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REP. GILLMOR INTRODUCES RESOLUTION TO HONOR INDIANAPOLIS 500 CHAMP SAM HORNISH, JR.

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Ohio) has introduced a resolution to honor Sam Hornish, Jr. for winning the 90th running of the Indianapolis 500. Hornish is a constituent of Gillmor's and currently resides in Napoleon, Ohio.

"Sam Hornish, Jr. is not just Indy's champion, he's Ohio's champion. Sam was raised in Defiance, went to school in Archbold, and even as he has become a national name, he continues to live in Napoleon," Gillmor said. "I admire Sam's leadership in the community, his charity work and his commitment to being a good role model for our next generation. He is a modest leader and deserves to be honored for his win at Indy."

Sam Hornish, Jr. is in his seventh season in the Indy Racing League where he is the Series' all-time leader in wins, laps led, and wins from the pole position. He was the rookie of the year in 2000 and was the youngest

driver ever to win an IndyCar Series race and the only driver to win back-to-back IndyCar Series Championships. Sam Hornish, Jr. won the 2006 Indianapolis 500 on Sunday May 28.

The text of Gillmor's resolution is as follows:

Recognizing Sam Hornish, Jr. for winning the 90th running of the Indianapolis 500.

Whereas Sam Hornish, Jr. was born in Defiance, Ohio, and currently resides in Napoleon, Ohio, both in Ohio's 5th Congressional District;

Whereas Sam Hornish, Jr. competes in the Indy Racing League with Team Penske and has twice won the championship of that league; and whereas Sam Hornish, Jr. won the 90th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 28, 2006: Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Representatives recognizes Sam Hornish, Jr. for his victory in the Indianapolis 500.

KAMMEYER - ABBATE



Patricia and Robert Kammeyer of Antwerp, Ohio, and Christine and Martin Abbate of Cleveland, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jodi Marie Kammeyer and Keith Michael Abbate.

Jodi Marie Kammeyer is a 1997 graduate of Antwerp

High School. She received a Finance and Accounting Degree from The Ohio State University in 2001. Jodi is currently employed as an accountant at KPMG in Columbus, Ohio.

Keith Michael Abbate graduated in 1996 from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a 2000 graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned a Finance Degree. Keith is employed as a Director at Bisys Fund Services in Columbus, Ohio.

The wedding will be held on July 8, 2006, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Columbus, Ohio. A reception will follow at The Blackwell Hotel located on the campus of The Ohio State University.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY TO HOST BOOK FAIR

The Oakwood Library Association will host a Scholastic Book Fair on June 26 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to purchase books for the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Everyone is invited to attend the Fair which will be held at the Cooper Building.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classic, interactive software, some adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

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THE GREAT PICNIC WILL BE SATURDAY AND IT'S FREE

The Paulding County Ministries invites you and your friends to join us at the largest picnic ever to happen in Paulding County. This picnic is on Saturday, June 24, rain or shine at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink will be served free of charge from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Various musical groups from around the area will be performing in three different locations around the fairgrounds. There will be games with prizes and there will be drawings for various other prize items. The band P150 will give a performance at 3:00 p.m. like nothing you have ever heard or seen before and at 4:00 p.m. Paulding's own Dooley Drive will perform. Come out, enjoy a Saturday of food and entertainment with your friends, and remember it is all free.

—Rev. William W. Sherry,
Paulding County Ministries Publicity Chair

CARD OF THANKS

We want to say a great big THANK YOU to all of those who came to our 50th Wedding Anniversary reception and helped to fill the hall, and to those who couldn't attend, THANK YOU for all of the beautiful cards and thoughts we received in the mail. All of you gave us a day we will hold as most precious the rest of our lives. Being able to spend time and memories with you made the day so extra special. We, also, want to thank our three children and their families, for all the planning and work they put in and to other members of our family who helped that day to keep everything flowing smoothly. So, one more time, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!
—Jerry & Marcellene Noll

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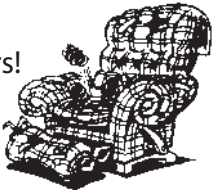
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OBITUARIES

Eva Helen Young, 85, died at the Hospice Home, Ft. Wayne on June 11. She was born in St. Joe, IN on July 1, 1920 the daughter of Cloyd H. and Mae (Robinson) Young. She graduated from St. Joe High School, International Business College and Indiana University.

She retired from Medical Protective Insurance Company, Ft. Wayne as a legal secretary after 46 years of service.

She was a member of Newville United Methodist Church, Newville, IN.

She is survived by a sister, Betty (Dale) Keiser of Fort Wayne, IN; two nieces, Patricia Lou (David) Childers of Ft. Wayne and Susan (David) Espenlaub of Dallas, TX; five grandnieces and nephews; two great-grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Private graveside services were held at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville on June 14. Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville is handling arrangements.

Carol A. Miller, 63, of Antwerp, passed away June 15 at Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne on April 4, 1943, the daughter of the late Elson and Dora (Cohrs) Shanebrook.

Carol married Larry Miller February 9, 1963. He died February 27, 1985. She married Charles Estep March 8, 1997. He died January 11, 1999.

She worked at Lincoln Life, Fort Wayne and Dan Fowler Insurance Agency, Antwerp and enjoyed researching genealogy. She was a member

of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp.

Carol will be sadly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Gary Dunlap; son and his fiance Randy Miller and Pam Walker, all of Antwerp; brother, Jim Shanebrook of Woodburn; and 3 grandchildren (Zachary Dunlap and Charles & Jessica Walker).

Her funeral service was at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp June 20, and Reverend William E.D. Barlow officiated.

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In her memory contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Valetta K. Wetzel, 94, of Hicksville died June 13 at Hickory Creek in Hicksville. Valetta was born June 21, 1911 the daughter of Albert and Mayda (Hook) Snell. She graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1930. Valetta married Miller J. Crall who died in 1953. She later married Charles Wetzel. He died in 1987.

She enjoyed her family and gardening. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. She retired from Crook-Miller Handle Factory, Hicksville.

Valetta's family includes her son Earl (Anna) Crall of Hicksville; two grandchildren Eric (Jill) Crall of Hicksville and Carlene Crall of Billings, MT; and four great-grandchildren: Sam, Aubrie, Garrett, and Molly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands and an infant sister.

The funeral service was June 16, at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Tom Graves officiated. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance or the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Thelma L. Harp, 92, of Payne, died June 19 at her son's residence.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio on January 27, 1914, the daughter of Frank and Myrtle (Harris) Snyder. On August 1, 1935, she married Oscar H. Harp, who preceded her in death on March 24, 1986.

She is survived by a son, Allen (Michele) Harp of Payne; a daughter, Betty (John) Shafer of Paulding; two grandsons; three step-granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers: Alvie, Paul, Carl and Gale; and two sisters: Grace Rummel and Blanche Thornell.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Payne Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area visiting Nurses and Hospice or Payne Church of the Nazarene.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to applaud the John Paulding Historical Society and its wonderful volunteers for such great entertainment at their recent dinner theater. Not only was the evening full of great humor, but their program also provided some very interesting facts about Paulding County Townships. As a township official, it was a privilege to have such a great group of people that thought the history of our townships was important enough to work so hard and put so much of their time and efforts into this event. It really was a nice evening with delicious food, great fellowship and terrific local talent! Paulding County is truly blessed and very fortunate to have the type of individuals (past and present) that had the foresight to start and hard work to continue the John Paulding Historical Society. If you have not yet visited the museum or attended any of their events, you have missed out on one of the many "treasures" of Paulding County. If you have not already done so, please consider supporting this great organization and its continued efforts in presenting and preserving the history of Paulding County.

