# West Bend News 



The Beautiful Paulding County Courthouse

## THE WEST BEND NEWS PREMIER ISSUE

A new free-circulation newspaper has just been published in Paulding County. In fact you are looking at the first issue. This newspaper is for ALL of Paulding County, from. Antwerp to Oakwood. It's is by people of Paulding County for people of Paulding County. A commercial print shop has been opened along with the starting of this newspaper.
All news is free. We be-
heve that if the news is free
more people would put in their church, community and school news. Being there is community news from the different towns of Paulding, the readership will be high and that will encourage businesses to advertise. Our circulation is nearly 9,000 mail boxes. We really appreciate all the encouragement to start this new venture. We hope that God's plan for us to serve the community for many years.

## Thank You.

Staff of West Bend Printing \& Publishing


West Bend Printing \& Publishing Inc., Antwerp

## A BIG Thank you

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the great people of Antwerp and the surrounding area for coming to Arts In the Park, especially since the day started out with inclement weather. We would also like to thank the crafters, the entertainers and the organization that set up booths. You made the day! Last but by no means least, thank you to the merchants and chamber members for your participation. Many of you spent hours get-
ing ready for this event and we graciously thank you. See you the second Saturday of August 2006. Our park is one of the best assets to our community and it's a wonderful munity and it's a wonderful serene place to spend some
time. Much of the proceeds to this years Arts in the Park will be going to Friends In the Park for the new playground equipment. This will be an equancement for all who use the park. "Community Means commitment"

Sincerely,
--The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce

## WHAT <br> PRINT for yOU TODAY?

## NEW PRESCHOOL IN PAULDING COUNTY

Ann's Bright Beginnings old by August 1, 2005 and Preschool, Ltd. is a brand new preschool opening this September in Paulding, Ohio. Located at 211 Emerald Road, in an adorable little yellow schoolhouse with a bell tower on top! The inside is decorated in bright and bold colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple, shapes, numbers and dinosaurs- a preschool wonderland!
The building may be new but the staff certainly is not new to this business. The owner, Ann Miller and her staff members, Chris Adams and Linda Wilhelm, have over 40 years combined experience in teaching preschool! The three of them have worked together in a preschool setting for over ten years! They are current in first aid, CPR, communicable disease and child abuse trainings. They are all trained in early childhood teachings including the early learning content standards required by the State of Ohio for preschool and for entering kindergarten the next year.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool accepts 3, 4 and 5 year olds.

The three year old program is mostly for socialization and gradually builds to include more skills and awareness. Children accepted into this program must be three years

## PAYNE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD OCT. 28 \& 29

The 2005 Payne Fall Festival will be held in beautiful downtown Payne. There will be many events for young and old, and you are invited. Please watch the West Bend News for more information.

Add A Vision Exam To Your Youngsters' Schooling $\begin{gathered}\text { (NAPSA)-Keeping your eye on } \\ \text { your children's vision may help }\end{gathered}$ your children's vision
them do better in school. Undiagnosed vision problems
are one of the major cause of are one of the major causes of
learning difficulties in school of learning difficulties in school age children, because in their first 12 . years visual learning accounts for
80 percent of the learning process 80 percent of the learning process. teacher groups offer preventive vision screening programs, these should not replace a comprechensive
exam by an eye care professional. exam by an eye care professional. The typical vision eye chart used for preventive vision screen-
ings in schools is designed to be placed at 20 feet away from the placed at 20 feet away from the
child. These screenings measure how well or poorly a child sees with each eye at that distance. According to Dr. Madeline Romeu,
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that are not detected by this test that are not detected by this test
include near vision, eye coordination and focusing ability.
Signs of possible vision problems in school-aged children include:

- Holds reading material closer than normal; loses place while
reading; omits or confuses small words while reading
- Often has headaches, tends to rub eyes frequently
- Turns or tilts the head to use one eye only
- Has short attention span
- Has poor handwriting.
prepare for school, tht's important their check list include a comprehensive eye exam. It's also important for parents to protect children's eyes from the sun's harmful
ultraviolet rays and glare. Parents
old by August 1, 2005 and
able to help themselves in bathrolp themselves in the bathroom. Three year olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday and parents may choose between a morning or afternoon class.

