

BIG NEWS FROM THE WEST BEND NEWS

Starting with this January 5th issue of the West Bend News, we are expanding our coverage area by over 1,000 newspapers. We will be covering the Defiance routes #5 and #8. We are trying to hit more people for our advertisers and



news for our readers in Paulding and Defiance Counties.

Any advertisers in this new area are welcome to bring in their advertising. We also welcome community news from this area, so that everyone knows what is going on there.

We are also going to be adding a crossword puzzle section to our paper. This week is about our advertisers. Each week it will be a different topic. Please be sure to support your advertisers. They are the ones that bring this paper to you.

FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: BREAKING THE STEREOTYPES

Just how difficult is it to try something different? This article highlights several of our female students who have chosen a field that many consider traditionally for males only.

Richelle Hahn, a senior in the Auto Body program said she chose her class because of her love for cars. "It's not hard for a girl to be in a program that's usually all guys, as long as you know what you like and what you want to do. I was a little nervous at the beginning, but we all became friends and it's worked out OK." Her classmate, Josh, chimed in, "The guys don't treat her any differently just because she's a girl." Richelle plans on staying in the auto body repair field. She already has two job offers upon graduation.

Emily Brotherhood came to the Vantage "Step Into Your Future" workshop for the first time when she was an 8th grader. Before that, she had never even tried to weld. Today, she is a junior in the Vantage Welding program and doing very well. She chose welding because she really enjoyed it during the workshop. "I enjoyed it and it was empowering. It showed me that I could do the same things that guys can do." Emily is the lone female in the junior Welding program this year, but there are four senior girls in Welding. Emily says, "It wasn't hard to go into the lab each morning as the only girl - especially once the guys realized that I could weld as well as they could." Emily is planning on pursuing a career in the welding field.

Alyssa Stemen, a junior in the Industrial Mechanics program, is kind of following



Taking the road less traveled - These Vantage students have chosen some not-so-traditional career programs for women. Front: Alyssa Stemen and Tori Hershberger. Back: Jamie Adams, Jessica Schnipke, Shayna Younker, Emily Brotherhood and Mandy Hoaglin.

in her father's footsteps. He graduated from the same program in 1988. Alyssa readily admits that she's always been a tomboy. "Originally, I wanted to be a plumber like my dad. But I've learned that there are a lot of different career options for someone coming out of this program. I had the chance to job shadow iron workers, an electrician and a plumber (my dad). I plan on working with my dad in the future. It's a good trade and the salary is good too!"

Victoria Hershberger also hung out with her dad in his shop. "I love cars and trucks and always wanted to work on them. When I was little, I used to go and watch my dad work on cars." This Auto Technolo-

gy junior says the guys in her class don't treat her any differently. "I plan on going to college and getting certified in auto diesel and then work with my dad." Her advice on taking the nontraditional approach to education? "If you have an interest in something, pursue it. It's a blast!"

Welding seniors Shayna Younker, Mandy Hoaglin, Jessica Schnipke and Jamie Adams are all glad they chose the welding program. Jamie chose the welding program because she likes working with her hands and enjoys being creative. She will use her welding skills to help pay for college as she pursues a degree in drafting and design.

Jessica, whose dad is a welder, will also use her welding education to help pay her way through college as she works toward a degree in theology.

Shayna, who says she's no "girly-girl" and likes to

get her hands dirty, plans to continue her education in the metal fabrication field. She would like to attend WYO Tech in Pennsylvania and use her skills in chassis fabrication and collision refinishing.

When Mandy came to Vantage for 8th grade tours, welding really sparked her interest. Her older brother, who graduated from the welding program in 2004, told her how great welding was. Now, Mandy is considering college for underwater welding or enlisting in the Navy.

No matter what career any of these young ladies pursues, they feel they have all found something they are interested in and like to do. And isn't that what success is all about?

There are still spots available for the Vantage "Step Into Your Future" workshop for 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls on January 28. Call 1-800-686-3944 ext. 169 to find out more.

