

LAZY ISLAND LAKE



By: Sue Knapp

When I was a teenager everyone wanted to go to Indian Lake. When I got older everyone wanted to go to Kokomo (remember the Beach Boys' song?). Now I have found another place to go and you don't even have to leave Paulding County.

Envision this: A ten acre lake with an island curled around a 3 bedroom cottage with all new furniture, utility room and a screened in porch facing the lake. A fishing boat just waiting to be used for the fish waiting to be caught. The paddle boat is ready to go around the lake or just take a walk on the nature trail that goes around the whole property. Picnic tables to sit and enjoy the barbecue you have prepared on the grill. You can even row over to the island with a picnic lunch. Hubby can fish and you can read that book you've been wanting to while listening to the water lapping up on the shore.

Paulding County, you say? Yep, right here in Paulding County. It will be ready this summer for a week's vacation or for a mini-vacation on the weekends.

I can envision it being used for family reunions or get-togethers, or even a get away for corporate events or meetings. I can even see a wedding here among the trees and flowers.

Where is this place? Well, Mike and Brenda Riebersal

had a dream and they are making that dream come alive. Mike's aunt saw an ad in a Ft. Wayne newspaper: "Would you like to own your own lake?" Mr. Riebersal jumped on it.

Mike Riebersal was raised around Antwerp and Woodburn. He moved to Alabama where he met his wife, Brenda. After a few years, Mike and his family moved back to Antwerp, he then heard from his aunt, and now he has a lake of his own.

When Mr. and Mrs. Riebersal and their partner bought the property in the Fall of 2005, it was so overgrown you couldn't see the lake. Now, not only can you see the lake, but there is a screened in pavilion and a bathhouse/concession stand on the property.

I am talking about what is now "Lazy Island Lake" aka Klingler Beach.

Klingler Beach was opened on June 16, 1940 as a swimming hole. For 10 cents a head you could spend the day swimming or fishing. It was originally a gravel pit in the 1920's - 30's. A lot of the Paulding County's roads base came from that gravel pit.

The original diving board is still there, but underwater. They eventually will utilize it, as they will the pavilion and bathhouse, but everything takes time.

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HOOPS RECEIVES 2006 NORED AWARD: RECOGNIZES HOOPS' AS "PERSON OF THE YEAR"

State Representative and candidate for Ohio Senate Jim Hoops was awarded the 2006 NORED AWARD. The 'Person of the Year' award, presented by NORED (Northwest Ohio Economic Development Association), recognizes Hoops for building a strong and continuous working relationship with the association, as well as his advocacy for legislation and policy changes to improve Ohio's competitive position "Improving the economy and creating jobs are two of my top priorities as a legislator," said Hoops. "I'm honored by this award and I'll continue to work on making Northwest Ohio a competitive place to do business."

Hoops has worked on several economic development efforts throughout Northwest Ohio. He helped Johns Manville stay and expand in Defiance, and helped local officials bring over 100 jobs at Fleetwood back to Edgerton in Williams County. Hoops worked with local officials and the Turnpike Commission to keep the Rt. 49 exit open, and has been working on the Fort to Port project since 1988 that will turn Route 24 into a four lane highway between Toledo and Fort Wayne.

"The 11 county economic development professionals of Northwest Ohio wanted to give this 'Person of the Year' award to Representative Hoops for his total dedication and exemplary service to better the economic conditions of all citizens of Northwest Ohio," said NORED member and Paulding County Economic Development Director Tony Langham.

NORED is an alliance of 11 counties in Northwest Ohio that focuses on facilitating job creation, retention and capital investment throughout the region. The alliance is a partner of the Regional Growth Partnership, a development corporation dedicated to fostering eco-

nomie growth opportunities for Northwest Ohio.

Jim Hoops is a Republican candidate in Ohio's 1st Senate District. Hoops has been endorsed by the Ohio Right to Life, Moms for Ohio, Henry County Republican Central Committee, Paulding County Republican Central Committee, Paulding County Republican Women, Putnam County Republican Central Committee and many local elected officials and business leaders throughout the district.

Hoops has been a public servant since 1985 when he was appointed as Henry County Auditor; he served as the county's chief financial watchdog for 13 years. Hoops was then elected to the Ohio legislature as representative of the 83rd House District in 1998 and was re-elected in 2000. In 2002 and 2004, he was elected to the newly apportioned 75th House District where he serves the citizens of Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Henry and portions of Defiance Counties.

PAULDING KIWANIS TO POST PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Make plans now to join the Paulding Kiwanis for primary election results the evening of May 2. This event will be held at the Kiwanis Community Building (east side square) in Paulding. Election results will be posted as they are delivered from the Election Board. Doors will open at 7:00, but results may not be posted until later due to possible delays in counting. Statewide results will be viewed via television. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions call 419-399-9021.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

There will be soup and sandwich supper at the Oakwood American Legion Hall on Wednesday, April 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Proceeds from this supper will go to the American Cancer Society.

TIFFANY BECKMAN FILES FOR PAULDING COUNTY COURT JUDGE SEAT



Tiffany Beckman has filed petitions with the Board of Elections to run for the non-partisan position of Paulding County Court Judge in the general election to be held November 7, 2006.

Tiffany is a graduate of Paulding High School, valedictorian of the Class of 1988. Tiffany graduated cum laude from The University of Toledo with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and from The University of Toledo College of Law. As an attorney, Tiffany currently owns her own practice in Defiance, Ohio where she shares an office with James S. Borland. Tiffany is a member of the Paulding County Bar Association, the Defiance County Bar Association, and the Ohio State Bar Association. She has done extensive work in the county and municipal court

arenas practicing, not only in Paulding County Court, but also in the Defiance Municipal Court, Bryan Municipal Court, and Napoleon Municipal Court, as well as an extensive practice in the Common Pleas Courts of Paulding, Defiance, Williams and Henry Counties. Tiffany has argued cases before the Third District Appellate Court, the Sixth District Appellate Court, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Tiffany sits on the Board of Directors of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce and as the Paulding County representative on the Board of Directors of the Women and Family Services in Defiance. Tiffany is a member of the Kiwanis organization in Paulding and serves on the committee which organizes the Jerald Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship event. Tiffany is a life long resident of Paulding with the exception of college

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CORRECTION

In last week's issue, we neglected to put in the family's names for the Vogel memorial. It should have read at the bottom:

"We love you so Dearly & We miss you so terribly. Mom & Ryan, Grandma & Grandpa Aldrich, Uncle Scott & Aunt Janelle, Uncle Brian, Uncle Chuck & Aunt Michelle, Your cousins: Alicia, Cody, Cameron, Taylor, Kylee, Seth & Nathan" We, at West Bend, apologize for this oversight.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue in the obituaries section the photo was of Darryl Duane Vance. We apologize to the family for the mix up.

