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Around Paulding County Fire cadets to hold pancake breakfast

JUNCTION – The Auglaize Fire Cadet Program is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 15. This is a free-will offering to benefit the cadet program. The Auglaize Fire Station is located at 21050 Ohio 637, east of Five Span Bridge.

Free community dinner tonight

GROVER HILL – A free community dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. tonight, April 11, at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. The menu will include a baked potato bar with all the trimmings, salads and desserts. Everyone is welcome. The church is located on Road 151.

Livestock tagging and weigh-in set

Paulding County livestock exhibitors are beginning to prepare for 2012 fair season with Paulding County being the first fair in Ohio. This year, the fair dates are June 11-16.

The Senior and Junior Fair Boards are gearing up for livestock weigh-in and tagging on Saturday, April 14. The equipment used to weigh livestock is certified by the county auditor's office every year for accuracy.

The tagging and weigh-in is set from 9-11 a.m. at the east end of the swine barn on the fairgrounds. Tagging will include the following animal species: goats, swine, sheep, dairy beef feeders and beef feeders. Livestock trailers and exhibitors are asked to enter through the west gate.

For more information, please contact the extension office at 419-399-8225.

Blood drive set

LATTY – A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 11:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at the Apostolic Church Fellowship Hall, located at 12867 Road 82 near Latty. To schedule an appointment or to donate call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit red-crossblood.org

2 local assisted living facilities listed among top

By NANCY WHITAKER
Progress Staff Writer

COLUMBUS — Two Paulding County assisted living facilities, The Gardens of Paulding and the Antwerp Manor, have been listed as one of the top 25 top residential centers in the State of Ohio.

The Gardens of Paulding was listed at 14 with a score of 98.2. The Antwerp Manor took the number 22 spot on the survey with a 97.8.

The honor came as a result of a residents survey conducted by Ohio's Department on Aging. Residents rated

their satisfaction with their facility's environment, activities, administration, direct care/nursing assistants, laundry, meals and dining, social services and therapy, as well as general satisfaction.

Trained interviewers met face-to-face with a sample of residents at each facility to fill out the survey.

Two Van Wert County nursing homes were also named in the top 25 nursing homes category. They were Vancrest of Convoy and the Sarah Jane Living Center in Delphos.

The Ohio nursing home and assist-

ed living facility resident's report continued to show the increasing satisfaction with the quality of care. Ohio's nursing home residents gave their facilities an 87.1 percent overall satisfaction rating, and assisted living residents gave their providers an overall 92.3 percent score.

Twenty-four nursing homes and 34 assisted living facilities also received a score of 100 on key questions such as "Overall, do you like this facility and would you recommend this facility to a family member or friend?"

The administrator of The Gardens

of Paulding, Nick Scheck said, "I am very honored to have The Gardens of Paulding listed as one of the top 25 in the state. I am proud of the dedication and quality of service our staff provides in the care of our residents."

"Ohio has taken a national lead in advocating for and helping long-term care facilities achieve real culture change and provide the high-quality, person-centered care their residents desire and deserve," said Bonnie Kantor-Burman, director of the de-

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United Way to hold luau Saturday

By NANCY WHITAKER
Progress Staff Writer

The Paulding County United Way will be holding a Luau fundraiser this Saturday evening April 14 at the Paulding Eagles.

There will be a pork dinner with serving beginning at 6 p.m. The meal will also include baked potato and a full salad bar. The cost is \$10 and kids under 12 can eat free.

