg Gorman

LEARN CROCK POT COOKING FROM THE EXPERTS

Making the best from what you can get with Junction Bible Christian Church ladies. Learn crock pot cooking from the experts. It's fast, it's easy, it's fun, it's nutritious, it tastes great and the classes are FREE!

Join us for these once a month classes where we present and teach a recipe that is easy to prepare, made with ingredients that you would commonly receive from a Food Pantry or would commonly purchase as part of frugal shopping on a budget.

Crock Pot cooking saves time, money, and makes you look good in the kitchen even if you weren't in it all day!

Each NEW Student will receive a FREE CROCK POT. Every student will receive the ingredients to complete the crock pot meal at home. Each student will receive a portion from the "mobile food pantry" distribution. As a way to taste and sample, all participants will sit down to a "Family Style" meal that features the current recipe.

The classes will be held at the "Youth" Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. They will begin January 5, 2013 and continue for six monthly sessions (first Saturday of every month) at 12:00 p.m.

For more information or to register please call or e-mail us at 419-393-2671 or JunctionBible@copper.net. A maximum of 35 students will be accepted.

This program is made possible by: the Grover Hill Area Ministerial Association; The Ann Sherry Foundation; and the efforts of Junction Bible Christian Church "Your Community Church" 18878 CR 111 (Junction). www.facebook.com/JunctionBible

5th ANNUAL K OF C DINNER SUPPORTS FOUNTAIN OF FAITH CLINIC

Over the past 5 years the Knights of Columbus Council 10043 in Hicksville Ohio has helped support the Fountain of Faith Free Clinic which was started by Dr. Wiley, local doctor, and his wife Susan, who is a nurse. The council each year has put on a free will donation dinner to help support the clinic. Over these years the council has raised over \$9300 to help people who have low or no income with no insurance. Each dinner has averaged \$1860 for just a few hours work. The turnout for help from the K of C council is overwhelming and the Hicksville community is very generous. The council are very grateful to all who help and support this annual charity event. Fellow Knight, Deacon Joe Timbrook, is at the clinic when it is open to help and assist people who are in need of spiritual and physical help. The community is very blessed with great people who contribute and help with this ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR OUR VETERANS

Pond Report by: IN State Rep. Phyllis Pond, House District 85

There is a program offered by the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs which offers the opportunity for veterans to get their high school diplomas. Some of our fellow Hoosier veterans have dropped out of high school in order to serve and protect our country during such tumultuous times in our nation's history. Their devotion to our country and nobleness, at a such young age, deserves the highest recognition.

For those who have made this sacrifice, it is never too late to get your diploma or even a college degree. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs has a program in place for World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans to get their high school diplomas upon returning from duty.

Any veteran who has served between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 (World War I), December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946 (World War II), June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean) or August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 (Vietnam) is eligible to apply for issuance of a high school diploma to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

I encourage anyone who fits the criteria outlined to consider applying. The requirements are broad in an effort to urge troops that are in this situation to get their high school diplomas. Veterans must have attended a public or non-public high school in Indiana prior to joining the military and have been a student in good standing with an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States. The veteran considering the program would also have had to have left high school for military service. Many of their service experiences may qualify for high school credit.

The application can be acquired by calling the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-400-4520 or on

their website at http://www.in.gov/dva/2388.htm. You may also contact my legislative assistant at 1-800-382-9841. The name and address of the last school which was attended by the veteran is required on the application, along with the branch of military the veteran served. The diploma is typically issued through the local school system at which the veteran has attended.

Our veterans selflessly serve to protect the ideals we must covet in this country: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am proud of Indiana for offering such meaningful reparations for those who have served, and I encourage those who fit the description to take advantage of this program and get your high school diplomas.

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO RUN FLAT ROCK CREEK FESTIVAL IN 2013

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce is very pleased to announce officially that it will run one of Northwest Ohio's favorite attractions... The Flat Rock Creek Festival in 2013. Executive Director of the Paulding Chamber, Erika Willitzer says the Paulding Chamber has no plans of changing the integrity of the Festival at all. "Why fix something that has been so successful and given so much back to our community, stated Willitzer." She also went onto say she has big shoes to fill, replacing Bill and Patty Vance of Paulding.

Bill and Patty Vance started the Flat Rock Creek Festival over 21 years ago. It began as a small show but grew into one of Ohio's premiere agriculture festivals. Over two decades, hundreds of non-profit organizations have benefited from selling their goods during the festival. There are also countless stories of how those non-profits used the money for good works in and around Paulding County. In addition, this festival has hundreds of exhibitors, educating the public on how farming once use to be.

Willitzer says Founders Bill and Patty Vance should be commended for their contributions to Paulding County.

"I shadowed the Vance's this past Flat Rock Creek Festival and discovered what a warm connection they have with the vendors that sell goods during the fall festival. It didn't stop there either. I heard countless stories of how the money raised at Flat Rock helps those less fortunate or in need of a particular service. It's truly remarkable how many people have been helped by this festival and it's all thanks to Bill and Patty Vance for making it happen, all these years."

The Paulding Chamber officially took over the responsibilities December 4, 2012. The Chamber has already started planning for 2013. The date for Flat Rock Creek Festival is September 20-22. For more details on the festival feel free to contact Erika Willitzer at 419-399-5215. You can also visit our website at www.flatrockcreekfestival.com

GRAND RE-OPENING OF NEW HAVEN DEPOT



By: Beth Stauffer

The weather outside may have been frightful on December 7, 2012, but inside the grand re-opening of the New Haven Depot, spirits of local residents were bright and jolly.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 5:20 p.m. by the New Haven Area Heritage Association to officially re-open the New Haven Depot to the public. According to Allison Adams, President of the New Haven Area Heritage Association, the group acquired the facility in 1988 and it has been a labor of love driving the association's members for almost 25 years that led to Friday's depot opening.

The New Haven Depot was originally built in the late 1880's and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With this in mind, the Association took extraordinary care in maintaining the building's original integrity during the restoration process, while adding a few modern upgrades such as ceiling fans, handicap accessible restrooms, lighting, and a heating and cooling system.

The small but mighty Association received a Federal grant that helped pay for 80% of the near \$1,000,000 price tag to complete the restoration project and move the building from its original location on ground level to a new foundation a short distance away on the same lot. The Association had to raise the remaining 20% of funds required to complete the project, and they did this primarily by securing grants from area endowments.

The end result is the newly completed trail head of the New Haven Community Trails.

While future usage of the New Haven Depot is yet to be determined, Mayor Terry McDonald says, "My hope for the Depot is that the New Haven Area Heritage Association and the Parks and Rec department will be able to keep this facility busy throughout the year."

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OLD DAN & I CHAPTER 17: IN ROME ITALY

By: Stan Jordan

All of us are down here at the Spaghetti Airbase in Rome. I couldn't write about it until now, so here it is.

We left Aachen Airbase at 10:00 a.m. We had to fly at 200 mph as that is a good speed for the C-47 Transport.

Norm the General was in the lead at about 5,000 ft with a C-47 Transport. Dan and I at about 6,000 ft and on his right, Lt. Meyers was even with us and about a quarter of a mile back. Lt. Hornish was about even with us, but on the left side.

We cruised along, and at about 1:00 p.m. the radio crackled and Lt. Hornish said he could see a blimp about a couple of miles to the left and he was going to go check on it, and he was gone.

He told us later that it was an old C-47 Transport like we have. He made a couple of circles around the plane, waved at the pilot and came back and got into a formation with us.

He said it had no markings, but a bright green tail and rudder services. He said I never saw a plane without unit numbers before.

Gen. Norm said, "I know about that outfit, I will bring you up to date after supper. Maybe we can have a game of Euchre."

We were a few minutes away from Rome just off of the coast of Italy over the Mediterranean Sea south bound. The radio crackled and the General said, "This is Blue Jay, calling Spaghetti tower over."

"This is Spaghetti tower, Blue Jay over. I am a C-47 and I have three P-51 Mustangs with me and we desire permission to land."

"Blue Jay you are directed to land on runway 1-B in a single file please. Then taxi all the way to the end and turn right on lane R-5. That is the security area at the end of R-5. Good luck and welcome."

So we did all that and this

is the fenced-in area. The tower knew we were coming on this day sometime and reserved the security area for us. Along with a 2x4 truck for our use.

One of the men from the plane crew jumped in the truck and took us to the main mess hall. We had chow and returned to our area and we locked up for the night. We played a few rounds of Euchre and then the General said, "Fellows, I will tell you what I know about that C-47 Transport with the green tail that Lt. Hornish saw today."

That is another hush-hush outfit called the CARPET BAGGERS and they fly supplies to the French underground and drop them out with parachutes. I don't know where they fly from but it's over in England somewhere.

You can see why it is draped in secrecy. The next morning we rolled out of the sack about daylight and then went to breakfast in our truck.

We didn't terry long at breakfast. We went back to the area and spent all day getting the planes ready for the big raid over on the Polesti Oilfields in Romania.

The napalm tanks have been filled and attached to the underwing parts of the P-51. The gas tanks have been filled and attached, and all the ammo has been loaded. The planes are ready to go and we spent the evening in the officers' lounge and Gen. Guggenheim brought us up to date on what he calls "The Big Picture."

It is 700 miles to the Polesti Oilfields. There are a couple of reasons for this raid: S-3 wants to learn how much fuel the Germans are getting from Polesti? How many of the pumps and refineries are working? How good of a job of burning does the napalm do? We will use the same approach as we did in Arnun, Denmark.

Dan and I will spread the napalm over all the area that we can. Lt. Meyers is behind us, and he will start the liquid fire with his tracers. Gen. Norm will pilot the borrowed P-51 like he did before over at Arnun. He will fly behind Lt. Hornish and set his liquid on fire, same as before. Cameras are mounted on the planes of Lt. Meyers and Lt. Hornish.