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Dana Alan Clippinger, 33, of Paulding, died on April 1, at the Heartland of Waterville, Waterville, OH, where he had been a patient one week.

He was born in Paulding, OH, on January 4, 1973, the son of Fred and Altha "Sam" (Eash) Clippinger. He married Penny Bussard, who survives. He was previously employed by E & R Trucking of Middle Point, OH, and the former Plummer Trucking of Latty, OH. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding, a member of the Co-Ed Church Softball League, and the Paulding Men's Softball League.

He is survived by his father, Fred (Nickie) Clippinger, Whitehouse, OH; his mother, Altha "Sam" Clippinger, Paulding; his wife, Penny Clippinger, Paulding; two sons, Dakkota and Nick Clippinger, at home; two brothers, Robert (Kristy) Clippinger, Ft. Wayne, IN, and Corey Clippinger, Paulding; three sisters Sonya Ballard, Tennessee, Jodi Mallory, and Robin Blankie, both of Whitehouse.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Clippinger, and his grandparents.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 6 at the First Christian Church, Paulding, with Reverend Paul Biery officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Donations may be made to the Dana Clippinger Family.

Lillian E. Tomlinson, 93, of Hicksville, died at Hickory Creek of Hicksville on March 30.

She was born in Mark Twp., Defiance County on May 24, 1912 the daughter of Fay and Wealtha (Kisabeth) Hanna.

She married Keith Tomlinson on July 4 1931. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1987.

She was a homemaker; member of the Civil Defense during WWII; and rural paper deliverer for the News Sentinel and Defiance Crescent News; an avid blood donor and served on the Defiance County Election Board for many years. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Hicksville.

She is survived by a daughter: Dorothy (Russell) Hinsch, Hicksville; two sons: Larry (Judith) of Hicksville, and Don (Sandra) Mountain Home, AR; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; a brother, Wayne (Nancy) Hanna, Hamilton, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother Farrell.

Funeral services were held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home on April 1. Pastor Ken Wellman officiated. Burial was at Newville Cemetery, Newville, IN.

Preferred memorials to Crippled & Adult Society or First Church of Christ.



Darryl Duane Vance, 70, of Paulding died March 24, at the Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Arizona.

He was born in Paulding, on April 20, 1935, the son of Cloyce and Elizabeth (Frucy) Vance. On November 15, 1953, he married Shirley A. Huebner, who preceded him in death on April 27, 2002. He was a machinist for Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, retiring in 1996, after 30 years. He was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding, where he was an Elder; Loyal Order of the Moose, Bryan; and VFW Post 587 Auxiliary.

He is survived by two daughters: Marsha (Kenny) Adkins, Defiance and Kelly (Harry) Ricker, Paulding; three sons: Kevin (Holly) Vance, Dennis (Sandi) Vance, and Brian (Gina) Vance, all of Paulding; two sisters: Donna (Myron) Thornell, Convoy, OH, and Dolores White, Bowling Green, OH; thirteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Shirley, and a granddaughter, Christie Ann Estle.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 31, at the First Christian Church, Paulding, with Reverend Paul L. Biery officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church, Paulding.

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LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Last week, we began this new series of articles entitled, "Living Like Christ". As I shared last week, the most important decision in all of life is to choose to embrace Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. With that decision made, then your second most important decision is what to do with our Christian life—your personal relationship with Jesus.

How does one develop a personal relationship with the God of the universe? How does one "stay in touch" with God throughout the day—normal days, weeks, months, and years?

Last week, I shared a definition of Christian living by Eugene Peterson, translator of "The Message" and several other books. This definition was lifted from one of his devotional books entitled "Living the Message". Here is the heart of that definition—"A trained attentiveness to God in prayer, in Scripture reading, in spiritual direction."

Let's look at this definition for a few minutes. The goal of Christian living is found in those first five words—"a trained attentiveness to God". We must train or discipline ourselves to "get in touch" and then "stay in touch" with God. One of the many names of Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us. That is why He came—to show us the Father and to give Himself as our Savior. Scripture says that Jesus ascended up to the right hand of the Father following His resurrection. He also said that when He left, He would send another—the Holy Spirit to live within each of us as believers.

How do we establish and then maintain this vital connection with the Spirit? Peterson gives us three primary means in his definition above—"in prayer, in Scripture reading, in spiritual direction." Most people understand something of the first two items—prayer and Scripture—but very little about "spiritual direction" or spiritual disciplines.

What are spiritual disciplines? They are simply habits or disciplines or activities that help us to cultivate or develop a "trained attentiveness to God."

Is there a master list of these activities? Yes and no. There is no single listing of them in Scripture, but Scripture speaks and Christian experience down through the centuries affirms the importance of each of them.

Starting next week, we will begin exploring the spiritual disciplines. As we walk through several of them together, I would encourage you to evaluate your relationship with God. If you feel that your relationship with God would be strengthened by adding them, then do so.

BUCKEYE AREA FHFH FUND RAISER

The Buckeye Area FHFH will be holding a bake and craft sale at the Van Wert Wal-Mart on April 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will have baked goods for sale, creative baskets, birdhouses, crafts and a 50/50 raffle. We hope that you will come out and help support the Buckeye Area FHFH.

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PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE HOSTS A VEGGIE TALE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Paulding Church of the Nazarene are planning a family fun night on April 14 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a night filled with a Veggie Tale video (Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler), singing, prize drawings and Ice Cream Sundaes. The registration for the prize drawings begins at 6:00 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am Marvin L. Gray, a long time resident of Paulding County, Wayne Trace Graduate and a Combat Veteran.

I have one question for Mr. Ed Straley: What branch of Service were you in and what are your qualifications to be a Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars?

Marvin L. Gray

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When Mr. Klingler died the property went to his nephew, Mr. Baxter. Mr. Baxter and his wife lived there many years. He worked as a meat cutter in the Chief Supermarket.

When Mike and Mr. Baxter met a bond was formed and they both feel blessed in their relationship. They keep in touch with each other and Mr. Baxter comes out to "Lazy Island Lake" just to keep tabs on what is going on.

The Riebersal's are taking reservations for this summer to stay at "Lazy Island Lake". They are also available to take you on a private tour of the grounds.

Start planning your getaway now, go see "Lazy Island Lake" and envision it.

Irene DeVore
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In God's keeping, always in our heart. To some you may be forgotten, to others a part of the past. To us who loved you most, your memory will always last.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, when God called you home.