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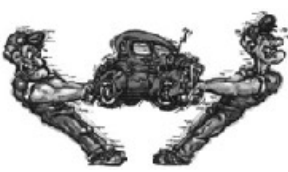
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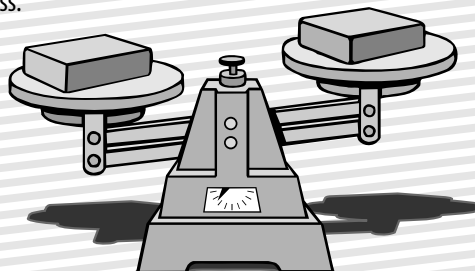


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R. Dean Davis, Payne, died, December 29, 2005 at the Lady Lake Specialty Care Center, Lady Lake, FL.

He was born in Paulding County, Ohio on April 8, 1930 the son of James H. and Leona Pearl (Merica) Davis. On April 13, 1952 he married Sally J. Ahr, who survives. He was a lifetime farmer retiring in 1991 and he also worked at the former International Harvester Truck Manufacture of Fort Wayne, IN retiring from there in 1982.

He was a member of the Church of Christ of Payne, OH where he served as a Deacon. He was a former Board member and former president of the Payne Equity Exchange Company of Payne, OH. He was member of the Flat Rock Lodge #580 F & AM and past patron of the O.E.S. Hesperian Chapter of Payne, OH.

Surviving are his wife, Sally J. Davis, Payne; one daughter, Laura (Dennis) Cottrell, Payne; and one son, Jim (Bobbi) Davis, Reynolds, IN; one brother, Leo (Caroline) Davis, Payne; three sisters, Ruth (Fritz) Knoplauch, Woodburn, IN; Esther Fisher, Scott, OH; and Mildred Noneman, Paulding; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents two sisters, Lela Pauline Davis and Eloise Webb.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 5, 2006 at the Payne Church of Christ, Payne. Minister Doug Nolan will officiate. Burial will follow in Lehman Cemetery, Payne. Calling at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, one hour before services at the church Thursday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Masonic Memorial services were conducted January 4.

Memorials to Payne Church of Christ, "New Sign Fund" or the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Roy E. Cluts, Paulding, 84, died, January 2, 2006, at the Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

He was born in Payne, on January 16, 1921, the son of John E. and Sarah M. (King) Cluts. On April 8, 1943, he married Maxine Adam-

ski, who survives. He was a member of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, a sergeant in the U.S. Army Corp, serving during WWII, and a transportation supervisor for Paulding Exempted Village Schools retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Flat Rock Lodge #580 F & AM, American Legion #297 of Payne, Paulding V.F.W. Post #587, Mizpah Shrine of Ft. Wayne, Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo, O.E.S. Hesperian Chapter of Payne, and former Owner/Operator of Cluts Sales & Service.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Cluts, Paulding; a daughter, Pamela Young, Paulding; a brother, Harry Cluts, Payne; a sister, Dorothy Wanemacher, Payne; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Young, Toledo.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Cluts, and an infant sister.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2006 at the St. Jacob United Church of Christ, Payne, with Reverend Jim Langham officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery. American Legion #297 will conduct Military Graveside Rites.

Visitation will be 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, where Masonic Memorial Services will be held at 8:30 p.m.

Donations may be made to St. Jacob United Church of Christ or Payne Flat Rock Lodge #580 F & AM.

Margaret Elizabeth Rex, 84, Hicksville, died at Mercy Hospital of Defiance on January 2, 2006.

Margaret was born on November 26, 1921 in Hicksville, the daughter of George F. and Ellene (Breidenbaugh) Stauffer.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939. She married Viril Rex on October 31, 1946 in Kentucky.

During WWII she attended Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, OH and took drafting courses. This led her to employment at Zellers, Defiance. She also worked at Armstrong Insurance Agency, Hicksville, and was co-owner of the Western Auto Store in Hicksville for sixteen years.

Margaret was instrumen-

tal in establishing the first municipal court system in Defiance County. She was employed as a Clerk of the Municipal Court of Defiance County for thirty-four years. While employed as clerk she was President of the Ohio Municipal Court Association, was awarded the Outstanding Clerk Award in 1982 and later received the Liberty Bell Award from the Defiance County Bar Association. She also served as the clerk for the Hicksville Village Mayor's Court for eight years.

She was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville. She served as church treasurer, was a member of UMW and was on the Rotary Lunch committee. She was also a member of the Hicksville Kiwanis Club.

Margaret is survived by two daughters, Jo Ellen (Tim) Houck, Defiance and Virlynn Rex, Hicksville. She also has three grandchildren, Angela Galuska, Columbus, OH, Nicole Purtee, Defiance and John Houck, Bowling Green.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981; a brother, three half-brothers and a half-sister.

