

MSGT. CHAD D. SHUHERK HONORED BY U.S. AIR FORCE



A retirement ceremony at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base August 4, honored MSgt. Chad D. Shuherk. Presiding officer was Colonel Collen M. Ryan Commander, 88th Air Base Wing.

Sgt. Shuherk enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after his graduation from Antwerp High School in 1986. He has held numerous positions in the Information Mgt. career field and served at the wing, directorate, squadron, and flight levels. During his 20 years in the Air Force, he served six years overseas and seven years in special duty positions.

Sgt. Shuherk has an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Information Mgt./Community College of the Air Force, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and Bachelor of Science Degree in

Business Mgt./University of Phoenix.

Many special awards and decorations were earned through his career, most recent Meritorious Service Medal with first oak leaf.

Sgt. Shuherk is married to former Kelly Wiles of Paulding and has three children, Chelsy, Cassidy, and Caleb. Parents are Sue Beck of Paulding and Dennis and Nancy Shuherk of Swanton.

Many family members were honored to attend the retirement ceremony and luncheon at Wright-Patterson Club and Banquet Center, Dayton, Ohio.

Chad has accepted an investment representative position with Edward Jones.

The Shuherk's reside at 6718 Serrell Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45424.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter to express my opinion and concerns regarding the Village of Antwerp income tax. First, I believe that it is wrong, even if it is legal, for the village council members to impose this substantial tax on all residents and workers of the Village of Antwerp without placing the issue on the ballot for consideration. In principal, an income tax is an unfair tax that is only collected from those who have taxable incomes. The very poor pay no tax because they have no income. The very rich pay no tax because they are able to take advantage of the Internal Revenue Code for tax exemptions and deductions. A real property tax is much fairer in that it taxes all segments of the population. The very poor who do not own their residence still rent property and the tax is included in the rent by the landlord on a pass through basis. Middle income and wealthy people pay based upon the value of the real estate that they own.

The most objectionable feature of this new tax is that it is not being collected by the Village of Antwerp

but is being collected by the Central Collection Agency in Cleveland, Ohio. They are obviously being paid a fee for their collection efforts. I believe it is wrong for Village of Antwerp income tax to be collected by a company that has absolutely no contacts with the Village of Antwerp. The Village Clerk is competent and is able to collect and keep track of the tax. If the present Village Clerk is not able to calculate, credit and collect the tax due to the time required for her other duties, then the appropriate additional local people should be hired.

The rationale, I expect, is that the Cleveland Collection Agency can collect the tax for less than it would cost the village to hire and pay an employee. This is short-sighted. When the money is paid to the Cleveland Collection Agency that money leaves the Antwerp local economy forever. Are they paying village income tax for their income in collecting this tax? A local village employee would live in the Antwerp area, pay taxes in the Antwerp area and spend money in the Antwerp area. The money paid to a local person would circulate in the Antwerp village many times before disappearing forever. The answer that the Village of Paulding uses the Cleveland Collection Agency is not convincing.

The Village of Hicksville has collected their income tax for years without hiring an outside contractor. Thank you for your consideration.

—Very truly yours,
Floyd A. Ramsier

"REMEMBERING RICH" CHARITY BANQUET ENDED IN SUCCESS



The first annual "Remembering Rich" Charity Banquet was held Saturday, August 5 at the Wayne Trace Jr. High Gymnasium. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the life of Rich Zartman who was killed in a drug and alcohol related accident five years ago and to raise money for the drug and alcohol prevention programs at the Turning Point.

The evening started with a welcome from Manda Zartman, who started planning for this event over a year ago. Then Matt Brown from the Turning Point gave the blessing for the meal, which was provided by KD's Kitchen in Antwerp. Next to speak was James Welch, who shared the story of how his life changed the night Rich was killed. "Unforgotten" performed several songs and "Father and Son" from Fort Wayne continued with the music well into the evening. More than 25 items were raffled off during the event and a 50/50 drawing was held at the end. The night concluded with a candlelight ceremony as "Unforgotten" performed "Go Rest High Up on That Mountain". The event was

very successful, raising over \$1,600.

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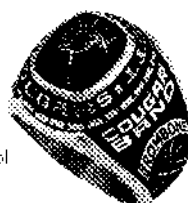
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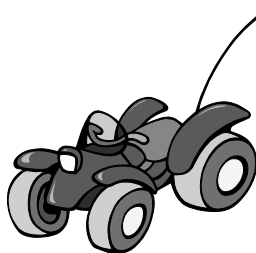
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operating levy will not increase as market values increase. Similar in function is an emergency operating levy which can run no more than five years and must be approved by voters. An emergency operating levy brings in a fixed or specific amount of money and can be used for operation expenses only.

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Next Week: How do replacement and renewal levies differ?

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OBITUARIES

Michael J. Fillman, 52, of Thermopolis, WY, died August 12, at Hot Springs County Community Hospital in Thermopolis, WY after a long battle with cancer. He was born August 30, 1953 in Defiance, OH the son of Bill and Monica (Justinger) Fillman. He graduated from Fairview High School in Sherwood, OH in 1971. He played the tuba in the band and was the wrestling manager. He moved to Thermopolis in 1981 and married Helene Bachellor of Defiance in December 1981. To that union was born Adele in 1984 and then Agusta in 1986. Slim worked on the oil rigs for about 21 years; he worked for SST, CAZA, Neighbors, Barnhart and numerous other oil companies. He enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, and telling a "tall tale".

He is survived by his wife Helene; two daughters: Adele, 22 and Agusta, 20 of Thermopolis, WY; parents, Bill and Monica Fillman of Defiance;

two brothers, Rev. G. Allan Fillman of Paulding; and Pat (Martha) Fillman of Sherwood, OH; sister-in-law, Greta (Tom) Porter of Defiance; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother William. The funeral was held on August 17 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Thermopolis where Slim was a member. Father Dennis Cloonan was the presider. A rosary was recited Wednesday evening August 16 at the church. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Isidore Catholic Church at The Bend.

Lillie Trotter, 88, of Paulding, died August 11 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Hope, Arkansas on October 10, 1917, the daughter of Maple Graves.

