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TINORA WINS ANTWERP 10U BOYS TOURNAMENT

The Tinora 10U Boys All-Star team upended the Payne All-Stars 18-2 in the championship game, at Essen House Fields, to take the Antwerp All-Star tournament crown. Tinora, who had just captured the crown in the Defiance tournament on Monday, had to play Montpelier 10's Tuesday, and back-to-back games on Wednesday against Antwerp and Butler, to win their pool and play in Thursday's championship game. Payne earned their berth in the finals by beating pool teams Paulding, Montpelier 9's, and Hicksville. Ethan Seither of Tinora, and Brock Forrer of Payne, were selected as their team's Player of the Game and presented with game balls. The Antwerp Baseball Association hopes that everyone enjoyed the games at Antwerp.

SPECIAL ANTWERP TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a special Town Council meeting concerning the new tax resolution for the Village of Antwerp on Monday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Antwerp High School Auditoria.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 297 BEGIN NEW YEAR

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 297 of Payne began their 2006/07 year on July 10. The officers for the ensuing year are Marsha Kinder, president; Janet Commers, vice-president; Fran Baumle, secretary; Barbara Thompson, treasurer; Maxine Cluts, chaplain; Helen Cluts, sgt. of arms.

Unit 297 has their meetings on the first Monday of each month except September. The next meeting will convene at a new time, 8:00 p.m.

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WANTED: FLOATS AND BANDS

The American Heritage Girls, a new Christian scouting troop in Antwerp is organizing a parade for A Day In The Park on Saturday, August 12.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of W. Canal and SR 49. The parade route will go north on 49 to Woodcox St., turn right and go to the park.

We are looking for people to join in our parade. If your band, organization, or business would like to march or make a float, please send in the registration form on the front page of this paper.

You can decorate your bike, golf cart, ATV, tractor, car, truck or your dog.

We haven't had a parade in a few years and we miss it. Let's make this an annual tradition.

You can even ride your horse, as long as you have a scooper behind you!

We would like to see the alumni participate in our parade too! Since the alumni theme is "Rock, Roll, and Remember", we have decided to carry that theme into our parade.

Please come and join us uptown on August 12 for our parade.

LOCAL YOUTHS COMPETE IN AMERICAN YOUTH BASKETBALL TOUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



The Paulding 7th grade traveling basketball team just completed the American Youth Basketball Tour National Championship Tournament on July 29 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Panther team won the National Title with an overall record of 8-2. Panthers won

the championship game over the Wayland Wildcats of Grand Rapids, Michigan by a score of 57-41. The Panthers will complete their summer season by playing in the U.S.S.A. National Championship Tournament in Fort Wayne on July 24 to 27.

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OBITUARIES

Charles W. Dunham Sr., 92, of Paulding, died July 17, at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born June 8, 1914 in Paulding County, OH the son of Walter H. and Minnie (Byrd) Dunham. In 1938, he married Laura (Schlatter) Dunham, who preceded him in death on September 25, 1998. He was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church and a self-employed Fuel Distributor and farmer.

He is survived by four sons: Walter (Opal) Dunham of Van Wert, Dale (LaBeth) Dunham of Grand Rapids, MI, Byron (Jody) Dunham and Charles (Debra) Dunham Jr. both of Haviland; two daughters: Lydia Doershler of Payne and Elizabeth Dunham of Fort Wayne; a brother, Delmar (Wilma) Dunham of Britton, MI; two sisters: Helen Beech of Michigan and Kathryn Lucas of Paulding; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were July 20 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Latty. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Donations may be made to Gideon's International or Apostolic Christian World Relief.

Elaine P. Schlegel, 78, of Cecil, died July 18 at the Laurels of Defiance.

She was born in Riverside, California on February 20, 1928, the daughter of Pete and Mary (Miranda) Garbani. On May 11, 1945, she married Vurlaon "Bill" Schlegel, who preceded her in death in 2001. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, a bus driver for the Paulding Exempted Village School System, and a former treasurer of P.E.R.I. Paulding County, OH.

She is survived by three sons: Larry (Ellen) Schlegel of Paulding, Sonny Schlegel of Cecil, and Butch (Amy) Schlegel of Defiance; two brothers: Leo Garbani of Temecula, CA and Pete Garbani of Canyon City, CO; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Gloria Whited, two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was July 21 at St. Joseph Catholic Church and Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Senior Center or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Lucile Schooley Kreg, 99, of Hicksville, died July 21 at The Laurels of Dekalb, Butler, Indiana.

She was born on February 8, 1907 in Carryall Twp., Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Orville F. and Ora (Perry) Schooley.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1925. On April 14, 1928 she was united in marriage to Wayne H. Kreg. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1959.

Lucile enjoyed a very active, adventurous life. While employed at the Hicksville Bank in 1929 the bank was robbed. She was forced into the bank vault by the robbers only to be rescued by two pedestrians who had witnessed the event. She was secretary of the PTA. During this time, along with President Bessie Husted, she interviewed Mary Platter for the very first kindergarten teaching position in Hicksville and helped develop the program. Lucile was the first woman in the village to cast her vote. She became interested in the election process and worked on the election board of Defiance County for over 15 years. In June 1940, Wayne and Lucile began Kreg Insurance Agency. She owned the business until her retirement in April of 1995.

Lucile was a member of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville. Other organizations she belonged to include the Business and Professional Women, Order of the Eastern Stars for 50 years, Acme Club, and she was a charter member of the Hicksville Historical Society. She also enjoyed playing cards in four different card clubs.

She is survived by six grandchildren: Kathy (Dan) West of Powell, OH, Kevin (Jeanetta) Kreg of Reynoldsburg, OH, Kreg Hessel-schwardt of Antwerp, Lori Baiser of Edgerton, OH, Lisa (Greg) Bryant of Hicksville, Amy Kreg of Avilla; four great-grandchildren: Kayla Hessel-schwardt, Matt West, Hayley Hessel-schwardt, Riley Kreg; and a step-great-grandson: Conner Richardson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; daughter, Gwendolyn Kreg Hessel-schwardt; a son, Richard D. Kreg; a sister, Pauline Deardsley and brothers: Perry Schooley and infant Dale.

Funeral services were on July 24 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Ken Wellman officiated. Burial was at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Huber Opera House or the First Church of Christ, Hicksville

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Come join Worship in the Park with Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Sunday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a potluck picnic to follow service. Everyone is welcome.

Frances Lucy Koch, 57, of Bryan, died July 20, at her residence.

