

MY JOB AS REPORTER

By: Sue Knapp

After I got off work at 10:00 on Friday night, I went over to the V.F.W. to see what was going on there with the Alumni. There was still quite a few people there visiting and dancing to the music by D.J. Ron Burt. You can read more in depth about the Alumni Weekend in Stan Jordan's article. I will just touch a little on it.

Saturday started with a parade. Gale Jordan announced it. Paulding Band was there along with, wait was that Lucy and Ethel in the chocolate factory? You'll have to ask Pam of Pam's Prime Cut about that. The Subway and A&W man along with candidates for the upcoming election, VFW Color Guard, Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary, Antwerp's Gems of the last two years, business owners, churches, and many more participating to make it quite an enjoyable parade. The parade was sponsored and organized by the American Heritage Girls and

the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

I then spent all day at the park and what a day that was. Even with "electrical malfunctions", falling behind time, and the food and drinks having to be replenished, everything was wonderful.

Mindy DeLong of a 4-H group very generously led her horse around the park giving out rides to the children. There were games for the children and of course the playground equipment was used all day.

Stan Jordan spent the whole day as M.C. for the entertainment.

After the park, I went to my night job. Again at 10:00 p.m. after I got off work, I went to the "Old, New" Gym to see what was going on. There were a ton of people standing outside and inside, WOW! They had a band playing, "The Music Men", Matt Taylor and Brian Lemert. It seems it doesn't matter how old you are, the baby boomer music is the thing.

I had never seen "Stanley and the Tools"—Kirk Hopkins, Bob Dietrick, Dave Lucas, Mark Lucas and Terry Zartman. I liked them. They also played baby boomer music!

As I mentioned before, read Stan Jordan's article for a more in depth look on what went on at the Alumni events.

Sunday morning Steve and I went to church. By that time I was so tired and sore that I couldn't hardly stay awake. I will listen to Kent's sermon of that morning and evening

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KOENN - GRIFFITH



Jodi Koenn and Jake Griffith were united in marriage on June 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Catholic Church by the Rev. G. Allan Fillman.

Parents of the couple are Bill and Rainell Koenn of Cecil and Terry and Darlene Griffith of Continental.

Nuptial music was performed by Jenny Brown, Antwerp and Kristine Brown, Lebanon, cousins of the bride.

The bride chose a strapless white chiffon straight cut dress with bodice shirred to one side with generously beaded detail. She wore a cathedral-length veil with beaded edge and carried a bouquet of white and melon color calla lilies.

The wedding colors were honeydew and melon.

Attending the bride as matrons of honor were Lesley Parrett of Continental, friend of the bride and Amy Hammer, Montpelier, cousin of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jami Koenn, Jill Koenn, and Julie Koenn, Cecil, sisters of the bride; Erin Noffsinger, Continental, sister of the groom; Darsi Everson, Fishers, IN, cousin of the bride, and Denae Prowant, Continental, friend of the

bride. Flower girl was Estee Miller, Oakwood, cousin of the bride.

Serving the groom as best man were Cory Prowant and Andy Bibler, Continental, friends of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jason Koenn, Cecil, brother of the bride, Derek Noffsinger, Continental, brother-in-law of the groom, Jon Parrett, Adam English, Continental, friends of the groom; Darren Noffsinger, Cloverdale, friend of the groom, Todd Pocek, Bainbridge, friend of the groom. Ringbearer was Cole Bowers, Continental, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a 2000 alumnus of Paulding High School and a 2004 graduate of Defiance College. She is employed as a history teacher at Defiance Jr. High School.

The groom is a 1999 alumnus of Continental High School. He is employed by Lingvai Excavating.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 450 guests took place at the Continental American Legion Post 541.

The newlyweds reside in Cecil.

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Any questions should be directed to Matt Mulder, Director, Highsmith Publications at mmulder@highsmith.com or (920) 563-9571 x381.

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Meet the team night for all fall sports will be announced at 7:00 p.m. Burger, brats and dog stand will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

STEFFENS - FRANKLIN



Richard and Christine Steffens are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Steffens to Bradley Franklin, son of Steven and Marsha Franklin, and Bob and Deb Woodard.

Lindsay graduated from Antwerp High School in 1999. In 2003 she earned a Bachelor's degree in Commu-

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**By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen,
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This week we look at a different discipline... one of the most challenging disciplines of all. I'm speaking of the discipline of sacrifice. Sacrifice! Burning up an animal in the name of God? Giving up your own life for God's sake? Dying for God?

Relax. We are speaking of the DISCIPLINE of sacrifice. Something that you can do and should do multiple times. Animal sacrifice is no longer required because of the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus, on behalf of our sins. God does not want your literal death, but rather your everyday life.

What is meant by the discipline of sacrifice? I will eventually give you a definition, but first, I want to direct you to two Biblical examples, two Biblical stories.

The first is found in Genesis 22, the first book of the Bible. As you read that story, concentrate your attention of five pairs of verses: 1-2, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Jot down some of your thoughts and emotions for each of the pairs. Now, to capture the full extent of Abraham's sacrifice, turn to Hebrews 11:17-19. Again, jot down your thoughts.