The four year old program is more structured and includes early literacy skills, the early learning content standards, colors, shapes, numbers and letters! We also do units on butterflies, turkey poults, flowers, fire safety, dinosaurs, and ocean creatures. They have numerous guests from the community come in to share their craft with us. Children accepted into this program must be four years old by August 1,2005 . Four year olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and parents may choose between a morning or afternoon class.

Ann's Bright Beginnings is accepting new students for this school year. There aren't too many spots left, so if you too many spots left, so if you
are interested, act now! We are interested, act now! We
would love to have you visit. We firmly believe that visiting a preschool is the best idea when looking for the right program for YOUR child. For more information, to For more information, to visit, or to register your child, please call Ann Miller at 419-399-KIDS or 419-769-2393.
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learning. learning.
generally take precautions to pro-
tect their children's skin from tect their children's skin from the sun with sunscreen; equally important is the use of proper lenses to safely block UV radiation from
damaging childrens' eyes. "Protecting yourself from UV rays is easy using photochromic lenses such as those made by Transitions, which change from light to dark when ultraviolet light is present. Photochromic
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tection from harmful UV rays and glare. And they do it automati cally, which eliminates the need for kids to keep track of two pairs of glasses-regular glasses an sunglasses," added Dr. Romeu ber one recommended photo chromic lenses worldwide.

For more tips about healthy ision, as well as interactiv games and learning tools for kids,

## ANTWERP PLAYGROUND GETTING CLOSER TO REALITY



Susan Jewell, Leslie Shugars and Christy Williamson


Pictured is Traci O'Donnell, playground committee member (on left) and Susan Hill, president-elect of the Paulding Kiwanis.

The Antwerp Friends of the Park received a boost from another bronze donor. The Antwerp Education Association donated $\$ 1000.00$ for the new playground equipment at Riverside Park. Christy Williamson (on right) from the Friends of the Park committee accepted the generous donation from Susan Jewell,

President of the Antwerp Education Association (left) and Leslie Shugars, Treasurer.

The Kiwanis club of Pauld ing recently donated $\$ 1000.00$ toward the new playground equipment at Riverside Park in Antwerp and also purchased a large pavestone for $\$ 325.00$ to be displayed at the park.

If you mailed 9000 Post- Keep the news coming. cards (circulation of West News is always free. Let Bend News) it would costs your friends, neighbors \$2070 not including print- and community know ing cost. A postcard size what's going on. ad only cost $\$ 60$.

## KD's Kitchen

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John H. Rogers, age 73 of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, August 24th, 2005 at his residence.

Born in Antwerp, on May 8, 1932, he was the son of Harry and Goldie (Mangus) Rogers.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. John married Bernadyne Begley. Dec. 22, 1951. She passed away Nov. 25, 2000.
He was a machinist at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, for 21 years. He was also a farmer.

John enjoyed woodworking and his grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by his sons, Joseph of Fowlerville, MI \& James of Snow Camp, NC; daughters, Pamela Starr of LaGrange, GA, Paula Schweinsberg of Antwerp, Patricia Wetli of Antwerp, Peggy Shook of Antwerp, Penny Hughes of Antwerp. Brother, Robert Taylor of Ft Wayne, 26 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

His brother, Raymond Taylor \& sisters Alice Rogers \& Dorothy Powell have passed away.
Services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, August 29th, with Max Begley officiating. Burial was at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Memorials to Paulding County $4-\mathrm{H}$.