She is survived by a son, Curtis Lawrence of Defiance; grandchildren: Jackie (Lawrence) Summerville of Fort Wayne, IN, Amanda

Lawrence of Paulding, Marsha Lawrence of Dayton, and Romerol Lawrence of Defiance; a step-grandson, Mike Wright of Paulding; and seven great-grandchildren of Paulding and Defiance.

She is preceded in death by a grandchild, Equilla Lawrence.

There will be no visitations or services.

Virginia "Lamb" Graham, 81, of Payne, August 17, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born August 19, 1924, in Payne, the daughter of Otto G. and Cecile R. (Lamb) Henschen. On July 7, 1942, she married Charles M. Graham, who preceded her in death on February 1, 1999.

She is survived by a son, Larry (Brenda) Graham of Payne; two daughters: Catherine A. (Phillip) Steffen of Churubusco, IN and Sharon (Mark) Coovort of Indianapolis, IN; a brother, John (Jane) Henschen of Payne; and six grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services were August 22 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and Don Coughlin officiated. Burial was in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Payne EMS.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9 and Monday, August 14, 2006.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development director, met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, August 9 to share his monthly report. The report and conversation centered on the changed recommendations by the Ohio Department of Transportation on U.S. 24 construction. Langham noted that economic development plans that had been harmed by the suggested delay are back to the planning stage.

At noon on Wednesday the Commissioners met with the county elected officials for the regular review of financial information. Although the sales tax continues to lag behind projections and 2005 actual collections, the investment revenue is helping to close the gap. Sheriff David Harrow reported that he has had to place prisoners in other jails due to the number incarcerated. The cost of this housing in other counties is exceeding 2005 numbers and the budget for this year.

The Commissioners visiting the Ohio Department of Transportation offices in Lima to discuss U.S. 24 highlighted the Monday, August 14 meeting.

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Last week, we looked at "one of the most challenging disciplines of all". This week, we may well be looking at THE most challenging discipline of all. Last week, if you can still remember, the discipline was "sacrifice". This week, it is another tough "s" word— "surrender". I often think of it as the "most personal" of all disciplines.

Why? In most disciplines, we are asked to give up "things" in order to receive a BETTER thing. But in the discipline of surrender, it feels like we are asked to give up our very selves, because the "things" are so very personal to us.

What kinds of things am I talking about? Charles Swindoll gives us a short list of four words, all of which begin with the letter "p" in his chapter over surrender in his excellent book, "So You Want To Be Like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There." Here is that list—possessions, people, position, and plans.

We have talked often in these columns about the danger of possessions. Obviously, we have LOTS of them in our country. Some can be very personal. Nevertheless, Mark 6:18-19 is very true. "Still others, like seed sown among the thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desires for other THINGS come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Luke 14:26 is famous "competing people" verse of the New Testament. "If anyone comes to me does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple." Obviously, literal hatred is not what is being called for here, but rather a clear fist allegiance to Christ.

"Position" is one area that takes on increasing importance as one becomes established and comfortable in a given place. "Position" can certainly be "employment", but it is not limited to that one area.

I suppose that most everybody has plans. We are encouraged to dream and dream big in our country. Yet, God has plans for each of us as well. "I have plans for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

It is a neat promise among several other promises, but they depend on our willingness and ability to surrender our agendas and follow His. Jesus once said, "I have come down from heaven to do the will of Him who sent me." (John 6:38) The discipline of surrender is the only way for us to move in that same direction.

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PAYNE NAZ YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE BEGINS

Hey kids in grades first through eighth—Payne Nazarene Youth Soccer League registration and start up date will be Saturday, September 2, 2006 and Saturday, September 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Payne Naz Youth Soccer will be held each Saturday, through October 28, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Payne Church of the Nazarene.

The church is located at 509 E. Orchard St. (SR 500 East), Payne. For more information, please contact the church office at 419-263-2422.

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

CPR CLASSES OFFERED AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Paulding County Hospital cardio-pulmonary services staff will teach American Heart Association CPR classes on Wednesday, September 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The classes are held at the hospital.

Instructors will teach participants CPR and choking maneuvers for the conscious and unconscious victim. Participants may choose adult CPR from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and/or child and infant CPR from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants should dress casually and class size is limited.

For more information, costs, or to register call 419-399-1133 or 800-741-1743 and ask for respiratory therapy. Registration deadline is Friday September 1.

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FROM THE VANTAGE POINT: A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



New staff members at Vantage are (front) Susan Farr, Rachael Harpel and Kelly Hilvers. (Back) Eric Vennekotter, Jerry Robinson, Toby Bidlack and Ben Winans. Unable for the picture was Jim Fisher.

The Vantage Career Center 2006-2007 school year begins on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:20 a.m. There will be 197 returning students and 325 new students to Vantage. Junior and senior students come to Vantage from 13 area high schools: Antwerp, Continental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert and Wayne Trace. Students may choose from 18 different career-technical programs.

There are several new staff members joining the Vantage team this year. Mr. Jim Fisher from Delphos is a new guidance counselor in the Student Services department. Jim has 16 years of experience in automotive

engineering and brings his wealth of technical knowledge to the students in the Trade and Industry area. He received his Master's in Education from the University of Dayton. Eric Vennekotter from Ottawa is the new computer technician. Eric attended the University of Toledo and worked at UPS for two years. He is continuing his education online from the University of Phoenix in Information Technology. Toby Bidlack from Continental, a graduate of OSU Lima and Defiance College, will begin his full time teaching career as a high school math teacher. This year he will be teaching Algebra I. Kelly Hilvers from Ottoville is also joining the math department. She graduated from the Uni-

versity of Toledo and will be teaching Technical Math I and Algebra II.

Jerry Robinson is the new Jr. Carpentry teacher. Jerry lives in Defiance and graduated from Northwest State Community College. He has owned a construction company for the last 12 years. After 15 years as a medical technician, Rachael Harpel decided it was time for a career change. Rachael will begin her teaching career at Vantage as a science teacher. She received her Master's in education at Defiance College and lives in Paulding County. Ben Winans is the newest member of the Social Studies team. Ben graduated from Bowling Green University and taught for two years at Wayne Trace High School, where he was a high school student. Susan Farr is a new special education teacher at Vantage. Susan, another Paulding County resident, received her Master's degree from the University of Findlay and has 14 years of teaching experience.