The second passage is much shorter. I will give it to you here. "As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow

put in two very small copper coins. 'I tell you the truth', he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'" (Luke 21:1-4)

Here is how Dallas Willard defines the discipline of sacrifice. "In the discipline of sacrifice, we abstain from the possession or enjoyment of what is necessary for our living — not, as in frugality, from what is really to some degree superfluous (or "extra") anyway. The discipline of sacrifice is one in which we forsake the security of meeting our own needs with what is in our hands. It is total abandonment to God, a step into the darkened abyss in the faith and hope that God will bear us up."

Can you see that definition lived out in what Abraham was ready to do and what the "poor widow" did do with her offering?

What would make anyone do something like that? What would cause you to do that? Can you ever remember a time when you sacrificed in that way? NOTE: you may have sacrificed and found God to be faithful, and realized that what you initially thought of as "sacrifice" is no longer that for you. Final question: are you due another round of sacrifice? That is, after all, why they call it a discipline of sacrifice! Trust God and let go.

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ODOT ANNOUNCES \$14.5 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Gordon Proctor today announced that 35 communities across Ohio will receive a total of \$14.5 million in federal transportation enhancement funds from ODOT. Each year, ODOT awards federal enhancement funding to community projects that preserve historic transportation sites, scenically enhance local roadways and add bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Ohio. This year, a total of 35 projects are being funded including four historic restorations and 14 scenic locations. The other 17 projects will build or improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. "Each enhancement project allows communities to not only build infrastructure, but also to develop projects that directly enhance the quality of life of their residents and make their communities more desirable places to live or work," said Proctor. Projects are being funded in nearly every region of the state and include: Construction of the Blanchard River Greenway bike path and underpass to complete the bike path system from downtown Findlay to Riverside Park in northwest Ohio; Construction of an extension to the Holmes County Trail from

Killbuck to Millersburg in northeast Ohio; Construction of a new facility central to the 11-mile Conotton trail to house restrooms and concessions for trail users in Harrison County in eastern Ohio; Rehabilitate a covered bridge on Mt. Olive Road in Vinton County in southern Ohio; And streetscape improvements in western Ohio in the city of Greenville's Public Square which include new sidewalks, decorative lighting and landscaping. To be eligible for funding, projects must have a local government sponsor, provide a 20 percent cash match to the federal funds and not be located within one of the state's 14 ineligible Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regions. Funding for these communities comes through ODOT directly to the MPO to allocate to the communities. ODOT has been funding transportation enhancement projects since 1992. In the past 14 years, the department has funded 620 projects for a total of \$292 million. Funded projects will be scheduled for construction through 2010. For a complete list of funded projects and details on what types of work can be funded, go to: www.dot.state.oh.us

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the fine folks of both Oakwood churches, the Dupont Church of the Brethren, the Auglaize Chapel Church and other surrounding area churches, Pastor Mike, visiting nurses, and especially my family for the wonderful care, the many cards and phone calls, the prayers, good thoughts and visits given while I am recovering from hip surgery. Thank you and may the Lord bless all of you. —Bruce Moore

POSITIVE PHYSICIAN NEWS HIGHLIGHTS PCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Hospital CEO Gary Adkins had good news about several physicians to report to the Paulding County Hospital board at its most recent meeting. "Dr. Stephens Triplett, OB/GYN, has returned from his sick leave earlier than anticipated," Adkins told the board. "I've heard from several sources that many of his patients are extremely pleased to have him back." Dr. Rim Kreit of the Oakwood Medical Center has verbally agreed to stay in Oakwood for the foreseeable future. Adkins reported that he and Mitch Snyder, physician services director, are working on drawing up a long term contract. Dr. Lisa Duhaime, director of PCH oncology clinic, continues to increase the number of patients served in the clinic. "There have been 42 chemotherapy treatments from January through May of this year," Adkins said. "This is a significant benefit to the residents in our community who need treatments. We are very pleased that someone as capable and caring as Dr. Duhaime is here working with us." Adkins also informed the board that the Medical Group of Fort Wayne is reducing their clinic time at the hospital to one day per week, down from two days per week. Administration is looking at opportunities to replace them in order to continue serving the cardiac needs of the Paulding County community. Rob Goshia, PCH's chief

financial officer, reported a net profit in June of \$2,586 and a net loss of \$186,908 year to date. Goshia updated the board on the new hospital billing statements. Based on input from a community focus group, the new bills are designed to make a clearer presentation of what hospital charges are for and the status of insurance payments. Chief operating officer Randy Ruge reported that Fort Wayne Radiology and the hospital have enhanced the reporting system between the two facilities. The changes will improve turnaround time for test results. Adkins reported that he is a member of a consortium of public hospitals organized to recommend to state legislators that they add \$10 million to next year's budget for all public hospitals. The funds would be used by the hospitals to alleviate the financial shortfalls resulting from changes in the supplemental upper payment limits. Supplemental upper payment limits are part of federal Medicaid payments that are administered through the state to offset Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls for public hospitals. Adkins told the board that the PCH Foundation's golf tournament raised a record \$10,400. The fundraiser wouldn't have been so successful without the continued support of many area businesses and friends of the foundation. All the money the foundation raises is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to assist the hospital in improving the health and well-being of residents in our communities.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
 Today we are going to talk about the trains in the 1930's and '40's. Mr. Tom Curtis has been writing about the history of the railroads in the last few months and doing a good job, interesting too. But I want to tell you what an important part the trains played in WWII. If you're not at least 70 years old, you don't remember the trains in their hey-day.