Sadly missed,
John, Linda, Jack, Mike & Families

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A breastfeeding class for expectant mothers will be offered on Tuesday, April 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Paulding County Hospital. Amanda Rathge, RN, is the instructor.

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pictured l to r are Kay Langham, PCED member; Randy Derck, PCED President; Rep. Jim Hoops; and Tony Burkley, PC Commissioner.

ACDC IS RELENTLESS

By: Denny Lee

The Antwerp Community Development Committee continues to expand in its vision to breathe life into this small community by accepting new challenges. Long gone are the founding days of this organization when a handful of it's citizens stood around a beverage cooler talking about what they could do to keep this community from withering away and dying. ACDC has now grown to nearly 100 members and welcomes anyone interested to join in for the success of our community.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director and a graduate of Antwerp High School, has recently volunteered to be chairperson in the ACDC efforts to bring back the Antwerp High School Reunion. Tony called for an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 30, at the Essen House restaurant. Twenty-eight enthusiastic people showed up to offer their support. The range of graduating classes represented was from the class of 1942 to the class of 1978.

Rae Ann Pieper, a Paulding High School graduate, was our invited guest speaker who came to offer her assistance and ideas to the group in its efforts to get this idea up and running. She and her fellow classmates from the PHS class of 1967 were instrumental in organizing a very successful Paulding High School Reunion last year which brought together 500 PHS graduates.

Radio personality Gary Unger has volunteered to assist the group over the reunion weekend by broadcasting the event and taking interviews

and music requests from the Antwerp alumni. The weekend chosen for the big 3-day event is August 11 through 13. You will be hearing more about what is planned as the group continues to meet. Remember that the August 12 is also the day of the successful "Arts in the Park" annual happening, so our alumni will be able to take advantage of this wonderful family event as well. Mark your calendars for this special weekend, you do not want to miss this one!

Besides the office of Chairman, the following two offices were filled for the committee: Kay Langham, as Secretary, and Denny Lee, in charge of Public Relations. We are looking for a person to be responsible for the position of Treasurer.

Tony has called another meeting for Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Essen House. (Those who want to eat at the restaurant should arrive earlier.) We sincerely need a representative from every class that wants to participate in this reunion to come to this meeting. August is not far away, and there is a great deal of planning that has to be accomplished in a short period of time. Help the committee get your high school class together for a great fun-filled time and perhaps recall some forgotten memories of the good ole' days.

The generosity of Tom McLaughlin will allow the Alumni to once again dance in the old school gymnasium. That alone should release some of those memories pressed between the pages of your mind. If you can't make the meeting call Tony Langham at 419-399-4933 or e-mail him at Tony.Langham@pced@bright.net.

years. She is married to Scott Beckman and has three children; a step-daughter Reta, age 16, a daughter Lexie, age 5, and a son Wyatt, age 2. Tiffany is the daughter of Rex and Barb Reighter of Paulding and the granddaughter of Earl (deceased) and Altha Reighter, Paulding, and the late Dorothy Dunmore.

Prior to her admissions to law school, Tiffany's work experience was varied and interesting, from her summers during college working at Stokely's Tomato Factory, evenings during college loading trucks for UPS to her years in law school when she worked full-time as Development Director/Special Event Coordinator for the Arthritis Foundation, and finally as a law clerk for a large Toledo law firm, Spittler & Williams-Young, Co., L.P.A.

Tiffany began as a young attorney with a small client base and through hard work and perseverance has built up a large clientele, primarily from Paulding and Defiance counties. "The early days as a self-employed attorney were interesting to say the least. I learned to wear many different hats. When we initially

opened our office in Defiance, we did not even have a secretary. I was it. I was the attorney, the secretary, the office manager, the accountant and the cleaning lady. I would not be the person I am today without those experiences, and without having been born and raised in Paulding, where I have also chosen to live and raise my children."

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The re-election of three members of the Paulding - Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees was announced during Co-op's 69th

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"Fiddler" is the story of a poor Jewish milkman, Tevye, played by Austin Fast, and his wife, Golde, played by Teresa Young and their five daughters, played by Michelle Steffen, Lauren Craft, Tayla Dix, Heather Bidlack, and Brenna Dunham, who live in the small village of Anatevka somewhere in Russia on the eve of the Russian Revolutionary Period. Tevye is just trying to eke out an honest living and stay true to the "Traditions" of his faith and his people in a world that is rapidly changing around him while trying to deal with the anti-Semitism of his Russian neighbors. Joining Tevye in his struggles are a list of memorable characters: Yente the matchmaker, Tresa Meussing; Motel the tailor, Tyler Dunham; Shandel his mother, Megan Miller; Perchik the revolutionary student, Logan



Myers; Lazar Wolf the butcher, Chris Zartman; Fyedka the friendly Russian, Wade Sisson; his tuneful but anti-Semitic friend Sasha, Ethynn Brown; the village Constable, Brian Brady; Avrahm the bookseller, Brad Kerns; Mordcha the Innkeeper, Arthur Stoller; Mendel the Rabbi's son, Levi Kurtz; the beloved Rabbi, Zach Wannemacher; Nachum the beggar, Vivian Baker; Yussel the hatter, Michelle Hill; Grandma Tzeitel, Megan Potts; Fruma-Sarah, Lazar's dead wife, Kathleen Sponseller; and of course the "Fiddler" played musically by Danielle Stoller and on stage by Paul Kipfer. A cast of forty students will keep you entertained and enthralled with their singing and dancing and you'll leave humming a plethora of melodic tunes such as "Sunrise, Sunset", "Tradition", "If I Were A Rich Man", "Sabbath Prayer", "Far From the Home I Love", and "To Life".

Produced and directed by Dave Snyder with the able assistance of Nola Ginter, Sharon Spinner, Marie Moore, Thom Richards, and Lori Sponseller, "Fiddler" is one musical you won't want to miss. With book by Joseph Stein, Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and music by Jerry Bock, "Fiddler" was first directed and choreographed on Broadway by the great Jerome Robbins. "Fiddler on the Roof" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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VANTAGE BOARD APPROVES 2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The April meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 30 in the Cup & Saucer restaurant at Vantage. The treasurer's report included the approval of the March 2 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of February 2006 were approved.

Principal Ann Harvey updated the board on the incoming program enrollments for the 2006-2007 school year. She also reported on the progress with interviews for the two math positions for next year and reviewed the recent FFA Banquet. Adult Workforce Development Director Jim Grant provided information on the collaborative efforts underway for the refurbishing of the "Fire Protection Trailer" and updates on Spring and Summer classes. He also reported on this economic development business retention and expansion visits.