The funeral service will be on Friday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville. Pastor Jerry Lewis will officiate. Visitation were at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on January 4 and January 5, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials to Grace United Methodist Church.

Rebecca Ann Celenko, 49, Bryan, died at her home in Bryan on December 30, 2005.

Rebecca was born on December 30, 1956 in Defiance, the daughter of Robert and Jeannine (Speiser) Luderman.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1976.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood.

She is survived by her parents Robert & Jeannine Luderman, Hicksville; a brother, Bob (Lori) Luderman, Jr., Ayersville; a sister, Maria Gaugler, Springboro, OH; a grandmother, Laura Luderman Pirtle, Bryan; four nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by three grandparents.

The funeral service was on January 4 at St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood. Rev. Robert Eble officiated.

Burial was in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, Sherwood.

Preferred memorials to St. John Lutheran Church or Donor's Choice.

Barbara Beth Burk, Payne, 68, died December 28, 2005 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Payne, on February 17, 1937, the daughter of Ira "Jiggs" and Florence (Olwin) Buerkley. On February 7, 1954 she married Lendell P. Burk, who survives. She was a homemaker and a faithful member of the St. Jacob United Church of Christ, Payne.

She is survived by her husband, Lendell Burk, Payne; a son, Ronald Burk, Payne; two daughters, Robin (Harry Jr.) Molitor, Paulding; and Ruth

Ann (Larry) Peterson, Ft. Wayne, IN; four grandchildren, Michael, Sara, Adam, and Cassie; and a great-grandchild, Jayden.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Tony Buerkley; a daughter, Rhonda; and a grandson, Zebulon.

Funeral services were held December 31, at the St. Jacob United Church of Christ, Payne, and Reverend James Langham officiated.

Burial was in the Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to the St. Jacob United Church of God Memorial Fund or Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

Marilyn L. Baldwin, 62, Oakwood, died January 2, 2006 at Medical University of Ohio in Toledo.

She was born on July 14, 1943 in Continental, OH to Robert D. & Josephine (Moran) Hull. She married Donnie C. Baldwin on June 21, 1969.

She is retired from Campbell's Soup Co. of Napoleon.

Surviving are her husband, Donnie C. Baldwin, Oakwood; son, Larry C. (Bonnie) Baldwin, Oakwood; and two grandchildren; a brother, Robert Hull, Continental; sister, Carolyn Snively, Kalida, OH.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald and Douglas Hull.

Services will be held Friday, January 6, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Continental, OH. Rev. Terry Porter will officiate.

Burial in Monroe Cemetery, Continental, OH.

Memorials to Paulding County Hospice.

AMERICAN FAMILY LOWERS RATES FOR OHIO AUTO INSURANCE CUSTOMERS

American Family Mutual Insurance Company is lowering auto insurance premiums in Ohio an average of 18.2 percent effective January 14, the Madison-based insurer said today. The change will result in a \$19.5 million savings for Ohio customers.

American Family also reduced premiums for Ohio auto insurance customers an average of 1.4 percent in January 2005 by increasing its auto insurance discount for Ohio policyholders who also insure a qualifying home with American Family.

Changes in premium amounts will vary based upon geographic area, coverages purchased and the type of vehicle, among other factors.

Price is just one component of the value customers seek from their insurance company. Customers also should consider whether a company provides the personalized service of an agent, outstanding claim service, a broad array of quality products and the financial security to stand behind its products.

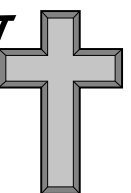
The ninth largest insurer of private passenger automobiles in Ohio, American Family Insurance offers auto, homeowners, life, health, commercial and farm/ranch insurance, plus financial services, in 17 states. Based in Madison, WI, American Family is the nation's third largest mutual property/casualty insurance company.

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Paulding County's own Snowy Owl. Photo by Kelly Taylor

RARE SNOWY OWL SIGHTING

Paulding Library staff member Kelly Taylor is never without her camera and on Friday, December 30, 2005 was rewarded with a sighting of a rare snowy owl on Rd. 162 west of SR 49 (south of Antwerp) in Paulding County.