We will leave at 10:00 a.m. and start our run at 12:00 noon. We will drop our fuel tanks before we start our raid. We won't have any spare gas, so as soon as you cross the area turn and head back here on course 205.

Dan's plane must use all his 44 mm round on the first and only pass.

Any questions? We will have one more meeting in the morning.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 44: ANOTHER BEAR ATTACK

By: Stan Jordan

Holy moley! Hunter shot that big bear with his 45-70 but that bear didn't go down. Billy said, "I know he hit that bear I could see the dust come off his fur."

Then Billy threw his gun up to his shoulder and aimed at the bear's chest. But the gun didn't go off—he had never loaded his rifle!

By now Hunter had put another shell in his rifle and shot the bear in the chest at about 20ft. The bear just crumpled to the ground. He didn't stagger at all. The bullet must have hit him in the heart.

Hunter loaded his rifle quickly and said, "Everyone stand still. He might attack us yet." But after a bit Hunter went forward and nudged the bear with his rifle barrel. The bear was dead all right and the boys breathed and relaxed.

One of the braves wanted the bear's claws. Another wanted his teeth. But Hunter said, "Billy and I will ride back to the agency and get the team and wagon. You boys watch the bear so that no wolfs will get him."

Hunter and Billy made good time back to the agency. They hitched up the teams and wagon, and loaded a couple of planks to help load the bear on the wagon. It took a little longer to get back to the kill, but everything was fine when they did arrive. They set the wagon and then hitched that big bear to the team and pulled him right up those planks onto the wagon and he was loaded.

They arrived back at the camp and the other fellows had the tri-pod erected and with all the braves and soldiers it didn't take long to have the bear dressed out, cleaned, and hung up. Rooster had made soup and biscuits and coffee, and now they fried up some thin strips of bear meat. But the indians took some and hung it over the fire and let it roast. They know a lot more about bear meat than the soldiers.

A couple of the braves said they would take the bear skin and clean it up and make a rug for the twins. They said something about a lot of history is in the bear skin.

The evening got a little cool, but they made the fire a little bigger and everyone sat at the fire and talked. Billy talked a little about the railroad system back East. He says it will be great to go where you want to. He talked about school and how the day's work was. Even some girls in college, yes he knows one, and she is a little special. Even the natives giggled about that after they understood the situation.

Gen. Kearney told Billy all about the new tribe from the Calamus River. All their names and how to get there. He told Billy all about the progress these natives have made and all the training and help we have given both tribes.

See ya!



How Is Norma?

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, "Norma Findlay, room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine, her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in room 302. No one tells me crap."

—Submitted to Stan by Richard & Paulette

IF I WAS...

By: Stan Jordan

If I was the security of education down in the state house, with a big shiny desk, I would push an edict that said all boys and girls in the 7th or 8th grade, would have to visit a grain farm and see how the farming is done and learn about the equipment the farmer uses. I want to show them how much and how their food is grown, and the work and time it takes to provide their food. I would tell them that the food they eat does not come from the grocery store or meat market, it is trucked into these places from the farm.

In this area their are no small farms. In this day and age a farmer must be a big farmer or get out of the business. He must have big enough equipment to get the job done, and in a hurry, because the weather here is so unpredictable.

Some of the larger farmers in this area are the Derck boys, the Zuber boys, the Timbrook boys, Kenny Hahn, the Arend boys, Rick King, the Hand boys, Kelly Knuckles, the Goings boys, the Wetli boys—and that's just a few around this area.

Kenny Hahn is such a farmer and agreed to show the people all his tools for preparation, planting, crop maintenance, harvesting, how and when to do it.

That is if such a class was formed.

Students need to know all of this just like they learned computers, reading, and writing—after the soybeans are harvested in the fall with a 35 ft. header. Maybe you till the ground up a little for wheat if

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it is needed and the weather cooperates.

You put on about 2½ bushels of seed to the acre. The drill rows may vary from 7½ inches to whatever the farmer uses. Kenny uses a drill that 40 ft. wide. The seed is treated with fungicide and pesticide.

We also put on some fertilizer with nitrogen, phosphate, and potash.

On wheat you must be watchful for diseases, scab, and anything that comes along. So you spray for weeds, you use fungicide and herbicides. You hope for a good winter where the wheat doesn't freeze out or get covered with water. Snow is fine, it keeps the wheat warm. Ice is bad for wheat, it can choke it out.

According to the weather—next week we plant corn and soy beans!

See ya!

ROAD NAMES & NUMBERS EAST & WEST, SOUTH OF THE MAUMEE RIVER

By: Stan Jordan

1) The first road south of the Maumee River is US 24. In town it is called River St. Up west of town is sometimes numbered CR 250.

2) The next road to the south is called the Canal Rd. or CR 180.

3) The next road south is called the Harrmann Rd. on the old maps, but that was changed about 1950 to Road 162.

4) Way up west of town the Twp. Road that goes under the railroad is called the Snyder Rd. or Twp. 160.

5) The next road to the south is called CR 162. The old name is Etter Rd. Some people call it the Cement Plant Road.

6) The next road to the south is CR 144. The old name was Glasser Rd. A lot of people call that the REA Road because that is where 144 meets US 127. Sometimes the west end of 144 was called the Doctor Road.

7) The next road to the south is CR 111.

Next week we will try to name the north, south roads

in the Antwerp school district.

See ya!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN DOWNTOWN NEW HAVEN

There is a celebration for everyone at the Downtown New Haven Christmas Open House. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be arriving by fire truck at 5:45 p.m. to the newly renovated Train Depot on State Street next to the railroad tracks. There, children will have the opportunity to share their wish list with Santa and have some light refreshments until 7:00 p.m.

A visit with Santa is just the beginning. A carriage ride shuttle from the Depot to Ruhl Furniture and Flooring (511 Broadway) is being provided by Rockaway Carriage and sponsored by Ruhl Furniture and Flooring, The Etica Group, The Mayor's Office, and the New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Inside the store, you can sign up to win a brand new 26" bicycle. Santa will be on hand at 7:10 p.m. to draw out the lucky winner.

Children will also have the opportunity to paint their own ceramic Christmas ornament (while supply lasts) at the Power House Youth center, 830 Main Street. The ornaments are being provided by T.J. Ceramics. While the kids paint, everyone can enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie until 7:30 p.m.

Adults we haven't left you out! Peter Franklin Jewelers at 507 Broadway, will be holding their annual Holiday Open House and New Haven Chamber Meet Me @ 5. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. you can dine on delicious refreshments while picking out beautiful sparkly presents for that special someone.

While all of this celebrating is going on, Christmas carolers from a local church and the New Haven High School will be entertaining us all.

So don't miss the fun, come out and celebrate Christmas at the Downtown New Haven Christmas Open House.

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PAULDING PUTNAM ELEC. COOP. DONATES TO AREA SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Amy Klinker from the Payne PTO, accepted a check for \$500 from Paulding Putnam Trust Board President, Ray Etzler. The grant will be used to fund a sound system for the auditorium. The grant was possible through the generous donations of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members through Operation Round Up. For more information regarding Operation Round Up visit www.ppec.coop. The deadline for 4th quarter applications is December 31.



Dave Stallkamp, Principle at Paulding Middle School, accepted a check for \$2,000 from Paulding Putnam Trust Board President, Ray Etzler. The grant will be used to purchase t-shirts for the students who have worked to achieve honor roll status. The grant was possible through the generous donations of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members through Operation Round Up. For more information regarding Operation Round Up visit www.ppec.coop. The deadline for 4th quarter applications is December 31.



Kelsey Beck and Gerod Harder, students from Paulding High School, accepted a check for \$1,850 from Paulding Putnam Trust Board President, Ray Etzler. The money allows students to go to Columbus and participate in the Ohio Model United Nations program. OMUN is a three day competition with approximately 50 students from Paulding HS competing. The grant was possible through the generous donations of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members through Operation Round Up. For more information regarding Operation Round Up visit www.ppec.coop. The deadline for 4th quarter applications is December 31.

RAIDER WRESTLERS TOPS AT ARCADIA INVITE

Wayne Trace wrestling has steadily improved its program under the tutelage of head coach George Clemens. After, arguably, the best season in school history and graduating four stellar seniors last year, it was unclear of how competitive the Raider squad would be. This year's team returns two seniors: Tim West, and seventh place state placer Sawyer Temple; two seniors new to the team, Jacob Roop, and Zach Mansfield; two juniors: Dustin Taylor and Aaron Miller; one freshman, George Clemens III; and ten sophomores: Matt Baxter, Carl Elliott, Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Showalter, Jacob Dingus, Josh Reel, Daron Showalter, Justin Pierce, Riley Moore, and Charles Chastain.

Looking to stand out senior Sawyer Temple for leadership, the Raider's began their tournament season. With such a young team, it was hard to predict how the team would fair. Sawyer would set the tone for the squad as he did what was expected of him—win! Sawyer went 5-0 on the day on his way to finishing as the 160 pound champion. Sawyer would not be the only champion. Amazingly, Wayne Trace would crown five champions.

Aaron Miller would finish at 5-0 defeating a strong opponent from Cory Rawson 17-11. Zaine Cotterman would also go unblemished on the day in the 132 pound class. Both wrestlers would look to dominate while wrestling their way to the top of the podium.

Freshman, George Clemens III, would need a huge win to be tops in his weight class as he would face a wrestler from Columbus Grove ranked eighth in the state. Coming out determined, George would not only best the state ranked wrestler, but would do so by pinning him. He would then take care of the second seeded wrestler from Riverdale to earn his first place finish.