The maintenance crew has done an outstanding job sprucing up several areas in our building this summer and the technology team has been busy all summer installing new software, performing preventative maintenance and updating some older computers.

The school day at Vantage begins at 8:20 a.m. Bus students will be dismissed at 2:34 p.m. and all other students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

Welcome to all of our new and returning staff members and students!

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

On Wednesday, August 16, the Wayne Trace Girls' Golf team traveled to the Lake James Golf Course in Angola, IN, to face off against Fremont, IN.

Final score was Fremont 213, Wayne Trace 255.

Fremont's individual scores - Lisa Opdyck 48, Jill Carmer 51, Kalyln Goeplein 55, Katelyn Burlingame 59, Alison Hall 61.

Wayne Trace's individual scores - Gabrielle Hook 55, Shelby Critten 67, Courtney Hicks 69, Brandi Bradtmueller 70, Jordyn Jackson 71.

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

U.S. CHAMBER HONORS REP. PAUL GILLMOR WITH 'SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE' AWARD

The United States Chamber of Commerce recently presented Rep. Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) with its prestigious "Spirit of Enterprise" award for his strong support for a pro-economic growth agenda in the first session of the 109th Congress.

"Paul is a leader who has fought for legislation to spur job creation, increase productivity and keep our economy growing," said Thomas J. Donohue, Chamber President and CEO. "We're proud to present him with this award on behalf of America's businesses, both large and small."

Upon receiving his award Gillmor said, "I am honored to have been recognized for my efforts on behalf of America's businesses," Gillmor said. "Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and Congress has worked consistently to promote policies conducive to economic prosperity and job growth," Gillmor continued.

The Chamber awards the "Spirit of Enterprise" based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key business votes outlined in its annual publication, How They Voted. Rep. Gillmor scored 92 percent with the Chamber last year and has compiled a 89 percent cumulative ranking during his tenure in Congress.

Chamber-designated "key votes" are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors. Members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award.

For the first session of the 109th Congress, the Chamber scored 18 Senate votes and 27 House votes as key votes. Key votes for 2005 included the class action reform, bankruptcy reform, a comprehensive energy bill, transportation reauthorization legislation, and the U.S.-Dominican Republican-Central American Free Trade Agreement.

The U.S. Chamber represents more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region. For more information, please visit www.uschamber.com.

PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"You ain't seen nothing yet!" This is "Clip's" expression as he plans for next year's Paulding Chamber of Commerce year!

It has been a year since Conrad "Clip" Clippinger took over the reins at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce. Clip states that he has been blessed with a very active and dedicated chamber board. He also states that the Paulding community has been very friendly and supportive of all his efforts. In fact, Clip states that the village of Paulding's motto should be: "the friendly village".

This year, in addition to the two golf outings, the chamber's John Paulding

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"MEET THE TEACHER" NIGHT AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



(l - r): Mrs. Linda Wilhelm, teacher and director of 3's and young 4's program. Mrs. Ann Miller, owner and teacher of 3's and young 4's program and 4's and young 5's program. Mrs. Chris Adams, teacher of 4's and young 5's program.

The staff from Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool, Ltd. invites you to "Meet the Teacher Night" on Monday, August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 211 Emerald Road, Paulding. Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool offers preschool to 3, 4, and 5 year olds from September through May. Three and young four year olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday morning or Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and must be three years old by August 2, 2006 and able to help themselves in the bathroom. Four and young five years olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning or afternoon and must be four years old by August 2, 2006.

The entire staff has been teaching together for over twelve years and is fully trained in all areas of early childhood development. They have attended trainings on the early learning content standards and are certified in the assessment tools of early literacy testing required by the

State of Ohio. The preschool is state licensed and contracted with Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool offers experiences and exposure to: colors, shapes, numbers and letters; vocabulary, alliteration and rhyming for early literacy, early math and science including life science experiences such as the life cycle of the butterfly, hatching turkey, quail and duck eggs, etc; socialization, sensory activities, daily music, stories and art activities; hands-on experiences, local guests to share their talents; large and small motor activities all overlooked by our warm, caring and experienced staff.

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On a recent Genesis Communications radio program, a pastor from Harrison, Arkansas called in to report that he, as a "first responder" and member of "Homeland Security", had participated in a "bird flu exercise" on June 14, 2006 in Harrison. Also participating, were police and sheriffs departments and the military. Pastor Paul Collins of Harrison observed that military helicopters were used to block all roads in and out of town in a matter of minutes. People were transported to holding/inoculation center - the local 501C-3 corporate churches by school bus. Pastor Collins was a driver of one of the buses during the exercise. People were separated by age and health condition. Those who refused the vaccination were quarantined. Those who weren't recorded as having received the shot and checked off according to their 911 address, were sought out at home, or if hiding out, were hunted down by helicopters or humvee with heat sensing devices, etc. These people were believed to be forcibly inoculated during the exercise. So far, as I understand it, the "bird flu" has killed very few people around the world, yet the mainstream media continually keeps it in our faces. Could it be that the bird flu is just another media event without results like the Y2K scare? Could it be that this is about federal money and federal control?

—Phillip Piersma

The "Gem of The Year" for 2006 is Max and Hope Smith. Hope graduated High School from Mark Center and Max graduated High School from Antwerp in 1933, then went on to business school in Columbus.

Max had hired Hope to work in his business, not realizing that he was hiring his future bride. They were married in 1940 and have two children; a son Robert of the Cincinnati area and Carol Chilcote of Antwerp.

For several years Max & Hope ran two businesses in Antwerp: The Smith Furniture Store and Smith Garage/Sales. They were located across from one another on South Main Street. When the garage closed in the 1980's it was the oldest Buick dealership in the United States. Quite an honor for a business in a small town such as Antwerp. The furniture store had closed a short time before that.

In the beginning Smith Sales sold Allis Chalmers and New Idea farm machinery. They became a Buick dealership in 1910 or 12.

Max served in World War II, he's one of the last of that great generation. Serving in Patton's 3rd Army, he was able to be a part of freeing the German concentration camp at Buchenwald.

Through the years they have been an active part of the Antwerp Community and the United Methodist Church here. When asked about their life's philosophy, Hope said, "We just take one day at a time."