In the mid-1930's or '37-'38, the depression was getting over and people were back at work and buying material goods. Things were getting better and the war clouds in Europe and Japan put a lot of people back to work also. Our factories were building war materials for England in 1939. Everything moved by train, there was only one red light in Antwerp, and it was at the corner of Main and River Streets. There wasn't many trucks on the road, mostly load delivery trucks. Now you see at least 35 times as many. If you got something by freight, it came by train and in a wooden box.

There was a number of freights and passenger trains through Antwerp at the time. In 1940, Co "A" of the Paulding National Guard, in fact, the whole 37th Division was mobilized and sent to Camp Shelby, MS. Boys from every part of the county and from Hicksville boarded a train at Cecil. They picked up boys at Defiance, Napoleon and To-

ledo and turned south to Mississippi. That was one of the very first of what was later to be called "Troop Trains".

But, the train was the way of travel for everyone. All railroads were running and prospering. Over on the east coast, the "Seaboard", the "Atlantic Coast Line" and the "Flagler System" were running a lot of passenger trains into Florida. In fact, Mr. Flagler was building up south Florida. He offered special trains to people who would move down there and stay. He would move them and anyone else to settle South Florida. There is even a town in Florida named after him, Flagler. What I'm getting at is the passenger train was getting to be a part of everyone's lives. There was programs on the radio (no TV yet) about trains. Some good movies were made about trains. One comes to mind, "Murder of the Orient Express". Then another about a Streamliner coming east from Boulder Dam bringing an Iron Lung for a need T.B. patient. It even stirred your soul a little to see a big black 4-8-4 locomotive hurtling down the track with the drivers moving so fast there were just a blur. The black smoke from the stack just laid in a horizontal column about a foot above the cars, the steam from the ports and when he pulled the lanyard the whistle screamed and laid another line above the coal tender and cars. When he thundered by you, the ground vibrated and you quivered a

little bit too. Oh yes, the train was a very big part of American history at that time.

Every railroad was full of trains loaded with war materials. Jeeps, big trucks, artillery, pads of tanks and car loads of all types of ammo.

In the years of WWII, we shipped 45 locomotives to England, to help move all the supplies that went through there.

We shipped all kinds of supplies, food and gasoline to England. She was in a battered condition. After December 7, 1941, we entered the war and sent war supplies to Russia and a few other countries.

We later received about one cent on the dollar for payment. But at that time, time was of the essence.

The freight trains took all the goods to all the seaports. The passenger trains took all the boys to the P.O.E. That was short for port of Embarkation. But a lot of civilian people rode on the trains also. You see the gasoline was rationed and the national speed limit on the highways was 45 mph. It was an entirely different way of life and way of travel. For instance, in 1942, I enlisted in the Army and was sent to Fort Eustis, VA. So to get back there, the folks would take me to Lima and get on, I think it was the B & O. We went through Piqua, Dayton, Hamilton and then into Cincinnati. The terminal there was like a city 24 hours a day. There was a big hub and trains ran in all four directions from there all hours of the day and night. I would take the Chesapeake & Ohio out of there, through West Virginia and across into Virginia. Fort Eustis was in Williamsburg and Youngstown area and 19 miles from Newport News. I enjoyed my time off there, because old time American history was all around me and I took in all that I could. Thirty years later I returned to that area and the closer I got to my old platoon the more the tears burned my eyes. Yorktown and Williamsburg will be enjoyed by everyone. Virginia had more than its share of servicemen and there was a lot of passenger trains and interurbans in that area.

Train traffic, clean up to 1950, was an integral part of our economy and very essential to the war effort. In those days, after you went on a trip, you would sit around and discuss the names of the railroads that you used to get to your destinations, much the same as you do now, but now you use highway numbers. I was discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In 1945, a young local boy took three of us to Jackson, where the Illinois Central was a big artery between Chicago and New Orleans. We caught a Pullman into Chicago, I think it was 47.00. That sure was a nice trip. I always enjoyed eating in the dining car and looking out of those big clean windows and watch the landscape slide by.

In the passenger train era, I think the love and romance of the fast train, the big black behemoth hurtling through the night with the whistle screaming and the drivers just a blur and the staccato click of the wheels on the rail joints was deeper in the South than here in the North. A number of the country singers and song writers wrote about a train or engine at that time.