This large, white owl has a rounded head and yellow eyes. Both sexes have dark bars and spots although they are heavier on the larger female; old males may be pure white. This usually silent bird will sometimes utter a shrill whistle and hoarse croak on breeding grounds.

The snowy owl breeds in northern Alaska and in northernmost Canada; winters are spent throughout Canada and in northern United States. They prefer open country such as tundra, dunes, marshes, fields, plains and airports in the winter.

This owl depends on lemmings for their major food source. However, the lemming population fluctuates from year to year so when the supply gets too low, the snowy owl will migrate south in great numbers. 5-8 white eggs are laid in a nest lined with feathers, mosses, and lichens which is placed on the open tundra.

An additional note for all

you Harry Potter fans, does this owl look familiar? This is the same type of owl that was Harry's faithful friend.

Owls make up a large part of Harry Potter's magical world, both on the silver screen and in the original book series by author J.K. Rowling.

In the last installment of the Harry Potter book series, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, Hedwig the magical owl makes a spectacular pet for Harry. Although Hedwig spends much of her time in a bird cage in Harry's room, real owls do not make good pets because they need room to take flight and hunt for their unique food. A male snowy owl like Hedwig would fly for miles to hunt lemmings and capture ducks in midair in its native arctic tundra.

There are 19 species of owls in North America, and more than 150 species worldwide. Many of them are in decline and face possible extinction due to human activities like logging and urban development. The Nature Conservancy hopes that people who see the majestic owls in the movie will help keep them wild by preserving their rapidly disappearing habitats.

For more information about this sighting, go to www.pauldingcountylibrary.org/SnowOwl.htm.

STARDUST BALLROOM EXPANDS AND PLANS GRAND RE-OPENING

Over the holiday season, Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio in downtown Antwerp doubled its dance floor and now offers students the largest ballroom dance space in North West Ohio. When asked about this expansion, owner/instructor James Steury said, "Residents of North West Ohio have discovered how much fun ballroom dancing can be and as a result, our classes were filling up fast. With this new expansion, we can now run multiple group and private lessons at the same time and offer the public more opportunities to enjoy this beneficial activity. Our new 40' by 23' dance floor offers ample space for the non-dancer just learning or for the experienced dancer who wants to stretch her legs and really move! The doubling of our dance floor also means that we will be able to accommodate more dancers at our weekly dance parties. It really is a blessing all around!"

Though Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio will celebrate its four-year anniversary in April, James and Rebekah decided that their current expansion warrants a celebration. As a result, Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio will hold a Grand Re-Opening on January 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a special dance that evening to benefit the David Steury Memorial Children's Dance Fund. Special free dance lessons for the non-dancer will be held on the half hour between 3:00 and 6:00 (3:30, 4:30, and 5:30) followed at 7:30 by a free dance where attendees can try out their new-found ballroom skills. While the dance is free, Stardust Ballroom will be accepting donations to benefit the David Steury Memorial Children's

PAULDING COUNTY COOKS

(due to not having a recipe last week, we will be publishing two this week!!)

BBQ Meatballs

- 1 1/2 lb. gr. beef
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. quick oats
- 1/2 tsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 T. minced onion

1. Mix all ingredients.
2. Shape into balls (1 1/2 in.)
3. Place in 13x9x2 pan/cookie sheet (greased)
4. Pour 1 T. sauce (recipe follows) over each meatball.
5. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 23-25 minutes

Meatball sauce

- 1 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. catsup
- 1/2 tsp. gr. mustard
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 chili powder
- 1 1/2 T. Worcestershire sauce

Stir together and pour over meatballs.

--Misti Miller

Dance Fund. All proceeds from these donations will go towards providing junior ballroom dancers with the opportunity to compete in various competitions throughout the area. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and anyone who stops by will be given the chance to enter a drawing for exciting door prizes.

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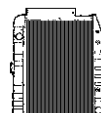
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Special thanks to Zachary Good, Brent Davis and Ebel's Butcher Shop. Zachary Good and Brent Davis each donated a deer taken during hunting season to FHFH and Ebel's Butcher Shop processed the deer.