Max and Hope are very private people and were reluctant to receive the Gem Award, but after they were interviewed by The Chamber committee, they agreed to accept. It is the privilege of The Chamber of Commerce to honor them as this year's "Gem of the Year".

JIMENEZ – VARGAS



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jimenez of Antwerp announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Sheri Jimenez, to Danny Jose Fonseca Vargas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Fonseca of Tres Rios, Costa Rica.

Amber Jimenez is a 1998 graduate of Antwerp High School and 2002 graduate of

Kent State University. She is currently employed with Costa Rica Rainforest Outward Bound School. Danny Fonseca is currently employed with his family's convenience store, bakery, and taxi businesses in Costa Rica and studies English at the Centro Cultural Costarricense Norteamericano Language School.

COLLEGE CORNER

(NAPSA)—Every day that passes offers parents the opportunity to share valuable life lessons they have learned with their college-bound student. One of the most important of those lessons is financial management, and the more you talk about it to your students as they enter young adulthood, the more successful they will be during college and throughout their lives.

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Pointers For Parents

Time-Saving Back-To-School Solutions

(NAPSA)—It's enough to make harried parents dread the return of the big yellow bus. To get their kids ready for the new school year, it's not enough that they have to find the perfect backpack, clothes and supplies—they also have to at least try to make sure all those new purchases don't get lost before winter vacation.

"Let's face it—parents have less time today than ever before," says Amy Lipton, a mom, organizational consultant and CEO of Stuck on You. "One of the biggest challenges parents and children face when getting ready for school is keeping track of personal belongings."

Lipton, who's worked with hundreds of schools and day-care centers across the country to develop her line of personalized labeling products for school-aged children, has heard the same issues from parents again and again. Four of her most popular products address what she's found to be the key concerns of parents of children heading back to class:

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Allergen Alerts: For parents who have children with food or environmental allergies, each new school year brings challenges—and



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AS GAS PRICES GO UP, ARE AMERICANS REALLY CUTTING BACK?

By: Rachele Corwin

Decades ago people knew what it meant to go without. Once more, people believe they are cutting down and going without but do they really know the meaning of this.

In 2004 was one of the milestones in gas history. Gas prices began to noticeable rise, on an average the price of crude oil was \$36.97 per barrel and crude oil accounted for estimated 47% of the cost of a gallon of regular grade gasoline. By comparison, in 2003 the average price of crude oil per barrel was \$28.50. It averaged 44% of the cost of a gallon of regular gasoline, according to Energy Information Administration. Since 2004 the price of oil has been heavily reported.

In fact, the recent event with BP could possible inflight gas prices to rise again. A large section of BP's Alaska pipelines will be shutoff for repair due to corrosion in the lines which transports the crude oil. The repairs are expected to take months. There is discussion about whether certain areas of the pipelines can be secured and utilized. If the sections of the pipelines are available for movement of oil then this could be our window of opportunity for steady prices. BP and other oil giants, for the same reason should uphold inspections and maintenance on pipelines for leaks within the next few days and leading years to prevent pitfalls. There are predictions that prices at the pump will break until now another record during Labor Day. This could cause Americans to think twice about traveling during the holiday.

On other occasion, gas prices made another newly mark in the past weeks. To illustrate see the below:

- Exxon made 10.3 billion in their first quarter.
- Government (state, local, and federal) taxes were between 61-71%.
- It has been stated—American's aren't cutting back. There are choices people could make that in turn could affect the country in this time of need. Either the people of our country could believe that there is nothing that can be done to control the rising cost of gasoline or act on the present problem. After all if people need suggestions on ways to cut back. A few of the following are listed:

- Cut down on driving
- Bike
- Carpool
- If possible, buy a thrifter vehicle
- Plan a rotate of travel for errands and alike.

Yet, with hurricane season approaching this is a potential factor for growth in gas prices. As a result, of the unproductive, corroded pipelines in Alaska could add to the existing oil crisis. People are questioning Exxon's quarterly earnings and their calculations anticipation continuance record profiting quarters. Indeed, oil prices have been and will continue to be reported considerably.

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OAKWOOD'S "HAWAIIAN HOMECOMING" - SEPT. 1-4



Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department

Greg Landers and Bud Atkins hold up the banner announcing a Cruise-In sponsored by the Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department that will be held over Labor Day weekend during the Oakwood Homecoming.

Oakwood Homecoming plans are being fine-tuned with just a few time slots to be confirmed. "We're Having a Hawaiian Homecoming" will be the theme for the parades and contests throughout the weekend, which kicks off on Friday night with the Library Association sponsoring a Luau on the Auglaize. Only 200 tickets, available at the Oakwood Branch during business hours, will be sold for the Luau/ Hog Roast and are reported to be selling fast. On Saturday the Fire De-

partment volunteers will be up bright and early preparing breakfast, serving out of the Food Stand from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Other traditional events and some new ones are planned for a full day of activity on Saturday. Bring the kids to the park for a Money Hunt at 9:30 a.m., and at 10:00 a.m. there will be many things to choose from. By popular demand the Baking Contest has returned and drop off is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Also starting at 10:00 a.m. is a Chalk Walk, the Carnival, sponsored by the Oakwood Methodist Church, the Pedal Pull, and Kids Crafts. The pageants begin at 3:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Community Recognition

program followed by Miss Oakwood at 7:00 p.m. There will also be bingo and a silent auction for the baked goods. Sunday begins with the Health Walk at 8:00 a.m., followed by church services at 9:30 a.m. The Tractor Pull weigh in begins at 8:00 a.m. and registration for the Car Show is from 11:a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Heitmeyer Funeral Home Parking lot on State Route 613. The Fire Department will also be selling Chicken and Pork Chop dinners at the Car Show from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Fun in the Sun" is the theme for the Kiddie/Pet Parade beginning at 2:00 p.m. New events on Sunday include the radio controlled plane Fly-In at 3:00 p.m. east of the ball field and Family Feud beginning at 3:15 p.m. Hillbilly Horseshoes and Kid's Fear Factor both begin at 4:30 p.m. Oakwood's Amazing Race is at 6:00p.m., but the teams of two must be pre-registered and ready to begin at 4:00 p.m. The winning team will win \$100. Jackpot Bingo and sign up for the popular Puttin' on the Hits both begin at 7:00 p.m., with the actual show to start at 8:15 p.m.