In new business, the board:

—Employed the following adult education instructors, as needed, as scheduled - Michael Friemoth, Computer

Numerical Control, Larry Ray, Precision Machining, Timothy Hoehn, Sign Language.

—Approved the Vantage Career Center 2006-2007 school calendar.

—Accepted the resignation of Peggy Penton, Math instructor, effective May 31, 2006.

—Approved student trip to Orlando, Florida from May 10 to May 14 for the BPA national Convention (3 teachers and 9 students attending).

—Approved student Haiti trip, sponsored by Living Hope Missions. (Students are responsible for all expenses).

—Accepted with thanks three donations: a donation of \$500 from the Ottawa Glandorf Rotary Club to the Haiti Project, a donation of a Radio Shack 2001 Project Kit valued at \$100 from Joanna Stoops-Foreman for the use of educational training, and a fan kit with conduit valued at \$300 from Flat Lands Supply for the use of educational training.

The regular May Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vantage Career Center Science Room, prior to the All Boards Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": PAULDING CHAMBER LEADERSHIP ATTENDS CLASS AT VANTAGE



Paulding Chamber Leadership participant Dennie Arend receives instruction on the correct way to wrap a perm from Vantage Cosmetology senior Ashley Farris (from Wayne Trace) during the March session of the Leadership class at Vantage Career Center. Dennie is a 1981 graduate of the Vantage Carpentry program.

The March session of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Leadership class met at Vantage Career Center on Wednesday, March 15th for its "Education" day.

To start off the day, Vantage Community Relations Coordinator MaryJo Wilhelm gave the class an overview of Vantage - how it all began and after 30 years - where Career Technical education is now.

Class members then "shadowed" three different Vantage students during part of their morning lab session. Many Leadership participants were unfamiliar with some of the programs offered, and found this portion of the program very interesting. One participant said, "I was very impressed with the students I shadowed - They were very knowledgeable in their program area".

During a delicious lunch prepared by the Vantage Cu-

linary Arts class, members of the Vantage Haiti Interact Club gave a presentation to the group.

Technology in education was another important topic of the day. Participants met in the Vantage Distance Learning Center, where Pam Knodel explained how distance learning can be a very effective delivery method for education. Already this year at Vantage, Health Careers students have watched a knee replacement surgery from Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus and participated in an interactive sheep heart dissection from COSI Toledo. The Leadership class was treated to a "live" connection with Linda Sakemiller, Technology Coordinator at the Allen County Educational Services Center via distance learning.

Karen Pierstorff, computer technician at Vantage, spent time discussing and demonstrating the different types of technology students use at Vantage on an every-day basis. She reviewed the different types of hardware and software at the school and then she demonstrated IPM's - Interactive Presentation Managers - which are electronic white boards that connect with the classroom computers.

After a tour of all the labs in the building, Adult Education director Jim Grant presented information about adult workforce development, Wright State University Lake Campus and life-long opportunities that are available at Vantage.

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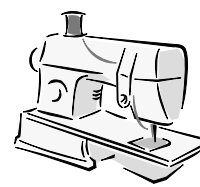
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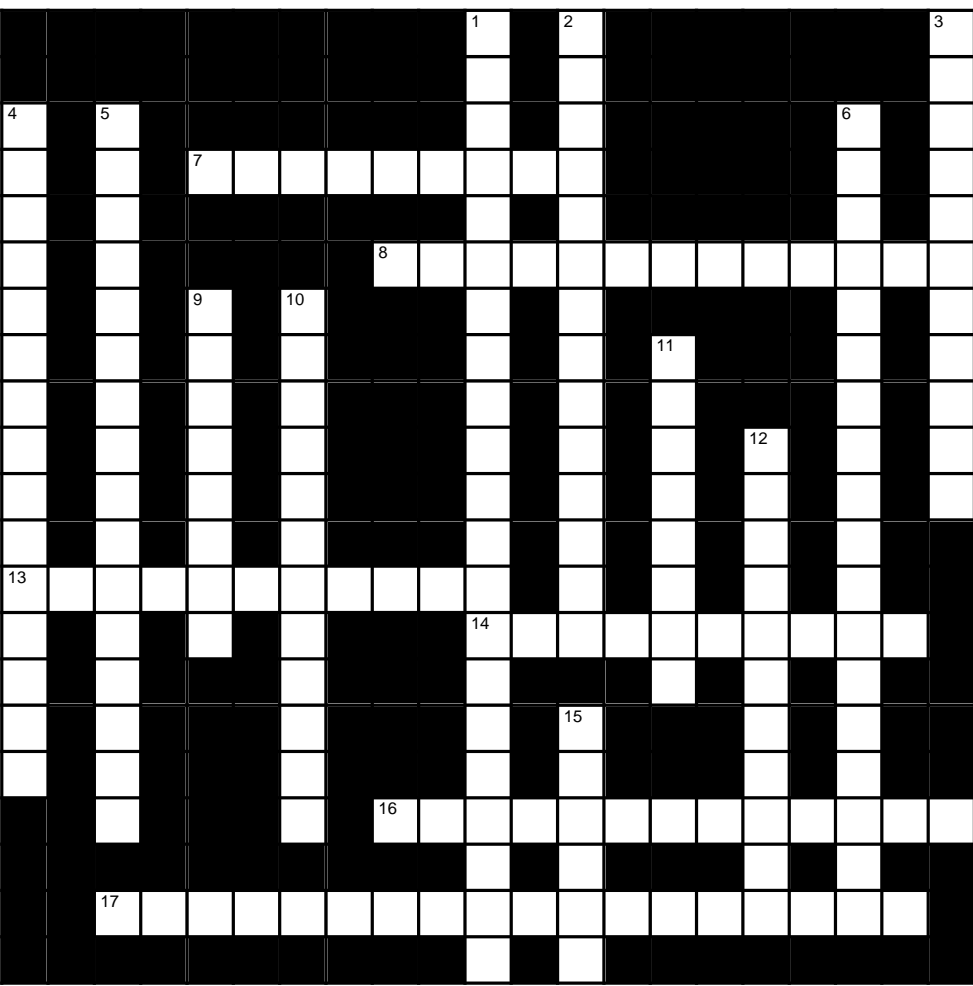
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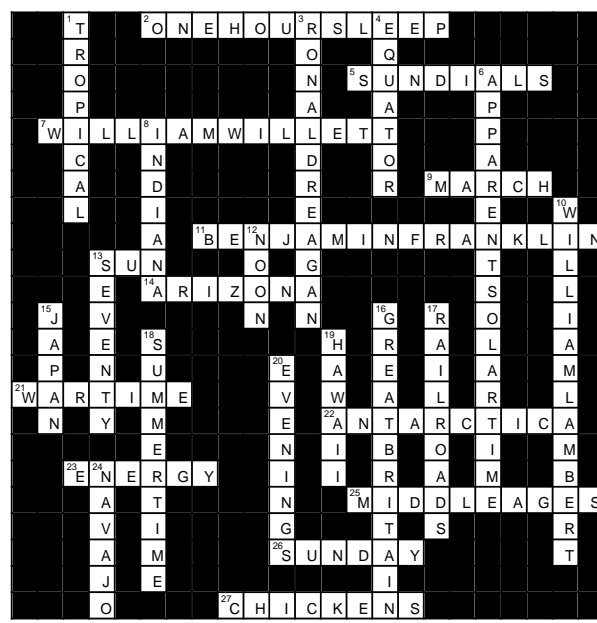
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Appearing at R-Bike Shop will be Paulding County resident Ashley Burt. Ashley is a 3rd grader at Grover Hill Elementary and is the daughter of Ron Burt. She's currently ranked 10th nationally and 2nd in the Midwest. She has been racing for 3 years and got her start at Ft Wayne BMX. Burt had an outstanding 2005 finishing 2nd in the Indiana State Series and 5th in the eight states Midwest Region. Ashley represented Team Indiana at the 2005 Presidents Cup in Columbus Ohio December 27th and was given the honor of helping