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Josephine Melchor, 75, of Paulding, Ohio, died Saturday, Aug. 20. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Ruth E. Deventer, age 82, of Antwerp, OH passed away Friday, Aug. 26

Mrs. Deventer was born in Antwerp, Ohio on May 25, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Madonna (McCurdy) Wilson. She was the widow of Devon H. Deventer. They were married February 6, 1943. He passed away October 29,1998 . She was a homemaker.

Ruth enjoyed gardening, making crafts, cooking, traveling \& spending time with her friends and family. Some of her most cherished moments were those spent with her great-grandchildren, She was a member of 1st Presbyterian Church of Antwerp. Daughters: Beth Ann Cham pion of Ft Wayne, Julie Deventer of Ft Wayne.

She is also survived by 2 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Her sisters, Marilyn Hill \& Betty Steiner have passed away.

The funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, yesterday, Aug. 30, with Revs. Jim Edwards \& Dennis Leinbach officiating. She was buried at Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, OH.

Memorials to Visiting Nurses \& Hospice Home 5910 Homestead Road Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

# The Grabill Country Fair 



Sept 8, 9, 10, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 10 p.m. each day


## PAM'S PRIME CUT

Joyce M. Schooley, 66, of Hicksville, Ohio, passed away, Monday, Aug 22 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

Born in Mark Center, Ohio on June 4, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Clyde and Mabel (Haver) Schooley.

She retired from Trident after 16 years in 2004. Joyce worked at Ohio Art, Bryan, before Trident for many years.

Joyce loved to spend time with her children and their spouses, Laura \& Andy Rettig of Ada, Ohio and Mike \& Amy Helf of Fort Wayne and her grandchildren, Wyatt and Garrett Rettig.

Joyce's 4 sisters and brothers have passed away.

Services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11 am EDT on Thursday, August 25th, with Reverend Jim Edwards officiating.

She was buried at Six Cor ners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer

Richard "Doc" L. Lucas, age 69 , of Antwerp, OH passed away Sunday, August 21 at his residence.

Doc was born in Hicks ville, Ohio on June 19, 1936, he was the son of the late Leo and Volera (Shreeve) Lucas.

He was the widower of Marlene Z. (Coles) Lucas. They were married November 26, 1955. Marlene passed away November 15, 1998.

He was an avid gunsmith \& cabinet maker. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles and a social member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 Doc always enjoyed hunting \& fishing and working many years with the Boy Scouts.

Doc retired from Phelps Dodge, New Haven, Indiana.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Julie \& Dave Hall of Antwerp; sons and daughters-in-law, Mark of Paulding, David \& Caril of Fort Wayne, Scott \& Kyra of Hamilton, Indiana and Jeff \& Lorie of Antwerp; sisters, Rita Gonja of Angola, IN \& MaryAnn Frederick of Antwerp and 11 grandchildren.

Doc's brothers, Jerry and Frank have passed away.

His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on Wednesday, August 24th, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

He was buried at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp

Contributions to Antwerp Boy Scout Troop 143.

## ANTWERP COMMUNITY development commit TEE TO MEET

The next meeting for the Antwerp Community Development Committee will be held tonight August 31st at 7:00 pm in Antwerp School Auditeria. The group will be setting up committees. Any interested individuals are invited to attend.

ROUNDING THIRD BASE AND HEADING FOR HOME

Three cheers during the seventh inning stretch for the Antwerp citizens, area businesses, services group and associations, churches and school for the outstanding fund raising support they have shown for the new playground at Riverside Park.

Over $\$ 44,000.00$ has been raised thus far. With antici pated grant money, our total will reach nearly $\$ 57,000.00$. This just goes to show that Antwerp is a TERRIFIC place to live and is a very sup portive community.

This park enhancement will further improve the quality of life for our families and help make our community more attractive place to live and do business. We have beautiful, well maintained park with established shade trees, natural and historical setting along the Maumee River, clean restrooms, and pavilions. This provides the perfect environment for chil dren to play, families and neighbors to socialize, relax have picnics and host re unions.