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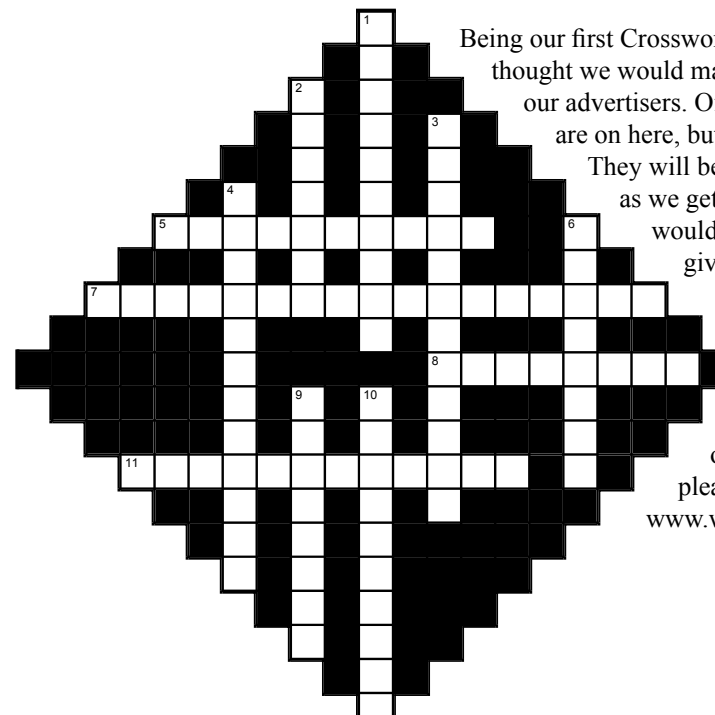
Shown in the picture are: (1 to r) John Saxton, Pres., PCAF & MMSF; Tony Langham, Director; and Randy Derck, Pres., PCED.

Tony Langham, Director

Three county organizations now are located in the same building and are represented by the same personnel.

The three organizations partnered to economize and enable themselves to be more visible and accessible to the public.

Paulding County Economic Development (PCED), Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) and Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation (MMSF) will host an "Open House" at their new location at 101 East Perry St., in Paulding, January 3, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Being our first Crossword puzzle, we thought we would make it about some of our advertisers. Of course, not near all are on here, but it's a starting point. They will become more complex as we get responses. If you would like to sponsor it, give us a call. I'm sure we could incorporate your words in here. Answers will be published next week or if you can't wait, please visit www.westbendnews.net

- Across**
- 5 New Martial Arts Facility in Paulding (10)
 - 7 Collectibles Shop located in Defiance and Fort Wayne (17)
 - 8 Out of Antwerp. Ad is black with white type. Installs and Repairs gutters. (8)
 - 11 Has auctions on the First and Last Saturday of Month. (12)

- Down**
- 1 Benji Grant is a salesman in VanWert here. (10)
 - 2 Is a purified water company located in Hicksville and Antwerp (7)
 - 3 Installs tile in your home. (12)
 - 4 Hair Salon in Antwerp (12)
 - 6 Insurance Company in Paulding (8)
 - 9 Gives Dance Lessons in Antwerp (8)
 - 10 One of Paulding County's finer places to eat. Ad has a background of a table cloth. (10)

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The sessions are offered several times per month. Each seminar lasts one hour, featuring a short video and a moderated, real-time question and answer session. During the online presentations, information is provided about the American Board's Passport to Teaching certification program.

Passport to Teaching is recognized as a premier national route to teacher certification for career changers. To earn the certification, individuals must hold a bachelor's degree, demonstrate mastery on the American Board's rigorous subject area and professional teaching knowledge exams, and pass a federal background check. Additional college courses are not required unless the certification candidate chooses to participate in them for preparation purposes.

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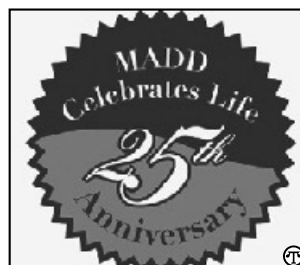
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AMERICA'S HEROES

MADD Celebrates 25 Years And Saving 300,000 Lives

(NAPSA)—By helping to change the public's view of drunk driving, one organization has helped save more than 300,000 lives. For 25 years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has saved lives and prevented injuries through activism, education and victim services.



A 2005 MADD/Nationwide Insurance Survey conducted by Gallup shows that 94 percent of Americans believe that driving under the influence of alcohol is a major highway safety problem.