She was born December 14, 1948, in Payne, the daughter of Daniel J. and Irene (Sarrazine) Koch. She was employed as an operator for United Telephone. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

She is survived by four sisters: Rose (Forrest) Munger of Paulding, Alberta (Gary) Elkins of Cecil, Ruth (Donald) Johnson and Kathy Koch both of Defiance; five brothers: Michael (Judy) Koch of Holgate, Thomas (Regina) Koch of Antwerp, Frederick "Fritz" (Barb) Koch of Paulding, Andrew (Wendy) Koch of Stryker, OH and Ken (Mary) Wagner of Carthage, IN and many nieces and nephews.

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

A Mass of Christian burial was held July 25 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to National Diabetes Foundation.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped me raise money for the Senior Citizen Van Fund.

—Sincerely, Elizabeth Bond P

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE RESULTS AS OF 7/20/2006

- Tuesday Night Men's League:
1. Miller Lite / Red Owl, 12-2 - 1st Place
 2. Spec Temp, 9-4
 3. Blackies, 11-3 - 2nd Place
 4. Team Usa, 2-11
 5. Bud Light, 7-8
 6. Jim Schmidt, 6-7
 7. Cherry Bend, 1-13
- Wednesday Night Women's League:
1. Budweiser / Red Owl, 12-4 - 2nd Place
 2. Carpet Wholesalers, 14-2 - 1st Place
 3. Jay Dangler Excavating, 10-6
 4. Holiday Inn, 5-11
 5. V F W, 4-12
 6. Todd Excavating, 3-13
- Thursday Night Men's League:
1. Lafarge, 7-8
 2. Red Owl / Amvets, 6-10
 3. Trey Dawgs, 12-3 - 1st Place
 4. Red Owl / Coors Lt., 9-6 - 2nd Place
 5. Lake Recycling, 6-9
 6. River Rats, 7-8
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FORT TO PORT MEETING ORGANIZED BY PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Sandy Wann

A public meeting organized by the Paulding County Commissioners and held at the OSU Extension Building in Paulding was very well attended. The subject was the delay of the Fort to Port Project through the county, which was earlier scheduled to begin construction in 2007 and will now be 2009. It was evident that the announcement of this delay causes a great deal of concern for the folks of Antwerp as they comprised the majority of the audience of 125 to 150 people (this writer's estimate).

Commissioner Martin Harmon was moderator for the evening. There were several speakers giving facts and their views of the matter, the first being ODOT Planning and Programs Administrator, Kirk Slusher. He stated that one year ago construction costs began to increase significantly, petroleum having a dramatic affect on the construction cost as well as cement, steel and drainage material. This will cause a one billion dollar increase in the program for the entire project.

Mr. Slusher also stated that the section of concern which is from US 127 west to the Indiana state line, is still on Tier 1 which means it is still fully funded as opposed to being moved to Tier 2, (funds no longer allocated), as many state projects have been placed in the recent re-adjustment. "It could be worse" - delayed until 2011 without funding.

Other reasons for the delay are, this Paulding county section cannot be built by itself as 'it is the last piece to go in' therefore the one to be delayed; it would not make sense to complete Ohio's section to the state line without Indiana being ready at the same time.

ODOT does not usually borrow more than a set amount of funds at a given time for these projects. He continued, saying that there is still work being done here, properties are being purchased, utilities are being relocated and trees removed. This way when increased funding is moved up or the scheduled restored, road can be built.

Margaret Womack, mayor of Antwerp, stated that "We are the only village (in the entire project) with trucks going through" and that years ago Antwerp was assured that a by-pass here would be first."

Antwerp city administrator, Sara Keeran stated that this delay is an economic hardship on the community as all expansion in town is based on access to US 24 and now it is all changed. She continued, "We are so disappointed."

Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tony Langham, addressed the crowd saying, "We will work in every way we can... to change their decision... because this is not right." He presented to Mr. Slusher petitions with several hundred signatures sharing this view. Mr. Langham shared a letter he received from the Greater Toledo Area Economic Development Executive Director that shares his views, calling the matter critical and citing that Indiana has committed to funding their section ... asked that alternatives be examined. He also shared that on that very morning he received a phone call from a company he had been working with, hoping that they would come to Paulding county and bring 300 jobs with them, they have withdrawn because of the announcement of the delay of this highway project. He concluded his statement sharing that NORAD, Northwest Ohio Regional Area Development, sent a letter saying, "The entire corridor from New Haven to Toledo is essential to the economic development of northwest Ohio... Indiana has committed to funding." This is eleven counties in northwest Ohio representing 984,677 people. Mr. Langham distributed a page of addresses and contact numbers for various government officials from federal to state levels and urged everyone to contact them saying, "This delay is not acceptable."

Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey spoke stating several safety aspects of the delay, one of which is the US 127 interchange being completed and US 24 west not and more traffic on CR 176. These county roads are not built for the traffic he fears.

County Sheriff, Dave Harrow, also concerned with safety, said the it only makes sense to complete the project from US 127 to the state line first. Also concerned with safety was Jeff Strahley, Paulding school bus transportation official. He stated that steel prices were going up in the early 1990's, prices are going to get worse and "For the sake of our kids, the most precious commodity on the highway, the road needs built. It's time to move forward."

State Representative Jim Hoops shared his disappointment saying that he has been involved in the Fort to Port project since 1988 and that #1 is Safety, #2 is economic development. Also that there are two things we need to work on, first - the project stays on Tier 1, second - make sure elected officials hear from us, with facts, not emotion and that we need to stick together, not pit one town against another.

Commissioner Tony Burkley stated that we need Kirk (Slusher) to make this project happen. Commissioner Ron Lane said, "We're one touch down behind, we're still in the running. We need to sell- Antwerp 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on this project."

The meeting closed with several speaking from the floor. Some making statements in agreement, others questioned the data presented. In many cases emotions were evident.

Mr. Slusher shared that there will be a TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Council) meeting on October 5th at Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter, it would serve us well to attend.

This writer found it interesting exploring the ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) web site of at www.dot.state.oh.us. You might like to do the same.

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FALL BASEBALL INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

Attention baseball players ages 8-11. Are you still interested in playing baseball? Do you want to learn and try to play a new position? Antwerp Baseball would like to offer a Fall Baseball Instructional League. The basis of the league will be to provide basic instruction and fundamentals to players, in a laid back atmosphere. We will meet Saturday mornings, August 26, September 9, September 16, and September 23 from 9-11:30 a.m.

There will be fundamental instruction at the beginning of each meeting, followed by a 5-inning game.

We will play at the Essen House fields. No score or results will be kept.

The first 40 players to pay will play. If interested, please contact Jan Perry at 419-789-3899 7-10 p.m. only. If no answer, please leave message for a return call.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Luke and Jerrica Steffens of Antwerp are proud to announce the, birth of their daughter Livia Lynn Steffens.