In a heavily contested match, Tyler Showalter would face the number one seeded wrestler from Lake. Needing all six minutes in this back and forth matches and trailing 3-2, Tyler would be awarded a takedown with a mere 3 seconds left to become the 145 pound champion.

As Tyler was wrestling his finals match, first year wrestler Daron Showalter was battling beside him. Daron would need additional time and push his opponent into overtime. During the overtime, Daron would come away with a pin and an exhausting win to finish in fifth.

All wrestlers contributed to the team points this day. Dustin Taylor would fall one win shy of top honors and finish the day in third place. Jacob Dingus would finish in sixth place, Justin Pierce and Josh Reel would garner a couple of wins for the red, white, and blue. First year wrestlers Zach Mansfield and Riley Moore would earn their first wins of tournament action.

Wayne Trace would sit atop all 12 teams with 307.0 points followed by Riverdale (268), Plymouth (253), Montpelier (238), and rounding

out the top five, Cory Rawson (185). Columbus Grove, Lake, Patrick Henry, Buckeye Central, Van Buren, Arcadia, and North Baltimore finished as listed here.

Coach Clemens was very satisfied with his young team today. "We are young, but some of these wrestlers have been wrestling for a while. For some of them it was their first ever tournament action. To come in here and crown five champions, have most of your experienced wrestlers place, and then, have first year wrestlers winning matches is really exciting," stated Clemens. It is still unclear how consistently this young squad will perform, but under the watchful eyes of the Raider coaching staff and the entire season to improve, this team has the potential to be Wayne Trace's best yet.

ACCESS TO I-469 CHANGES FOR DRIVERS ON OLD US 24 FOLLOWING NEW US 24 FORT TO PORT OPENING

With the opening of new US 24 Fort to Port between I-469 and the Indiana/Ohio state line, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has closed the access from Old US 24 to I-469. Drivers on Old US 24 who want to access I-469 should first access new US 24 via one of the three new interchanges (at Bruick Road, Webster Road or SR 101), and then follow new US 24 westbound to I-469.

To access new US 24 westbound at Bruick Road, the interchange ramp is just west of Bruick Road. To access new US 24 eastbound at Bruick Road, the interchange ramp is off of Bruick Road, south of new US 24.

For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit www.in.gov/indot. You can find traffic restriction information at www.traffic-wise.IN.gov. Contact the Fort Wayne District toll free at 866-227-3555.

LATTA NAMED VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), issued the following statement on his selection to serve as the Vice Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee on the House Energy and Commerce Committee during the 113th Congress:

"I am honored to join the committee's leadership team and grateful to Chairman Upton for this opportunity to serve as the Vice Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee. At a time when our economy is still struggling to recover and accelerated job creation is needed, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee to promote policies that will spur economic growth and innovation in the telecommunications sector and achieve meaningful regulatory reforms."

Congressman Latta currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee including the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Environment and the Economy, and Health, in addition to serving as an Assistant Whip.

WT GROVER HILL PTO ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE



The annual Wayne Trace Grover Hill PTO Basket Raffle will take place at the Christmas Program again this year. The proceeds of the raffle are used to help fund field trips, ice cream social and carnival.

The Christmas Program had its first showing on December 11th and again on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. Pictured with the baskets are Carrie Sinn PTO member, Lyrissa Hammons and Claire Sinn.

ANTWERP JH WRESTLING COMPETES AT BRYAN INVITATIONAL

The Antwerp Junior wrestling team competed at the Bryan Invitational on December 8, 2012. Of the two wrestlers competing for Antwerp, one was able to place. Logan Shaner won 3 matches to claim first place. He won

two matches by pin and one by decision. Congratulations to Logan for winning his second consecutive tournament of the year.

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RAIDERS GET THE SCORE AGAINST RIVAL PANTHERS



After last week's win Paulding went to the Palace for their annual game against the Raiders. The game was close until right at the last couple of minutes when Wayne Trace scored while the Panthers were fouling to get the ball. Final score was 51-41. Shown above is senior WT Dalton Sinn scoring with PHS senior Kaleb Clemens attempting to block the shot. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WARRIORS POST WIN IN CONFERENCE OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan took the lead over Garrett in the second period and the Warriors went to post a 59-52 win in the ACAC conference opener in boys' basketball. The teams were tied at 10-10 after the first 8 minutes at the Warrior's gym. Woodlan went on a 6-0 run midway through the second period, taking a 21-15 advantage over the Raiders, before Garrett cut the lead to 2 at the half. Woodlan stretched the lead to 10 at 35-25 in the third period. Garrett tried to come back in the final period, getting the deficit down to just 1 point at the 4:17 mark, but Woodlan was able to protect the lead and seal the game hitting 8 free-throws down the stretch. Jaylin Bennett led the Warriors' scoring with 14 points. Corbin Evans had 11 points and Shawn McGettigan added 13 points including 6 fourth quarter free-throws. Evan Gustin had 14 points in the 48-45 win in the reserve game for Woodlan.

Score by the quarter:

Garrett - 10 13 8 21=52

Woodlan - 10 15 13 21=59

Scorers of the game:

Garrett - McCoy 23, Mar-

tin 12, Sarrazin 6, Cooper 4, Marshall 3, LaTurner 2, Singleton 2

Woodlan - Bennett 14, McGettigan 13, Evans 11, Gerig 9, White 6, Stieglitz 4, Mendenhall 2

WARRIOR WRESTLERS DOWN THE GENERALS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan scored 7 pins against Wayne as the Warrior wrestling team down the Generals 42-36. Shaun Snyder had the quickest pin of the evening for Woodlan, needing just 28 seconds to get the win.

106 - Kurtz (Wo) pin Davis (Wa), 3:23, 6-0

113 - Hill (Wa) pin Hoot (Wo), 1:53, 6-6

120 - Snyder (Wo) pin Ervins (Wa), :28, 12-6

126 - Normand (Wo) pin Riley (Wa), 5:10, 18-6

132 - Knepp (Wo) pin White (Wa), 1:30, 24-6

138 - Mertinez (Wa) dec Parisot (Wo), 7-2, 24-9

145 - Dellinger (Wo) pin S Johnson (Wa), 1:26, 30-9

152 - T Johnson (Wa) forfeit, 30-15

160 - Walker (Wa) forfeit, 30-21

179 - Hoersten (Wo) pin Singleton (Wa), 2:45, 36-21

WARRIORS AVOID HORNET STING



The Hornets flew to Woodlan for the boys basketball game Tuesday, December 4. It was a hotly contested match from the beginning. Woodlan started the first quarter doubling the score Angola's 11 points. The second quarter The Hornets turned up the heat and outscored their first quarter, but Warriors aggressively scored more and achieved a half time score of 38-24. Woodlan went on to take the win 73-54. Shown above is junior Jaylin Bennett scoring a layup. Great pictures at www.westbendnews.net

182 - Bunch (Wa) dec Thieme (Wo) injury default, 36-27

195 - Omar (Wa) dec Salmon (Wo) 7-2, 36-30

220 - Barbarena (Wo) pin Barker (Wa), 3:35, 42-30

285 - Gunn (Wa) pin Van-Brocklin (Wo), 1:42, 42-36

CLOSE WIN FOR WOODLAN WRESTLERS

By: Jeff Abbott

The Woodlan and Heritage wrestling looked like 2 separate matches. Woodlan took 6 of the 7 lower weight matches with the Warriors getting 4 pins. Heritage took 6 of the 7 upper weight classes and the Patriots had 2 pins and a decision. The three point difference between a decision win and a pin win allowed the Warriors to come away with a 42-39 victory in the match. Hayden Parisot got the quickest pin of the evening for the Warriors, going to 1:41 of the 138 match to get the win for Woodlan

106 - Rothgeb (H) pin Kurtz (W), 1:33, 0-6

113 - Hoot (W) pin Selking (H), 5:59, 6-6

120 - Snyder (W) forfeit, 12-6

126 - Normand (W) forfeit, 18-6

132 - Knepp (W) pin Anderson (H), 1:57, 24-6

138 - Parisot (W) pin Conrad (H) 1:41, 30-6

145 - Delagrange (W) pin Gerber (H), 2:17, 36-6

152 - Adkinson (H) forfeit, 36-12

160 - Freimuth (H) forfeit, 36-18

170 - Schwartz (H) pin Hoersten (W) 1:29, 36-24

182 - Parea (H) forfeit, 36-30

195 - Salmon (W) pin Swaidner (H), 3:33, 42-30

220 - Dominguez (H) dec Barbarena (W), 5-3, 42-33

285 - Kline (H) pin Van-Brocklin (W), 1:03, 42-39

WBESC BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCED

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ANTWERP TAKES WIN FROM FORT JENNINGS



Antwerp boys took on Fort Jennings at home Friday, December 7th. Both teams were very aggressive and at half time the score was 20-27 with Fort Jennings in the lead. The third quarter changed prospects for the Archers, scoring 20 points. The fourth quarter proved to be another good quarter. It was close, but Fort Jennings decided to foul, giving the advantage to the Archers who finished with a 10 point lead and the game 56-46. Shown above is junior Derek Smalley sailing towards the basket as he scores for the Archers. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

RAIDER JH WRESTLERS 5TH AT ALLEN EAST TOURNEY

The Raider Jr. High wrestling team finished fifth in a field of fourteen teams this last weekend at the Allen East tourney. Max Rassman (92) was the only champion of the day. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (116) and Caleb Schultz (128) were runners up, while Brandon Laney (122), Brandon Decker (205), and Quinton Stabler (245) finished in third.

Wapakoneta would pace the team standing with 313. Bluffton (228), Allen East (193), Lima Shawnee (185), and WT (166) rounded out the top five. The following teams, in order of placement, also participated in the tournament: Ottawa Glandorf, Delphos Jefferson, Lima North, McComb, Delphos St. Johns, LCC, Cory Rawson, Hicksville, and Columbus Grove.