The Big Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday with Hula for Mula directly following in the gazebo. A Big Wheel Race and Bingo both start at 1:00 p.m. Thousands of dollars in prizes will be available to lucky contestants making the right guess at the Price Is Right beginning at 2:00 p.m. Adult Fear Factor will add to the entertainment at 4:00 p.m. Jackpot Bingo begins at 5:00 p.m. and directly following that raffle prizes will be awarded with the Grand Finale being the Duck Race.

Many other things will be happening throughout the weekend including a Photo Contest with a theme of "Oops! or Wow!". Photos will be on display at the Cooper Building with a People's Choice and first, second and third place ribbon winners. The Library Association will be selling ice cream cones from the Cooper Building. Inflatables for the kids will be in the park on Sunday and Monday afternoons. There will be

GILLMOR SCHEDULES THREE TOWN MEETINGS

Continuing his program of public meetings, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) has scheduled three town meetings in three locations across the Fifth District. Gillmor said these meetings will be an opportunity for any person to voice concerns or suggestions about the federal government.

"Among the many events I have scheduled this month are plant and hospital tours, meetings with elected officials, and speaking to local clubs. In addition to my other meetings, I have scheduled three opportunities in the last week of August for constituents to join me and discuss any issues," Gillmor said. "These meetings begin with my brief remarks about issues being debated in Congress but most of the time is reserved for you to share your opinions with me," Gillmor said.

"Once again, the House of Representatives has been very busy for the past two years. In addition to passing national energy and highway bills, we have overhauled the pension program, created a national AMBER alert system, continued to provide tax relief to the American working public, and funded the efforts of our nation to fight terrorism abroad," Gillmor said. "We have accomplished much for America during this Congress but many issues remain and I am looking forward to my meetings in Wood, Crawford, and Putnam Counties. These meetings and your comments will help me gauge the legislation I have been working on and learn of new issues to take back to Washington," Gillmor said.

Gillmor's Town Meetings have been scheduled in the following areas:

Tuesday, August 29, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Perrysburg Municipal Building Council Chambers, 201 West Indiana Avenue, PERRYSBURG.

Tuesday, August 29, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., City of Bucyrus, Council Chambers, 500 South Sandusky Ave., BUCYRUS.

Wednesday, August 30, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 718 Napoleon Road, KALIDA.

Members of the media are encouraged to join the public at the town meetings announced today.

live entertainment each night at the Landing Strip and good food at the Homecoming Food Stand and at the Cornerstone Church Taco Stand in the Legion.

All entry forms for pageants and contests will be available at the Library. Questions can be directed to Deedi Miller at 594-3548 or Beth Kelly at 399-9011. Schedules for the weekend are also available at the library and the bank.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FESTIVAL IN ANTWERP



Another festival has come and gone. There were a lot of people milling around St. Mary's on Sunday the 20th playing games, enjoying the entertainment and having great fellowship.

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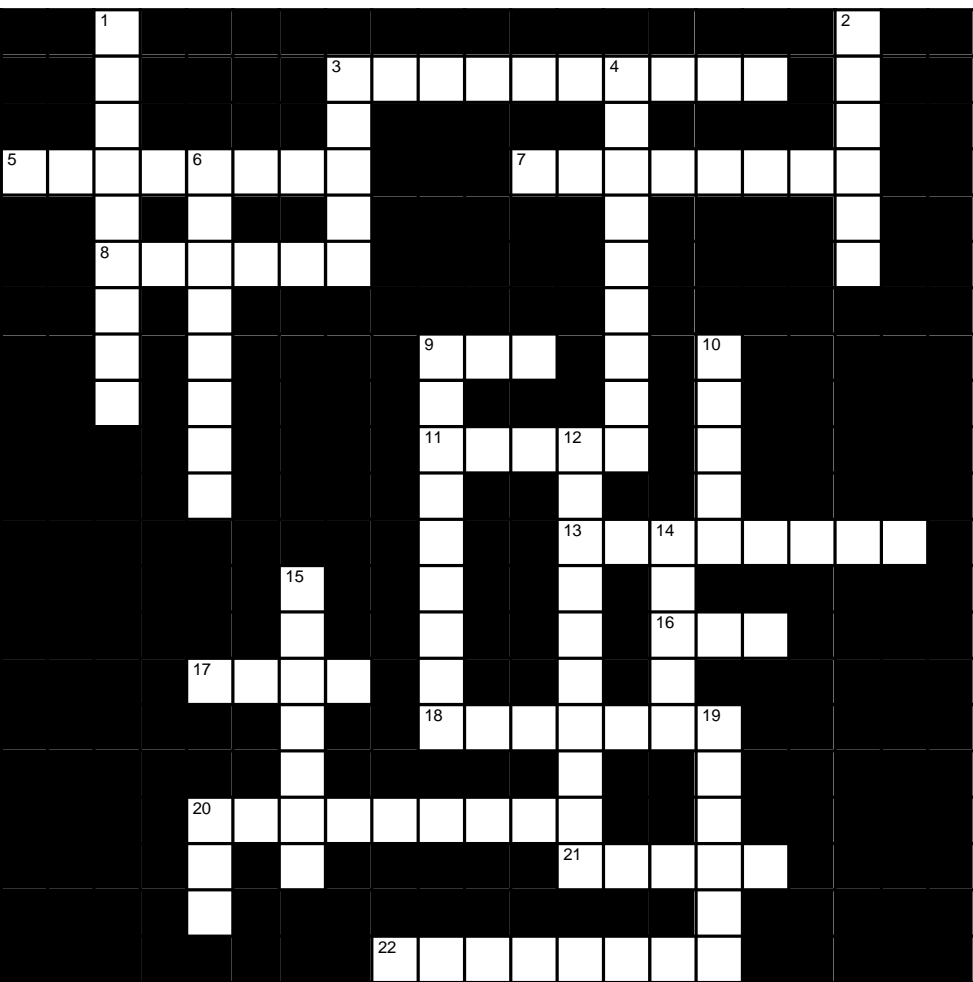
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Across

- 3. Kids sometimes dread receiving these once a quarter.
- 5. Go and watch this game on Friday nights in the fall.
- 7. In elementary, kids will need to have a pair of these left at school for their gym class.
- 8. Keep your personal stuff in this.
- 9. You can ride this to school.
- 11. The dreaded "e" word.
- 13. Carry your papers, etc. in this.
- 16. They make the kindergarteners take this, alot of parents take one too.
- 17. Kids need this to keep things stuck together.
- 18. He/She is the commander of the school room.
- 20. This is one person who you don't want to be sent to at school.
- 21. Get 7-9 hours of this every night.
- 22. You're on the cutting edge with these.