Livia was born on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 5:23 a.m. at Dupont Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long. Livia's grandparents are Rick and Chris Steffens and Tammy Balser and the late Dar Balser all of Antwerp.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Embarrassing Reflections
By: Kirk Hopkins

I wish to preference my commentary by stating that my opinions expressed here are my own and do not reflect the opinions of the Antwerp Community Development Committee of which I am the president.

I feel that the recent car cycle show event that the A.C.D.C. sponsored for the Antwerp community was a positive event for our town. The hard work and time invested by our volunteers was praiseworthy and the citizens of Antwerp supported our efforts for which I am very appreciative. The weather even cooperated and it was beautiful day for our event and yet, a black cloud was cast over our affair by one employee of the Paulding County Health Department. I am finding it very difficult to come up with an answer as to why this event prompted a "Barney Fife" type reaction from the health department!

Paulding County has some major issues that need addressing since most of its area is designated a "red zone" for raw sewage being dumped into the ditches and streams

around the county. Don't even get me started on the so called Mega Farms that the citizens seem to be helpless to regulate! It is for these reasons and a few others that I was just over whelmed when the health department came into our little car show event and began to charge our American Heritage girls booth, Rotary booth, and A.C.D.C. pop wagons \$25.00 to \$50.00 each to sell ice cream, popcorn and soda pop. I was embarrassed that our Health Department is more concerned over possible health hazards from the sale of these items than they are of the counties real health hazards!

We are trying to do positive things for our small community to keep our town active and attractive to people that might want to settle here and take advantage of great things that we have to offer. Things such as our school system that is second to none and a village full of good people willing to donate their time and talents to make our lifestyles better. God forbid that the Girl Scouts, Rotary or A.C.D.C. makes forty or fifty dollars profit for their organizations. People wonder why small towns can't have special festivals and have to go to Fort Wayne 3- Rivers Festival for their family entertainment. Could it be because they know they can't make a dime with the Health Department around to crack down on the illegal sale of popcorn, ice cream bars and soda pop? You ladies selling pop to the children of our town, what were you thinking by not wearing your hair nets?

Did you know that a second charge of \$50.00 is levied when there are two pop wagons and they are not within arms reach of each other? This is called "two separate locations" for the same event, so cough up another \$50.00 please! This is the policy put in place by the guardians of our health, so that by the time you pay for the rental of the wagons, purchase the pop and pay the Health Department you go into what financial wizards refer to as the "Hole".

FUN IN THE PARK



Pictured here are some of the people who enjoyed a story, craft, and snack on Thursday, July 20. The story was about the parable of the sower (Mt. 13:18-23), which explains how important it is to sow seed in good soil, or hearing the Word of God and understanding it to bear fruit in your life. This fun afternoon was arranged by Antwerp First Baptist WMU.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS TO HOLD SCHOOL READINESS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Paulding Exempted Village Schools has received a School Readiness Enrichment Grant from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The School Readiness Enrichment Program will be a free two week summer camp for children entering kindergarten who are in need of readiness skills to help them begin kindergarten successfully. The program will operate four hours per day from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday from August 7 through August 17. Lunch will be provided each day. The camp will operate at both Paulding Elementary and Oakwood Elementary for Paulding Exempted Village Schools, with transportation available at both sites. Students must be eligible for the free or reduced lunch program and enrollment is limited to ten students at each building. Please contact Pat Ross at 419-399-4656 or 419-594-3309 if interested in enrollment information.

ADDITION

In last issue's article about the Paulding County Fair results some winners were added after we went to press. These were: Intermediate Sheep Skillathon - Second Place: Anna Baumle. Intermediate Goat Skillathon - Second Place: Austin Land. Great job guys!
—West Bend News staff

LOCAL RESIDENT TIES THE COURSE RECORD AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

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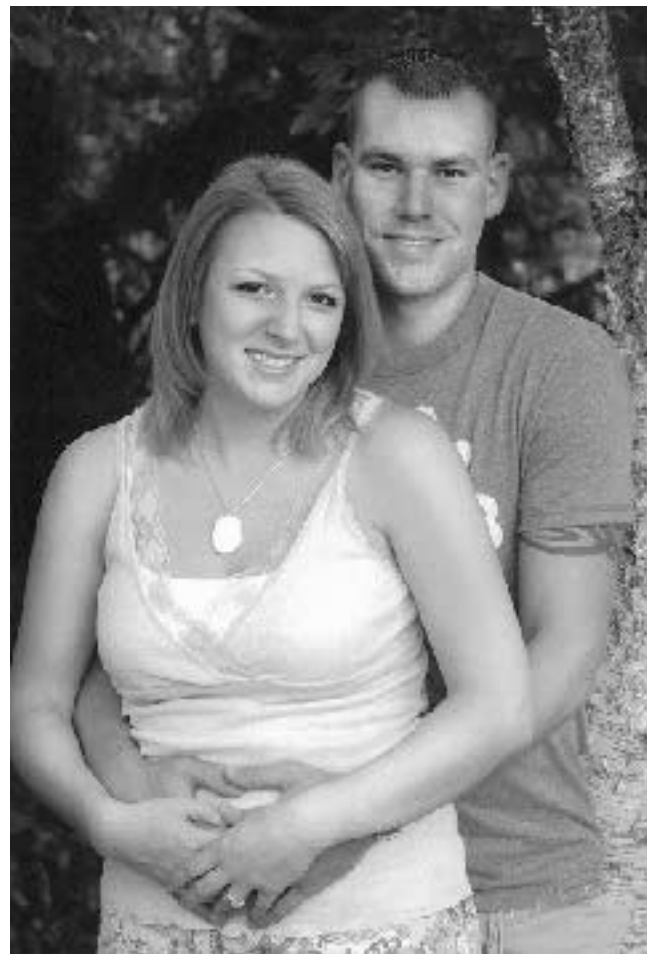
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Agenda

TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC	TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
2:30-3:30	John Mcguire	Using Yield Maps, GPS, and GIS in Soil Testing and Variable Rate Recommendation and Applications	4:15-5:15	Andy Hill	The Latest in Auto Steer, Direct Command, and GPS & the Benefits of using the Technology
3:30-4:00	Bruce Clevenger (Extension Educator)	Selecting and Benefits of Cover Crops	5:30-8:00		Field Demonstrations of Auto Steer, Direct Command, and Conservation Tillage Equipment
4:00-4:15		Break	6:00-6:45		Meal Provided

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HOLMAN - PUTMAN



Luann Martin and Dave Holman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nicole Holman to Tom Putman, son of Jim and Cathy Putman.

The couple will exchange their vows on August 12, 2006 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. Reception immediately following at Grant's Reception Hall in Antwerp.