Detering drunk driving is key to solving the problem and the survey reveals that the public supports high-visibility crackdowns on drunk driving, such as sobriety checkpoints, as one of the most effective tools to deter drunk driving. Support for sobriety checkpoints jumped from 79 percent in 1993 to 83 percent in 2000 to 87 percent in 2005.

Increasing frequent and highly publicized checkpoints is just one of the ways the nonprofit organization aims to reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities and injuries by 2008. Additionally, the organization will continue to support high-risk-driver legislation that will close lethal loopholes in the justice system, as well as help to pass primary seat belt laws in every state. The Gallup survey shows that the public supports these measures.

Founded by a handful of brokenhearted mothers, the organization has grown to about 600 affiliates and two million members, which include dads, daughters, sons, uncles, family and friends. Recently, the organization named its first male president, Glynn R. Birch.

While alcohol-related traffic deaths have dropped by approximately 44 percent since 1980, says Birch, nearly 17,000 alcohol-related traffic fatalities and half a million injuries still occur every year, and it is estimated that about three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lives.

"We cannot celebrate mediocrity any longer. If nearly 17,000 people died on one day versus over 365 days, the public would be outraged. In order to end drunk driving, everyone must help support local law enforcement and legislative leaders in a quest to make roads safer for everyone," Birch added.

Timothy A. Hoyt, vice president of safety for Nationwide Insurance, said, "Nationwide has long been a supporter of MADD's efforts to make roadways across America safer for everyone. We believe it's part of our responsibility to be a good corporate citizen and have demonstrated leadership through national campaigns that improve highway safety. We join this cause to help ensure there are fewer drunk driving tragedies."

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PAULDING COUNTY YEAR END REPORT

The Paulding County Court has announced its year-end report on the Court's Community Service Program.

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Community service is ordered by Judge Timothy Pieper and administered through the court's probation department.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 to conclude discussions and then to act on the appropriations for calendar year 2006.

The 2006 general fund appropriations total \$4,199,157. This amount is an increase of \$21,972, or less than one percent, over the amount set aside in 2005. The 2006 appropriations balance with the estimated revenue that should be available for the year.

Tony Burkley, Chairman of the Paulding County Commissioners, noted that the Commissioners "would like to commend our elected officials and department heads for their diligence in limiting expenses in these difficult budget years." Burkley continued by saying "unlike many government agencies, Paulding County expenditures are at a level of five years ago. This type of information seldom gets mentioned. We are fortunate to work with these types of individuals who recognize that we must not spend more than what we receive," concluded Burkley.

Commissioner Marty

Harmon stated that "2006 appropriations are the result of many hours of hard work. Experiencing budget development for 2006 continues to provide a picture of Paulding County's future." Harmon concluded by saying that he "congratulates the county officials for their cooperation to help keep expenses in line."

Note: The general fund appropriations for 2005 and 2006 are attached.

The 2006 appropriations contain an increase for the Board of Elections due to the 2006 calendar year having both a primary and a general election whereas 2005 had only the November general election. Each election involves the costs of advertising, printing, poll workers and training.

Several departments show a decrease in appropriations due to a new accounting record that places the county responsibility for health insurance, estimated at \$92,122, in a separate line item.

The Paulding County Commissioners meet from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays. The County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2 for the New Years holiday.

Paulding County General Fund Appropriations				
	Department			Difference
001	Commissioners	\$214,847.29	\$194,449.00	-\$20,398.29
002	Auditor	\$149,425.38	\$153,618.00	\$4,192.62
003	Treasurer	\$93,279.67	\$82,826.00	-\$10,453.67
004	Prosecutor	\$214,319.50	\$202,141.00	-\$12,178.50
006	State Audit	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00
007	Data Processing	\$582.12	\$1,000.00	\$417.88
008	Common Pleas	\$122,220.19	\$122,548.00	\$327.81
010	Juvenile Court	\$131,405.85	\$125,804.00	-\$5,601.85
011	Probate Court	\$39,361.15	\$39,644.00	\$282.85
012	Clerk of Courts	\$125,675.83	\$121,109.00	-\$4,566.83
013	Coroner	\$48,720.91	\$39,593.00	-\$9,127.91
014	County Court	\$245,989.25	\$221,389.00	-\$24,600.25
015	Election Board	\$142,996.00	\$172,112.00	\$29,116.00
016	Blds and Grnds	\$228,514.82	\$278,567.00	\$50,052.18
017	Sheriff	\$1,425,056.00	\$1,420,602.00	-\$4,454.00
018	Recorder	\$138,582.00	\$138,494.00	-\$88.00
022	Health Ins		\$92,122.00	\$92,122.00
024	Soldiers Relief	\$131,364.00	\$139,454.00	\$8,090.00
030	Bldg Ins	\$199,984.94	\$140,000.00	-\$59,984.94
031	Misc	\$298,177.90	\$286,172.00	-\$12,005.90
	Transfers	\$179,683.00	\$180,513.00	\$830.00
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Health NEWS