—Susan K. Simpson,
Crane Township Fiscal Officer

AUGLAIZE CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

The Auglaize Chapel Church of God Food Pantry will be open on July 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The pantry is open the second Saturday of each month. The pantry is located at 515 Franklin Street in Melrose, Ohio.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS AT PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

Physicals for the boys and girls will be given on Tuesday, June 27 at Paulding High School, by Dr. Kuhn. There will be a small fee for the physical. The schedule of physicals are as follows: High School Boys: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; Jr. High Boys: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; High School Girls: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; and Jr. High Girls: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This is the schedule we would like to follow. However, if any student cannot make it at their scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

—John Gudakunst, AD

LIVING WITH CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Last week, I gave you two passages of Scripture which speak to the singular focus necessary in the discipline of simplicity. I need to give you those passages once again because they will guide our thoughts in this week's column as well. Proverbs 4:23,25-27 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life . . . Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep you foot from evil."

Hebrews 12:1-3 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders (the multiple foci of the world) and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, an sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

As you read these two texts, it is crucial that we recognize and then stand opposed to our potential enemies in the discipline of simplicity. In both the Proverbs and the Hebrews passages, there are two clearly identified enemies. Can you see them both?

The Proverbs passage closes with this sentence, "Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." In the Hebrews passage, a similar thought, "Let us throw off . . . the sin that so easily entangles." In both passages, the implication is that evil or sin will cause us to stumble or fall in our relationship with God. Why is that? What exactly is sin and why is it so wrong?

In its simplest terms, sin is rebellion against God. Obviously, it is difficult to walk with God and rebel against God at the same time. With children, my preferred definition is one that comes from Child Evangelism Fellowship, "Anything you think, say, or do that makes God sad." With adults, I will often add, "or anything you choose not to think, say, or do that makes God sad." The original speaks to "sins of commission"—bad things that we choose to think,

say, or do. In addition speaks to "sins of omission"—good things that God has asked of us but that we decide not to do. James 4:17 speaks to this second type of sin, "Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

I hope that it is very clear that the follower of Christ must avoid sin at all costs. This is our first enemy. The second enemy is the multiple foci of the world. The short list that I provided last week was, "money, possessions, popularity, position, power, physical appearance, time, etc." None of these things are bad in and of themselves. The danger comes when—individually or in combination—they take on too much importance and "hinder us" from maintaining our priority on Jesus. It happens subtly and easily. For that reason, each of us must identify those

foci that have the most influence over us carefully keep them in check. As the Proverbs text says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

In closing, the discipline of simplicity is not simple, but it is necessary if we are to develop "a trained attentiveness to God." I trust that you want this type of relationship with God badly enough to pursue the discipline of simplicity.

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Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Old Fort) today announced that members of his district staff will be holding "casework office hours" in the Villages of West Unity, Sherwood, and Grover Hill on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

"With a district comprised of more than 600,000 people in sixteen different counties, accessibility to constituents is extremely important," Congressman Gillmor said. "To help with that effort, members of my district staff will take the full services of the Congressional office on the road to assist constituents with any problems or questions they may have regarding federal agencies or federal issues."

Congressman Gillmor assures constituents that his staff will be available to assist in any way they can. "My district staff members have been working for me in Ohio for many years, and they are very familiar with

the rules and procedures of the federal government," Gillmor continued.

Congressman Gillmor concluded, "If you are having trouble in dealing with a federal agency, or have questions regarding federal government issues, I encourage you to stop by one of the following locations. In addition, you may contact any of our district offices toll-free in Ohio at 1-800-541-6446 or visit my website at <http://gillmor.house.gov>."

Congressman Gillmor's District casework office hours are scheduled for:

Thursday, June 22, 2006, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.:

Village Hall, Village of West Unity, 118 West Jackson Street, West Unity, Ohio 43570.

Thursday, June 22, 2006, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.:

Village Hall, Village of Sherwood, 200 North Harrison Street, Sherwood, Ohio 43556.

Thursday, June 22, 2006, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.:

Village Hall, Village of Grover Hill, Main Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849.

2006 SHERWOOD HOMECOMING SLATED FOR JUNE 24TH

The Annual Sherwood Homecoming for 2006 has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24th in the Village of Sherwood. Once again, this year's event is being coordinated by the Sherwood Area Lion's Club to benefit the Sherwood Parks system.

Three main events highlight this year's Homecoming schedule. The Sherwood Homecoming Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m., and will proceed from the old Elementary School site down Main Street (U.S. 127) through downtown Sherwood to the railroad tracks. Parade entries are still being accepted; any interested individual or group is welcome to participate. At 4:00 p.m., the Sherwood Lions will be serving Port-A-Pit barbecue chicken dinners at the Moats Park shelter house. Serving will last until 7:00 p.m., with dine-in and carry outs available.

The highlight of the day will be a live concert featuring Northwest Ohio's favorite Country Music performer. Pete Schlegel will be performing live at Moats Park Ball Field #1 on Saturday night. Pete has recently released his second CD, "I'm Not Listening", and is continuing to grow in popularity nationwide. His appearance in Sherwood as part of his 2006 "Git 'Er Done" tour is one of only a few opportunities for

fans to hear Pete in concert locally this year. Pete will be joined by Special Guest John Sager for the show. Sager is a talented vocalist from Deshler, Ohio.

The Pete Schlegel concert will be held outdoors, and is weather permitting. The Moats Park Ball Field gates will open at 6:00 p.m., and the show will begin with John Sager's performance at 8:00 p.m. Pete will begin his performance at approximately 9:30 p.m. The concert will feature Festival seating, so fans are reminded to bring their lawn chairs. No carry-ins will be allowed.

Tickets for the Pete Schlegel concert are available at all branches of the Sherwood State Bank, at the Defiance Area Tourism Office, at Wirth's Super Center, the Sherwood Marathon, the Sherwood Library, through Pete's Fan Club, or from any Sherwood Lion's member. Advance tickets for the Port-A-Pit Chicken Dinner may be purchased, and are available from members of the Sherwood Lion's and the Sherwood Ball Association. Tickets for both the concert and the dinner will also be available at the gate.