Coach Stabler stated that he was pleased with the outcome of all the wrestlers. "I felt we wrestled better as a team today with Arin Canfield picking up his first win. Ryan James and Dylan Jackson came very close to getting theirs. All the wrestlers need to keep working on improving each day to accomplish team and individual goals," commented Coach Stabler. The Jr. High squad will wrestle on their home mats hosting Ayersville, Hicksville, and Tinora on Thursday, the 13th.

ANTWERP HS WRESTLING AT LINCOLNVIEW

The Antwerp High School wrestling competed at the Lincolnview Invitational on December 8, 2012. 5 of the 6 Archer wrestlers were able to win at least one match on the day. At 145 lbs., Justice Clark went 2-2 on the day and recorded his first two wins as well as his first two pins of the year. At 152 lbs., Colton Hall won his first match of the year en route to an 8th place finish. Colin Perry competed at 160 lbs. and also recorded his first win and pin of the year. At 285 lbs., Jordan Laker went 2-3 on the day with two pins and narrowly missing a top 8 finish. Also competing at 285 lbs. was Jarett Bute. Bute went 2-2 on the day with two pins on his way to a 4th place tournament finish. Congratulations to the Archer wrestlers for their hard work and early season milestones. May their continued commitment lead to more victories and success throughout the rest of their season. Be sure to catch the Antwerp wrestling in their upcoming home meets later this season.

WOODLAN SWATS A WIN FROM HORNETS

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan doubled up on Angola in the first quarter at 22-11 and the Warriors stretched the lead to 38-24 at the half as Woodlan took a 73-54 win over the Hornets in non-conference boys' basketball at the Woodlan gym. Corbin Evans led Warriors' scoring with 20 points as Woodlan won their fourth game in a row. Shawn McGettigan added 15 points and Jaylin Bennett put in 10 points for the Warriors. A 17-10 advantage in the third period helped push the lead to 55-34 heading into the final quarter to seal the win.

Score by the quarter:
Angola - 11 13 10 20=54
Woodlan - 22 16 17 18=73
Scorers of the game:
Angola - Davis 16, Brown 13, Gaff 12, Lloyd 4, Sa Gardner 4, Si Gardner 3, Nofziger 2

Woodlan - Evans 20, McGettigan 15, Bennett 10, Lortie 7, Burden 6, Stieglitz 6, Mendenhall 4, Williams 3, White 2

GOLDEN BEARS BEST LADY RAIDERS



Wayne Trace took on Bryan Golden Bears at home Tuesday, December 4. The JV outpaced Bryan 37-12, leaving Bryan with only 3 points a quarter. The varsity game was much more difficult for the Raiders as the Golden Bears were more prepared this time. Bryan scored an end of the quarter last second shot bringing the 1st quarter score to 17-14 (WT lead). The rest of the game proved to be tight and went into overtime with the win going to Bryan 60-54. Shown above is WT senior Karena Egnor nailing a 3-point basket. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Archers took on the Edon Bombers at home Tuesday, December 4th at home. It was a tight game from the beginning and in the last 10 seconds of the game Edon scored two free-throw shots to give them the 40-38 win keeping the game from going into overtime. Though Antwerp girls record is now 0-3, they have all been very close games. Shown above is freshman Audrie Longardner attempting a shot. More pictures at www.archerpics.com

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PAULDING WRESTLERS TAKE 2ND AT LINCOLNVIEW INVITE

Paulding HS Wrestling participated in the Lincolnview Invite on December 8, 2012. The team took 2nd place—right on the heels of St. John's. Paulding's Senior returning state qualifier, Tyler Ash was out taking the ACT. The varsity 103 Kage Seals earned most valuable Freshman of the tournament and Taylor Deatruck moved to a record or 9-0 on the year with 9 pins and has not had an offensive point scored on him yet this year.

Other place finishers for Paulding:

106 - 3rd place Sidney Salinas defeated Alex Rodriguez (L) dec. 8-1

132 - 3rd place Zack Wesley defeated Cody Tebbe (C) dec. 9-3

182 - 2nd place Adam Deatruck was defeated by Tyler Foust (J) MD 18-8

195 - 2nd place Ryan Schindler was defeated by Colin McConnahea (J) with a pin 1:05

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SHOULD YOU PREPARE FOR "FISCAL CLIFF"?

Financial Focus by: Phil Recker, Edward Jones Advisor



As an investor, you can sometimes feel you're at the mercy of forces beyond your control. This may be especially true today, when the entire country appears to be on edge about the approaching "fiscal cliff." What can you do in the face of such a dire prediction?

First of all, you'll need to understand what initially led the Federal Reserve to issue the fiscal cliff warning. Here's the story: Some \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts are scheduled to begin in 2013, while, simultaneously, the Bush-era tax cuts—including the reduction in capital gains and dividend taxes—are set to expire. This combination of spending cuts and higher taxes could take some \$600 billion out of the economy, leading to a possible recession—and maybe something much worse, at least in the eyes of the Fed.

Still, there's no need for panic. Despite its political infighting, Congress is likely to reduce the "cliff" to a smaller bump. But as an investor, you may need to be prepared for two significant events: market volatility, at least in the short term, and higher taxes, probably for the foreseeable future.

To combat market volatility, you may want to take these steps:

- **Rebalance** — You may need to rebalance your portfolio to ensure it still reflects your target mix of investments, based on your long-term goals and your risk tolerance.

- **Diversify** — A broadly diversified portfolio can help you navigate "bumps," "cliffs" and other rugged investment terrain. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact

of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

- **Upgrade investment quality** — Generally speaking, higher-quality investments are better positioned to withstand the tempests of volatile financial markets. Consequently, when investing in stocks, look for companies with solid track records, strong management and competitive products. And when purchasing bonds, seek those that earn the highest grades from the independent rating agencies.

Now, let's turn to taxes. Even if taxes on income, capital gains and dividends do rise, they will still, in all likelihood, be much lower than they've been at various points in the past. Nonetheless, you may want to consider a variety of steps, including the following:

- **Take advantage of tax deferred vehicles.** Contribute as much as possible to your traditional IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and any education savings accounts you may have, such as a 529 plan.

- **Convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.** A Roth IRA provides tax-free earnings, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account for at least five years. (Be aware, though, that this conversion is taxable, and may not be appropriate if you don't have money readily available in other accounts to pay the taxes.)

- **Consider municipal bonds.** If you're in one of the upper tax brackets, you could benefit from investing in "munis," which pay interest that's free of federal taxes, and possibly state and local taxes as well.

Above all else, don't abandon your long-term plans due to short-term uncertainty—and avoid making unwarranted and extreme changes to your portfolio. By staying focused on your goals, and by making well-thought-out moves at the right time, you can help prevent your financial goals from going "over a cliff."

LATTA SENDS LETTER TO EPA EXPRESSING CONCERNS FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) have sent a bipartisan letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson cit-

ing concerns for the stringent new air quality standards for fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

States and local communities are in the process of implementing the current PM2.5 standards, but if these standards are reduced many counties that have already attained set benchmarks will fail to reach this more stringent range, resulting in a non-attainment designation of that area. The newly proposed standards will discourage commercial and industrial activity, threatening the economic growth of a multitude of local communities that have significantly reduced PM2.5 emissions over the last ten years, according to the EPA's own analysis.

"The EPA's proposed new standards could place a number of Ohio counties in 'non-attainment' making it a costly endeavor for existing businesses, and a death knell for any new development," Congressman Latta warned. "The economic consequences of non-attainment are lost jobs, reduced tax revenues, and long-lasting EPA interference in local permitting decisions. We all want clean air and a safe environment, but when proceeding with new regulations we must look at how it will affect the economic growth and prosperity of that community," said Latta.

Due to a legal agreement between the EPA and a number of environmental organizations, the agency is working under an expedited time frame to finalize its regulations, which are expected in mid-December. However, last May the agency acknowledged to a federal court that it would need until August 2013 to review comments from stakeholders regarding the proposed rule.

47 Members of Congress signed onto the letter, which was sent on Friday, November 30. Earlier this year, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to Administrator Jackson naming similar concerns.

CASTALIA STATE FISH HATCHERY OFFERS NEW LOTTERY APPLICATION DATES FOR ANGLERS

The application dates have changed for controlled trout-fishing permits at Cold Creek at the Castalia State Fish Hatchery, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Anglers may apply for the controlled trout fishing random drawing from March 1-31. This is a change from previous years, when the application period was from the beginning of December to the end of January. The date change was made so anglers can apply for the drawing and fish at Castalia State Fish Hatchery in the same license year. Applicants must still purchase an Ohio fishing license to apply for the drawing.

Anglers interested in fishing in the creek must apply online at wildohio.com in March. Random drawings for permit selection will be held in April, and fishing begins in May.

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HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 86,000 DEER DURING OHIO'S DEER-GUN SEASON

Hunters enjoyed great weather as they harvested 86,964 white-tailed deer during Ohio's traditional week-long deer-gun season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The harvest yielded an anticipated slight decrease of 3.7 percent from 2011, when 90,282 deer were checked.

"The traditional deer-gun week is enjoyed by thousands annually, and this year was no exception," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "Ohio's healthy deer population offers a great source of outdoor recreation to many Ohio residents and out-of-state hunters."

Counties reporting the highest numbers of deer checked during the 2012 gun season: Coshocton (3,119), Muskingum (2,927), Tuscarawas (2,860), Guernsey (2,620), Harrison (2,370), Licking (2,271), Washington (2,163), Knox (2,159), Belmont (2,127) and Carroll (2,062). The order of the top six counties remained unchanged from last year.