Alzheimer's Families Volunteer For Research As Tribute

(NAPSA)—Anyone with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease knows the pain and frustration of living with the terrible illness. Currently, 4.5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, a number expected to rise as the population ages.



Ann Hedreen visits her mother, Arlene Tocantins. Mrs. Tocantins lives in a home-care setting for people with Alzheimer's disease.

Ann Hedreen's mother started showing symptoms of Alzheimer's at about the relatively young age of 60. Although it started with small signs—forgetting what she was doing and losing her way home—the irreversible disease would change their lives forever.

Hedreen and her family made sure her mother got the medical care she needed, and provided her with caregiving, support and love as the brain disorder worsened.

Despite their efforts, they were frustrated that there was little they could do to stem the tide of the illness itself. So, Hedreen and her sister decided to help their mother in another way—by enrolling in an Alzheimer's research study.

"While we can't cure my mother," Hedreen said, "I know that research is our best hope for preventing this disease in future generations."

Hedreen and her sister enrolled in an Alzheimer's research study at their local hospital. In the study, they donated time, blood and spinal fluid. Researchers explained that spinal fluid was the only way to obtain important information about the brain.

"The findings from this research may mean that perhaps my children, or their children, could be spared the ravages of Alzheimer's," Hedreen said.

Hedreen, a filmmaker, created the documentary "Quick Brown Fox," that told the story of her mother's Alzheimer's disease, and her family's experience as participants in Alzheimer's research. The film was nominated for an Emmy award.

Now, a major new research study is seeking people who want to help fight the disease. The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative is the largest research study of its kind, and is sponsored

by the National Institutes of Health. The study will be conducted at 58 research sites across the United States and Canada, with 800 adults expected to enroll as study participants.

The goal of the study is to determine whether imaging of the brain (through MRI, or PET scans) every six months can help predict and monitor the onset and progression of Alzheimer's disease. In addition to neuroimaging, the study will collect and test blood and, for some participants, cerebral spinal fluid to determine if biomarkers can predict and monitor the disease.

Researchers are looking for participants who speak English or Spanish and are between the ages of 55 and 90. Participants should be in good general health, or in good health with some memory problems, or have a diagnosis of early Alzheimer's disease.

More information about the study is available at the Web site, www.alzheimers.org/imagine, or by calling 800-438-4380.

"Not everyone can write a large check to help Alzheimer's research, but people can contribute in a different, but equally important way—by being part of a research study," Hedreen said. "It was a small investment on my part, but I hope it will benefit thousands of people in the future. Perhaps most importantly, volunteering for research is a gift I can give in honor of my mother."

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

FLASH: Do you remember in last week's article we talked about an older man and his big drum. Well, to refresh your memory: about where Pudge Kennedy's barn sits on the south side of East Canal Street was an old one-room shack and at that time (the early 1930's) an elderly man lived alone there and his name was Wright Godfrey. He had a big bass drum and he carried it and beat the time for the Declaration Day Parade. I can remember those parades but I can't remember what the printing was on the drum.

Well, Goldie Getrost who (is a young 93 years of age) read the article and called me to tell me that she also remembers Mr. Godfrey and his drum, but doesn't remember the printing on the side of it. She said her brother, Ken Boland was a young lad when Mr. Godfrey died and he acquired the drum. When Ken died he wanted the drum taken to the War Museum in Renfro Valley, Kentucky and so it was done.

If any of you readers plan on going to Renfro Valley on vacation, please contact me first, I sure would appreciate it.

When you go east on Canal Street and go by Joe Meyer's "S"curve, the first house on the left was James Barnhart, he worked as a guard or a night watchman at one of the parks in Ft. Wayne. The next house was the home of Sam and Edith Anderson, Edith worked at the Bee-Argus office, as she was a sister to Ed Bickard. Lois Anderson Fleck is one of their daughters.