carry the Indiana State flag during the parade of states. Indiana placed 4th out of 21 states. Burt competes weekly at Ft Wayne in the summer and then races indoors in Indianapolis in the winter. In 2006 Ashley will compete in the Indiana State Series, Midwest Regional Series and in the National Series.

Harold Harris (40) and his son Randy (8) will also be on hand to answer questions from parents and interested riders. Harold holds the 2005 #1 Indiana State Series Title for the 40 year old men's Cruiser Class. In 2004 Harris was 3rd in the Midwest and 20th nationally. Randy Harris has the National #9 plate on the front of his bike. He was 2nd in the Midwest Region in 2005 and #1 in Indiana. Randy started racing at the age of 4 as a rookie and has worked his way up to the novice class.

A lot of kids and young adults have bikes and like to go fast, race and jump. BMX is a fun family sport. Everyone starts out as a rookie and then advance into other classes and proficiencies. The riders will be passing out one day passes to try BMX during one of several rider clinics to be held at Ft Wayne BMX. They will also have a video to show racing at the track. The riders will bring their racing bikes and some of their special awards and trophies for you to see. The Ft Wayne track also has several loaner bikes and helmets on a first come basis. If you're looking for an exciting new sport this summer we invite you to check out BMX Racing. www.fortwaynebmx.com.

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Correction: A couple of weeks back I stated we dedicated the fire station in 1965. Well, I had a talk with our Fire Chief, Ray Friend, and he said, I believe that was in 1963. I said we got that new Ford Tanker in 1964 and I was using that as a guide post. Ray said that's fine but that was a 1962 tanker. By golly, he's right. I was 2 years off. Now I know we had the dedication in 1968.

More proof, as I sit here and think back I remember in 1965 we had the Palm Sunday Tornado and we were without electric power for 3 days. Some of the boys had electric razors and they would come down to the Fire House and use the gasoline fired generator to operate their razors.

Ray, you are right, and I appreciate your help. Keep up the good work at the Fire Station.

If you stand at the corner of Main and West River Streets and head west, on the right side is The West Bend News. But in the early 1930's that whole corner was a two story blue wooden building that housed Tom Forter's Clothing Store. They went out of business and had an auction and the building was torn down in the early 30's.

Behind that store to the west was a small house that used to be the dental office and home of Dr. Merchant. His only child was a daughter, Galen, she married Jerry Cussen and that became their home.

Then there was an alley that went from north to south and the Presbyterian Church takes up the rest of that corner.

On the corner of Cleveland and West River Street is the Dooley Funeral Home, but for years it was the Schilb Funeral Home. That address is packed full of history. Back in 1941 Mr. Otto Earhart put out a small booklet called "A Century of Progress in Antwerp" and some of the following was taken from that book.

The Schilb Funeral Home was started in 1857 in the south end of Main street, in what is now the McGuire building, by Andrew Schilb. After his death, the business was taken over by his wife, Margaret, who had the distinction of being the first Licensed Lady Embalmer in the United States. She graduated at The Egyptian School of Embalming of Boston, Massachusetts.

Later, the business was taken over by Andrew J. Schilb, the father of the four boys that we know. Andrew passed away in 1924. After his death his wife, Olive, went to the School of Embalming in

AREA FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHARE ABOUT THEIR HOMELAND



The John Paulding Historical Society hosted six foreign exchange students at its March 28th meeting which was open to the public. These students shared the histories of their countries, their customs, and displayed items unique to their region.

Pictured from L to R: Daniel Schutten—Paulding High, Germany; Vanessa Pan—Ant-

werp High, Taiwan; "Ling" (Phatwadee Kaoosunthorn)—Paulding High, Thailand; Sarahh Salkie—Wayne Trace, Bosnia; Isa Walde—Paulding High, Germany; Felipe Cruz—Antwerp High, Brazil. These young people are staying with Trentmans, Barry Delongs, Warren Thomas's, George Porters, Callisters, David Bashores, respectively.

Cincinnati. She was licensed in both Ohio and Indiana. After her death, J. Ray and Robert ran the business.

As I understand, back in 1857, Andrew was a cabinet maker and the casket making business went along with it.

As I can remember, Robert and "Budd" ran the funeral home in the 1930's. They had one in Hicksville and Paulding and then Bob moved to Woodburn and opened another branch. Bob Schilb was a regular athletic man and a good ball player and he was the first man in the area to kill a deer with a bow and arrow, in the mid 1940's they had a boy, Richard, who was born in Antwerp in 1925. Later a boy named, Bobby, came along. Robert passed away in the early 1950's.

Tommy and Andy took over the business at the funeral home and the Schilb Furniture Store.

The Schilb boys served the town very well, because at that time there was no E.M.S. squad and if you needed help you called Schilb's and they used the hearse for an ambulance.

About 1966, Tom built the appliance store that is now Oley's Laundromat and Walter took over the funeral home.

After a few years, Tom sold the appliance store to Terry Bowers and Tom and Ruth moved to Florida. Walter started teaching at the Antwerp High School. He sold

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also symbolizes satisfaction of a job well done thus far. In a Topping Off Ceremony an evergreen tree and an American flag are placed on the ends of the beam. The flag sits on the beam as a sign of patriotism of all who are gathered and historically shows that no lost time accidents were recorded on the project (which is the case at CMH). The evergreen tree signifies nature's contribution to the project. Native Americans believed that no man-made structure should be taller than a tree and that the tree should be the tallest point. The tree also symbolizes good-luck to the dwelling's inhabitants. The total cost of the facility is estimated at 12.6 million dollars, paid for in part by a loan from the USDA and Fifth Third Bank.