Ohio's week-long gun season was November 26 - December 2. Hunters still have one weekend of deer-gun hunting, December 15-16, and archery season remains open through February 3, 2013. The statewide deer-muzzleloader season is January 5-8, 2013.

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio, frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more.

More information about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.com. Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Hunters must still report their deer harvest, but they are no longer required to take their deer to a check station for physical inspection. Hunters have three options to complete the automated game check:

- Online at wildohio.com.
- By telephone at 877-TAG-ITOH (824-4864). This option is only available to those required to have a deer permit to hunt deer.

- At all license agents. A list of these agents can be found at wildohio.com, or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Hunters are encouraged to donate any extra venison to organizations assisting Ohioans in need. ODNR Division of Wildlife is collaborating with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to help pay for the processing of donated venison. Hunters who donate deer are not required to pay the processing cost as long as the deer are taken to a participating processor. To see which counties are involved in this program, go to fhfh.org.

Ohio's first modern day deer-gun season opened in 1943 in three counties, and

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hunters harvested 168 deer. Deer hunting was allowed in all 88 counties in 1956, and hunters killed 3,911 deer during that one-week season.

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GROVER HILL STUDENTS COLLECT FOOD FOR LOCAL PANTRY



Wayne Trace Grover Hill students are once again collecting items for the area churches' food pantry for Christmas. The food drive is going on now through Thursday, December 20th. Donations may be brought or sent to school with students. Any-

one in the community who wishes to donate may bring items to the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Pictured with pantry items are Jacob Hull, Andrew Sinn, Reid Miller and Nate Showalter.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGH-LIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors met Thursday morning, December 6th in Columbus for its regularly scheduled December meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. The complete set of meeting minutes will be posted at OHSAA.org.

The board acknowledged receipt of a formal petition to place a referendum item on the ballot this spring to create separate OHSAA tournaments for public and non-public schools. The petition was received before the December 1 deadline and with the appropriate number of signatures (75 total signatures of member school principals

with at least five signatures from each of the OHSAA's six districts) as mandated by Article 8 of the OHSAA Constitution. The annual referendum voting period is May 1-15, with each member high school having one vote cast by the principal. Before the referendum voting period begins, the OHSAA will explain the referendum item and provide additional information on the issue to the membership. The OHSAA membership voted down similar proposals in 1978 and 1994.

The board began discussion regarding the implementation of seven divisions in football beginning next fall. The board will discuss playoff format options in more detail at its January meeting.

The board began discussions regarding Bylaw

4-10 Amateurism and Bylaw 5 Awards as they pertain to out of season contests and what expenses can be reimbursed to student-athletes by event organizers. Further discussion will be held as soon as possible and clarification will be communicated to the membership.

The Board authorized the OHSAA staff to begin dialogue with the organizers of the football state championship games regarding the location of the championships after the current contracts expire following the 2015 finals. The current contracts include two years in Stark County (Massillon and Canton) in 2012 and 2013 and two years at Ohio Stadium in Columbus in 2014 and 2015. The championship games have been held in Stark County since 1990 after being played in Ohio Stadium from 1982-89.

Five member schools were recently penalized for committing infractions of OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The list of infractions and penalties are always included in the complete set of meeting minutes posted at OHSAA.org, but media members may obtain the list in advance from Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org).

Adding the triple jump was again proposed by the Ohio Association of Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches. A minimum of two board members must support the proposal for it to reach a vote of the Board of Directors, but only one board member supported the proposal.

The regional and state tournament draw for girls and boys basketball was held and will be posted at OHSAA.org.

PHOSPHOROUS RUNOFF

By: Jim Lopshire, PC Extension Educator

Agricultural producers will soon be hearing more about agricultural practices that reduce phosphorus runoff. Ohio State University Extension and government agencies have been developing solutions to harmful algae blooms and water quality concerns in Lake Erie and Grand Lake St. Marys. We know that most of the soluble nitrogen and soluble phosphorus moves with the water. In a drought year like 2012, phosphorous runoff and harmful algae blooms were not a big issue. However, expect phosphorous runoff to become an issue in a normal year with average rainfall.

A little history may help explain what has occurred with phosphorous runoff in Northwest Ohio. In 1969, Lake Erie was considered a dead lake because it had too much phosphorous, harmful algae blooms, and declining fish (walleye and bass) populations. At that time, about two-thirds of the phosphorous was coming from known sources. Through soil conservation, new sewage treatment upgrades, and changes to laundry soap; total phosphorous in the surface water had declined. By the mid 1990's, Lake Erie was recovering and fishing was relatively good.

Dr. Jeff Reutter, Director of Ohio Sea Grant program explains that Lake Erie is

the shallowest of five Great Lakes and the most biologically active. Comparing two of the great lakes, Lake Superior is the deepest and contains 50% of the water but only has 2% of the fish in the Great Lakes. Lake Erie has only 2% of the total water, but 50% of all the fish. It takes more than 1,000 years for water to flow through Lake Superior but only about two years for Lakes Erie. This means that Lake Erie is extremely sensitive to water quality changes (Reutter, 2012).

Around 1995 water quality in Lake Erie again started to decline. The current problem is with bioavailable or dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP). For years, agricultural producers were taught that soil phosphorous is relatively immobile

GROVER HILL STUDENTS RECEIVE A LESSON IN GIVING



Mrs. Bauer's Wayne Trace Grover Hill Kindergarten is working on learning the true meaning of Christmas. They

are collecting can and paper goods for the local food bank. Giving to others is the most important gift.

and that it is tied to soil particles. New research shows that soil phosphorous is becoming more mobile for a number of reasons.

Next week, we will look at some of the reasons for the increase in phosphorous runoff.

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PAULDING 1ST GRADERS LEARN THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS



The first graders at Paulding Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving with a day full of fun and learning. Students went to stations where they made butter and necklaces, decorated rugs and headbands with Native American symbols, and

played games. Parent volunteers served turkey, mashed potatoes, corn and pudding for lunch. In the afternoon, students watched a presentation about the Pilgrims. It was a fun day! Shown in the photo are some of the first graders enjoying their feast!

PHS RECEIVE GRANT FROM FUEL UP TO PLAY 60



Paulding High School is the recipient of a \$4,000 Fuel Up To Play 60 grant sponsored by the National Dairy Council. The grant money was used to purchase a milk machine which offers milk and healthy snacks to students and staff before, during and after the school day. In addition, a Wii system and a variety of dance videos were purchased to use during an after school program for students. The two-day per week program


is held in the auditoria so the videos can be projected onto the "big screen" while the students dance. Both parts of the grant provide students with an awareness of the importance of healthy eating and increasing physical activity. The district Wellness committee is in charge of the grant activities. Pictured above are students participating in the after school dance program.

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/12 - 12/18

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/12 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice/fruit, milk
 12/13 - Links (sausage), waffles, juice/fruit, milk
 12/14 - Gravy (sausage) w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 12/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice/fruit, milk

12/18 - Egg/sausage burrito, juice/fruit, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/12 - Top Your Own Sub or Chicken fajita, refried beans & salsa, assorted fruit, milk
 12/13 - Stromboli, potato soup or Honey mustard tenders, roll, assorted fruit, milk
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 12/17 - Grilled chicken w/whole grain bun, carrots/celery, fruit, milk
 12/18 - Corn dog, baked beans, vegetable choice, fruit snack, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary
 - *Breakfast:*
 12/12 - Sausage pancake wrap, fruit, milk
 12/13 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk
 12/14 - Assorted cereal, crackers, fruit, milk
 12/17 - Rainbow yogurt, goldfish crackers, juice, milk
 12/18 - Mini maple pancakes, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary
 - *Lunch:*
 12/12 - Sloppy joe w/whole grain bun, celery, baked chips, California blend, fruit, milk
 12/13 - Cheese breadstick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit snack, fruit, milk
 12/14 - Taco in a bag, lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
 12/17 - Corn dog, baked beans, celery sticks, fruit, milk
 12/18 - Mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, 3 bean salad, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 12/12 - 12/18

12/12 - Meatball sub, black beans, pears, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 12/13 - Grilled chicken on bun, peas, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 12/14 - Pepperoni pizza or Ham salad sandwich, salad w/carrots, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 12/17 - Corndog, french fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 12/18 - Breaded chicken on bun, sweet potatoes, oranges, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

WT LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/12 - 12/18

Breakfast:
 12/12 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 12/13 - Cheese omelet/

toast, juice, milk
 12/14 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk
 12/17 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
 12/18 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
 12/12 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit, milk
 12/13 - Chili soup, PB&J sandwich, fruit, milk
 12/14 - Popcorn chicken, fries, tossed salad, fruit, milk
 12/17 - Hot dog sandwich w/coney sauce, baked beans, fruit, milk
 12/18 - Turkey & cheese sandwich, carrots & celery, yum yum cake, fruit, milk

REP. WACHTMANN RELEASES STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT'S COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY TAX RULING

In response to the Ohio Supreme Court's decision that the application of the commercial activity tax to motor vehicle fuel sales is unconstitutional, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) has released the following statement:

"I am very pleased by the Court's ruling that the commercial activity tax cannot be applied to motor vehicle fuel sales. I vehemently opposed the institution of the commercial activity tax while serving in the Senate and believe that it should not have been done in the first place. It is important that state leaders fight to protect fuel tax dollars from being used for any purposes except highway-related projects. I am appreciative that the Ohio Petroleum Council brought this important issue to the Supreme Court's attention so that the issue could be rectified and vital tax dollars put toward appropriate use."

Chief Justice Robert Cupp explained that the commercial activity tax on fuel sales violates the Ohio Constitution's ban on utilizing fuel tax revenue for non-highway purposes. The 6-1 ruling by the Court will apply to fuel sales made after today's decision.