WAYNE TRACE ALUMNI FOOTBALL GAME



The Wayne Trace Alumni held its' annual Alumni Football game July 29th at Wayne Trace. The picture above shows graduates from 1974 and up.

The game ended in a 6 - 6 tie with the red scoring on a John Claymiller 50 yard touch-

down reception from Brian Gerber and the white scoring on a 40 yard bomb from Tom McCord to Nick Lehmkuhle. A great time was had by all and in the process raised over a 1000.00 for the football program.

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 on our web-site at work. After church we were invited to dinner at our son's and daughter-in-law's house. I love going out there. It reminds me of my grandparents' farm. That evening, Steve and I went to Richard's Restaurant in Auburn to meet his family there. His sister, Judy, was up from North Carolina and we all had a great visit, with a lot of laughing and some tears. After we got home (with our gas gauge on empty), I got gas and went up to the shop to type articles for this weeks' paper. It is now Monday morning and I am back at the shop typing articles for this weeks' paper. I will go home and take a nap this afternoon before I go to work at my night job.

It has been a very busy and fulfilling weekend. I loved it. It has been a great blessing to me. One thing though, I thought when you got older things were supposed to slow down. I don't know what happened, but that hasn't happened around here and I for one am not ready to slow down. Well, maybe a little bit.

Don't forget if you have things going on around Paulding County, let us know and we'll do our best to cover them.

**ANTWERP HISTORY
 2006 ALUMNI WEEKEND**

By: Stan Jordan
 The 1903 Canal Street book of protocol says that the Day in the Park was a "goins' on" and the entire Antwerp Alumni Weekend was a "doins'".

The past Alumni Weekend is now history. It is new Antwerp History, but it will soon be Old Antwerp History.

All the officers and members of the A.C.D.C. and all the class captains and all the volunteers and even the High School Football, Baseball teams and the Cheerleaders all done a lot of work to help put on the Saturday night dinner and dance. I can't even start to mention all the people who gave of their time to help out over the whole weekend.

The Friday night Rock, Roll and Remember at the V.F.W. Pavilion was a complete blast. There was about 400 people having a rockin' good time. Pauline and I went and met a lot of old friends. Of course, we are always glad to our everyday friends and neighbors, but a reunion brings back your other and sometimes older friends.

We had graduates back who now live in Australia, California, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Oklahoma.

The Friday night Rock, Roll and Remember was a place where you could easily move around and talk to the returnees. The out back was a Disc Jockey, Ron Burt of Magic Moment Entertainment, with a lot of old memorable records, sort of like an old time Sock Hop. Whatever it was called it was a real BLAST!

The fine parade on Saturday Morning brought back a lot of old memories of Fireman's Day and Antwerp Days. I don't think we even had a celebration where we had as nice a day as Saturday was. The Gems of the Year this year was Max and Hope Smith. They rode at the head of the parade and were followed by other dignitaries.

When they arrived at the park, Mrs. Sandy Wann gave them the awards and interviewed both and gave a fine history of both of their lives and of the L. Smith and Son complex. I really enjoyed all of it because it covered over 91 years.

To me the "Day in the Park" was a huge success. I had the pleasure of being the M.C. And standing up in front, you can see all over that huge crowd. The biggest we have ever had. After the opening ceremonies, we were entertained by Harmonica John and a lady, Nancy Whitaker, on the key board. They were really well received, everyone liked their style and type of music. I hope they come back next year.

Then our local boy and school teacher, Mr. Walter Schilb had his band come and play. They were called "The Big Al Saints". They played Southern Gospel type music. That was a little faster beat and the people really enjoyed it. At the end, the people had a fast moving sing along with some old standard church songs. It was really enjoyable. I hope they come back next year also. Big Al was the lead singer and played the guitar, Walter plays the key-board and the banjo. Let me add, he plays it left-handed and some how that makes it a pleasure to watch. Allen (that's a lady, Scott's wife) plays the bass and Scott is the drummer. Gail plays the lead guitar and is a good one.

We had a lot of entertainers and even a skit about a

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live, dead man. There was a number of old tractors and equipment and the cruise-ins classic old cars is always a favorite. There was a number of prizes given away by different organizations. At the Cruise-in the award went to Rod Botteron. The prize was a whole bucket full of items to care for your car. That was donated by Antwerp Car Parts. The Duckless Duck Race, put on by the Chamber of Commerce went like this: \$500.00 to Jackie Yensor, the second prize of \$250.00 to Janelle Limber. She sure can use that as she starts college this fall. The next prize of \$125.00 went to Gale Jordan, the last prize of \$75.00 went to Carol Obenaur.

Another drawing sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, a beautiful afghan made by Karen Sanders and donated to the Chamber was won by Mr. Sawyer. The grill went to Sue Dodane, the fine bicycle went to Max Zuber. Many thanks to Max, because he helped me with the P.A. system all day.

There was a 50-50 drawing of \$120.00 and that went to Chris Knisley. But the big and final 50-50 drawing of \$250.00 went to Lorinda Gibson.