The next house was Bob and Thelma Lichty's, they had two children, Cara Lou Handy and Budd Lichty. We lived in the next house. Everett and Ida Carr lived in the next house east. Then my grandparents, George and Sarah Jordan had the next house. They passed away in 1945 at the age of 86 and 85 respectively.

Mrs. Waters lived across the road and she had a cow pasture big enough for us to play ball in. Generally a cow pie was used for one of the bases. She had two boys, Ray and Dorsey. Dorsey was a Tech Sergeant in the Air Force in WWII. I assume he

was a flight engineer on a B-17 Bomber. His plane was shot down and all hands perished. That was in 1944.

If you go on east Canal Street, Tom Reeb lived on the south corner of Canal and the road back to Archer Field. Like I said before, there were no houses on the left side of Canal Street from Kroos Drive to Harrmann Road until about 1949. Down about 430-432 on Canal on the left side was a feeder canal that went from the Wabash and Erie Canal north to a shipping point and warehouse that the Harrmann Tile Co. maintained over on the Wabash Railroad. It is hard to locate it now, but when I was young and the spring rains came, it was easy because the run-off water stayed in it for a while. It was a narrow canal, one-way traffic. They would load the tile on a boat from their kilns on Harrmann Road and pull them with one mule west in the big canal then turn north into their warehouse area. After unloading the tile, they could turn the boat around or just put the mule on the other end of the boat and make the return trip.

Also, in the field where the small canal was, there were dozens of big oak trees. They have all been cut down and the east end of that field is a housing addition and the street is called Diamond Drive. This takes us down to the corner of Harrmann Road and East Canal.

Editor's note: In issue 17 (Christmas issue) we printed that Van Wert Co. was named after Isaac Van Wert. Actually, his name was Isaac Van Wart. The spelling had been changed years ago.

Common Questions About High Definition TV

(NAPSA)—A growing number of people are buying—or are considering buying—high-definition televisions (HDTV). Many questions still remain about this technology, however. Here are answers from Jim Barry, the Consumer Electronics Association's Digital Answer Man:



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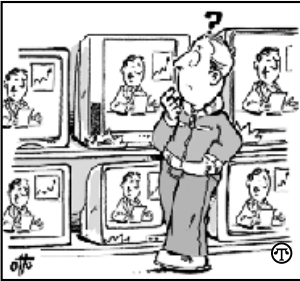
1. I'm in the market for a new TV. Should I buy an HDTV? And is that the same as digital TV? You definitely want to consider a digital television (DTV).

The new broadcast system (like satellite and many cable systems) is digital, meaning it sends pictures and sound as computer code, as compared to the old "analog" system that sends signals as magnetic waves. The best DTV is high definition (HDTV).

2. Is HDTV really that much better? Yes, it is. Depending on the measuring method, HDTV is five to 10 times as sharp and clear as our old "analog" broadcast system. Especially in larger screen sizes (over 30") and in widescreen with digital surround sound, it's a spectacular entertainment system.

3. What are SDTV and EDTV? Think good, better, best. The new digital system can be Standard Definition (SDTV), good; Enhanced Definition (EDTV), better; or High Definition (HDTV), best.

4. Do I need digital cable or satellite to get HDTV? No, you don't. Depending on where you live, you may be able to get HDTV over the air using a rooftop or set-top antenna.



When it comes to digital television, consumers still have a lot of questions.

5. Is it really expensive to get HDTV? Good news. It's getting less expensive every day. DTV sets are now available under \$300, while HDTV sets start around \$500.

6. Are all flat panel LCD and plasma sets HDTV? No. Be sure to check whether they're EDTV or HDTV. The EDTV versions will be considerably less expensive.

7. What are "HDTV-Ready" sets? HDTV-Ready (aka HDTV Monitor) means the set doesn't have an HDTV tuner built in. You must connect a digital HDTV tuner to receive HDTV.

8. Is there much to watch on HDTV? Yes, and more every day. Most of the prime-time network TV programs, many cable channels and virtually all major sports events are now produced and delivered in HDTV.

9. I've heard that I'll have to buy an HDTV eventually. Is that right? Not exactly. The FCC will require that all TVs sold in the U.S. must include a digital tuner beginning sometime in 2007. So if you buy a new set after that, it will be at least SDTV.

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