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If you choose to take herbs in tablet form, Laboranti recommends reading a product's label for additional safety and dosage information. Nature's Resource herbal supplements, found at drugstores like CVS and Walgreens, feature an extended, multipage safety label on the bottle. The booklet, called "Herbal ABCs," contains extensive information on the specific supplement, drug/herb interactions, contraindications, adverse effects, allergy warnings and special safety instructions.

For additional information on herbs, visit NaturesResource.com. Lynn Laboranti is regularly featured as a nutrition expert on the site.

(NAPSA)—Have you taken echinacea to stay healthy through the winter, ginseng for more energy or valerian to ensure restful sleep? If so, you're not alone. According to the Office of Dietary Supplements, more than 38 million Americans take herbal supplements. With more Americans using herbs to improve their health, it's important to know how to choose and use them safely.

"Herbs may play an important role in overall health and well-being, but many people are still learning what works and what should stay on the shelf," said registered dietitian Lynn Laboranti, M.S. "Consumers should do their homework and talk to their doctor about what herbs are right for them."

What do you know about herbs? To test your herbal IQ, Laboranti poses the following questions:

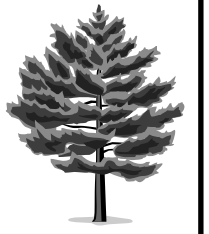
Q: Can echinacea boost immunity?

A: Several scientific studies have shown echinacea to be an effective, natural way to boost immunity. When taken at the first sign of not feeling well, echinacea helps stimulate the body's natural defense system. Echinacea should not be taken for more than eight weeks at a time.

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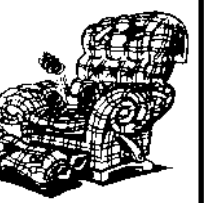
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He worked in the Boiler room on the USS Drexler and would have been one of the first to die that day. His body was never recovered and the family never was given closure for his death. They never had a burial or a service.

Sixty-one years later his granddaughter (Pamela S. Gruber Clark of Paulding, Ohio) was notified by the Drexler Society that the 159 men that died are now being offered a headstone and full burial rights at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.. Pam has been a member of this Society for a number of years. The paper work has been filled out and the headstone will be in place by September 1, 2006. The family is planning a trip to Arlington in October 2006.

When his granddaughter called Arlington Cemetery she was told that they make 25 - 30 headstones a day. The family feels very honored for this opportunity to have this ceremony for their loved one after so many years. They realize there are many more waiting to be put to rest and given the respect that they so earned long ago. Only one other family from the Drexler Society has received their headstone in Arlington with 157 more that have yet to come forward to claim this opportunity as their own. Kenneth Dale Gruber had turned twenty four years of age two weeks before the Drexler's sinking. Surviving him are two children. They are living, one in Lima, Ohio and the other in Wisconsin. He now has nine grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters. Two brothers are deceased. Both parents are deceased also.

If you would like to help this family attend this special occasion you can send donations to PO BOX 14 Latty, Ohio 45855.

THE WEATHER IS FASCINATING

By: Joshua Steiner

I've liked weather since I was four years old. It all started when my dad said there was a Tornado Watch one night. Well, I thought that he was joking, but he said it was true. I was scared. I thought there was going to be a tornado. So I went to bed, but the Tornado Watch lasted until 9:00 p.m. I went to sleep and woke up at 1:00 in the morning.

I went out to the living room and I saw my mom watching television. She told me that the Tornado Watch was over. The next day I was telling everybody what happened.

Now I am nine years old and know lots of things about the weather. I have tons of books on weather. From my studying, I can tell you all about tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, cold fronts, warm fronts, squall lines, dry lines, stationary fronts, and occluded fronts.

I would now like to tell about my discoveries on how a tornado forms. First, you have cold, dry air from Canada and warm, humid air from the Gulf of Mexico. The cold dry air lifts the warm humid air forming a cold front. Then winds near the surface of the front, moving in the same direction that the front is moving in, go ahead of the front and force up the warm humid air with most explosive violence forming a squall line.

Then winds coming from different directions at different speeds start an area of rotation. Then the temperature drops, atmospheric pressure drops, winds rotate faster forming a funnel cloud. Inside is a violent updraft. Here comes the tricky part—how the tornado touches the ground is not completely understood. Some think it touches the ground, where the air pressure is lower.

I receive much of my information by doing a Google search on the internet for "how tornadoes form". Then I just start clicking on different websites and they told me a lot of things about tornadoes.

I like to try to predict the weather. Here is my weather forecast for Wednesday, July 26 through July 30:

Wednesday there is a 30% chance of isolated thunderstorms with a high of 84 and a low of 68.

Thursday there is 30% chance of scattered thunderstorms with a high of 80 and a low of 69.

Friday there is a 30% chance of scattered thunderstorms with a high of 85 and a low of 66.

Saturday there is a 30% chance of isolated thunderstorms with a high of 79 and a low of 59.

Sunday there is a 30% chance of isolated thunderstorms with a high of 78 and a low of 63.