Down

- 1. This school supply is used to carry your pencils, erasers and pens---they used to be made of cardboard and now they are made of plastic.
- 2. This supply is needed to take care of errors.
- 3. A measuring stick.
- 4. Kindergarten children have these in their classrooms.
- 6. Carry your school supplies and books to school in this.
- 9. Remember to eat a healthy _____ every morning.
- 10. The name of this tablet used years ago.
- 12. Use these in cartography.
- 14. This student had to sit in the corner with a pointed hat on his head.
- 15. A student forum where the students are heard.
- 19. A break in the middle of the day.
- 20. Parent Teacher Organization is abbreviated this way.

THE AHS ANGLE



By: Chelsea Vail

Welcome to the introductory installment of the AHS Angle! Now that the school year is upon us, you can consider this your weekly guide to the fast times at Antwerp High.

First things first, classes begin on August 23rd. Hopefully you're not reading this and realizing that you should be in school right now. Next, we at the West Bend News would like to commend the Antwerp administrators, teachers, and students on a job well done this past year, as the school earned a perfect report card from the State. This means that Antwerp met every one of the 25 indicators of an excellent school. Let's keep up the good work!

While we're starting the year off right by working hard, let's play hard, too! If you're not involved in fall sports as an athlete, support Antwerp athletics by cheering on the Archers at their events like the true, loyal, and spirited fans I know you all are. The dates, times, and opponents of upcoming sporting events are as follows:

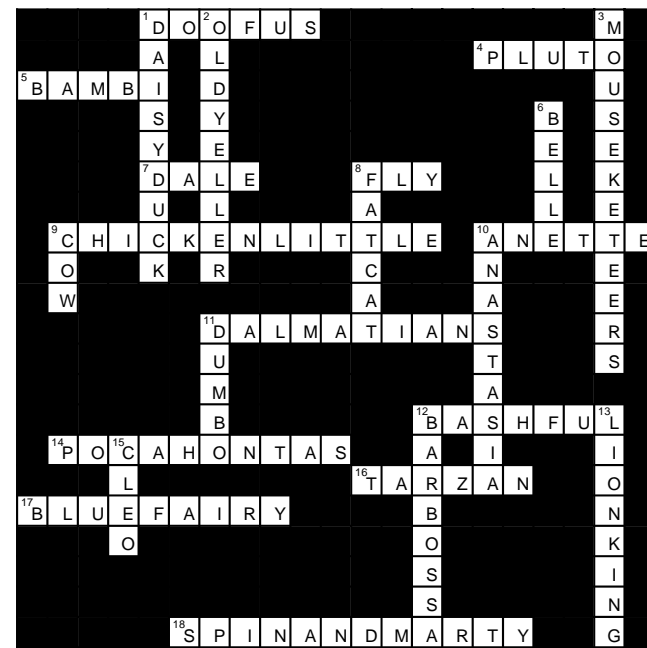
- JH Volleyball: August 29th, 4:30, at Lincolnview.
- JV Football: August 28th, 5:00, at Hilltop.
- Varsity Golf: August 28th, 4:30, at Stryker/Edon, August 29th, 4:30, at Edgerton/Delta.
- Varsity Cross Country: August 26th, 10:00, @ Defiance Invitational, August 29th, 4:30, at Wayne Trace Invitational.
- Varsity Volleyball: August 29th, 6:00 at Toledo Christian.
- Varsity Football: August 25th, 7:30, Edon.

Word of the Week:
For those of you wanting to buff up your vocabulary in preparation of those formidable standardized tests, and for those of us who are just all-around word nerds, I'll be featuring a unique word and its definition each week. Enjoy!

Quiddity [KWID-ih-tee] noun
1. The essence, nature, or distinctive peculiarity of a thing.
2. A hairsplitting distinction; a trifling point; a quibble.
3. An eccentricity; an odd feature.

I dare you to use this in a sentence this week. No, I double dog dare you!
Well, folks, it's been fun. Y'all come back now, ya hear?

Last Week's answers to "All Things Disney"



ANTWERP HISTORY— "WHAT A SUMMER"

By: Stan Jordan

Well, school starts today and I guess that means summer is about over. It will soon be Labor Day and most everyone figures that ends summer.

As a town and community, we have had a dandy summer. Going back to the first event was Memorial Day. If you remember that was a fine day and a large parade and gathering at the Old Cemetery by the Riverside Park. The speakers and people did a fine job of bringing respect and remembrance to all veterans.

Then on the Fourth of July the weather conditions were great for any party or exercise that you might have had to celebrate our Independence.

Then on July 8th the A.C.D.C. (Antwerp Community Development Committee) had a large Cruise-In on Main Street. This drew in a lot of people and we had all day festivities. Even the race driver, Sam Hornish, Jr. came to see the classic cars. I understand that he is a collector also and as well as an Indy race car driver. Anyhow, Chuck Wiedman tells me that through their organization and the work of the A.C.D.C.

there was 112 classic old and restored cars on the street that day.

The A.C.D.C. worked all summer on the Alumni Reunion. I'm not going to mention any names of workers or volunteers because my tablet is not big enough.

The movie said "If you build it, they will come". Well, those people who helped build the Alumni Weekend worked overtime and people came. I attended the Friday night "Rock, Roll and Remember" and seen a lot of old friends. At the dinner on Saturday night we saw more of our classmates and friends of by gone years.

At the Sunday morning breakfast at the Essen House, we still saw some more old friends. We renewed old friendships and made a bunch of new ones. Then said our good-byes until the next Alumni get together.

Then the Day in the Park was the best ever!! The Chamber of Commerce and all their committees did a fine job to make it a "Special Day in the Park"!