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Antwerp Local High School is one of several schools in the region to receive a grant from Erie Insurance Group to help spread the word about safe teen driving through the Lookin' Out program. Erie Insurance Agents Dan Fowler and Krista Schlemmer of Leland Smith Insurance Services of Antwerp are partnering with Antwerp students to implement the safe teen driving awareness program in the school. The Lookin' Out program will be funded through the grant. Lookin' Out is designed by high school students for their peers. Lookin' Out schools operate their program through a student-based committee, co-chaired by an ERIE Agent and a school faculty advisor. Each school tailors the program to address what the students feel are the most pressing teen driving issues at their school. Lookin' Out promotes safe driving habits by educating teens about risk factors such as: lack of seatbelt use; speed-

ing or other reckless driving behavior; alcohol or drug use; number of passengers in a car; and distractions such as loud music, cell phones, or eating. Erie Insurance Agent Dan Fowler says, "Through this program, we are focusing on the challenge of traffic fatalities, the number one cause of death among teenagers. The message is actually quite simple - many of these deaths can be avoided because they occur in a simple moment of carelessness. Driving is like any other skill - it requires education, mentoring, practice and life experience to reach proficiency. Our students are to be congratulated for their concern and their efforts." To engage all students, the Antwerp High School Lookin' Out committee has planned a number of activities to show students the dangers of reckless driving. These and other activities are funded through the Erie Insurance Lookin' Out grant. For more information about the Lookin' Out program visit the company's web site at www.erieinsurance.com or call (814) 870-2285.

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Impact World Tour is under the auspices of Youth With a Mission, otherwise known as YWAM. Christian athletes from 13 countries will be coming to present the programs. Schools will be introduced to the athletes during school assemblies, which

will be on April 20 and April 21 in the surrounding schools. Team Extreme will be visiting the schools on Thursday and then will perform at the "Palace" on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. The GX International will be visiting the area schools on Friday and will perform at the "Palace" on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Schools will also be given an opportunity to run a short commercial on their school Television network and it will hopefully get the teens and young adults interested enough to come out and see what amazing feats these men and women can do.

What these two groups can do is totally unbelievable but you can believe that they have a Christian witness that is totally believable and founded in the Bible. Why they chose to come to a rural community such as ours is unknown. They could have chosen the larger cities in our state. Could this be a wake-up call for our small community that we need to take charge and get the word of God to our teens and young adults and yes, even parents. This program is open to anyone who would like to come. Don't miss an opportunity to see some amazing feats appear right before your eyes.

This gathering of youth throughout Paulding County and the surrounding counties will be the largest event that has ever filled the Wayne Trace High School Gymnasium. It is the goal of all of the people in charge, those who have been busy working on menus, ushering, counseling, prayer sessions, tickets, crowd control, parking of vehicles and etc. that there will not be an empty seat and that we will see a change in the teens and young adults and maybe even parents who come to the performances of these Christian men and women.

It will be an exciting weekend. Let's pray that the "Palace" will rock with excitement! We can "Make a Difference". Are you willing to do your part? If you have not heard from your pastor or a representative of your church about this program coming to Paulding County, please talk to him or her about it and hopefully you will be able to get in on the excitement. At the present time we have pastors and congregations, representing 25-30 churches throughout Paulding County and the surrounding area, who are involved in the planning or said they would be willing to help with whatever is needed to make these nights of excitement a reality and a blessing. Don't be left out. You too, can "Make a Difference". Scripture says that when we do it unto the least of these we do unto God's Son, Jesus.



Vantage Welding junior Brad Fetters from Crestview, cracks a smile as he donates blood for the very first time at the school bloodmobile. Standing by his side are Health Careers senior Kristy Tomlinson from Van Wert and the Red Cross "Blood Drop" - Kendra Kroeger a Health Careers senior from Delphos Jefferson.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE
POINT": VANTAGE BLOOD-
MOBILE - #26**

For the past 25 years, the Vantage Bloodmobile has been an annual event, and so it was again this year. The bloodmobile is a real team effort with students and staff from several different programs working together to get organized and set up for a bloodmobile.

Members of the senior Health Careers program arrived at 6:30 a.m. to help with unloading as the Vantage Preschool room became the donation center. Junior Early Childhood Education students, along with the afternoon junior Health Careers students, moved all the furniture and helped set-up the bloodmobile. Junior and senior Health Careers students served as Red Cross volunteers, handling first aid and escort duties. Mrs. Carolyn Jamieson, retired Vantage junior Health Careers instructor and the person who started the school bloodmobile back in 1981, was also on hand to assist for the day. Local Red Cross volunteer Gloria Miller from Van Wert, helped with registration, observation of donors and first aid.

The senior Early Childhood Education students and their teachers Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Myers, staffed the canteen and provided cookies, sandwiches and beverages to everyone who donated a unit

of blood. Van Wert Red Cross volunteer Jackie Wells, helped in the canteen again this year, as she has since the very first Vantage bloodmobile. Jackie has been a Red Cross volunteer for over 30 years.

Vantage is one of the largest high school bloodmobiles in the region and has one of the highest numbers of first time donors. This year's blood drive was no exception. There were 185 students and staff members who volunteered to give blood. Many of those were first-time donors. "We're very proud of our students - both the donors and those who volunteered to help", said Mrs. Shirley Jarvis, Sr. Health Careers instructor at Vantage and on-site coordinator for the bloodmobile.

Statistics show that less than 5% of the adult population in the United States gives blood. At Vantage, over 35% of the student body signed up to donate blood. Twenty percent of the country's blood supply comes from high school and college age students. That's why in the summer there is such a need for donors.

Vantage staff and students donated 120 units of blood at this year's bloodmobile. That number meets or exceeds the usual quota for an adult community bloodmobile. Over the past 25 years, Vantage has donated 3,822 pints of blood. With this year's additional 120 pints, the grand total for 26 years is 3,942 pints of blood donated.