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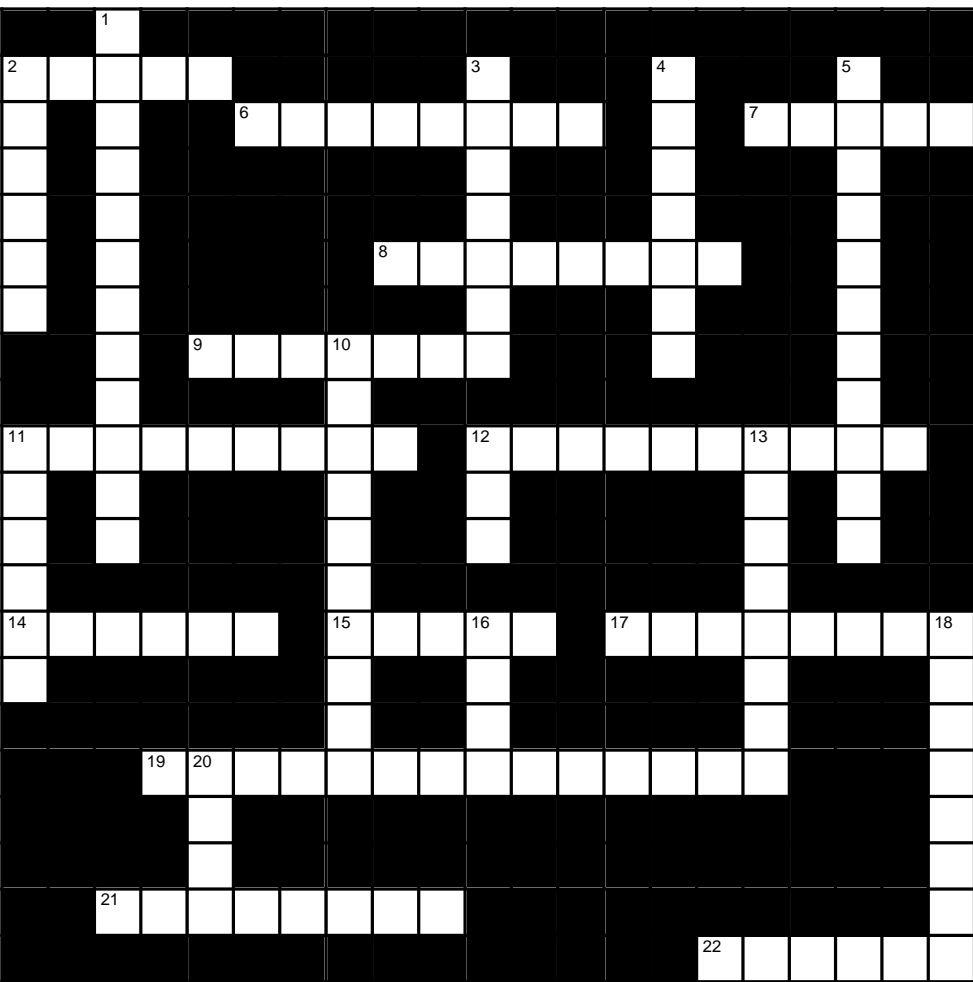
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Across

- 2. You pour this over your turkey.
- 6. Shoes are to socks like turkey is to WHAT?
- 7. The flap of skin that hangs over a turkey's beak.
- 8. What famous printer/inventor/signer of the Declaration of Independence wanted to make the wild turkey the national bird of the U.S.?
- 9. What character from Sesame Street is dressed in dyed yellow turkey feathers?
- 11. Turkeys are related to WHAT birds?
- 12. This is ballroom dance.
- 14. When you bowl three strikes in a row it is called a WHAT?
- 15. Turkey eggs are tan, speckled and WHAT?
- 17. This turkey is so heavy they can't fly.
- 19. What author popularized the serving of turkey for Christmas Dinner?
- 21. This turkey bone "gives hope" when it is broken.
- 22. The flap of skin under a turkey's chin.

Down

- 1. Toms use their WHAT to attract females?
- 2. The word we use to describe the sound a turkey makes.
- 3. The part of a turkey's stomach that contains tiny stones to aid in digestion.
- 4. What European people first found the turkey 400 years ago?
- 5. Turkey skins are tanned and used to make WHAT?
- 10. These turkeys are injected with shots of butter.
- 11. Baby turkeys are known as WHAT?
- 12. Male turkeys are also called this.
- 13. How long are wild poult unable to fly?
- 16. This turkey is the largest game bird in this part of the world.
- 18. Colored growths on the throat region, turn bright red when turkey is excited.
- 20. Female turkeys are also called this.

THEY SAID HE COULDN'T DO IT



Tony Gonzalas III was born without a hand. Through the encouragement of his parents, (mom, Chris and dad, Tony) and many other people in his life, Tony has excelled showing that, yes, it can be done. Tony's humbleness and desire to help and encourage people with handicaps makes him special indeed. He is very grateful for the encouragement and mentoring he has received all his life. He likes to say, "without anybody else, there would not be me".

Tony's parents have stood by him and created in him the security and independence he needs to do whatever he desires to do. Chris (mom) has worked at the PC Workshop for 25 years and Tony (dad) has been with him all through his wrestling since Tony started at the age of 4. Tony's dad has been his biggest fan. He has been through thick and thin with him and has always told him, "you can do it". He has helped Tony overcome a lot of obstacles, especially when someone would tell him he couldn't play a sport because of his disability.

Tony graduated this year from Paulding High School. He works at the PC Workshop and he also helps out with different activities with the Senior Program there.

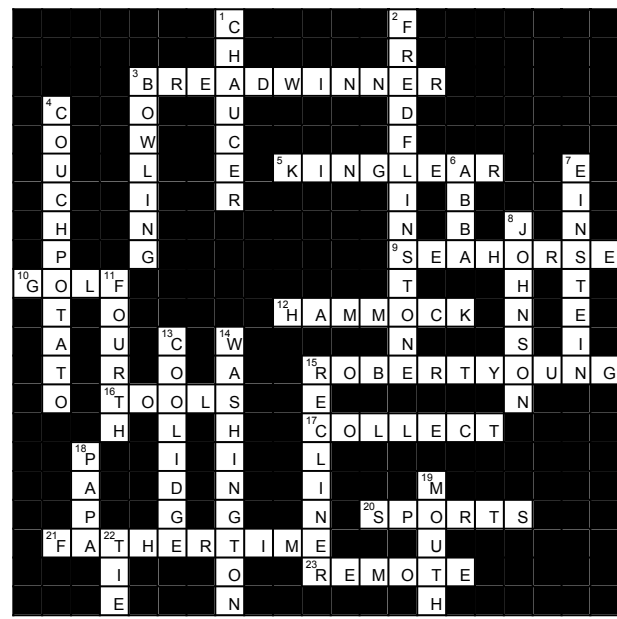
Tony won 7th place in the OHSAA State Tournament this year. He is the first state placer from Paulding County since 1998.

Tony will be attending Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. He was scouted by coaches and has won partial scholarships from there. He wants to major in Special Education, wanting to be an advocate for handicapped people. He has volunteered with kids in wrestling. He has become a mentor and an inspiration to those with disabilities. He received a phone call once from Texas from a college student who had been in an automobile accident. He helped a young person from Van Wert proving to him that yes, you can catch a baseball. (Tony also plays baseball and has run cross-country).

One goal of Tony's is to try out for the 2012 winter Olympics in wrestling.

To Tony and his parents

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he's just Tony, but to others he's an inspiration. He has been raised to believe that you can do anything in life you want, you might have to do it a different way, but it can be done. Tony has proved it to us.

Tony has been inspired by Jim Abbot who won a medal at the Seoul Olympics for baseball. Jim's shoe came untied during the game and as he bent to tie it all cameras were on him to see how he did it. Tony's parents were taping the game and that's how Tony learned to tie his shoes. Jim has went on to play professional baseball.