I guess it totals up to being a darn good summer for our community and it has now gone in to being part of Antwerp History.

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LORSEY'S RESTURANT GRAND OPENING



Everyone in Antwerp knows Lorsey and that she has worked many years in restaurants. Now she has a place to call her own. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Jenny Bassett bought the old Archer Restaurant and Lorsey will manage and run it. It is called Lorsey's Resturant.

The outside and inside has been painted and new carpet installed. Her main goal is

making her customers comfortable and feel like they're home.

Lorsey will be waiting tables in the mornings and her daughter, Cassie Rhinehart, will wait tables at night. Mark is the man "Friday" and Jenny will be the evening cook. Lori Kanable will cook in the evenings.

Lorsey's opened on Monday, August 21 with a grand opening.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY NEWS

August winners of the Oakwood Library Association's 300 Club Raffle are Dave Densmore winning \$50 and Irene Andrews \$100. The final drawings will be held at the Luau on the Auglaize with the grand prize of \$500 also being awarded that night. Tickets for next season are now available and can be purchased from board members or at the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding Carnegie Library. The ticket enters you in each of 25 drawings of which there are twelve \$50 winners, twelve \$100 winners and one person will win \$500.

Good news was also in store for Board members at the August meeting. A donation of \$750 was received from Don R. Fruchey and a pledge from the United Way was received for \$1250. However, some of the best news was that the plans are finished and ready for state approval. Plans were near completion a year ago, but the north building became available making those plans obsolete and forcing a return to the drawing board. The acquisition of the additional building, which will become a community room, will be of great value for community functions and fund raising activities.

Members finalized plans for the Oakwood Homecoming Labor Day Weekend. The Association will kick off the weekend with their Luau/Hog Roast on Friday, September 1 with serving beginning at 6:00 in the big tent at the park. Half of the 200 tickets have already been sold and everyone is advised not to wait if they plan to attend. No more than 200 tickets will be available. Donuts and coffee will be sold at the Tractor Pull on September 3 and the traditional ice cream cones will be available the entire weekend. The Cooper Building will also house a used book sale, the photo contest, and an historical display, as well as a gathering spot to stop and see old friends.

Everyone purchasing a square on the Luau Lottery board at the Luau will be eligible for several prizes including a beautiful hutch made and donated by Stanley Adams. Tickets for the hutch will be sold the entire weekend with the winner announced before the Duck Race. Members are hoping to drop all 1000 ducks from the railroad bridge for the Grand Finale of the Homecoming weekend. All monies collected throughout the weekend help maintain the library, as well as moving Oakwood one step closer to their new library facilities in the Cooper Buildings. The next association meeting will be September 12 at 7:00.

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.

—William Saroyan

He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.

—Benjamin Franklin

MELROSE JUBILEE



Chad Miller destroying a car



Jordan Koppenhofer, Kaleb O'Donnell, Eric Miesle, Isaac Rhinehart are tossing rings onto 2-litre bottles.



George and Vicki Clemens with daughter Alicia.

The Melrose Jubilee held on Aug. 18, 19, and 20 was a great time for all. On Friday night they had Karaoke. Saturday was a hog roast and the band "Rebel Rose" (country & southern rock) entertained in the evening. On Sunday there was a parade, you could also compete in horse-shoe tournaments and lawn mower races, and during all this there was games for the kids and bingo.

George and Vicki Clemens and daughter, Alicia from Antwerp, were also in attendance. He introduced me to his grandmother, Romona Stahl Slabie. This little lady

has quite a history and lineage behind her. Jessie James' mother was a half sister to her great-great-grandmother. The Birdman of Alcatraz was her shirt-tail cousin.

I also met a lady named Janet Stroup, her great-great grandparents (Rachel & Sam E. Huffman) ran a canal boat from Delphos to Defiance. Rachel was pregnant, got off the boat to have her baby (Mary Ruth Huffman Marihugh), got back on the boat with the baby to continue on to her destination. I guess they don't make them like they used to.

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Days Parade was one of the largest ever, with 119 entries. The Leadership in Action program was also successful, as were the networking breakfasts and after hours events. This year's chamber retreat will feature Miss Vicki Hawke of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, as leader.

"Clip" is most happy with the addition of 22 new busi-

ness members, and 14 new individual memberships. Clip states that his goal for 2007 is the recruitment of another twenty new member businesses, and the addition of many new individual memberships.

Current membership now stands at 242 members, with several prospects ready to invest in the chamber yet this calendar year . . . an in-

crease of 36 memberships. A new chamber project is the "manufacturers roundtable", which has its first luncheon this August. This is a forum designed to discuss common manufacturing problems and opportunities. The first roundtable will be hosted by Spartech Corporation of Paulding.

An additional chamber project is the reprint of the Paulding County Volume One History Book. Pre-paid orders are being taken, with a deadline of September first, to assure a Christmas delivery. The formation of a volume two history book will be a project slated for 2007.

"Clip" has big plans for 2007! In addition to last year's activities, John Paulding Days will present two back-to-back nights of the laser light show which features a patriotic theme. This will occur on the Paulding Court House Square on both Friday and Saturday nights at 10:00 p.m. during the Paulding Days celebration.

The 2007 John Paulding Days Parade will feature a special entry from the Auburn-Cord Museum . . . a vehicle which will be recognized by young and old alike! Plans for 2007 also include the traditional chamber breakfast with a special guest from Columbus Ohio . . . Clip says, "I'll let them guess 'who'."

At the present time, the 2006-2007 Leadership in Action class is being formed, which will include civic and historical perspectives aimed at developing leadership qualities. This year's leadership class will include a student from each of the three county high schools.

Clip states that, "All in all, we've had a great year, and 2007 will be even more active."

"The attitude towards the chamber is generous and supportive, and we aim to help businesses accomplish their goals by helping them in any way that we can!" states Clip.