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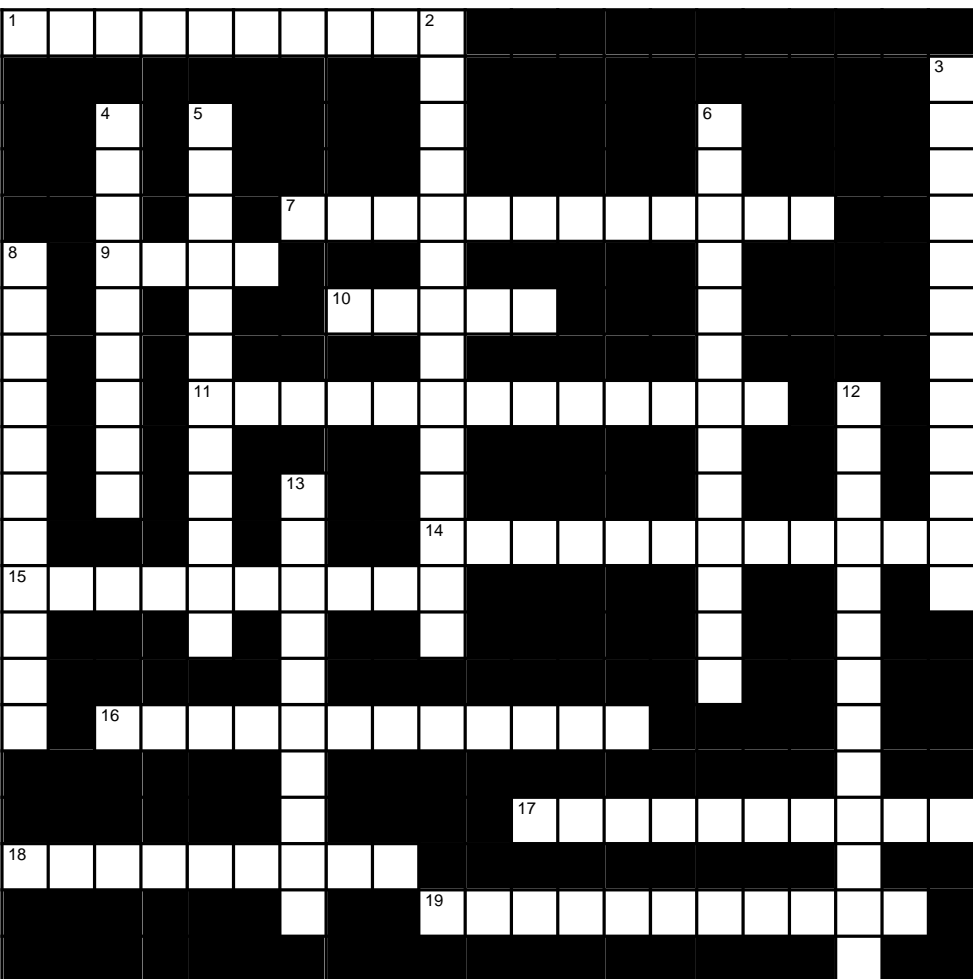
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2. 1st place, Conservation.
3. FFA Best Electricity, 1st place.
4. 1st place, Market Hog Class F.
5. 2nd place, Photography.
6. 1st place, Heritage Project.
8. Market Hog Class J, 1st place.
12. Best Vegetable Gardening.
13. 1st place, Pet Rabbit Class.

"IDOL" FEVER COMES TO HICKSVILLE

With Hitchin' Post Days gone by the wayside and no Summer Heat to look forward to this year, the Village Players of Hicksville are planning a day of family fun in the park in an attempt to fill that summer void. The afternoon will center around the VP's summer variety show "Hicksville Idol" and will be held this Saturday, July 29 at the Rotary Park Pavilion, near the track at the Hicksville Park.

"We hope this becomes an annual event," says VP Presi-

dent Jennifer Hurni. "We want to make this a fun afternoon for families to bring the kids down and spend the day at the park."

Hurni notes that all the events are completely free of charge, in order to make it more affordable for whole families to come. A freewill donation to the Village Players will be accepted.

One of the focuses at the event will be various displays by artists from Hicksville, Antwerp and the surrounding communities. "We eventually want this to take on a real 'arts in the park' sort of flavor," Hurni says. "The

idea is not to just showcase local talent on the stage, but to provide a place for all sorts of artists to display their work." Hurni says that some area artists and photographers have already signed on to display their works, but notes that there is still room for others to set up. All forms of arts and crafts can be displayed, simply contact Hurni to reserve a spot.

Hurni notes that it will be starting off small this year, but if it's successful it will hopefully grow into a larger event. "I'd like it to keep getting bigger each year," Hurni says. "It would be great if it would grow to be like Hitchin' Post Days used to be, with all kinds of arts and crafts and food vendors."

For now, the VP's are focusing on what they can provide this year: family fun and good music by area talent.

The afternoon will kick off at 4:00 p.m. with games for kids of all ages, including a water balloon toss, relay races, tug of war, musical chairs and other fun favorites, with prizes given out for the winners. Face painting will also be available.

At 5:00 p.m., the Village Players will open up the stage for an hour of open mic Karaoke, available to anyone free of charge.

The centerpiece of the evening will be the 2006 Village Players Variety Show, dubbed "Hicksville Idol." Fourteen musicians from Hicksville, Antwerp, and the surround-

ing communities will take the stage to offer up their renditions of popular hits.

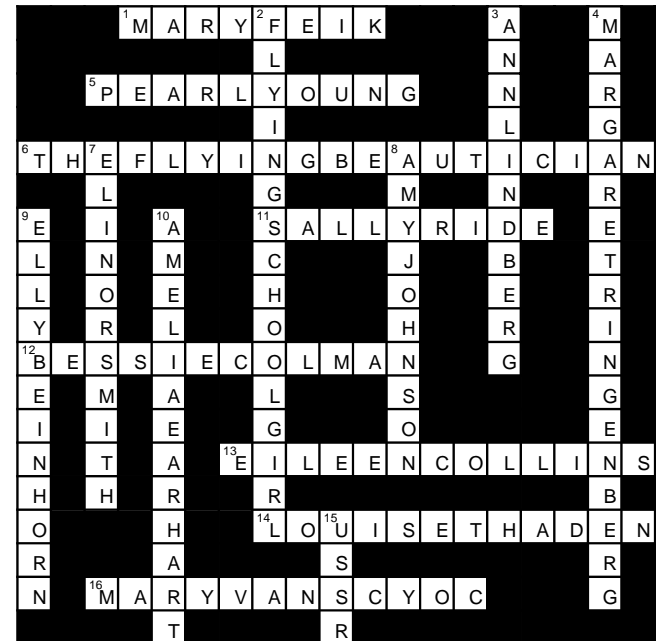
Featured acts include: Amanda Alexander, "Lovin' U" by Alicia Keys; Lena Bassett (the youngest performer, at 3 1/2 years old), singing a medley; Dan Cole, "Pretty Baby" by the Spin Doctors and "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles; Jeff Crabill and Michelle Crawford, "Homeward Bound - Gilligan's Island Version"; Desiree Delgado, "Reflection" by Christina Aguilera; Amber Garza, "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gainer; Melody Guilford, "Jesus Take the Wheel" by Carrie Underwood and "My Immortal" by Evanescence (duet with Amber Wort); Travis Hefelfinger, "Hallelujah" by Rufus Wainright; Kayla Jasso, "Honey I'm Home" by Shania Twain; Chad Schindler, "Nothing to Lose" by Josh Gracin and "Memories of Us" by Keith Urban; Brooke Schooley, "God Bless the Broken Road" by Rascal Flatts; Emily Stark, "A Moment Like This" by Kelly Clarkson; Terina Wakefield, "Seven Lonely Nights" and "Crazy" by Patsy Cline; and Amber Wort, playing the "Corpse Bride" Main Theme.

The show itself is expected to last just over an hour, after which the stage will once again be open for karaoke.

Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase at the event.

Hurni says she is looking forward to seeing how it all turns out. "We have a really good lineup of talent for the show," she says. "They've been working hard for the past month to put their acts together, and we hope everyone will come out to see the results. We need the community to support our local artists and entertainers, so we can make this event even bigger next year!"