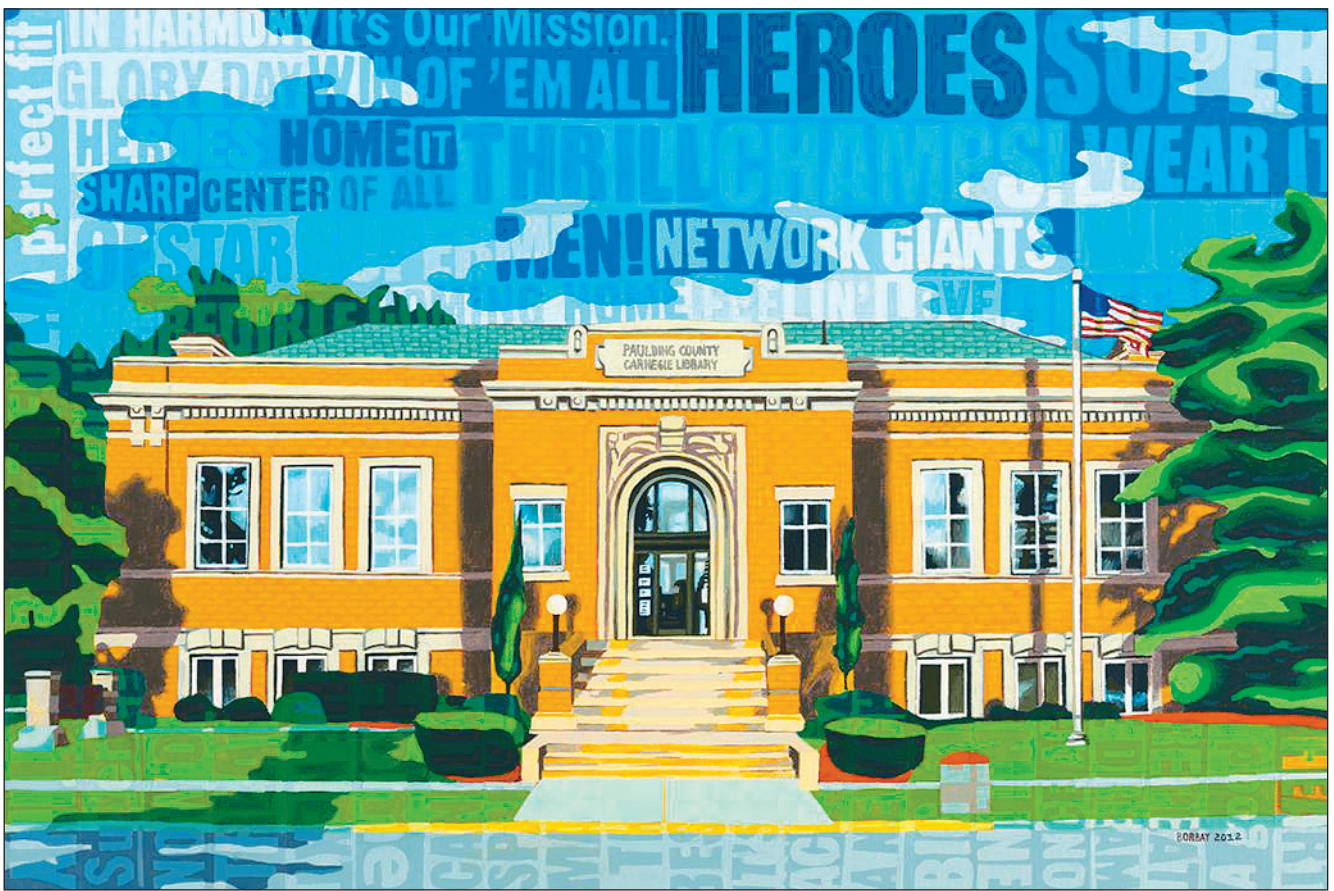
The Junk Yard Band will play from 8 p.m. until midnight. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prize drawings. There are several raffle prizes including: an Ohio State windbreaker, donated by Custom Embroidery; two bottles of wine, donated by Pam Eaken; size seven black freshwater pearl ring from Ruskaups Jewelry and a gift certificate from Hollywood and Vine. There are several other raffle prizes which will also be given away.

You can also enter to win two bus tickets with Sue Beck with a choice of destinations.

The cost of tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each.

Make sure to dress for the occasion by wearing a hula skirt or a Hawaiian shirt as the best dressed will win a trophy.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the United Way at 419-399-8240 or the Paulding Eagles at 419-399-3057.



This acrylic-and-collage painting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library by contemporary artist Jason Borbay captures a representation of the library to take it into the next 100 years.

Library commissions artist

Painting represents beginning of the library's centennial

PAULDING – The Paulding County Carnegie Library has taken possession of a commissioned painting by world-renowned contemporary artist Jason Borbay of New York City.

The painting was to be unveiled on April 10 at the monthly meeting of the library board of trustees. This event will also coincide with National Library Week. The painting will be on display at the main historic Carnegie library in Paulding.

The Commission

Borbay and library director Susan Pieper chanced to meet in downtown Las Vegas early one morning in 2011. Borbay was painting the El Cortez Hotel on Fremont Street. Pieper, who has a degree in art history, was intrigued by his style using color and collage and struck up a

conversation with the artist.

After studying Borbay's body of work, Pieper was confident he could capture what she had envisioned to be a representation of the library to take it into the next 100 years, showing it as modern and relevant. She encouraged the board of trustees to take on the project of a commission of the library by this contemporary artist as part of the library's centennial celebration, which begins this year.

In 1912, prominent citizens of Paulding County began writing letters to Andrew Carnegie, asking for a library to be built in Paulding. The dialog continued through the year with Carnegie initially turning down the project because the library would not serve enough of the population. Supporters ensured Carnegie that the library would provide service to

the entire county and he agreed to provide funds in the amount of \$40,000 to build the first Carnegie-funded library in the United States to serve an entire county.

"Jason Borbay was able to pull the library out of the past 100 years – without compromising the traditional integrity of the building or the mission – and placed it soundly in the present and relevant for the future," said Pieper. "The artist captured the vision and gave our Carnegie library a makeover. He has breathed new life into the façade and placed it on a backdrop of his signature collage words that excite and inspire."