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CHELSEA SPRYN TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL AMERICAN MISS PAGEANT



Chelsea Spryn, the daughter of Wendy and Terry Spryn of Cecil, Ohio has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Ohio Pageant to be held July 23-24 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency, Columbus. The pageant is held for girls ages 16 through 18.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland® in California. Pageants are held for girls ages four to eighteen, in five age groups.

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The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leader." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Spryn's activities include cheerleading, being a great sister, and having fun. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, riding ATV's, goofing off, gymnastics, and shopping.

Miss Spryn's sponsors include Carla's Cut 'n Curl, Shocks Lumber, Expertax, First Federal Bank, Hayden Spryn, Mayor Larry Haver, Dooley's Funeral Home, RJ Scott Electric, and SDI.

2006 JOHN PAULDING DAYS REPORT

The 50th annual John Paulding Days has come and gone. What great weather we had, and not a drop of rain!! What more could we ask for? Maybe one thing would be to get the Thursday night crowd (and it was huge!) back downtown for Friday and Saturday events. We had some new ones this year, a few were successful, a few weren't. Its is hard to tell what people would enjoy so please contact any chamber board member with any ideas! It is not too early to start working on next years festivities. Bingo is always brought up, and we are working on bringing it back to the tent next year. The state makes it very difficult for public gambling so we need to go about it a different way. The price is right game ran its course and its time for something new. We need ideas!

This year we had 23 cars for the cruise in! The money hunt was also very successful. We had every bit of 80 kids! This was our first year for Paulding Pride in Action, and I was somewhat disappointed that more people weren't interested in the demonstrations going on in the tent. That won't dampen our spirits though, we will do it again next year with different people from the area and will hope that this event grows. The Jimmy Buffet entertainment night sure sounded like fun, but there again, not much participation.

There is always room for improvement and we welcome constructive criticism. As always, this festival would not happen with out the support from several businesses and individuals.

Bubba Davis was out early Friday morning cleaning the sidewalks and courthouse lawn so our square would be presentable that evening.

D.R.I.V. NEARS 50 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS

In October, 2004, Judge Timothy R. Pieper instituted a new program called D.R.I.V. (Driver Reinstatement Intervention Verification) for offenders who licenses are suspended for financial reasons, such as no insurance and/or driving without a valid license. When a defendant comes before the Paulding County Court for a charge like one of those mentioned, Judge Pieper will allow them the opportunity to enter this program. The Judge will ask for a plea, and from that he will suspend sentencing until a defendant can go to the Paulding County Court Probation Office to see if they qualify for the program. If that defendant does qualify during a DRIV- PSI (Presentence Investigation) the probation department sends the Judge a letter stating they qualify for the program. The defendant will then return to the Court and the Judge will allow them into the diversion program.

Generally the defendant will pay \$105.00 to enter the program, receive 40 hours of community service, maintain SR22 insurance through the duration of the program, complete the Courts "Traffic Accident Prevention" class, and do all necessary things required by the Ohio BMV to get a valid Ohio drivers license. Once this is accomplished the Defendant will return to the Court and the Judge will dismiss the charges.

This program is one of only three in the State of Ohio; the other two programs are run by the courts in Toledo and Columbus, Ohio. To date the Judge of the Paulding County Court has helped 43 residents of Ohio to get valid drivers licenses through this diversion program, and has another 21 residents currently in the program.

MEGAN SMITH TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL AMERICAN MISS PAGEANT

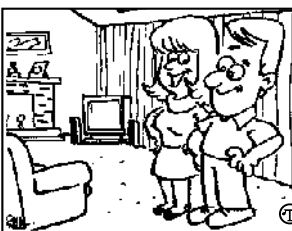


Megan Smith, the daughter of Mark and Melanie Smith, of Antwerp, Ohio has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Ohio Pageant to be held July 22-23 in Columbus, Ohio. The pageant is held for girls ages four to eighteen. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes. The pageant program is based on poise and presentation, as well as inner beauty. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals.

Megan enjoys drawing, dancing, and cheerleading. She has been involved in Upwards Cheerleading for two years.

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NEW SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY MADE OFFICIAL

Bishop Leonard P. Blair (of Toledo, Ohio Diocese) signed the official Establishment of Canonical Establishment for a new Secular Franciscan (3rd Order) Fraternity. The fraternity will be formally established by the representative of the Franciscan 1st Order of Friars, Conventual of Louisville, KY on Sunday, June 25, 2006 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville, OH. The Fraternity becomes officially a part of the Catholic Church and the Franciscan Order then. The new fraternity named St. Michael the Archangel of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) is in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Region

of northern Ohio. Four of the current members professed in St. Charles Fraternity in Ft. Wayne, IN started the new group on August 11, 2002 in Hicksville. The newly forming group is required under the Franciscan Constitution to operate like a fraternity for three years before establishment. The members are from parishes in Antwerp, Hicksville and Auburn-Harlan-St. Joe area of Indiana.

Secular Franciscans make a profession of lifetime promises to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the way of St. Francis of Assisi who started the order in the year 1221 A.D. They live a life of service to God in the secular world through prayer, apostolates of helping the needy and enrichment of spiritual life by sharing Holy Scrip-

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—Robert M. Silliman, SFO, Minister
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AHS ALUMNI PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

The fourth meeting to plan an Antwerp High School alumni reunion, sponsored by the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC), was held at the Essen House Restaurant on Monday, June 12, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. There were 29 present.

Chairman Tony Langham opened the meeting and reported that he and the committee events' chairs met before the meeting at the high school gymnasium to look over the facility to plan for the Saturday night dinner and dance. He then asked for reports from the Treasurer and Committee Event Chairs.

Treasurer, Christy Williamson — Christy reported that as of June 12th, 48 persons have signed up for the Saturday Night Dinner/Dance, 8 for the Saturday Dance only, and 34 for the Sunday Morning Brunch. She has heard from 2 in California, 1 in Oregon, 1 in Canada, 1 in Oklahoma, and 1 from Australia. She expects to hear from many more as the alumni weekend draws nearer. Tony encouraged everyone to try to get reservations in right away.

As the event draws closer, Christy will advise Class Reps of the names and total number of classmates who will be coming from their

classes. So far, the Class of 1956, celebrating its 50th year, has the best response.

Friday Night Event Chairs — Suzanne Overmyer, Melanie Oberlin and Jerry Zielke

This is a record hop from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Suzanne and Melanie reported that this would be held at the local VFW hall. The DJ will be "Magic Moments Entertainment" with Ron Burt. There will be a 50/50 drawing, and they are working on getting items for the drawing. Alumni reunion T-shirts will be available for sale that evening and the entire weekend. Individual classes may be selling their T-shirts as well. They would like several people to volunteer to take turns checking people in at the admissions table as they arrive. Reservations required.

Saturday Dinner Chairs — Pam Zartman, Jonne Culler, Sandy Bowers and Carol Babcock

The dinner is in the big gym at the old school and is scheduled from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Pam and Jonne and Carol have contacted members of the AHS National Honor Society who have agreed to seat people at their tables. This committee is working on entertainment for during dinner.

The goal of the committee is to have the decorating of the gym all done by noon on Friday so that they, too, can enjoy the planned events. They are looking for volunteers to help with decorating. Grant's Catering will provide a centerpiece on each table. Each class is responsible for decorating their own table. Those who will be decorating their tables should come Friday morning before noon. Classes are reminded that name tags are very important, and classes are responsible for doing their own class name tags.