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Shown here with Rick Small from 98.1 the MIX radio is Savanna Willitzer and Deklyn Schweinsberg. Both children also got to speak on the radio which was very exciting for them! To everyone who donated—you are helping to give the children in Paulding County a memorable Christmas!



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WHO ARE THESE FRITCHA FOLKS?



Todd, Diane, and Troy Fritchka stand in front of the dump truck that bears Bill's name

By: Beth Stauffer

When I moved to the New Haven area in 2003, one of the things that I remember the most is that everywhere I went it seemed I came across a big red and blue dump truck proudly emblazoned with "Fritchka's" across the side. Perhaps I only noticed the trucks because of the fact that I lived on a street bearing that same name, Fritchka Avenue. All I know is, every time I saw a "Fritchka's" dump truck, I couldn't help but wonder— who are these Fritchka folks?

I imagined that they must be pretty special based solely on the facts that avenues are named after them and they own some pretty sweet looking dump trucks.

This past November, almost 10 years to the date that I moved to New Haven, I finally have uncovered the answer to my long ago, nearly forgotten question: "Who are these Fritchka folks?"

Simply put, they are a family that represents the very best of New Haven: a close-knit, hardworking family that deeply loves each other, the community that they live in, and the work that they do.

For the full story, read on. The story of the Fritchka family is closely intertwined with the story of Fritchka's Construction, a business that began in New Haven well over half a century ago. In the early 1950's, Elmer Fritchka was the sole proprietor of a landscaping and odd jobs business in New Haven. In 1955, his son Bill, a freshman at New Haven High School, started working for his dad on a part-time basis.

This auspicious part-time job was the beginning of something beautiful, much like the relationship that was beginning to blossom between 14 year old Bill and the future Mrs. Bill Fritchka, Diane Deitschel. In 1959, both Bill and

Diane graduated from New Haven High School. Bill started working full-time for his father, and one of the first big projects he worked on at that time was the development of the Ridgeview Heights neighborhood off of Moeller Road (hence the 'Fritchka' in 'Fritchka Avenue'.)

"Bill had started out working landscapes," said Diane of Bill's early days working for his father. Of this experience she said, "He just didn't like it. After he worked on putting in all the yards in Ridgeview Heights, he said 'That's it! I'm done doing yards. I want a bulldozer!'"

With that being said, reminisced Diane, "We bought this rinky dink old dozer and a run-down dump truck, and Bill was happy."

Little did they know at the time this was just the beginning of a business that would one day grow to include three bulldozers, eight dump trucks, two semis, an excavator and a backhoe (among other things).

In 1961, Diane joined the family both in name and in business when she and Bill married; perhaps the even more challenging position she stepped into in 1961 was her new role as the original bookkeeper of Fritchka's Construction. "When I started keeping the books, all I had to go off of was the scraps of paper Elmer had written on," recalled Diane of those early days, her voice rich with laughter. "I remember one said, 'Tore down barn.' Who knows if they ever got paid for that job!"

Diane continued to keep the company's books even after giving birth to the couple's children, daughter Teri and sons Todd and Troy. In 1976, Bill purchased the business from his father, becoming the boss while his father, Elmer, became the employee. In the years leading up to the acquisition

of the family business, Bill and Diane's son Troy was already at work learning first hand his father's strong work ethic.

As a toddler, Diane recalls her son Troy always wanted to go to work with Bill and Elmer. According to Diane, Troy's Grandpa Elmer told him he couldn't go along with them to the job site until he was out of diapers. "Well, that's all it took," said Diane with a chuckle. "I bought some training pants, put them on him, and that was that." Troy was off to the job site with his Dad and Grandpa, stopping only to take the occasional afternoon nap in the dump truck.

Todd, Diane, and Troy Fritchka stand in front of the dump truck that bears Bill's name.

Diane also recalls Troy's days in kindergarten with great fondness. "He'd come home, I'd feed him lunch and then take him to the job site. The funny part is, he'd always say, 'Mom, can you find your way home?' Well, yeah, I brought you here!"

Another time, Bill and Elmer were working on a sewer project up at Lake James. As legend has it, Troy said, "Mom, I'm not going to school today. I'm going to work." Diane replied, "Oh yes you are!," to which Troy responded, "Nope, I'm going to work."

Diane assumed that by calling Mrs. Phyllis Pond, Troy's kindergarten teacher, she would find herself an ally. Diane said, "I told Troy 'I'm going to call Mrs. Pond and tell her that you're going to work instead of going to school!'"

Instead of becoming the ally Diane had hoped for, Mrs. Pond told Diane, "That's so wonderful! I wish more kids had the opportunity to do that."

In the fall of 1975, the year before Bill purchased the business from his father, Diane received a phone call from the New Haven High School principal asking her to come and work in school's office. Initially, Diane rejected his offer, but eventually accepted the position when the principal suggested she stay only for a year.

That one year turned into 25, with Diane maintaining Fritchka's Construction books and records at night and on the weekends during the entire quarter of a century she worked at New Haven High School. At one point prior to her retirement, Diane had suggested to Bill that she go ahead and retire so that she could focus on the family business. "He wanted to hire a secretary," said Diane, her eyes lighting up at the memory of her husband. "Well, I told him 'I don't think so! I'll do my books that I'm used to doing since 1961. Bill, he was quite the corker!'"

In 2000, Diane retired from NHHS and enjoyed watching her husband and sons working side by side together each day. At the time, Bill ran the bulldozer, Troy ran the excavator, and Todd ran the backhoe. "They each had their own piece of equipment they ran, and they did it very well," said Diane, recalling those days at the turn of the millennium with fondness.

In June of 2010, Bill and Diane celebrated 50 years of marriage amongst their friends and family, which had grown to include Teri's

husband, Steve Lake, Todd's wife, Lynna, Troy's wife, LeAnn, and seven grandchildren: Madison, Kyle and Travis Lake and Matraca, Zach, Alaina, and Audrey Fritchka.

Unbeknownst to the family, however, Bill had an aneurysm slowly building inside his brain. Bill was the 5th person in his family stricken with an aneurysm, the 4th to lose his life to this type of insidious killer.

On February 9th, less than hour after leaving work, Bill suffered a massive brain aneurysm. His son Todd found him at home on the bathroom floor shortly after. Diane, who was not at home at the time, remembers with vivid clarity the moments before that fateful call came in. "I was at the New Haven-Wayne High School basketball game. I had just looked at my friend and said 'Something isn't right. Bill should have been here by now.' At that exact moment, I got the call from Todd."

Bill's family gathered around him at the hospital, his body kept alive only with the help of life support. Bill's obituary states that he died on February 15th, but according to Diane, "he was gone on February 9th."

The days, weeks, and months following Bill's death served as a surprising time of discovery for Diane about her late husband. Of this time, Diane says "His funeral was something else. He never would have believed it, never would have imagined what people thought of him. We knew he had a lot of friends, but we really had no idea. At his funeral, people would tell me that Bill would stop by one day and ask if they had any jobs they needed done, then he'd come back the next day and do it. I really had no idea he did all the things he did."

One of the most surprising moments for Diane happened when Mayor Terry McDonald approached her and simply said, "Your husband did so much for the city." Diane remembers thinking, "I said to myself, 'Huh? He did what?' Here all this time I thought he was out working! Well, I guess he was out working, but I didn't know he did all the volunteer work that he did. I never had a clue."

In 2011, Mayor McDonald established the Bill Fritchka Memorial Award in Bill's honor to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make each day in the New Haven community, and to encourage more people to volunteer in the humble and gracious manner in which Bill Fritchka served. The inaugural Bill Fritchka Memorial Award sits prominently on display in Diane's hutch in the home she once shared with Bill. It is evident how very meaningful this award is to her, a lasting legacy of her husband's selfless service to his beloved hometown.

Looking to the future, Diane says she plans to continue doing the company's books for as long as she is able. As the sole owner of Fritchka Construction now, Diane recently earned a W.B.E. (Women's Business Enterprise) certification at the urging of her son, Troy. "This is something Bill wanted me to do ten years ago," said Diane. "I know he'd be pleased I finally did it."

Diane suspects that eventually her son, Troy, will take over the role of business owner of Fritchka Construction

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just as his father did in 1976. "Troy is so much like his Dad. He's a workaholic and he's a go getter. I think Troy will keep things going the way his Dad would want to," said Diane, adding that for the time being, "Todd and Troy are keeping it going. Their Dad would really like that."

As for who will helm the 4th generation of Fritchka's Construction, Diane says she'd prefer not to speculate which, if any, of her grandchildren will one day take interest in the business she and Bill built together over a lifetime.

A favorite memory of Diane's, though, is of her then five or six year old granddaughter, Audrey, who is the daughter of Troy and LeAnn Fritchka. "Bill called us from out southwest on Hamilton Road. They needed the skid loader, and LeAnn and I didn't know how to run a skid loader. Audrey piped up and

said, 'I do!' LeAnn and I said okay, went and got a pick-up truck, hooked a trailer on the back, and Audrey drove that skid loader right on up the trailer. We chained it down and took off for Hamilton Road. When we got there, we told the guys they were lucky Audrey was around because she's the only one who knew how to run it!"

Diane projects a sense of contentment as she smiles and says the same thing about her granddaughter Audrey as she has about her husband and sons over the course of our interview: "It's (the family business) in the blood. It's in the blood."

This feature is the first in a four part series about notable Legacy Businesses in New Haven. Next week, New Haven Bulletin will spotlight Julie Martin Holle of Martin's Flag Shop.

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SIX YEAR OLD RECEIVES EARLY CHRISTMAS WISH



New Haven resident Alex Stauffer is a pretty typical six year old boy. His favorite time of the school day is recess. He loves playing hockey, t-ball and basketball. His bedroom is filled with Hot Wheels cars and action heroes. If you ask Alex, he'll tell you he enjoys spending time building things with his Grandpa Mike (Stauffer) and helping out his dad, Jon Stauffer, at the fire station.