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Here in Antwerp we have lots of volunteer workers, most you never see or hear about. But, Pinky Billman has been a school crossing guard on North Main Street for many years. Rain, snow, ice, mud or cold, makes no difference, he wants the kids to be safe and grow up and he knows them all. He also assists the bus drivers to navigate that narrow corner on Woodcox and North Main. They all remember him with gifts at holiday time.

I went down to Pinky's house on West Woodcox Street for an interview. As I walked up to the front door there was a big brass door knocker and a brass door knob in the middle of the door. That's right, the knob was not over at the edge of the door as usual, it's right in the middle of the door. I'm thinking in my mind, I've known Pinky since he was born, he's 74 now and slipping a little bit.

But after I got inside, my mind was relieved. It's a beautiful home with a large living room. It's big enough to hold a square dance, with at least room for four sets. What a spread.

Pinky was born in 1932, the son of Cecil and Thelma Billman, down at the home on East Canal Street. Ray Mosier from Paulding was the family doctor. So he was named Ray Maywood Billman, the Ray part was after Doc Mosier.

His hair was very light pink, so his mother, Thelma started to call him Pinky, and that really stuck. Lots of people never knew his real name.

He started school in 1938, he and Max walked along to school with the Jordans and the Andersons. He graduated in 1950 and played basketball and baseball in school. All the Billmans were sports minded and all dug in and did volunteer work at the "just getting started" ball park.

He enlisted in the reserves in Fort Knox, KY in 1951. Then in 1952 he enlisted in

the Air Force. He took his basic training in Texas. Then he was shipped to Denver, Colorado and trained as radio man on a bomber. He lost interest in that so, he transferred to the Medics and became a Corpsman.

He then spent 2 years in Alaska at Eilson A.F.B. He liked it there. They played softball at midnight. Life was different, but good. He even worked as a bar tender at the N.C.O. Club. He was in medical supply at Eilson.

Then he was sent to Vance A.F.B. At Enid OK. He was here when they gave advance training in T-33's. Then they went into T-37's for basic training in multiple engines. He then transferred to the Altitude Chamber for the high altitude pilots. He had done a lot of high altitude flying at Vance A.F.B.

Darlene, Pink's wife, was born in 1936 at the home place in Fairview, OK. She is the daughter of Everett & Britta Elwell. She has two brothers. She went to a one room school house at Golden Valley for eight years and graduated at Fairview High School in 1954.

She spent 10 years in 4H and she did all the projects. She held all the offices and showed sheep and cattle at the fairs. She entered a sheep once and it took Grand Champion, she had to sell her pet, but she got a bunch of money for it. Not much consolation.

Pinky met Darlene Elwell at the nurses dorm at Enid General Hospital. She was a Junior in nurses training. They were married at Vance A.F.B. in 1956. They just recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

He spent two years working with the altitude chamber. They spent lots of time in the air making big changes from low to high altitudes and then from high to low altitudes. From making so many quick altitude changes, he had a central nervous system collapse. He could no longer work in the altitude chamber.

They had started their family there. Tony was born at Vance A.F.B. Hospital in 1957. Lisa was born there in 1960.

After he collapsed, Ray could no longer work in the chamber so he was grounded to the Med Lab as a Sgt. Corpsman. He was an instructor and gave basic training to all pilots, mostly officers. This was basic medical type of training for all fliers.

He was sent to California's Mather A.F.B. In Septem-

ber 1960, the family moved near Sacramento. Judy was born there in 1961. They now had three children and they couldn't live in California on Sgt.'s pay. So he asked for a transfer and they wouldn't give him one, so he left the service in 1962 and they all returned to Ohio.

Pinky worked awhile at Paulding County Hospital and then out to the Weatherhead Company.

Darlene started at the P.C.H., where Dr. Snyder observed her work and he asked her to come and help run his doctor's office. She was there 21 years and made a multitude of friends.

Darlene retired for a year and a half and then went to I.P.F.W and received her Nurse's Degree. She was hired by Lutheran Hospital at two nights a week in E.R. Then she was in O.B. And then a couple years in surgery. She put in 10 years at Lutheran and then went home.

She was home awhile and got restless so she worked as R.N. At Dallas Lamb Foundation. She took off the white cap in 1998. She loafed for five years and then the Antwerp School wanted her to be the Health Coordinator. She has been out there for five years and really enjoys all of it, the people, the kids and the new building.

(The following is from a first grader from Antwerp school about Darlene and Mrs. Bowers)

"My name is Merriwether Higgenbotham and I'm in the first grade at our new Antwerp School. I ride on Mrs. Hahn's school bus.

"My stomach hurts and Mrs. Bowers said I could go see the school nurse, the fifth door down the hall on the right hand side. I like our school nurse, Mrs. Billman, she's clean and all white and smooth and soft and smells good, just like my mom.

"Mrs. Bowers said she will give me something for my bellyache. Probably some of that pink medicine like mom does.

"I sure like our big new school and all the teachers. I'm sure glad Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Billman work here.

"Well, here I am at the door, and it says Nurse's Station, I'd better knock."

Ray had been a Volunteer Crossing Guard off and on since 1990. Everybody in town appreciated his dedication for kid safety. The school appreciates his good work and longevity. Last fall, Mr. Etsler, the principal, doubled Ray's salary! But from nothing to two nothings will not get you in trouble with the IRS.

Pinky and Darlene, all of the area people appreciate you looking after our kids, our grand kids and, yes, our great grand kids.

I know it will rain, it will snow and get cold and windy and miserable and I also know when it gets to going to school time, Pinky will be at his post on the corner of North Main and Woodcox.

Pinky, a tip of my ball cap to ya!!!

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING

The Board of Elections will hold its monthly meeting on August 1, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Elections' office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS WELCOMES MRS. STACY MCGARVEY



Ann's Bright Beginnings summer campers welcomed Mrs. Stacy McGarvey to their July session. Stacy brought lots of instruments, her love of music and children, and her knowledge of Kindermusik with her. We had a great time. She was definitely a much loved guest! Shown here from the left in back are: Fernando Garcia, Jr., Carson

Shull, Dustyn McCloud, Lexie Beckman, Evan Edwards, Madison Johnson, Zach Dye, Fletcher Cook, Lonna Saylor, Heather Manz, Mrs. McGarvey, Katie Strayer and Cade McGarvey. In front from left are: Jasmine Wong, Hunter Grant, Carson Rupp, Blake McGarvey, Hunter Kausler and Rachel Walker.