The question was asked: "Will there be any reservations taken at the last minute?" Tony replied, "We don't want to turn anyone away, but we do need to plan in advance with the caterer for the number of meals and also to ensure that there is enough seating. It is important to get your reservation made in advance."

Saturday Night Dance Chairs — Karlann Lee and Jan Reeb

The dance will also be held in the big gym of the old school and is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. This committee requests help in decorating for the dance. Our hometown band, "Stanley and the Tools," will be our special entertainment for this evening. The committee encourages casual dress. Reservations required.

For those who aren't interested in dancing and want to visit quietly, Essen House Restaurant will be open for you at 8:00 p.m. They will have beverages and desserts available at a nominal cost.

Discussion was held on whether or not to engage a professional photographer. Tony said that the committees for the Saturday Night Dance & Dinner should make this decision.

Sunday Brunch Chairs — Kathy Gormely and Laurel Hopkins

This will be held at the old school cafeteria that is now the Essen House restaurant. It is from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The committee would like to use some of the deco-

rations from the Saturday night events. Everyone is to eat as they arrive. There is a big entertainment surprise at 11:30 a.m. There will also be tours of the assisted living rooms that are now in process by Tom McLaughlin. Reservations required for the brunch.

Report from Gary Unger, WPAU — Gary reported that he plans to place a transmitter on a tower in downtown Antwerp soon. Several of those present had their interviews done by Gary in the adjoining dining room during tonight's meeting. The interviews will be on continuously for 60 hours of the big alumni weekend on A.M. Radio Station WPAU, 1620 on your dial. You can listen to this station on his website now, WPAULIVE.COM. Check it out.

Report from Rae Ann Pieper, our reunion consultant — Rae Ann said that it sounded like everyone was getting organized. She said the number of reservations would start coming in faster. She also said that as questions arise, it is important that all decisions are handled the same for everyone. She encouraged alumni to dress for the time period when they graduated, that it will add to the fun and make great pictures.

ACDC — Kirk Hopkins spoke on behalf of ACDC. He said that they recently received two very generous donations, one from Margery Leinard's family, and the other from the AHS Class of 2006. This gives ACDC enough to buy materials to renovate the Depot on the west side of town. Kirk said that every bit of money they collect goes back into the town of Antwerp.

Kirk reminded everyone about ACDC's "Rods, Hogs & Dogs" car show, motorcycle show, and hog roast on July 8th. They have received permission to close Main Street for this event. Gary Unger will be here broadcasting in Antwerp. Make plans to attend this fun day!

Next Meeting — The next meeting of the Alumni Planning Committee will be on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Essen House. "Rock, Roll & Remember!"

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Langham, Secretary

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE RESULTS 6/16/06

Tuesday Night Men's League:

1. Miller Lite / Red Owl, 10-1
 2. Spec Temp, 6-3
 3. Blackies, 9-1
 4. Team Usa, 1-10
 5. Bud Light, 6-5
 6. Jim Schmidt, 3-7
 7. Cherry Bend, 1-9
- Wednesday Night Women's League:
1. Budweiser / Red Owl, 7-3
 2. Carpet Wholesalers, 11-1
 3. Jay Dangler Excavating, 6-4
 4. Holiday Inn, 3-5
 5. VFW, 3-8
 6. Todd Excavating, 0-9
 7. Thursday Night Men's League:
1. Lafarge, 4-5
 2. Red Owl / Amvets, 3-6
 3. Trey Dawgs, 7-2
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By: Norm Rulman

Written By: Sue Knapp

When I arrived at Norm's house he was waiting for me. He had a sparkle in his eye, was really agile and he did not look his age of 94. He invited me into his house. It has a curved oak stairway and oak trim and it felt like I'd come home. As he showed me around I could tell he likes history. I think he has history books on almost every town in Paulding County. He is also a railroad buff with books and memorabilia on the railroad.

Norm was born on Nov. 28, 1911 in Mercer County, Rockford, Ohio. He was the youngest of 8 children. His family moved to Paulding County in 1914. All their belongings came in a box car, chickens and all. His dad used to work on the railroad and would take Norm with him.

Norm graduated in 1929. Two of his classmates are still living, Evelyn Fro Helker from Michigan and Ruth Morresty Rekeweg from Paulding.

Norm worked in the Post Office and delivered mail in a dray wagon. He was paid 60 cents an hour. The mail came in via the canal and it would be picked up and delivered. I was interested in the canals. Norm pulled out the "Historical Atlas of Paulding County Ohio" and started to read about Junction, Ohio where the Wabash-Erie and Miami Canals met.

John Masters was the Postmaster in Junction in 1842. You didn't receive your

mail everyday, some places received their mail by-weekly and some received their mail tri-weekly.

The village was laid out by John Mason, Sr. and Mason Shirley. Because of the joining canals the village flourished with a lot of enterprises. The canals were great thoroughfares for commerce and many packets were run with passengers.

There were lots of stone quarry's in the area, hotels, grocery stores, grain storages and saloons. Wharves lined the canals with loading and unloading going on.

In 1865 Fredrick Ruffer built a flour mill. It was made out of wood with a water wheel with water furnished by the Miami Canal.

William J. Dagget erected the first saw mill in 1841, one mile north of Junction. Its power was also furnished by the Miami Canal.

In 1840 the first school in Junction was A.C. Adams School. It was a log cabin with a clapboard roof, stick chimney and puncheon floors. It started with 10 - 12 students.

In 1878 John H. Graly was contracted to build another school. This one cost \$1,000. Six hundred people ended up receiving instruction in this school.

The first sermon was preached in the log cabin home of John Mason, Sr. The first church in Junction was a Methodist Church with a minister by the name of Adams.

This ended my first visit with Norm. I am anxious to visit with him again and to be able to share with you his memories.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA HAPPENINGS



Royal Neighbors of America Camp 8500 of Antwerp participated in Join Hands Day on May 6 at Hickory Creek Rest Home in Hicksville to play Bingo with the residents.



On May 2, the Royal Neighbors of America Camp 8500 of Antwerp honored mothers with a Mother's Day Banquet. The whole family was invited. Pictured l to r: Oracle Lelia Trauterma, Junior door prize winner, Joel Steiner (son of Neighbor Angel Steiner), and Adult door prize winner, Neighbor Esther Stiner.

THE BACKYARD

By: Rose Keever

Well, here I am again — sitting at the kitchen table having my afternoon coffee. I have a million thoughts running around in my head. It's overcast, dreary and raining outside, "again."

I have the patio door open, so our cats, Duncan and Baxter, can get some fresh air and watch the birds fly around. The chipmunks are running across the patio, over to the pine trees, and then running back the same way. They are very busy doing whatever it is chipmunks do.

As I have told you before, Duncan is going to get brain damage or commit suicide from trying to catch the birds and chippies through the glass door. Or, being as how he weighs 17 pounds (which he doesn't know about) he'll break the glass. He and Baxter chase the birds from the patio door to the windows in the family room and back the other way to our bedroom window. Sometimes, if the birds fly over the roof, they head down the hall to the front door. Needless to say, they entertain Gary and I quite a lot.