One of the things that might surprise you about six year old Alex Stauffer, however, is that he is quite the fan of music.

Alex's mother, Beth Stauffer, is a freelance features writer and blogger who predominantly writes stories pertaining to music, the arts, and entertainment on her website. While tagging along with his mom in June of 2012, Alex attended his first concert at the outdoor Foellinger Theater in Fort Wayne, IN. "I didn't think we would be able to tear Alex away from the bouncy house and the pony rides," remembers Jon, Alex's father, about his first concert-going experience. "Then again, Alex is always full of surprises."

One of the musical groups appearing at the concert sponsored by local radio station Star 88.3 FM that beautiful June night was the Nashville, TN based duo For King & Country. At the beginning of their set, the Sydney, Australian born Smallbone brothers,

Joel and Luke, invited all of the concert goers to come up front by the stage to dance and enjoy the show.

"From that moment on, Alex was the biggest little fan of For King & Country in the entire state of Indiana, if not the entire Midwest," Alex's mother, Beth, wrote in a review on her website in the days following the concert.

Like Alex, brothers Joel and Luke spent much of their childhoods immersed in music. Joel and Luke's father, David Smallbone, was a legendary concert promoter in Australia prior to bringing his family to Nashville in the early 1990's. Joel and Luke are also the younger brothers of well-known contemporary Christian music artist Rebecca St. James.

Considering For King & Country's intuitive and soul penetrating lyrics, riveting original sound, and unrivaled fiery live performances, it's easy to see why six year old Alex is such a big fan.

Alex's fan-antics over For King & Country have been a frequent source of material for his mother on her website, www.spintheblog.com. Earlier in the fall, a For King & Country music publicist, Sarah Lai, stumbled across one such blog about Alex and his love for the band. In a surprising move, Joel and Luke created a video message for Alex thanking him for being a fan and asking him to remember to "hound his mum

to keep listening to our CD, Crave."

Also in the video message, Joel and Luke mentioned that they hoped to meet Alex soon.

True to their word, this past Saturday, December 1, 2012, Alex received his most fervent Christmas wish: to meet For King & Country when they made a stop at the Grand Horizon Center in Elkhart, IN. The Grand Horizon Center was the first stop on the 'Proof of Your Love Christmas Tour'. Unbeknownst to Alex until moments before, his mother and Ms. Lai had arranged for a little pre-concert backstage meet and greet with For King & Country's Joel and Luke.

Alex, who was initially so stunned by what was taking place, attempted to run away before seeking refuge behind his mother. Joel and Luke's warm welcome of hugs and high fives quickly put Alex at ease. He went on to share a letter he had written to them and a drawing he had made of a music stage. (Prior to learning he was to meet Joel and Luke, Alex had planned to turn the letter and drawing into paper airplanes and fly them up unto the stage.)

"I was feeling really nervous," Alex said after meeting Joel and Luke for the first time. "I thought I might not be able to understand them because they are from Australia," said Alex with a smile, adding sheepishly, "I was so nervous that I almost called them the Sidewalk Prophets!"

Alex's favorite song of the "Proof of Your Love Christmas Tour" was the group's dynamic rendition of Christmas favorite "Little Drummer Boy." Unfortunately for Alex, the excitement of the day and getting to meet his favorite band led to him falling asleep in his mother's arms at the end of the concert. This caused him to miss his two favorite songs, 'The Proof of Your Love' and 'Fine, Fine Life'.

"He may be the only person in For King & Country concert history to ever sleep thru 'The Proof of Your Love' and 'Fine, Fine Life,'" wrote Alex's mother on her blog on Sunday.

At the conclusion of what Alex now unabashedly refers to as "the best day of my life," he was able to say good-bye to his new friends Joel and Luke, snag another hug (or two), and secure autographs for his Crave CD and his official For King & Country poster.

When asked what his impressions were of For King & Country's Joel and Luke, Alex responded, "They were taller than I thought they would be... and, they are superheroes. Musical superheroes."

In a day and age when there are so few good role models in the entertainment industry to look up to, For King & Country are a rare but delightful find. They may very well be musical superheroes as Alex ascertains, but even more importantly, they are heralds of the good news of Jesus Christ through their music and performances.

Of course, according to Alex the reason why he is such a big fan of For King & Country is really much simpler. "I love For King & Country because they are the greatest singers in the world; and, they share the love of Jesus with everybody."

WBCL HOSTS BEAD FOR LIFE



WBCL's Mid Morning Host Lynne Ford

positively influenced by the Bead For Life program.

Last week, local radio station WBCL 90.3 FM hosted the first ever 'Bead For Life' event of its kind at The Summit (formerly the campus of Taylor University) Fort Wayne. According to Lynn Ford, WBCL's Mid-Morning Host, "We were shocked to find out that there has never been a radio station in the country to host a Bead For Life party for its listeners. Since the two main ways that Bead For Life sells its jewelry is online or at a Bead For Life party, sort of similar to a Tupperware Party, we felt this was an extraordinary opportunity to come alongside Bead For Life and support them."

Indeed, that is exactly what happened as WBCL's listeners attended the Bead For Life party at The Summit in droves, purchasing over 1,800 pieces of jewelry with sales totaling over \$14,000 for the Bead For Life

ministry. "Our listeners have responded like crazy," said Ms. Ford of the event, adding "Not just because of the jewelry, but because of what it does. It literally changes the lives of women and their families."

"One of the things that sets bead for life apart is that 92% of what Bead For Life raises goes directly to the women in Uganda. Only 8% is used for overhead and fundraising. That's almost unheard of in non-profits," said Ms. Ford of the organization. In addition to its not-for-profit status, Bead For Life is also a member of the Fair Trade Federation and a provisional member of the World Fair Trade Organization.

Even though WBCL's Bead For Life party has passed, there is still plenty of time to order Christmas gifts through the Bead For Life website www.beadforlifestore.org.

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LATTA ANNOUNCES ENERGY & COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, announced his subcommittee assignments for the 113th Congress. Latta will serve on the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, where he will serve as Vice Chair.

"During this challenging and critical point in our country, I appreciate the opportunity to serve on these subcommittees and thank Chairman Upton (R-MI) for entrusting me with this responsibility. The nation's economy and job creation remains my top priority and I will work to identify a path forward that will grow our economy, unleash domestic energy, stimulate innovation, and get Americans back to work."

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/19/12

This 19th day of November, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Burkley
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
 Warrants documented as 193181 through 193273 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 November 14, 2012, Warrant numbers 192959 through 193193 in the amount of \$23,272.04; 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 190 MOVING OHIO FORWARD DEMOLITION GRANT AND REVENUE AND EXPENSES LINE ITEMS:

The County has been awarded Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant dollars. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a new fund for tracking the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant:

Fund 190 - Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant Fund

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create revenue and expense line items in the newly created Fund 190 and appropriate as follows:

190-001-10000 Auditor of State - \$5,000.00


190-001-00001 Miscellaneous Expenses - \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003):

A resolution amending the 2012 Annual Appropriation was passed on November 14, 2012, and is recorded in Journal 53, Page 327; and after consulting with the state auditor, it has been determined that this resolution was passed in error. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby rescind the resolution in Journal 53, Page 327, dated November 14, 2012, amending the 2012 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-031).

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IN THE MATTER OF CREATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES LINE ITEMS IN FUND 001-002:

The County Auditor periodically conducts Auditor's Sales; and Auditor's Sales receipts and expenses must be accurately tracked. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create new revenue and expense line items in the General Fund/County Auditor Fund (Fund 001-002) to accurately track Auditor's Sale Receipts and Expenses and to appropriate to said line items as follows:

001-002-10005 General Fund/County Auditor/Auditor Sales' Receipts - \$11,000.00

001-002-00018 General Fund/County Auditor/Auditor Sales' Expenses - \$11,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 015):

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

015-001-99999 Auditor-Estate Tax/Estate Tax Transfers
 AMOUNT: \$56,444.95

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 078):

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

FROM: Pay-Ins #096282 and #096383

TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Infrastructure Projects
 AMOUNT: \$77,080.13

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024):

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

FROM: 001-024-00004/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Relief Allowances
 TO: 001-024-00003/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Supplies
 AMOUNT: \$500.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017):

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

FROM: 001-017-00006/General Fund/Sheriff/Supplies/Jail/Outhousing
 TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment/Sheriff
 AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD:

On December 15, 2008, Mr. Jim Henriott and Ms. Jane Gochenour were appointed to the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2012; and on November 14, 2012, the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities formally requested that Mr. Henriott and Ms. Gochenour both be reappointed for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as members of the Paulding County Developmental Disabilities Board for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016:

Mr. Jim Henriott, PO Box 185, Payne, OH 45880

Ms. Jane Gochenour, 10671 Rd 87, Paulding, OH 45879

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD:

On November 14, 2012, the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities formally requested that Ms. Kelly Tumblin be appointed to the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as a member of the Paulding County Developmental Disabilities Board for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016:

Ms. Kelly Tumblin, 604 S East Street, Oakwood, OH 45873

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jane Gray, WPAU radio station - Commissioner Zartman began today's radio spot by talking about the services Maximus provides the County. Maximus reviews the services provided by the General Fund to non-General Fund entities. The Ohio Revised Code allows the General Fund to reclaim expenses

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incurred by providing these services. While the General Fund budget is usually around \$4,000,000.00, there is more than \$17,000,000.00 that flows through the books. The County has a three-year contract with Maximus and runs two years behind in billing for services provided. Once the 2012 audit is completed, Maximus will review the numbers in 2013, and the non-mandated entities will be billed for services in 2014 (for services received in 2012). Mr. Zartman stated Maximus has been a good tool for determining services provided. Commissioner Pieper then reported on the recent opening of new US 24 in Indiana. He stated there is 65 miles of new highway in Ohio and 11 in Indiana. Having traveled new US 24, he noted it is a much safer and quicker route. Mr. Pieper commented there are two major intersections in Paulding County... US 127 and SR 49. He continued by saying there will definitely be a change in traffic patterns. Mr. Pieper also stated there has already been some repair work necessary on the Indiana segment of highway. Mr. Pieper explained the Microenterprise and RLF work with area businesses. The Paulding County Economic Development plays an important part as the administrator of both programs. Mr. Pieper noted the CIC note recently renewed is for land purchased by the county for possible purchase from a business. Interest is being paid on the note until land is sold to pay the principal.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher reported on the recent Treasurers' conference. She then discussed her budget, employees' salaries and benefits and her recommendations. Ms. Wannemacher noted she does use her special fund to cover some of her office expenses. The Commissioners agreed to fund the portfolio company fees.