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Despite the heat, the 2nd annual Oscar F. Pieper Memorial Trap Shoot held at the Paulding County Fish and Game Club on July 16 was a success. Many excellent shooters including a former World Champion took part in the 75 bird event. Kenny Diltz was this year's winner with a 74 out of 75 birds hit. He took home the Pieper Memorial Traveling Trophy. The Oscar F. Pieper Memorial Shoot takes place the 3rd Sunday of July each year and honors Oscar F. Pieper who passed away in 2004. Oscar helped restart the Trap Shooting program at the Club in the 1960's.

caption: Pictured are Jeff Pieper, Tim Pieper, Fred Pieper, Donna Pieper and Event Winner—Kenny Diltz.

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LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Today we begin a study of another spiritual discipline—service. Service? Why, anyone can perform service. Since when did that become an activity unique to Christianity?

You may have all of these questions and even a few more of your own. The truth is that service is not unique to Christianity . . . at least, in the sense that you have to be a believer before you can perform acts of service. All kinds of people can serve if they choose to do so.

But in another sense, Christian service is unique because the wellspring from which it flows is distinctly "Christ-like".

Mark 10:42-45 is one of a handful of key Bible texts when it comes to servanthood. Jesus is speaking and says, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For the Son of Man (i.e. Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In his very coming, Jesus came to serve. That is the message of Philippians 2:6-8 (Jesus), "Who, being in very nature God, did not

consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross."

Jesus did what He did, including His death, because he was (and is) a servant. He did not make this a "once and only once decision" - to be a servant - rather He is in His very nature, a servant.

He expects the same of us, as his followers - not an occasional act of service, but rather a life of service, even as He gave us. That is the significance of John 13:15-17. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (Not a single act of foot-washing but rather a life of servanthood.) "I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

In short, anyone can serve, but only a follower of Jesus Christ can live a life of servanthood towards others on behalf of Christ—following the example of His life, not a single act.

What is the difference between service and servanthood? What makes service "Christian service? That is where we are headed over the next few weeks. I hope that you will continue with us!



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AHS ALUMNI PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

The sixth meeting to plan the Antwerp High School Alumni Reunion, sponsored by the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC), was held at the Essen house Restaurant on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Tony Langham welcomed the approximately 50 alumni who

were present. Tony reported he had met with the Saturday night chairmen last week at the gymnasium to work out details for the Saturday night events, and he plans to meet with the Friday night chairs soon to go over their checklists. Tony said people have contacted him who do not have a Class Rep and therefore have not received information

and reservation forms in the mail. He said without Class Reps, it is nearly impossible to get information to all AHS alumni. Tony has placed ads in both the Antwerp Bee-Argus and West Bend News and plans to place ads again soon. Tony said that we are trying to get information to everybody. Reservation forms are available in Antwerp at all the businesses on Main Street.

The Minutes from the June 27th meeting were approved as written. Tony then asked for reports from the Treasurer and Committee Event Chairs. Treasurer, Christy Williamson — Christy reported that as of July 18th, there are 122 who have signed up for the Friday Night Event, 175 for the Saturday Night Dinner/Dance, 35 for the Saturday Dance only, and 83 for the Sunday Morning Brunch. Christy collected an additional 10 reservations which are not yet in the above totals.

Friday Night Event Chairs — Suzanne Overmyer, Melanie Oberlin and Jerry Zielke Ron Burt, the DJ, is booked for the evening. Music will be played from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

This committee will be selling "Rock, Roll & Remember" T-shirts on Friday night and during the entire weekend. Fred and Jennifer Langham were present and showed three design ideas. A vote was taken, and the logo chosen will be a small circle with "Rock, Roll & Remember, 2006" printed on the upper left side of the front of the shirts.

The committee is working on 50/50 prizes. One of the prizes will be pottery made by Gloria Craig, of Emerald Forest Pottery. It will have a picture of the old Antwerp school and be dated. A person from Paulding will be making engraved candles.

This committee still needs volunteers to help on Friday night in half-hour segments.

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

The committee needs volunteers to help in moving and setting up tables and chairs and decorating on Thursday evening. If they aren't finished on Thursday night, they will return and finish up on Friday morning. Classes can come in Thursday night or Friday morning to decorate their individual tables.

The Antwerp High School basketball team will assist people who need help in getting up the steps into the school for the Saturday night events. The AHS National Honor Society will be seating guests at their tables.

Saturday Night Dance Chairs — Karlann Lee and Jan Reeb

Karlann said plans are going well. They are still looking for a stage or raised platform for the band. The Essen House will remain open after 8:00 p.m. for any classmates who prefer to visit quietly instead of staying at the dance. Part of the assisted living area will also be open for quiet visiting in air-conditioned comfort.

Rae Ann Pieper, Consultant — Rae Ann Pieper brought some rock and roll decorations, compliments of Paulding High School Class of 1967, that go along with our theme, "Rock, Roll & Remember." She also offered some wristbands to be used when people check in for the dinner and/or dance. If anyone has last-minute questions, they can call or e-mail

her. Sunday Brunch Chairs — Kathy Gormely and Laurel Hopkins

Laurel reported that they are organized for this event and may need some help at the door for check-in and afterwards with cleanup.

WPAU, Gary Unger — Several AHS classmates were interviewed by Gary tonight. He will continue to interview classmates and will be telephoning many of you soon.

Route 24 — Tony passed around petitions for anyone to sign protesting the recent announcement of a two-year delay in the Route 24 four-lane highway project in Paulding County from St. Rt. 127 to the Indiana state line.

ACDC — Tony said that he had been questioned as to where the money was coming from for our alumni weekend event. ACDC is sponsoring this event and is advancing monies as they are needed. All profits go back to ACDC. ACDC, in turn, puts all monies made to good use for the betterment of the Antwerp community.

President Kirk Hopkins thanked everyone for coming and for all their hard work in making the alumni weekend a success. He also thanked everyone for their support of the recent "Rods, Dogs & Hogs" event.

Next Meeting — The next meeting of the Alumni Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Essen House. To those who haven't sent in their reservations: Sign up now! Tell your family and friends! "Rock, Roll & Remember!"

—Kay Langham, Secretary



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TAX REFORM MOVING OHIO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

This past year, in an effort to create quality, high-paying jobs, spark economic growth and put money back in taxpayer's pockets, the Ohio General Assembly passed a tax reform package that included a 21 percent cut in the personal income tax over five years, elimination of the business tax on inventory and new machinery and equipment, elimination of the Corporate Franchise Tax, and a reduction in the

state sales tax. According to a recent report by the Ohio Business Roundtable, a non-partisan group of state business leaders, it is projected that by 2010 these reforms will work to increase gross state product by \$5.6 billion and personal income by \$3.6 billion, creating 78,500 new jobs and injecting an additional \$6.3 billion in new capital investment into the state's economy.