Back to the backyard now. The wind has done its damage to our windmill. It's one of those small ones like you get at Menard's. Very nice, but not very sturdy. Gary took the blades and rudder to Woodburn to get it welded back together. The guy that does it is extremely reasonable for pricing, I suppose he'll put it back on one of these days. Sometimes he's not very speedy!

The rabbits are back and producing like—rabbits! They live under our shed, so we have to fence in the garden. City rabbits are different than country rabbits. Ours "have" to eat garden stuff because there isn't the variety of greens available here that they can get in the country. Pat and John fence in their garden, too. Mr. Rhonehouse and Mr. Short put out a garden this year —

no fence though. Mr. Rhonehouse's is a new one — looks pretty good, as much of it as I can see from here.

The sparrows have built a nest in my garden birdhouse. It was supposed to be just for decoration but, the little boogers popped the cork and made a home. Oh well, I guess I'll let them live there — who am I to evict a Mom and her babies!

We also have some huge starlings that live in the apple trees. They are supposed to be a nuisance-type bird, but when the sun shines on their black feathers, it glistens with deep blues and greens. They are really beautiful, if you forget about how they poop on everything!

Turtle Dove nests adorn our pine trees. It's so soothing to listen to them "coo". Blue Jays are a pretty bird, until they start that infernal squawking. That sort of ruins the beauty of it.

In our front yard, we have trees (including Melvin's Tree) that have the little helicopter seeds that spin all over the place. It looked like we had a million little tombstones out there.

Mr. Rhonehouse's willows are blowing softly in the wind. It's so relaxing to just watch them. They swing and billow like a clean sheet hanging on a clothesline, and I think they are meant to lower my blood pressure.

Later on in the evening, Gary and Jan came charging into the house yelling at me to hurry outside. I quickly went outside and what did I see?! A "mother Mallard" and, at the least, twelve ducklings following her, waddling through our yard by the tracks where, as once our new policeman told me, is where they hang out. We are pretty sure they probably waddled all the way from the sewer plant.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

I had the privilege of talking with Leota Davis about the Washington Street. Thank you, Leota, for your help with this column.

Today we are standing on the corner of South Main Street and looking west on Washington Street. As you know, the Antwerp Exchange Bank is standing where the Dave Johnson house sat. I guess that was built in the 1960's. At the back end of the bank parking lot on that corner Narze Samaha had a house built there. "Sammy" taught in Antwerp High School then in the 1950's they (he had married Gamet Phillips) moved to Florida and he spent his life in education.

That house was moved to Harry Cottrell's lot on West Canal Street.

Going back to Main Street on the south side of Washington, that nice big house where Jerry Snyder lived was built for Hattie Yager by Lacy Traylor and Sam Hoover. She and Joe lived there for awhile and then they bought a restaurant upstairs. It sat on the east side of Main Street between Timny's Restaurant and Wholf's Bakery. Joe and Hattie lived upstairs over the restaurant so they sold that new house to Bob Sunday. Other people lived there besides Mr. Sunday. I know William Horney lived there in the late 1930's. Bob Sunday is gone now, but I understand Mrs. Sunday lives in Arizona. Lacy Traylor and Sam Hoover lived in the next house west along with Mary and Anna Belle. Mary married Max Lichty and Anna Belle married Glen Sudlow. They had two children but Glen went into the Navy during WW II. His ship, the US HOEL was sunk in the second battle of the Philippine Sea. Of the 268 men on board only 86 survived. Glen was a gunner's mate up on deck and that's where all the action was.

This happened on October 25, 1944. A few years later Anna Belle married Jack Jordan and they had four children.

The next house on the corner, in the 1920's, Percy and Ressie Smith lived there. In a few years they moved one block to the west on the same side of the street. Then the Barry Smith family lived there a few years.

Going over on the other side of the street on the next block Mr. and Mrs. N.A.G. Sunday lived. He was a big bridge contractor along with the boys.

The next house west of Mr. Sunday's was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Cromley. They had a Ladies' Hat and Clothing Store on Main Street. This was in the next building north of what is now the Brewhouse 114. As I understand, ladies' hats was big business at that time. Later on the Verlin Armstrong family lived in the Cromely house for many years. I think one of their grandsons is now Mayor of Defiance, Ohio.

I forgot to mention that Vic Cromley helped to run the Star Theater, which was around by his brother John (Brownie) Cromley's. Brownie was a State Bank Examiner and wasn't always here.

The small house next door in the early 1930's was the home of Alverda Johnson and his wife Merle. Later they moved over on U.S. 24. Shortly after WWII the Dick Rhoads

family moved in there.

The next house on the corner lived a man named Jim Langham then Donald Boyce and his wife lived there for years afterwards.

Coming back to the corner of Cleveland and Washington Streets on the corner where Craig Walters lived, that was the home of James Corpening. The rumor had it that he was the richest man in town and he lit his cigars with \$5.00 bills. Well, my father said he might had done that once, but nobody had much money in the early 30's. You don't amass a fortune by burning up \$5.00 bills.

The next house where Doc Lucas lived in the 20's & 30's was the home of Carrie Hertel. She was the mother of John and Fred and the grandmother of Bake and Mike.

The next house at that time was the home of the Catholic Sisters. I don't know if it burned down or was torn down. A few years later Paul Kennedy built a new house on that lot. After a few years, he moved over on 24 and now an old sailor named Gene Handy has lived there for many years.

In that corner house Harold Hoffmaster, who had married one the Hallock girls (Mabel) lived, but in a short time they moved to Hicksville. Then some people named Rothenbulla lived there a few years, but then moved to Payne. Then Herbert Seslar lived on that corner for a long time. Across the street to the west on that corner was called the Dunderman House with a big fence all around it.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lucas lived there with their son, Dan, but when that home was sold the Lucases moved north of the Maumee River Bridge. On the right side was a brick house called the Jailor Place and just north of that about 100 yards was a little old house and Andy Lucas lived in that house when I started on Rural Route 1 in 1949.

Percy Smith and Ressie bought that corner house and really did a lot of remodeling. They lived there a long time because both lived well into their 90's. Jeff Hahn and his wife, Leeza, live there now and they have done a lot of remodeling. You should drive around that corner at Christmas time when they have all their decorations up.

The next house was home to some people named Hart. One of those daughters was the mother of Bonnie Wilson who graduated from Antwerp in 1939. She then married Ed McCreery Jr. and had a nice family.

Olliver Ray Bissell, nicknamed Zeke, and Jessielived in that house from the early 30's on.

Sam Banks, Sr. and his wife, Grace, occupied the next house to the west. They had two boys, Ray and Sammy. Betty Laney Williams also grew up there. In 1936, I delivered the News Sentinel and it was hot with no air conditioning or even an electric fan. Most of the "Old Timers" sat in their yards in the shade. I would get to their homes about 4:00 p.m. and they were always glad to see me. The News Sentinel cost fifteen cents a week.

The house on the corner at that time was the home of Katie Horn. She was the sister of Joe Julius and Cap Horn. I don't think she ever married.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE CARR CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Wayne R. and Carolyn A. (Rowan) Carr of Antwerp will be observing their 50th wedding anniversary with a reaffirmation of their vows and open house at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 1st at 1:30 p.m. Wayne and Carolyn were married in Hicksville at the Evangelical United Brethren Church by Rev. Don Hochstetler on June 30th, 1956.