There was a midway of concession stands, shows and merchandise completely around the park. To me it was the best one ever. The biggest crowd we ever had, they came, stayed with the good entertainment, ate at the scores of food tents and a good time was had by all. The good Lord sure blessed us with fine weather that day.

Then on Saturday night the Alumni met at the "New, Old Gym". The oldest class was 1937 with Leota Davis and Ruth Smith attending. They had a fine catered meal and about two hours of hugs and hand shakes as we met our old friends. The gym was decorated beautifully and packed to the walls with tables. From 8:00 p.m. on was more visiting and dancing for those young enough.

On Sunday morning, a lot of us met again for a brunch at the Essen House. Again, we had more visiting and fun. Then they auctioned off a few items pertaining to the

time. We had a lady entertainer who did a Patsy Cline skit and it tore the house down. That lady was Donna Lane.

Kirk Hopkins said a few words of thanks for the A.C.D.C. He said any and all profit from Alumni weekend would go into the depleted treasury of the A.C.D.C. He talked about their upcoming projects and that they need some more funds.

Tony Langham had a few closing remarks and asked for any remarks from the floor. Well, I have sat through a number of Alumni Planning meetings and have observed how much work Tony and his wife, Kay, have put into this affair. I thought he and Kay should get a round of applause, so I stood up and

said so. Then the brunch was over and we all left in very good spirits hoping to meet another time.

Mr. Adams, who was School Superintendent, for years was in attendance and was a very popular person. He lives in Delta, OH now. He has been retired from the school systems for 16 years.

Then I was handed an E-Mail by Doris Smith that she had received from Florida telling us that Narse L. Samaha had passed away at 91 years of age. He taught high school here and then moved to Florida in 1956. He meant a lot to all the pupils around my age.

Well, that was a fine weekend and it has now become part of Antwerp History.

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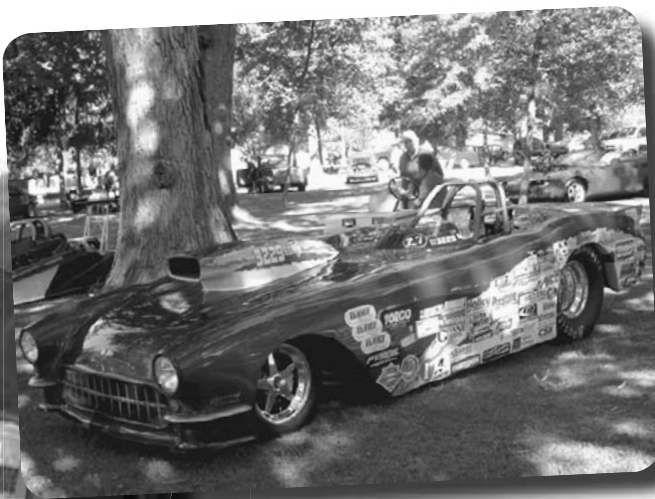
Sunday



Alumni Brunch at the Essen House

and Day in the Park

Saturday



THE KELLY MILLER CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN



By: Sue Knapp

Paulding County was the happening place this weekend. From Antwerp's Alumni Weekend and Day in the Park, to Paulding's Kelly Miller Circus and Civil War Re-Enactment, to Auglaize Village's Civil War Reenactment, as they say, "if you were bored it was your fault".

On Friday morning I went to Paulding to where the Kelly Miller Circus was setting up. It was fun. I was able to talk to the Office Manager, Kelly Rawls. He along with his sister and brother-in-law, Drake and Sasha Fry, General Managers, run the circus. The circus was originated in 1938 by Kelly Miller. David Rawls, Kelly and Sasha's dad, partnered up with Kelly and has since become the owner of the circus. The circus is indeed a family affair with the children growing up in it and becoming performers and owners.

The circus performs eight months from March through October, taking four months off to relax or work at other jobs. The performers also have to practice and work out all year around to keep in shape.

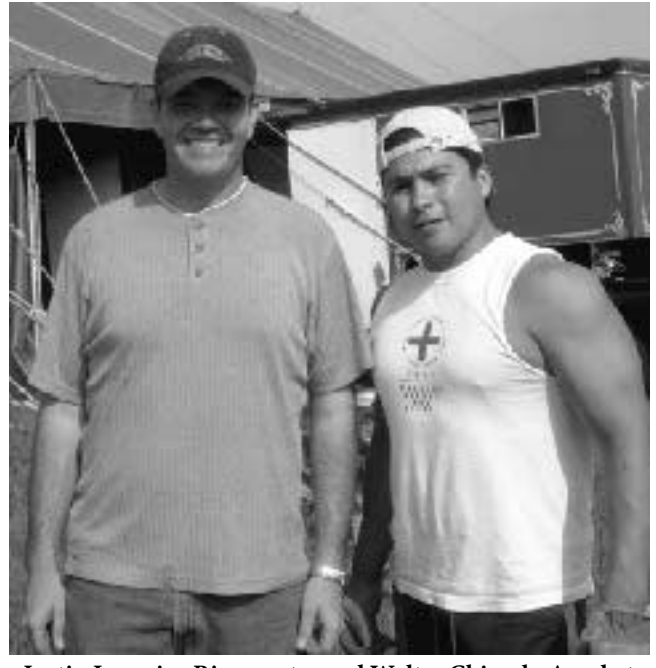
I had the pleasure of seeing the animals. The elephants, two of which are named Viola

and Nina, allowed themselves to be ridden upon by excited children and brave adults.