Bill Edwards, Paulding County Health Department - Mr. Edwards reported there have been 245 permits issued at the Auglaize Sewer Project, with only 191 inspections completed. He discussed the issue of grease traps for restaurants and will contact the village to see what their regulations are.

Tim Shafer, Paulding County Fair board - Mr. Shafer introduced himself as the new president of the Fair board. The Commissioners informed Mr. Shafer the non-mandated appropriations for 2013 will be released on November 26. Mr. Shafer talked about several repair and maintenance projects that will be looked at in 2013. He announced the drive through Christmas lights will be December 7-9 and 14-16, with all donations going towards repair of the Poultry Barn. He reported one grange is still active in Paulding County. He also noted there are several security lights that need replacing before the fair and Flat Rock Creek festival. New lights for the grandstand and show arena are also needed.

Clarence Walsh and Phil Maag, Metalink Technologies, Inc. - Mr. Walsh and Mr. Maag introduced their company and presented a variety of services they offer to customers, focusing on internet, phone services and systems, and fiber network. They inquired as to installing equipment on the 911 tower. Commissioner Pieper will discuss this further with the EMA

director. Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented correspondence from ODSA regarding the FY 10 CDBG variance.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/7/12

This 7th 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 192924 through 192952 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS:

• John DeMuth, Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges' Winter Meeting, Columbus OH - December 6 & 7, 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 November 5, 2012, Warrant numbers 192813 through 192886 in the amount of \$20,425.01; 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 RECEIVING AND AWARDED QUOTES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES:

This 7th day of November, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners received quotes from County banking institutions to borrow funds in the amount of \$58,666.68 for the CIC/Gasser Ind. Park! #1:

- First Financial - No bid
- Antwerp Exchange Bank - 2.0%, \$1,173.33

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Pieper to accept the quote from Antwerp Exchange Bank for a general obligation note at an interest rate of 2.00%; and the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize any two of the three Commissioners to sign the note. The note will be for one (1) year with the Prosecutor's opinion to be included.

IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING A VARIANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER LINE:

The Board of County Commissioners hereby considered a variance and allowed the installation of the sewer line at the residence of Steven and Ann Nichols, 14568 Road 171, Defiance OH 43512.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Cora Lee Pate - Ms. Pate and her husband met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss their recent dealings with the Paulding County Dog Warden.

Sudoku solution from page 13

4	8	8	7	9	1	5	2	6
7	5	2	3	4	6	8	9	1
6	1	9	8	5	2	3	7	4
5	4	7	6	1	3	2	8	9
9	2	1	5	7	8	6	4	3
3	8	6	4	2	9	7	1	5
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 Application Deadline: Close of business December 17, 2012. Please no phone calls.

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 The Paulding County Health Department will be accepting resumes for a full-time registered nurse; immunization and community health experience preferred. Starting pay is \$20.00 per hour. Please send your resume to: Paulding County Health Department; 800 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Deadline for applications is January 4, 2013. EOE

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Oley's Econo Storage located at 103 Victory Lane - Antwerp, Ohio will offer at public auction on December 28th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the storage site, sale of contents of storage unit #65 rented to Marjorie Kline P.O. Box 672 Venedocia, Ohio 45894, containing side by side refrigerator, some antique furniture, cane, bottom chair, dresser, safe, small aluminum boat, kitchen boxes, misc., tiller, and weedeater.

PAULDING 2nd GRADERS TOUR JPHS FESTIVAL OF TREES



The second graders at Paulding Elementary School recently decorated a Christmas tree at the Paulding County Historical Museum for the Festival of Trees. The children had a tour of the

museum, were treated to punch and cookies, and were entertained by the famous "Talking Christmas Tree." Shown here are second graders as they walk through the museum.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us recover from our house fire. The love and support you have shown us is beyond words. We are very proud

and we have great pride to live in a small town USA. Our community and surrounding communities have pulled together and given us great strength through this tough time. We also want to bring attention to the fire fighters, EMS, and the police officers on the scene. We are very grateful and thankful for you all. Thank you for risking your lives to help us. We have amazing family and friends, the best anyone could ask for. Thank you for everything you have done for us. We love you so much. Everyone has done so much more than they know.

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PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 10/3/12

The Paulding County Democrat Central Committee met Wednesday October 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members answered roll call.

A motion was made by Dave Harrow to approve the September minutes as corrected to state the Board of Elections will be opened the 1st three weeks in October. Dennis Price seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 552.1 in the consolidated warrant fund and an ending balance of \$1816.7 in the regular fund. Dave Harrow moved to approve the report, seconded by Joe Sukup. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ron reported the Town Hall meeting that was held at the Nature Center on September 15th for Angela Zimman was a success. He felt the turnout may have been low due to Flat Rock Festival activities going on at the same time.

Ron commented the Nature Center is a very nice facility and suggested the Committee might consider conducting the monthly meetings there. No action was taken.

Guests in attendance were Joseph Burkard, current Prosecutor and candidate for Prosecutor, Harvey Hyman candidate for County Court Judge and incumbent candidate for County Court Judge, Suzanne Rister. Defiance County Central Committeeman Charles Gray and his wife Denise were also in attendance. They are the co-coordinators for the Angela Zimman and Sherrod Brown campaigns in Defiance County.

Jason Landers made a motion to pay \$500.00 to put a sample ballot ad in the Paulding Progress and in the West Bend News. Motion carried.

Ron thanked Leslie Shugars for designing the ad.

Board of Election News: Brenda Crawford said there has been 1104 early voters to date. She said the Election Board office will be opened 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. the last two weeks before election. She said Friday November 6th is the last day to vote early.

Being no other business, Jason Landers moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Sukup. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

COMPLETION OF THE 2012 FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS LIST & ADDITIONAL LISTING OF CHARTER CENTURY FAMILIES

This list completes the 2012 First Family members: James C. Schmunk, Jacquelyn C. (Wieble) Schmunk, Doyle Johnson, Shirley E. Stahl, Alex Ray Bender, Alice Marie Bender, Dorothy C. Jeffery, Carl R. Jeffery, Annabell R. Spangler, Madeline A. Manz, Francis Grant, Donna Grant, Virginia Marshall, Ben J. Manz, Robert E. Taylor, Diana Allensworth, Joan Pier, Dolores F. Lorenz, Eunice M. Bradford, Patricia Spittale, Scott J. Spittale, Julie Ann Mast, Rachel J. Ousley, Roger D. Taylor, and Robert E. Bryan. There were a total of 35 new memberships this year.

The 2012 First Families of Paulding County membership sponsors were recognized at the annual banquet dinner on October 28, 2012. "Certificates of Recognition" were presented to the families in attendance from the P.C.C.O.G.S. All others were to be mailed to the applicant. If you have not received your First Family Certificate, please contact Ray Keck at (419) 399-4415 or by email to Karen Sanders at karen15806@gmail.com with First Family or Century Family in the subject line.

Our goal is to recognize our early Pioneer ancestors, who might have cleared the well forested land, who may have built their first homes and who could have raised their families in Paulding

SPECIAL OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM OF PAULDING



This is 2012-13 Special Olympic boys basketball team. This year the team has a new addition to their team—cheerleaders.

The team and cheerleaders want you to come and cheer them on. The next home game is December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paulding Middle School gym. The cheerleaders are Crystal Albright, Nancy Albright,

Becky LaBounty, and Virginia Moyer. Pictured in the front row is Eddie Hibbard, Clay Dockery, Mike Bentley, and Jordan Barker. In the back row are assistant Coach John Claymiller, Cody Hibbard, Bill Smith, Matthew Wayne, Brooks Overholt, and Coach Mark Holtsberry. Missing is Steffon Saco. Dana Vogel is the team helper.

County, Ohio by 1913 or earlier.

Current year membership is required when submitting applications for both "First Families" status and "Century Families" status. Open P.C.C.O.G.S. membership enrollment begins in January for the year 2013. Don't procrastinate, join our Paulding Co. Chapter, it was founded over 25 years ago. Learn more about how genealogy research can become rewarding and also exciting when you finally find that one missing family member to complete your family tree. Join us at the next public meeting,

Wednesday January 9, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Paulding County Library ground level meeting room.

Here is a continuation of 15 more 2012 "Charter Century Families" beginning with number 16 on the list: Sandra S. Gordon, Shirley A. Gordon, James E. Gordon, Patricia A. Price, Robert J. Laukhuf, Marilyn J. Smith, Carol S. Baker, Robert E. Baumle, Julia B. Hart, Kathleen Foust, John P. Jackson, Helen E. Jump, Elizabeth Waters, Mary Ellen Holbrook and Brian R. Waters. This list completes the first 30 members of the 69 total members.

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