"Isn't that what we want today's library to be – exciting and relevant while

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Basketball Marathon raises \$9,200

By JIM LANGHAM
Feature Writer

PAYNE — Those involved with the 34th annual 24-hour Basketball Marathon have nothing but praise for the community effort in raising \$9,200 in this year's event which was held once again at the Payne Elementary School. All money profited from the event will go to assist the efforts of the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Of that amount, \$750 came from a special donation from Thrivent Financial Services and \$500 was donated by a special fund-raising project held by Defiance Metal Products.

Society official Marcia Pressler noted that the local society is based on an all-volunteer corps and meets in any public building that will extend a welcome for usage for meetings. The society majors in speech, occupational and

physical therapy, some assistance with medications, various educational seminars and mileage.

"This year's event was one of the smoothest running events in many years," said Chad Benschneider, one of the leaders in spearheading the event. "This was a very good year for the society. The money will be put to good use among those with need that are touched by the efforts of the society."

Benschneider said that to date, the society has already helped 52 individuals, a possible indication that there is going to be a lot of need in that area this year. He said that society efforts usually reach out to between 100 and 120 individuals annually.

"To have that many needing help this early just shows how much need there is out there," said Benschneider.

This year's marathon had competition in seven divi-

sions, Benschneider said.

Top awards were captured by the following teams in each division:

Mini-Tots - first place, Dittmyer @ Lee Kinzle; second place, Safe Start Driving School and sportsmanship, Holly, Wood and Vine

Tots - first place, Denning Drive Inn; second place, Paulding Napa/True Value; sportsmanship, Divine Mercy

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Community rallies around Payne improvements with donations

By JIM LANGHAM
Feature Writer

PAYNE – A total of 38 donations amounting to \$31,700 have been collected towards the demolition of a large section of old buildings located at the corner of Main and Merrin Streets in downtown Payne.

Geoff Hyman, serving as treasurer for the Payne Chamber of Commerce, reported at last Wednesday's meeting that, as of meeting time, nearly \$32,000 in donations had been collected through the generosity of interested residents and friends of the community.

Hyman said that projected cost of the project had originally been \$75,000, but discovery of a large amount of asbestos and its subsequent removal, cost a little over

\$5,000, which made the total \$80,000.

However, the construction crews in charge of the project offered to donate half of the asbestos removal cost as they weren't aware of the large amount in the building when they submitted their estimate.

As of last Wednesday, Hyman said, Payne officials had paid \$35,000 toward the project, leaving a total of \$45,000 to be paid once the project is completed and approved.

"We will probably receive a bill for the entire project by the end of next week when the project is completed," said Hyman at last Wednesday's meeting. "We hope to get an unsecured loan to complete the payment. It's debatable about how much we will need

to borrow in the end."

With consideration of the donations, chamber members estimated that it could cost approximately \$18,500 to complete the project, including the donated money.

Chamber members passed a resolution authorizing Hyman to apply for that amount for final payment.

Chamber official Chad Benschneider credited Payne resident Jim Hooker for much of the donation funds that have come in.

"In the beginning we were hoping for \$10,000 to \$15,000 in donations," said Benschneider. "We have Jim Hooker to thank for these donations. He was a driving force behind all of this. Even though he is currently in Arizona, he made many calls



The final portion of demolition in downtown Payne was occurring earlier this week in order to make way for the construction of a new Antwerp Exchange Bank at the corner of Merrin and Main Streets. Town officials anticipate that final demolition and cleanup should be completed by the end of this week.

MARATHON

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Mini-youth - first place, Dealey Farms; second place, Treece Electric; sportsmanship, East Allen Ag and Turf

Youth - first place, Midwest Community Credit Union; second place, Defiance Rehab Services; sportsmanship, Susie's Family Bakery

Women - first place, Save the Ta Ta's; second place, Hooker's Hoopsters

Co-Ed - first place, Antwerp Pit Stop; second place, Kauser Trucking; sportsmanship, Puckerbrush Pizza

Men - first place, Antwerp Exchange Bank; second place, Pierce Auto/ Napa; sportsmanship, KT Koop Enterprises.

This year's Traveling Plaque, an award given to organizations or individuals who have given a dedicated amount of service to the Marathon, was given to Jason Landers.

Marathon committee members include Benschneider, John Claymiller, Chad Cluts, Jeremy Dunderman, Doug and Vicky Etzler, Allyssa Jackson, Ashley Litzenberg, Adam Taylor, Brian Vest, Kaleigh Young, Jennifer Zartman, Myra Zartman, Rylee Zartman and Russ



Jim Langham/Paulding County Progress

Julie Koenn, a former basketball star at Paulding High Schools, protects the basketball against a defender on Friday night at the 34th annual Basketball Marathon.