Joe Frisco the third is the Elephant Trainer and told me elephants live from 65-75 years of age. The elephants at this circus are in their 30's and weigh between 8,000-10,000 pounds.

I then talked to one of the acrobats, Walter Chimal. He's a third generation performer and grew up in the circus. The Ringmaster, Justin Loomis, came up as we were talk-

ing and he has been with Kelly Miller for six years. He has been in the circus business his whole life. The performers are not just pretty faces, they are in charge of helping get the circus up and ready to go plus being in top condition to perform. I wish I could have went to the performance, but I had to go to work at my night job. Hopefully, they are able to come back next year and I will plan to go and, yes, I want to ride the elephant!



Justin Loomis - Ringmaster and Walter Chimal - Acrobat



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CIVIL WAR DAYS MAKES A BIG BOOM IN PAULDING

The Paulding Lions Club had a big weekend this past week at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. From the circus on Friday night to the Civil War festival on Saturday, Dan Workman and the Lions Club, had their work cut out for them. Dan is the president of the Lions Club.

The weather was perfect for this event. In fact, many of the reenactors said this was the best day that they had the entire year. A slight breeze, low humidity and the temperatures were just right!

The Civil War is a big part of Paulding County history. If you visit nearly any cemetery in Paulding you will see quite a few markers for young men who died from here during the Civil War (1861-1865). A figure of 650,000 men and women died in this war and another 100,000 lived without their limbs. This war really divided the country for quite some time with a stigma



being for both sides even after the war. Brothers fought on opposite sides. There were many causes to this, namely states rights and slavery.

At Paulding, the cannons and firearms firing during the battle looked like a real battle minus the blood and the missing limbs. Powder monkeys were constantly ready to supply the cannons with the necessary shot to take down the opposing forces. The Yankee Cavalry with their swords raised, would ride their horses and yell "charge" while the confederates would march with their black powder pistols poised for action. The fire shooting out from the cannons and the subsequent smoke and booms would shake the ground under your feet. Even though there is no shot in the cannons or guns it is still very dangerous to stand in their firing



path. An unopened Pepsi can was shown that was shot and blown up just by the force of the black powder fired from a gun 10 feet away.

This is an experience that no person should miss. After the battle one could walk around and talk with the men and women there and see their tents how people back then lived during these times of crisis—and with no air conditioning! Following the battle there was a fashion show of the time period and demonstration of ladies on side saddles.

The reenactment battle that took place on Saturday shook the houses nearby with the 6 and 12 lb. cannons. On Saturday the commander of the Confederates was General Eli Beachy, of the brigade of Kentucky-Confederate State of America reenacting of Tennessee. Eli started doing this in 1971 and the reason he chose the Confederacy is because "it is more fun". He also participated in several movies portraying the Civil War, including Gettysburg,



God's & Generals, Blue & Gray and the North & South. Eli is from Chippewa Lake in North Central Ohio. The other military personnel complemented on how well Eli lead the charge.

The 18th South Carolina Light Siege Artillery was commanded by Sgt. Hide from Indianapolis, Indiana. The Sgt. along with Mrs. Jean

Hide, Fred Schwomeyer, Jill Brimmet, Jim Darnell and his son Andrew and Randy Brinson made up the artillery. They were in charge of loading the charges and firing the cannons and mortars against the North. Watching the sequence it takes to fire a Howitzer cannon is fascinating. Randy, who was from Southern Kentucky, stated that he got into reenacting because his great-grandfather was in the war and was actually recruited by Adam Rankin Johnson. This was a way to honor his memory. This small group enjoys traveling about not only because



of being their hobby, but because of the history it gives to the people. Why did the others in this group join the confederacy? They said it was because it was less expensive to start out. Next time you see them be sure to ask them how

well a can of pork and beans fires from the cannon! This group has a website and it is www.18thsc.org

The 18th South Carolina, better known as the South Carolina Siege Train, served as defenders of Charleston Harbor against the Federal Blockade from 1861 to late 1863. The 18th was broken up by company and reassigned

from their seacoast mortars when the Charleston defenses were abandoned in August/September 1863. Most of the unit were given lighter, more mobile Cohorn mortars and assigned as defenders in various siege actions throughout the south, including the siege of Petersburg.

The 18th South Carolina today has been reincarnated as a unit of re-



enactors based in central Indiana with several from Cincinnati. Unlike many units, it is a family-oriented group. Because the

unit portrayed was garrisoned in Charleston Harbor for the majority of the war, the camp is a little more permanent than those of most infantry and many artillery units. They camp in canvas, most on cots or beds. Their wives and children travel with us and participate as civilians or occasionally as soldiers. Oil lanterns instead of candles are used. Cooking in cast-iron over a deep fire pit is the only way to go.