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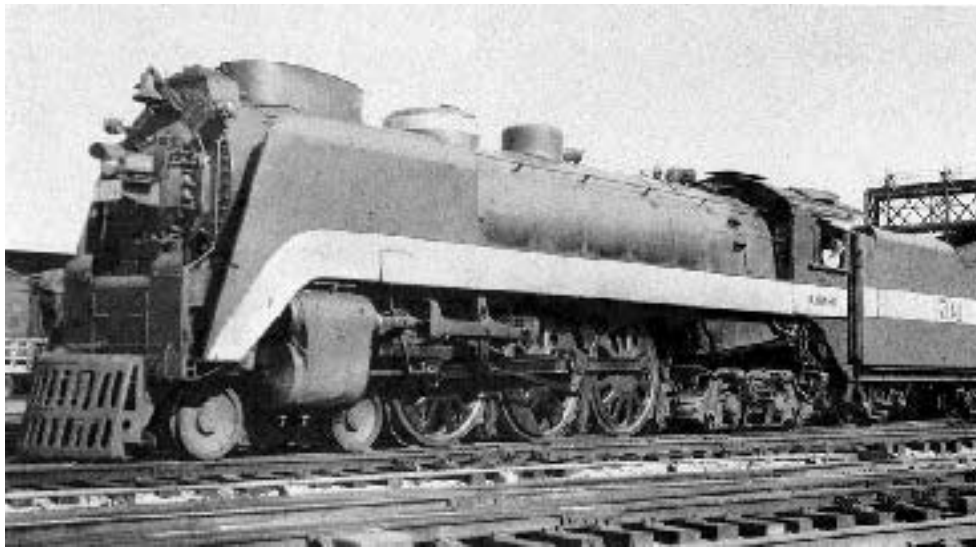
"We encourage all citizens to visit one of the libraries that make up our Paulding County system", says Susan Hill, Library Director. "We have books, magazines, databases, and free Internet access that can help you whether you are looking to make a small change in your life or a big change in the world. Also, in celebration of this special week, we will be waiving overdue fines," states Hill. "So if it is your first visit or your one hundred and first, drop in next week to see what is new."

In addition to traditional library services, the public libraries in Paulding County provide free access to new and popular DVDs, best sellers and books-on-tape. The main library in Paulding also has an excellent local history and genealogy department, a color copier and a scanner available for public use.

National Library Week 2006 marks the sixth year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the ALA and libraries across the country to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

"Libraries have always been places of opportunity and one of the best values in the community. The librarians and library staff at the Paulding County Carnegie Library are here to help you find what you're looking for so you can achieve your goals," adds Hill.

For more information about Paulding County's libraries, visit them online at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.



WABASH STORIES: WRECK ON THE WABASH

By: Tom Curtis

On July 16, 1951, Wabash Railroad passenger train #13 steamed westbound through Antwerp. On board were four people who had no idea that they had less than an hour to live.

In those pre-N&W days, the Wabash and the Nickel Plate Road were separate and fiercely competitive companies. The Wabash line followed the same basic path it does today, but rather than joining the former Nickel Plate near the Casad Depot as it now does, the Wabash ran parallel to and north of the Nickel Plate tracks. West of downtown New Haven the Wabash swung to the right, and then turned left to cross the Nickel Plate.

As train #13 entered New Haven, the fireman was busy with the water supply to the boiler. The engineer, who had only made a few trips on this line - and none recently - called out that they had a green light to cross the Nickel Plate. The fireman glanced up and also saw a green light. What both men failed to realize was that the light was on the Nickel Plate, not the Wabash. When they reached the point where the two railroads crossed, they saw to their horror that a fast freight was bearing down on them! The engineers of both trains threw their brakes into full emergency. Train #13 slowed

to 5 MPH. The Nickel Plate train was able to slow down to only approximately 45 MPH before it plowed into the third car - the diner - of train #13. The Conductor of train #13 had just stepped into the diner. He was killed, along with three passengers. Thirteen people were injured, including the three crewmen aboard the Nickel Plate engine.

An unusual sidelight has to do with Nickel Plate #765, the restored steam locomotive stored near the Casad Depot. Engine #767 was the Nickel Plate locomotive involved in the wreck. In the early 60's the city of Fort Wayne was looking for a steam locomotive to display in a park. The #765 and #767 were both available. The #765 was in much better condition than the #767, so, to honor those killed in the 1951 wreck, it swapped numbers with #767 and was moved into Lawton Park in May 1963. #767 was scrapped out in October 1963. When the volunteers of the Fort Wayne Railroad Society started to restore the engine, one of the first things they did was to restore the original number to the locomotive.

The Wabash Cannonball

Most of us remember the old song, "The Wabash Cannonball". Almost nobody remembers what it was about! There was a train known as the "Cannonball" on the Wabash, but it's unclear if it was in existence before the

song became popular. The song "The Wabash Cannonball" was not written about an actual train, in any case. The Wabash Railroad never reached the "Waves of the Atlantic" or the "Wild Pacific shores", nor did it make it to Minnesota "Where the rippling waters fall" or Birmingham where she "rolled in one cold December day". Then what was the song about?

"The Wabash Cannonball" was a mythical train, similar to the "Flying Dutchman" that the sailors feared. "The Wabash Cannonball" was the vehicle that took hobos to Heaven when they died! The last verse - that we never sang in school - went like this: "Now here's to Big Slim Perkins, may his name forever stand, and always be remembered in the jungles of our land, His earthly race is over and the curtain round him falls, They'll carry him up to Heaven on the Wabash Cannonball".

Whoever was standing close to the singer would often get his name worked in to replace "Big Slim Perkins". And, the jungles referred to in the song are not the rain forests we usually think of—a "jungle" was a hobo camp!

"Wabashed" was an old Railroader's term used mostly in the Chicago area. It referred to the practice of trying to ram six cars onto a siding just long enough to hold five cars!

Next month: The Nickel Plate!

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the business to Mr. Pauley in 1987. The Schilb's had served Antwerp for 130 years. By far the oldest funeral home in the state of Ohio serving that long under the same family name.

J. Ray, better known as "Bubb" became well known around Toledo as a Shriner. Walter is still a teacher in the Antwerp School System and he is very active with the Masonic Lodges in the area. Tommy's wife, Ruth, has turned 90 years old and lives with her granddaughter, Karen.

The next house west of Dooley's Funeral Home was the home of Homer and Julia Smith. They had a daughter named Audrey and a son named Cooper Smith.

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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

Family Unity Night is over, but it was great fun. We had roughly 200 people present for this evening. We enjoyed many contest, as well as special lighting and music.

Antwerp now has a 'community conga-line dancing group'. All adults at the event formed 3 conga lines, the length of the gym, and showed who had two left feet or who didn't know their left from their right.

We also had a spelling bee during one contest. I will not forget how to spell 'cemetery' again.

The kids seemed to really enjoy the three minute breaks that we had with special lighting effects, bubbles and dancing.