The couple have three children: Steven (Lisa) of Fishers, IN; Elaine (Dean) Phillips of Hicksville; and Kevin of Antwerp. They also have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Wayne Carr is a Dana retiree of the Antwerp plant with 40 years of service.

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BACK IN THE DAY

By: Sue Knapp

Bryce said I should call this "Back in My Day". I told him I'm not doing that, just because I call florescent - neon, he just couldn't understand that. I don't know what's wrong with that boy. Just wait, Bryce, it will be "your day" sooner than later.

Hubby and I are at the place now where our kids act like our raisins aren't turned right in our oatmeal. Granted, we do go into rooms and forget why we're there and if we don't write it down it is forgotten. Is it our fault that we don't know how to run our "new fangled" electronic stuff?

I listen to a 60's -70's radio station and my granddaughter asked me if the songs were from back in the 20's.

But, when my mom, sister and I found out that Herman's Hermits is going to be at The Three Rivers Festival in Ft. Wayne, well, we decided we want to go see them. I told mom, she doesn't want to go because Frank Sinatra is not going to be there! That didn't go down too well.

My favorite memories of growing up are at my grandparents farm around Akron, IN. My sister and I would go there and visit in the summer time. They farmed and had cows, chickens, hogs and everything else that went with a farm back then. They had a rock at the end of their driveway that my sister and I painted. We would fill the old "wash tub" with water and play in it. When it came time to milk we would go get the cows from the back pasture and bring them up. No milking machines back then. In the fall they would slaughter hogs. They had a huge black kettle that they would lower the hog in to scald it. It seemed like they all waited for the cracklings.

My grandma cooked on a

black iron stove and churned her butter and of course she could cook. She ended up having 13 pregnancies.

My sister, niece and I went back to see the farm a few years ago. She wanted the rock at the end of the driveway. The rock and front fence and gate were there, everything else was gone. We would have taken the rock, even though we were trespassing (that's another story) but it was too embedded into the ground.

I've been talking to some "older" people recently. The memories they have, the things they have seen and lived through are fascinating, to say the least.

I was talking with a lady and she remembers when she was little, her dad owned 60 acres of B.F. Goodrich land on the east side. They lived on Antwerp Rd. past 101 about 10 miles from their land. They would drive (walk) 90 head of sheep to the land and their mom would have to go in the truck and drop a kid off from house to house to make sure the sheep didn't wander off to the houses. If you could get the head sheep pointed in the right direction you wouldn't have too much trouble. Her mom drove a truck or car you had to crank to start and sometimes the crank would kick-back on you. If a tire needed changed mom would change it. They also delivered milk, eggs and cream to the Barr St. Market in Ft. Wayne each week.

"Good Old Days". "Simpler Times" whatever you want to call them, they are memories to be cherished and told so we don't forget our heritage, where we came from. We seem to want to hold on to these "times". Were they "simpler"? I don't know. Were they "good"? I don't know. All I know is I keep remembering about being on my grandparent's farm and going out to the back pasture and bringing up the cows to be milked.

MR. AND MRS. MAX PEASE TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Max and Joan (Harrow) Pease of Latty will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on June 24th.

Max and Joan were married on June 24, 1956 at Rose Hill Church of God, Paulding, by Reverend Ralph Coplan.

They are the parents of four children: Robin (Roscoe) Hill of Casper, WY; Michael (Julie) Pease of Latty; Lori (Jeff) Miller of Haviland; and Bradley (Angie) Pease of Oakwood. They also have

five grandchildren: Christina (Josh) Sinn, Seth (Amber) Miller, Broc (Megan) Miller all of Haviland; Corey Pease of Latty; and Connor Pease of Oakwood. Max and Joan are also blessed with seven great-grand children.

The couple will be celebrating the special occasion with a family dinner. They also celebrated this momentous event with a family trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee in April.

Taking The Sting Out Of Food And Insect Allergies

(NAPSA)—There may be good news for those who have extreme allergic reactions to certain foods or insect bites. Experts say that a few products may offer hope.

Research shows that the six foods which cause most allergic reactions are milk, eggs, peanuts, wheat, soy and tree nuts, such as walnuts and pecans, while the five types of insects that cause the majority of allergic reactions are yellow jackets, honeybees, paper wasps, hornets and fire ants.

Avoidance, say experts, is the easiest combat. "Food allergies have no cure. The only effective treatment to counter anaphylaxis (a life-threatening reaction that can strike multiple systems of the body within minutes) is an epinephrine injection. I caution those allergic to carry an EpiPen or an Ana-Kit," says Dr. Steven Lamm, an internist who often offers health advice on ABC's "The View."

These emergency devices, containing the drug epinephrine in a readily injectable form, help to open airways and improve blood pressure, but they must be used immediately.

When it comes to insects, fire ants sting more than 20 million people each year and more children are stung each year by fire ants than by all other insects combined. Their stings cause itching, burning and pain.

"When disturbed, hundreds, sometimes thousands of ants will attack an intruder, inflicting



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painful stings that, in the most severe cases, can be life threatening," says Nate Royalty, Ph.D., entomologist with Bayer Environmental Science.

While most stings are treatable, 10-15 percent of all people can have severe, localized allergic reactions to fire ants' stings and 1-2 percent can have systemic allergic reactions, which, in rare cases, result in death. Fire ants currently infest 325 million acres in the U.S., an area larger than the size of Spain and France combined.

"We encourage homeowners to talk with professional lawn care and pest control companies to determine if they have a fire ant problem, and investigate control methods. Preventative control methods like TopChoice®, a low-dose, granular insecticide that is spread over lawns and landscape beds like fertilizer, both controls existing mounds and helps control the formation of new mounds for up to one year," affirms Royalty.

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REP. GILLMOR INTRODUCES BILL TO REOPEN MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) has introduced legislation to amend the open enrollment period for Medicare Prescription Drug coverage. Congressman Gillmor's bill, H.R. 5596 the Truth in Medicare Enrollment (TIME) Act of 2006, would create a one-time, special open enrollment period this year which would conclude at midnight on November 14, 2006. Under the TIME Act, coverage would begin at the start of the next month after enrollment with a 1% penalty, essentially mirroring the system in-place during the first sign-up period.

"Since the beginning of the new Medicare system, we have been telling seniors that if they chose not to enroll before May 15th, they could enroll after that time with a 1% late penalty for every month they waited. Unfortunately, that really is not how the system works and some seniors have fallen victim to this miscommunication," Gillmor said. "If you did not enroll by May 15th, you actually cannot enroll until the next open season which starts on November 15th. This also means that even if you wanted to enroll on May 16th for a 1% penalty, you would be hit instead with a 7% penalty because you cannot actually enroll until November. And this is not just a one time penalty, this is a penalty that stays with you for the rest of your life," Rep. Gillmor said.

In addition to educating seniors in his congressional district through several forums conducted before the May 15th deadline, to better understand the current system, Congressman Gillmor visited www.Medicare.gov and used the frequently asked questions section to search for answers to late enrollment penalty-related questions that a senior might encounter when contemplating whether to choose a drug plan before May 15th. Gillmor found several answers, but said all were somewhat deceiving. "Some seniors understand the 1% penalty. Some seniors understand the open enrollment period. But most seniors I have spoken with do not understand why

they should pay a 7% penalty if they wanted to sign up for coverage on May 16th," Gillmor said.