Joe and Marge Wilhelm from the Paulding/Junction area have been doing these reenactments for 10 years now. Terry Wilhelm, Mark Holtsberry and Jeff Mekus also from Paulding have given much of their time to this. Terry and Mark have been in this for nearly 15 years. They are also part of the 18th South Carolina Light Infantry. This civil war group is the only one with a full size replica cannon in the Paulding area. They have 10-12 events they work with per year pertaining to Civil War living history.

Joe said he was a farmer from Paulding his whole life and in 1998 decided to move on to something else. He's been fascinated with the Civil War ever since. He has helped

organize this and other events in the area and even had their cannon custom made. These men and women are like one big family who all have a common hobby. Joe had said that it would be nice to have more here such as a blacksmith or other authentic vendors.

On the south side of the driveway close to the cavalry area a camped the 5th Company Washington Artillery of New Orleans, Louisiana.



partners with the Bluegrass Mountain Artillery in Kentucky. Kevin built his own 12lb. Mountain Hollitzer from blueprints that he was able to obtain of an original.

This week the horses had a break and were able to stay in the nice stables. Normally

they would stay outside and be tied to a line. Art Brown, a cavalry rider from Middlepoint, Ohio, showed his horse that he borrowed from his daughter (Deb Bidlack of Grover Hill) to use for this event. He explained how he had been involved with horses most of his life and that he really enjoyed these events.

As you can see there was much going on in Paulding this past weekend and the Lions Club put so much work into this for the public. Obtaining the necessary insurance, permits and wood and many other pieces to

In this battle they took the role of the Yankee, even though they are a Confederate camp, otherwise their wouldn't have been a battle. General Kevin Neff of Payne was the commander of this force. Others who worked in this group was Rick and Tiffany Pierce of Cincinnati, Fritz Sellers and Mark Finster of Grove City, Ohio, Roger Shinnerer of Pleasant Mill, IN, Kenny Neff of Payne. Kevin explained that the 5th Company stayed in Louisiana for regrouping and were the homeguard defense. With all of the casualties the South encountered

the 5th was pulled into action. They were known as the "The Pride of the Washington Artillery." Even though the name suggest Louisiana, they were actually part of the Army of Tennessee. They fought in many battles from Georgia to Tennessee and I would bet many others.

The 5th participate in about 8-10 battles a year including Fredericksburg, VA. They are



the puzzle that it takes to get something like this in Paulding takes organization and the Lions Club should be thanked for taking this upon themselves.



THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone of us who took part in the Sixth Annual Paulding Civil War Days, a great thank you to you all at the West Bend News for your coverage of the weekend. We love this stuff, but it is so much more enjoyable to know a local community and its press must like it too. Having reenacted the Civil War from Jackson, Mississippi to Jacksonville, Florida to Richmond, Virginia to Ontario and then all parts in between, it's rare for us to see enthusiasm like what I have read in The West Bend paper before the event and then find a reporter with as much knowledge and willingness to add to that information as the one who came out to visit us while we were in Paulding. Thank you—it was a job well done and we certainly are looking to next year and coming back your way to have this much fun all over again.

—Eli R. Beachy,
Kentucky Brigade, CW
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STATE WORKS TO DEFEND PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

Ever since the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in Kelo v. New London last summer, the question of how eminent domain law can be applied by states and local governments throughout the country has been hotly debated. In their ruling, justices determined that Connecticut's state constitution did not prevent government from seizing private property for the purpose of economic development. Concerned with the national impact of this decision, many states passed legislation limiting eminent domain power. Since the decision, the Ohio General Assembly has worked diligently to better understand eminent domain and the impact it could have upon our state.

In October of last year, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 167, legislation that I co-sponsored, which placed a moratorium on eminent domain use in Ohio until the end of 2006. It also established the Eminent Domain Task Force, a 25 member panel that included legislators, state agency leaders, attorneys, small business owners, home builders and many other interested parties. The Task Force was charged with studying the overall impact of state laws governing the use of eminent domain. After holding many meetings and listening to more than 75 people testify on the issue, the Task Force released its final recommendations concerning eminent domain use and its impact. Some of the recommendations included:

—Requiring all public agencies to have a process allowing public input before exercising their power of eminent domain;

—Compensating landowners for actual moving and relocation expenses and services in all types of takings, and

—Suggesting Ohio should go on record as forbidding the use of eminent domain solely for government revenue generation purposes. In addition, the Task Force determined that farmland should not be

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taken under a blight standard without being declared an environmental or public health hazard.

The Task Force also recommended that Ohio submit to voters a constitutional amendment that would create a statewide definition for blight. If this amendment were put on the ballot and approved by voters, all local governments would be required to follow the same rules regarding eminent domain.