Replacing the current unsafe equipment with quality, state-of-the-art, hadicap ac cessible, and maintenance free equipment will further enhance this area and provide endless hours of enjoyable and free fun for many generations. Since we will be build ing the playground this fall, we are now rounding third base and heading for home We need to finish strong with our fundraising efforts as the proposed equipment cost $\$ 79,000.00$.

If you are wondering how you can help us, following are some suggestions: make a monetary donation, drop spare change in contain ers around town purchas a pavestone which will be cemented in a sidewalk leading to the playground (forms are available at all Paulding County libraries), voluntee to help us build. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, you can contact any committee member. Thanks for your generosity and support thus far and for helping us "slide" safely into home

Julie Taylor
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by: Jim Edwards, Pastor First Baptist Church, Antwerp I want to begin this letter by saying, "Congratulation to West Bend Printing \& Publishing" as they start their new business. I consider it a privilege to be asked to share with you some thoughts that might be a help to someone.
have been the pastor of First Baptist Church for twenty-five years and the Lord has allowed me to witness many things in that time. I have had the privilege of getting to know some of the best people on earth and they live here in Antwerp and the surrounding area. I have watched those that were children when I came, have now grown up and many of them are parents themselves. I am reminded as I think of these things how the Lord gives us this precious commodity called "TIME" I guess we are all guilty of taking it for granted, we put it off until a later time, we waste a lot of it by not planning, we are guilty most of all of forgetting time is a gift from our Heavenly Father. He gives us time to commit our lives to Him, He gives us time to know and to understand how much He loves us by giving His son to die in our place and how we can use this special gift to share with others what Jesus Christ means to us. I pray that each of us will stop and consider how we are using this precious gift called "TIME". I want to thank Steve and Sue for inviting me to share this thought with you. May God bless each of you.
In Christ's Love, Jim
J.A.M. BIRTHDAY PARTY

On August 29, starting at 7:00, Antwerp Church of Christ, at the corner of SR 49 and CR 192, will host it's yearly birthday party for all the kids in the JAM program. They will play outside games and be treated to cake and ice cream. The kids will then listen to a devotion and sing praise songs to the Lord. All are invited to come, share, and fellowship with us out at Antwerp Church of Christ on the corner of $49 \& 192$. The little church at the bridge.
"THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE" AT ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"For where two or three are gathered in My mane I am there in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20.
Wednesday nights are an important night in the life of the Antwerp United Methodist Church. Approximately 25 people come together to study Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life."
There are two study groups studying the book backed by scriptures. There are women of this church as well as those from churches in the community and surrounding areas. Our studies are exciting, exuberant, and most of all based on our love for our Savior Jesus Christ. If you come feeling blah you will leave feeling blessed.
"For whatever things were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of scriptures might have hope." Romans 15:4
by Mike Schneider, Pastor of Antwerp U.M. Church "We're not in Kansas, anymore."

These words were spoken by Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz ". My family is saying, "We're not in Cincinnati, anymore." Yea, two months ago my family and I moved from the bustling, hectic pace of Cincinnati to the wonderful community of Antwerp.

Over the course of the last 4 months I haven't always thought of the move as wonderful. There was questioning and tears and, yes, some anger at God for what He was asking of me...and my family. There was also some awesome growing that occurred in us.

Change is never easy. We get comfortable in our ways. And then our ways are taken away from us. We get angry. We get sad. And we work through it. That's what my family has done. And God has blessed us for it.

In Isaiah 43:18 and 19 God tells the people of Israel, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (NIV)

We were comfortable in Cincinnati. We knew our routine. We knew the people around us. We knew how to get from where we were to where we needed to go.

Now we are getting comfortable in Antwerp. We are developing new routines. We are getting to know the people around us (and loving it). And we are learning our way from where we are to Fort Wayne, Defiance, Paulding and Van Defiance, Paulding and van
Wert. God is working in us and doing a new thing in us.
New things! God is doing new things right in our midst! I am in a new place called Antwerp. And God is blessing that. This is a new newspaper to the people of Paulding County. And God will use it. Route 24 is becoming new (well, maybe). We have a $1^{112}$ year new school with updated resources. And there are new things happening at the old school. New, new, new. God is doing new things!