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The officers of the Crippled Children and Adult Society include Evelyn Goings, presi-

dent; Karen Schlatter, vice president; Pressler, treasurer and Eileen Kochensparger, secretary.

back to this area informing people of the need and requesting funds to assist with the project."

Hyman said that the chamber officials have been pleasantly surprised with the community support, both in giving and in various kinds of general interest about the project.

"We have been really been surprised with how generous people have been toward this project," said Hyman. "People

have really stepped up to support this. They must think that this is really a good idea, the way that they have gotten behind it."

Officials praised the Payne Fire Department in its effort in seeking to get the building condemned, due to dangers they recognized in the structure.

Chamber officials indicated that the confidence of Antwerp Exchange Bank in

deciding to locate a full-service business in town is an indication of the bank's confidence in the future and stability of the Payne Community.

"This is definitely a good year for the Payne community," said Chamber officer Chad Cluts. "It's amazing how many people you hear saying 'we' these days. There is a new sense of community spirit. People are taking pride in what we are doing."

LIBRARY

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still honoring the long-standing tradition of the past century?" she continued. "I wonder what those original library supporters would think of today's modern library, with Wi-Fi, eBooks, high-speed Internet, new formats and exciting programming."

Library board of trustee member Corey Walker stated, "We had a unique opportunity to commission an innovative and up-and-coming artist to provide a fresh eye and a new perspective of the library. Although our building and tradition of library service is coming up on 100 years, our current and future service will be anything but past tense."

The Painting

Paulding County Carnegie Library. Acrylic and Collage. 24x36.

Borbay worked from a number of photographs of the library, finally choosing a full-front view. After conversations with Pieper, Borbay tweaked the composition to include smaller trees in the front and a larger tree to the right of the building.

He blocked out the outline

of the building, built his collage, and used a number of painting techniques for colorization, painted each brick by hand, included unique coloration of the windows and trees and voilà!

"The words selected for the collage are action-oriented and create the sense that librarians and libraries in general are 'heroes' to the citizens they serve," said Pieper. "Public libraries remain one of the only institutions in our country that serves every citizen equally, with no regard to age, race, religion, economic standing, ability or disability, or any other perceived or non-perceived difference. And that type of service, in today's challenging times, can be heroic."

About the Artist

Named in 2009 as Time Out New York's Most Creative New Yorker, Borbay is a professional artist residing in the Upper East Side of Manhattan and has been dubbed a "re-inventor of collage." A Boston University graduate, Borbay's work encompasses four spheres: por-

traiture, locations, live event painting and branding.

Borbay's portraits focus on celebrity. Delving into the complexity of each subject, he has texturally recreated the likeness of stars including Johnny Depp, Brad Pitt, Justin Theroux, Daniel Day Lewis, Kanye West, Jay-Z and Lil Wayne.

Frequently painting on-location, Borbay has set-up his easel around the world in famed locations and destinations including Walt Disney World, The Guggenheim, Las Vegas, Milan, Minneapolis and Shanghai.

This month, the Major League Baseball Fan Cave launched, showcasing four of Borbay's works. Last year, Bomb Wines released their Oregon Pinot Noir, featuring a label painted and designed by Borbay. Also in 2011, *Advertising Week* commissioned Borbay to create a painting which appeared in the back of NYC taxi cabs, *Business Week*, *Fast Company* and *AdWeek*.

Read more about the artist at www.borbay.com

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partment. "Staff, administrators, residents and their families are more interconnected than ever, and the caliber of care is improving as a result."

Beginning this year, the amount of a nursing home's payment that is tied to achieving quality will increase from 1.7 percent of the Medicaid reimbursement rate to 9.7 percent.

Satisfaction survey scores will be used to determine eligibility for three of the new measures which are overall satisfaction, choice in rising

and retiring times and the ability of residents to personalize their rooms.

Of 957 participating nursing homes, 256 would currently qualify for these three measures.

Nursing facilities can learn about the new quality measures and obtain technical assistance through the state's new Long-term Care Quality Incentive website at ltcquality.ohio.gov.

This was the third time the state has conducted a resident satisfaction survey of residen-

tial care facilities, better known as assisted living facilities. Ohio's survey is the only statewide assisted living consumer satisfaction survey in the nation.

Although results are not used in reimbursement formulas for residential care facilities, their availability on the Long-term Care Consumer Guide website helps the public make informed decisions in a tightly competitive market.

The survey was developed for the department by Scripps Gerontology Center of Miami University and the Margaret Blenkner Institute, and was conducted between July 2011 and January 2012 by Vital Research, LLC.

In 2012, family members of Ohio nursing home residents will be surveyed about their satisfaction with the facilities. Residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities will be surveyed again in 2013



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