A few days before the Task Force issued its recommendations, the Ohio Supreme Court delivered a landmark decision in a Cincinnati eminent domain case that had attracted national attention, Norwood v. Horney. Several residents of Norwood, a city north of Cincinnati, sued the city, claiming it has misused its eminent domain powers and had taken land from local residents in order to build a multi-million dollar complex of offices, retail stores, and condos. The residents claimed their land was not blighted and as such the city could not legally take their land away from them. On July 26th, the Supreme Court ruled that Ohio cities cannot take private property solely for economic purposes and that the state's definition of blight was unconstitutional.

For the last several months, Ohio lawmakers and other interested parties have worked together to understand the impact of eminent domain and develop the most effective plan to address this issue. While I am pleased with the work that has been done, there is still more the state can do to protect the property rights of hardworking Ohioans. No person should have to unwillingly give up their home or their farm for the economic interests of someone else. So, in the coming months, using the recommendations of the Eminent Domain Task Force as a foundation for reform, I plan to join the other members of the legislature in working toward a positive solution for all Ohioans.

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After being filled up with the meal you can then proceed to the Gazebo for an evening of music and fellowship.

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on a bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk

September 29: Hamburger on a bun, pickle, corn, fruit, milk

Paulding Middle and High School Lunch Menu

August 23: Stuffed crust pizza (or) grilled chicken on a bun, garden salad, asst. fruit, milk

August 24: Chili dog on a bun, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

August 25: Sub sandwich, relish w/dip, chips, asst. fruit, milk

August 28: Chicken nuggets, bread, whipped potatoes w/gravy, (or) pizza stix w/ sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

August 29: Ham & cheese, chef salad, bread stick, asst. fruit, milk

August 30: Taco salad or breaded chicken on a bun, vegetable, asst. fruit, milk

August 31: Corn dog, baby carrots w/dip, chips, asst. fruit, milk

September 1: Turkey club sandwich, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

September 4: NO SCHOOL/LABOR DAY

September 5: Fiestada pizza, lettuce salad, asst. fruit, milk

September 6: Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy or beef stew w/ biscuit, asst. fruit, milk

September 7: Chicken tender wrap, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

September 8: Walking taco, fruit crispito, milk

September 11: Popcorn chicken, broccoli w/cheese sauce or baby carrots w/dip, asst. fruit, milk

September 12: Italian dunkers, green beans, asst. fruit, milk

September 13: Taco salad or pizza, corn, asst. fruit, milk

September 14: Mandarin chicken salad, garlic biscuit, asst. fruit, milk

September 15: Bacon cheeseburger, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

September 18: Biscuits & gravy, tator tots or grilled chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 19: Cavatini, green beans, bread stick, asst. fruit, milk

September 20: Chicken fajita, vegetable, cinnamon chips or chili dog on a bun, oven fries, fruit, milk

September 21: Pepperoni pizza, corn, asst. fruit, milk

September 22: Toasted cheese sandwich, chili soup, asst. fruit, milk

September 25: Chicken tender bowl, roll or cheeseburger on a bun, vegetable, asst. fruit, milk

September 26: Ham & cheese on a bun, potato soup, asst. fruit, milk

September 27: Taco salad or breaded chicken on a bun, vegetable, asst. fruit, milk

September 28: Cook's choice, vegetable, asst. fruit, milk

September 29: Turkey club sandwich, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary School Lunch Menu

August 23: Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit, milk

August 24: Hamburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

August 25: Hot dog on a

bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
August 28: Breaded pork on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

August 29: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/ gravy, bread, fruit, milk

August 30: Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

August 31: Johnny Marzetti, vegetable, bread, fruit, milk

September 1: Cheesy Mexican Rice, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 4: NO SCHOOL/LABOR DAY

September 5: Taquitas, beans, cinnamon chips, fruit, milk

September 6: Toasted cheese, mini carrots, fruit, milk

September 7: Chicken Fajita Wrap, lettuce, fruit, milk

September 8: Sloppy joe on a bun, potatoes, fruit, milk

September 11: Breaded chicken on a bun, steamed broccoli, fruit cup, milk

September 12: Hot bolgona on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 13: Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

September 14: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

September 15: Hot dog on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 18: Hamburger on a bun, potatoes, fruit, milk

September 19: Turkey deli, pickles, carrots, fruit, milk

September 20: cook's choice

September 21: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/ gravy, bread, fruit, milk

September 22: Meat 'n cheese taco, lettuce, fruit, milk

September 25: Cheese bread stick w/ marinara sauce, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 26: Corn dog, vegetable, fruit, milk

September 27: Pizza, corn, fruit, milk

September 28: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

September 29: French toast, sausage, juice, fruit cup, milk

AFTER HOURS EVENT TO BE HELD AT OAKWOOD LIBRARY

The Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be having an After Hours event for all kids in 6th through 12th grades on Friday, August 18, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Movie, Food, Door Prizes and Fun! Sign up at the branch. There is no cost for this event.

—Sue Thomas, Branch Manager, Oakwood Branch Library

STATE PINWOOD DERBY RACE FLAGS WINNER



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