New is good. God is in the business of making new. Paul in his 2nd letter to the church at Corinth was writing about a change that happens in people. We are all human. We make mistakes. And we do bad things. Those bad things we call sin. But when we meet Jesus Christ, he takes the old us - with all its sin - and makes it new. Paul says it this way, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (NIV) That is what Christ will do for us. He will take the old us and make us new - taking away the sin the bad things in our lives and replacing them with a new desire, a new heart for God, new motives for what we do, and new ways of doing things.

New beginnings can be exciting. I'm excited about being in Antwerp. And I'm excited to see what God will do in me and in our midst. Are you?
Have Something to sell?
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10 for each additonal word

In my first graphic novel review for the West Bend News, I thought I would start with my favorite graphic novel from the last few years. I read a lot of comics. A lot of them are junk that deserve to just be thrown away after reading. But some are gems that stand out from the crowd. In these reviews I will focus on some of those gems.

It's a Bird is a graphic novel written by Steven Seagle and drawn by Teddy Kristiansen. In this semi-autobiographical tale we follow Steven Seagle, a veteran comic book writer who has written everything from obscure art comics to cultural icons such as the XMen and Superman. This

## ANTWERP ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

The goals we shall strive to achieve as a PTO are:

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
To raise the standards of home life

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

The Pizza Man Fundraiser will be starting on September 15th and end on September 26th.

One new event item this year that PTO will be involved in is the recycling of ink cartridges and toners. We will be having a drop box in the entrance of the school soon and this money will also be used to help with PTO events for the kids. More information will be sent home with the kids as we receive the the flyers and boxes.

PTO uses the money from the fundraiser to help sponsor such events as: Monthly Energy Break Snacks, Bingo Night, Field Day popsicles, Archer water bottles, teacher appreciation muffins, events for Moms, events for Dads, Make-a-Gift, items for the classrooms, and reading incentives.

PTO meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. I am asking that you try coming to at least one meeting during the year and see what we have planned for your child in the school year. You do not have to attend every meeting to play a part in PTO, but come and see what you can be a part of at Antwerp. Our next PTO meeting is September 13th at 7:00 pm (come in the main entrance and we will direct you to the correct room).

If you have any questions or comments please contact: President: Doris Hawley at 419-258-2517 or Vice-President: Tianne Pendergrast at 419-399-9736

We appreciate all that volunteer to help with these events and want everyone to have a chance to be a part, so let us know if you would like to help with something during the year.
--Tianne Pendergrast Antwerp Elementary PTO
story takes place prior to the previously mentioned stint on Superman. "Know that there are two things your average comic writer waits his or he entire career to hear: 'Can I have your autograph?' and 'We want you to work on Superman!"

The story begins with an editor from DC Comics offering Steven the job writing Superman. Here it is, a great break for his career, but Steven just can't conjure up a story because he just can't relate to Superman. Superman is perfect, just, powerful, and loving. Steven's reality is much different; he is living in a world where his girlfriend leaves him, his dad disappears, and his aunt is dying of Huntingtons, a rare hereditary disease that will more than likely strike him.

In an imperfect world with imperfect people, how is someone like Steven supposed to write about Superman? This sets up one of the most touching graphic novels I have ever read. You won't find big explosions or graphi-
cally-alluring fight scenes. It's a Bird and other What you will find is a story of a man struggling with his humanity, with his frailty His feebleness is flawlessly framed by the backdrop of the perfection of Superman.


Sun. AM Bible Study 9:30 • Service 10:30
Sun. PM Bible Study 6:00 • Service 7:00
Wed PM J.A.M. \& Bible Study 7:00
Christ is who we follow. Come \& be a part of our family.

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