With the creation of a special open enrollment period under the TIME Act, a senior who chooses to enroll for Medicare coverage on July 10, 2006 would pay a 2% penalty rather than a 7% penalty later this fall. In addition, coverage would begin on the first day of the next month rather than in January of 2007 under the current rules.

Gillmor calls his bill a temporary fix for 2006 because of the enormity of the changes made to Medicare. He also says this is a compromise. "By my count, there have been more than 130 bills introduced since January of last year to change the Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Many of my colleagues have been focusing on proposals to waive the 7% penalty altogether, which questions the very purpose of implementing a late penalty at all to encourage beneficiaries to enroll. I'm not here to add another log to the fire. I just want to ensure the system is fair and that seniors have every opportunity to enroll in coverage," Gillmor said.

"The Medicare Prescription Drug benefit has been a huge success with more than 38 million eligible seniors now receiving prescription drug coverage. Unfortunately, some seniors have been left behind because of the confusion of the system. The goal is for all seniors to receive coverage and enjoy the safety of this system. The TIME Act does not eliminate penalties—it merely makes them more transparent. It does not eliminate the open season—it merely gives a little more needed time for enrollment this year for the seniors who were confused by the legal language used explain the penalty system," Gillmor said.

Paul Gillmor is a 9-term Congressman from Northwest Ohio who led Republicans in the Ohio Senate for more than a decade. He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials and also sits as a member of the Subcommittee on Health.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The girls from the 4-H Junior Leaders organized and headed up the Craft Day at the Oakwood Branch Library of the Paulding County Library system. The girls did all the preparation work prior to the Craft Day and manned the stations during the event. Following the event these young ladies willingly helped clean up the pavilion and return all the supplies back to the library.

These six girls were absolutely in tune with the children as they helped them with each craft. Several of these young ladies are going to be camp counselors at 4-H Camp this year. They shared with the children as they were making their crafts the fun that they will have at 4-H Camp and invited them to participate.

These six young ladies have given the children a wonderful memory of the fun they had at Craft Day at the Oakwood Branch Library. We are very fortunate to have young adults who take time out of their busy schedules to share with young children their love and talents.

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OHIO WORKS TO PREPARE FOR AVIAN FLU

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), since 2003, the H5N1 strain of avian flu has infected more than 200 people around the world, ravaging through bird flocks in Asia, threatening global human health and putting the world's agriculture industry on constant alert. In fact, more than 30 countries have reported outbreaks so far this year. Meanwhile, as the virus continues to surface in Asia, Africa and Europe, without the immediate threat looming in the United States, many Americans see a possible outbreak as the least of their concerns. Unfortunately, we are not immune, so it is important that we take steps to prepare for any possible situation.

Two years ago, the Ohio Department of Health, along with the Ohio Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Public Safety, the State of Ohio Security Task Force and other key state agencies, helped develop Ohio's Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan, a comprehensive strategy to prepare for, identify, respond to and attempt to control a pandemic flu outbreak. However, before explaining Ohio's plan, it's important to understand what H5N1 and pandemic influenza really mean, especially the threat these viruses and illness pose.

An influenza, or flu, pandemic is a widespread outbreak of disease that occurs when a new flu virus appears to which people have not yet been exposed. Pandemics are

different from seasonal outbreaks of influenza in that seasonal flu is caused by viruses in which people have already been exposed. Pandemic flu spreads easily from person to person and can cause serious illness because people do not have immunity to the new virus. H5N1 is a type of influenza virus and the concern over bird flu stems from the fact that this is a new flu virus to which people have not yet been exposed. I want to stress that, at this point, bird flu has only been found to be transmitted from bird to bird, and bird to human, not human to human.

To operate successfully, Ohio's pandemic flu response plan requires a collaborative effort between local, state and federal leaders, agencies, businesses, and health care communities. For the last 20 years, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has been monitoring avian influenza to provide for quick and effective containment of any disease outbreak. Through routine monitoring of Ohio's poultry, blood sample collection and requirements restricting the import of birds, ODA has increased their disease surveillance by 80 percent since 2004. ODA also has a nationally accredited Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab which provides test results for veterinarians, poultry producers, and flock owners.

The State of Ohio Security Task Force, which includes members such as the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Emergency Medical Services, the State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, has worked for more than three years to

prepare Ohio for a possible pandemic. The task force created a series of workgroups, including a First Responders Workgroup, a Funding Workgroup, a Public Information Workgroup, and a Pandemic Preparedness Coordinating Committee, to organize their response plan.

The last few months, the state has participated in a number of other pandemic flu preparation activities. In January, the General Assembly held an Avian Influenza Joint Health Committee Meeting to educate legislators on the potential public health impact and what Ohio is doing to prepare. On February 17th, 500 health, emergency management, agriculture, business, and community leaders from across Ohio participated in a planning summit hosted by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. Most recently, on June 13, the governor joined federal, state and local leaders to take part in a pandemic flu exercise designed to evaluate the state's response plan and coordinate activities among various state agencies.

Avian flu poses a significant threat to the state's economy and the health of all Ohioans. While there hasn't been an outbreak in Ohio yet, it is important that all Ohioans take steps to prepare. I encourage every Ohioan to be aware of the disease and how it could affect our industries, our health, and our communities. If you would like more information about avian flu and the precautions Ohio is taking, please visit www.ohiopandemicflu.gov.

GILLMOR NAMED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER SUPERHERO

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) was honored recently by the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and the National Association of Community Health Centers with the 2006 Distinguished Community Health Superhero Award. Gillmor accepted the award in front of the staff and guests of Community Health Services in Fremont, Ohio.

"This is a very meaningful award to me and I was very pleased to receive it in Fremont," Gillmor said. "Fremont's Community Health Services has been providing assistance to the Fifth District for many years and last September, I was glad I could help them. I learned then that the center, which normally receives federal medical liability coverage to provide services to the uninsured in my district, would not receive liability insurance if they assisted in the relief efforts on the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. After pressing the Department of Health and Human Services, the Center was able to participate in the relief but

it became obvious that a legislative fix was needed. Now, I am working on legislation to fix this problem once and for all," Gillmor said.

Congressman Gillmor serves as a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee where he is a member of the Subcommittee on Health. Among his healthcare initiatives in the past year, Gillmor sponsored a law which was signed by President Bush to provide discount prescription drugs to children's hospitals. In addition, Gillmor is a lead cosponsor of legislation providing federal liability insurance to community health centers in emergency areas. During a recent hearing of the Health Subcommittee, Rep. Gillmor questioned an official from the Department of Health and Human

Services about the trouble in Fremont and encouraged his House colleagues to join him in passing legislation to ensure the problem does not occur in the future.

In Ohio, the Association of Community Health Centers represents 30 community health centers at over 100 sites statewide and provides care through more than one million patient visits. Collectively, community health centers are the largest healthcare system in the nation. The health centers' award honors Gillmor for "his efforts in the First Session of the 109th Congress on behalf of America's Health Centers, the more than 15 million uninsured and medically underserved Americans who rely on them for affordable effective primary health care."

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