While Ohio's future looks bright, recent numbers show that these changes have already begun to make an impact. In fact, additional economic activity has led to higher than expected

tax collections for the state treasury. As a result, it has been announced that the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) will accelerate the benefits of the 21 percent income tax cut approved last year. Specifically, Ohio workers will see 8.4 percent less in state withholding taxes being taken out of their paychecks beginning October 1st. This cut will come on top of a 4.2 percent withholding cut that already occurred in January, making rates 12.6 percent lower than before the tax overhaul. Consequently, Ohio taxpayers will get to keep more of their hard earned dollars, laying the foundation for further economic growth.

Furthermore, a recent survey conducted by Site Selection Magazine provides yet another indicator that Ohio's economy is moving in the right direction. Released in March, the survey ranks Ohio first in the Midwest and second in the nation for new and expanded business facilities. In order to qualify under the survey criteria, these facilities must involve an investment of at least \$1 million dollars, create at least 50 new jobs, or add at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area. According to Site Selection, Ohio had 598 facilities that met these requirements. Overall, more than \$3.8 billion in private investments recorded in 2005 are expected to create 20,450 jobs when the proj-

ects are fully operational.

On top of the reforms enacted last year, the legislature is working to make additional changes to Ohio's tax code designed to spur business growth and ease the tax burden on all Ohioans. The Ohio House has commenced hearings on House Bill 626, legislation that would reduce the income tax rate on capital gains. A capital gain refers to any profit a person makes off the selling of their assets. For instance, if you were to sell your home and make a profit, the capital gains tax would be deducted from the money you made off that transaction. By lowering the rate at which we tax capital gains, legislators hope Ohioans will reinvest this money into local businesses, creating an environment for economic growth.

It is essential that we continue to market Ohio as a business friendly state while taking steps to return tax revenue to hard-working Ohioans. While legislators have laid a solid foundation for economic growth, there is still more work to be done. Knowing this, the General Assembly will continue to make the economy a top priority.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS
How To Upgrade Your AC

(NAPSA)—Upgrading your central AC unit can save you some cool cash—if it's done correctly.

Federal regulations recently raised the minimum seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) to 13, from the previous minimum of 10. Higher energy costs might prompt many homeowners to upgrade their systems this year.

A central air-conditioning unit has two parts: an indoor unit and an outdoor unit. Some homeowners may be tempted to save money by just replacing the outdoor unit, but that may wind up costing them money later on.

In central air-conditioning systems with a 13 SEER or higher rating, the two units must be perfectly matched for the system to function properly. Improperly installed systems may function, but not at peak performance, and could prematurely fail.

Experts at the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) suggest that homeowners ask their contractors to confirm that the outdoor unit is well matched with the indoor coil by giving them a Certificate of ARI-Certified Product Performance. This certifies that the product they purchased will perform as stated by the manufacturer.

Homeowners can also check if the system is perfectly matched by using the ARI Directory of Certified Product Performance at www.aridirectory.org.

To be sure a technician has the experience and training to properly install the air-conditioning system, experts also recommend consulting a NATE (North American Technician Excellence)-certified technician. For more information, go to www.NATEX.org.

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Health Awareness

Chronic Illness Grows

(NAPSA)—By age 65, nearly nine out of 10 Americans will have at least one chronic condition; but a survey conducted by Roper/GfK finds that most people sorely underestimate that figure, reports the Alliance for Aging Research.



Most Americans underestimate their risk of chronic illness.

Furthermore, the survey demonstrates a lack of knowledge among Americans when it comes to their chances of getting cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease as they age.

The Alliance for Aging Research will keep the almanac current in hopes that it will continue to inform decision-making and policy innovations important to our aging society. "The Silver Book" is available for purchase and free download at www.silverbook.org.

RAISE THE BARRÉ DANCE STUDIO ANNOUNCES GRAND PRIZE WINNER



Raise The Barré Dance Studio held their Open House on July 15. During the Open House students who were signing up drew prizes. The prizes ranged from half off registration, dance bags, one month free, and the Grand Prize of one year at half off won by Makayla Karzynow. Makayla is the daughter of Joe and Melissa Karzynow of

Sherwood. Raise The Barré Dance Studio offers Ballet, Tap, Jazz/Hip-hop, and Cheer/Pom to students ages 2 through adult. Raise The Barré is located on the square in Paulding.

Caption: Makayla Karyznow is the Grand Prize winner at Raise The Barré Dance Studio's Open House.

LUAU ON THE AUGLAIZE

The board members of the Oakwood Library Association learned at their July meeting that Andy Finnegan was the passerby, who early in the morning of June 20 noticed the fire in the Cooper Building on his way to work. A major fire was prevented due to this early detection and the damage was

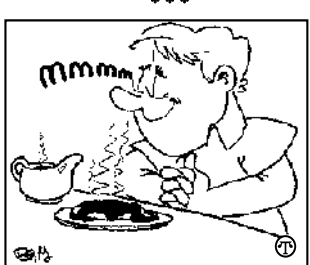
confined to the water distribution area. Water sales have resumed and continue to be a good source of income to the Association. Announcement was also made of a \$250 donation from Don R Fruchey, Inc, as well as a \$5,000 stock donation from an anonymous donor. Final plans for the new facility are near completion for state approval. Members were informed too, that Georgia Kohart will be starting a book club in the near future.

The main focus of the meeting was to update members of the fund raising plans for Labor Day Weekend at the Oakwood Homecoming. Jim Shisler offered to roast a hog so plans have soared into a full fledged Luau. A kickoff to Labor Day weekend seemed an excellent date allowing the use of the big tent on Friday, September 1. Tickets will go on sale August 7 at the Oakwood Branch Library. Good food and island atmosphere will be had by all those who attend. Only 200 tickets will be sold and if there are any left they will be available for purchase at the door. It is suggested you get your ticket early as the last two events, the Chocolate Extravaganza and the Spring Tea, were sold out early. Serving will begin at 5:00.

The Association will also be sponsoring the popular Duck Race, as well as selling ice cream cones, and starting the next round of the 300 Club Raffle. The final drawing of the past year's 300 Club will be held at the Luau with \$50, \$100, and \$500 being awarded. The July winners were drawn at the close of the meeting with \$50 going to Darsi Everson and \$100 to Dennis Thrasher. People are reminded to get their association membership dues in soon. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15.

Food Ideas

(NAPSA)—Many experts believe that the trend towards eating on the go has contributed to the rapid increase in diagnosed cases of obesity and diabetes. Lizanne Falsetto's "real food, fast food" philosophy proved so successful that she ended her successful modeling career and founded a company to make real food that is as easy to eat as a candy bar. For more information on her Think Products, call (866) 988-4465 or visit www.thinkproducts.com.



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