It was a special time to work together as a family in these contests. Lots of smiles and a lot of joking around was had by all. I'm sure your kids were like my boys and had a lot of fun and kept telling us thank you for taking them. That is what it is all about, the

kids and our family being together.

Remember our next event will be a Family Movie Night on Thursday, April 27 with the doors opening at 5:30 and the movie to start at 6. The movie to be shown will be 'Narnia' rated PG. There will be food and snacks for purchase by the upcoming 8th graders. More information will be sent home before the event.

Another project that PTO has taken part in again this year was purchasing books for all the kids from their Scholastic Book Club. This is our way of promoting reading and giving books to some kids that may not get to order books through the year.

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the school. We will be looking for nominations for Vice President. Please try to attend at least one meeting during the school year and help with the decisions we are making for your kids.

Tianne Pendergrast, Vice President, Antwerp Elementary PTO

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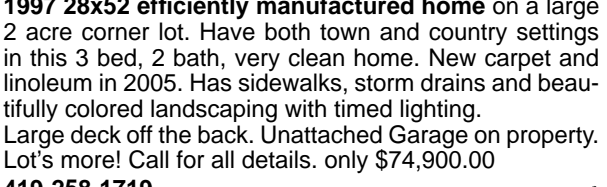
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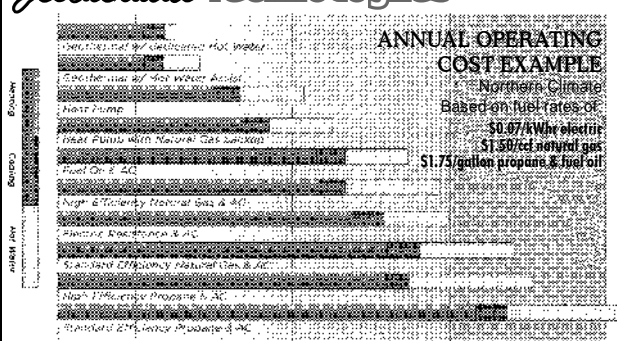
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WAITING FOR AN ADVENTURE

By: Sue Knapp
Working anywhere from 40-45 (well, give or take—mostly take) hours a week, I don't get much excitement. The most excitement or adventures I have had lately is when I was picked up for speeding on 49 going into Payne and the officer thought I was trying to bribe him with a WBPP newspaper. I did get off with a warning. I am thankful for that.

I've been pretty much around Paulding County now and I like that. I love go-

ing through the country and through the towns that are now just a group of houses, but at one time the towns were "rip-roaring". I love to find people that will talk to me about these towns. It's kind of a shame that these towns have died off. I guess that's because of progress. We will try to keep their history alive for the generations to come.

The other day I went and took a picture of a mural at the County Extension Building in Paulding of a scene from the Civil War painted by Gene Scarborough. The building had other scenes of the

history of Paulding County. You should go see them when you get a chance.

The most frustration I have is working the computer and copier. Since I wasn't born yesterday it doesn't come easy to me. Sometimes, I don't know why the computer will do certain things. I have no clue, so someone will have to come and get me out of my dilemma. I hate it when that happens.

So here I sit, confusing the computer, watching the trucks go by, basking in the sun and waiting for adventures. I guess that's not too bad a way to spend your time.

HICKSVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Hicksville Beautification Committee, also known as Flower Power, met recently to begin planning for this year's warm weather activities. In past years, the main emphasis of this committee, part of the Hicksville Community Service Center, is finding volunteers and coordinating the planting and maintenance of flower beds in common areas throughout the village. These areas include, but are not limited to, Welcome signs at the edge of town on Route 49 (both north and south), Route 2W, Route 18 (east and west), Land Office, outside of the Fairgrounds, etc. The Committee also raises funds to purchase the flowers for these (nearly 20) beds.

This year, the Committee is also promoting OPERATION: CURB APPEAL and encouraging area businesses to plant containers or hanging baskets and use them outside their businesses. To assist with this project, the Committee will be sponsoring a Container Gardening workshop on Saturday, April 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rotary Pavilion in the Hicksville Park and a plant sale (focusing on hanging baskets and containers) on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, in downtown Hicksville. There is no charge for the Container Gardening workshop, but there is limited space so reservations are necessary.

In addition, the Committee is working with the Defiance County Extension Office to bring a Farmers' Market to Hicksville for the sale of farm produce, as well as summer flowers and other items of interest.

If you would like to volunteer to take care of a flower bed this summer, if you would like more information about Operation: Curb Appeal or would like to sign up for the Container Gardening workshop, and/or if you would like to sell produce or other items at a local Farmers' Market, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

ROBERT W. MILLER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY



Bob Miller has announced his candidacy for the office of Paulding County Treasurer, Bob is running in the primary as a Democratic Candidate.

Miller is a lifetime resident of Paulding and attended Bowling Green State University. He lives in Paulding with his wife, Heather, where they raised their three grown children, Michelle, Michael, and Melinda. Bob and Heather are the proud grandparents of 3 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. Bob is an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Paulding VFW and Eagles. Being very family and community oriented and believing in donating, supporting and volunteering in the community when you are able, Bob has lived up to his convictions. He has been a longtime supporter and volunteer for the Athletic Department of Paulding Exempted Village Schools on the football program's chain gang, has been a referee for Parc Lane basketball, chaired

the Annual Knights of Columbus National Free Throw Contest for Paulding County and has actively been involved each year in the annual Paulding County Special Olympics. Bob continues to donate, support and serve, along with his family members, for various volunteering opportunities in Paulding County.

Bob retired after 30 years from the corporate headquarters of North American Van Lines in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He has an excellent financial background and management skills which make up the strong platform for his campaign. Bob's work experiences include supervisor of Revenue Processing, Accounts Payable and Receivable, Billing Department, Manager of Credit and Manager of Operations for the largest moving company in the world. Bob was responsible for a yearly budget of millions of dollars. His continuing education classes include, Communications Skills, Time Management, Resolving Conflicts, Presentations with Confidence, Problem Solving, Leadership, ISO Auditor, Management I and II and Quality Workshop. He has computer experience in Window, Internet, Intranet, Microsoft Word and Qualcomm World Trac Satellite Systems.

Bob's continued involvement and support of many community programs assures us that he is aware of the needs and concerns of the people. As Paulding County Treasurer, he will fulfill your needs from the vast knowledge acquired through his management and financial work experiences. His objectives and goals when elected are to collect all taxes to avoid delinquency of real estate and estate charges. Bob will invest county money at the best possible rate and will achieve his goals through cooperation with all office holders in Paulding County. Bob is excited and looking forward to begin his campaign to fill this office for the people of Paulding County.

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