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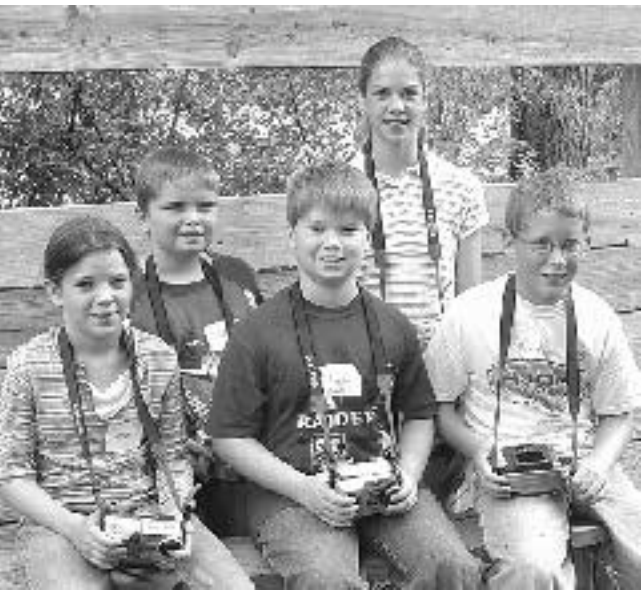
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Thursday's campers: From left, back row—Nathan Thrasher and Rachael Rosswurm. Front row—Dinah Pierce, Logan Fast and Arlen Stoller.



From left, back row—Sylvia Young, Emily Mohr and Denise Smith. Back row—Sarah Young, Preston Gross, Bill Smith, Erin Mohr and Austin Miller.

With two sessions and thirteens participants, OSU Extension's Snapshot Adventures, presented by summer intern Heather Gottke was a great success! Participants got the chance to use a digital camera, and learn how to edit and use photographs taken in the Black Swamp Nature Center. Participants were Arlen Stoller, Preston Gross, Nathan Thrasher, Rachael Rosswurm, Austin Miller, Sylvia Young, Sarah Young, Dinah Pierce, Bill Smith, Denise Smith, and Logan Fast.

The photographers were judged and cash prizes were awarded to the top three photographs. The First place pho-

tograph went to Bill Smith, second place was awarded to Sylvia Young, and third place was awarded to Preston Young. While taking pictures, participants learned about the wildlife and plants that call the nature center and Paulding County their home. These individuals and organizations volunteered their time and offered their contributions to this project: The Van Wert County Foundation, United Way of Paulding County, The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District, Judy Wells of the Farmland News, Debbie Carter, the Junior Leaders 4-H Club and Paulding Ex-empted Village Schools.

WAYNE TRACE 2006 FALL SPORT ROSTER

Varsity Volleyball:

Krista Germann #1, Soph, 5'7, S; Kara Benschneider #2, Sen, 5'7, OH*; Jayna Taylor #4, Sen, 5'1, DS*; Becky Hicks #5, Jun, 5'5, OH; Becky Ruble #6, Jun, 5'8, MH; Chelsea Holtsberry #7, Sen, 5'5, DS*; Dayna Keirns #8, Jun, 5'7, S; Sara Priest #9, Soph, 5'6, OH*; Kerry Habern #10, Sen, 5'7, OH*; Natalie Snyder #11, Soph, 5'9, MH; Kelly Janka #14, Soph, 5'7, OH; Katie Buehrer #21, Jun, 5'1, DS.

Varsity Coach: Megan Price. * - Returning lettermen

JV Volleyball:

Christina Kauser #1, Jun, MH; Jenna Stoller #2, Fres, OH - S; Becky Hicks #4, Jun, OH; Maria Schaefer #5, Fres, S-OH; Chelsea Miller #6, Fres, MH; Kristi Wenninger #7, Soph, OH; Marla Sinn #8, Soph, DS; Ashley Litzenberg #9, Soph, DS; Katie Buehrer #26, Jun, DS.

JV Coach: Diane Germann

Football:

Cory Irwin 5, SE/DB, Soph; Jordan Sherry 7, QB/DB, Fres; Tevin Hale 8, TB/DB, Soph; Austin Newcome 10, SE/DB, Soph; Jay Priest*** 11, WB/DB, Sen; Jason Miller 12, SE/DB, Fres; Jason Gordon 13, SE/DE, Fres; Riley Linder** 15, QB/DB, Jun; Brandon German* 20, SE/DB, Sen; Zach Gerber* 21, WB/DB, Jun; Seth Litzenberg*** 22, FB/LB, Sen; Lance Sinn*** 24, TB/LB, Sen; Adam Miller** 26, SE/DB, Sen; Ryan Davis* 30, TB/DB, Jun; Evan Dasher 36, RB/DB, Fres; Kyle Wobler 40, SE/DB, Fres; Devin Dias 41, RB/LB, Soph; Dylan Flint 43, SE/LB, Fres; Tim Wolford 44, SE/DB, Fres; Derrick Baksa 45, FB/DE, Fres; Joey Sinn*** 50, G/LB, Sen; Martin Stoller 54, G/LB, Fres; Colt Ulm* 55, T/T, Jun; Billy Cass 56, G/T,

Jun; Calvin Sinn* 65, G/DE, Jun; Josh Woody 66, T/T, Jun; Chris Rozier 68, G/LB, Jun; Zach Miller*** 69, C/LB, Sen; Jake Reuille 70, C/LB, Jun; Jamie Schmidt* 71, T/T, Sen; Dylan Haney 72, T/T, Fres; Blake Foust 73, G/DE, Soph; Brett Beckman 74, C/T, Fres; Art Stoller 76, T/T, Soph; Kyle Bostelman 77, G/LB, Jun; Jesse Oliver 78, T/DE, Fres; Trevor Speiser 79, T/T, Fres

*Varsity Letter

Girls' Golf:

Brandi Bradtmueller, 12; Gabrielle Hook, 10; Lynne Bidlack, 10; Shelby Critten, 10; Courtney Rue, 10; Brittany Wilcox, 10; Jordan Jackson, 10; Courtney Hicks, 10; Casey Eblin; Katelyn Hughes, 9.

Boys' Golf:

Matt Shugars 12; Scott Kipfer, 12; Randy Martin, 12; Aaron Hockenberry, 11; Dane Treece, 11; Elliot Temple, 11; Andrew Horner, 9.

Jr and Sr. High Cross

Country:

HS Girls:

Kim Jewell, 12; Michele Hill, 12; Gina White, 12; Cassie McDougal, 10; Jenna Gordon, 10; Samantha Davis, 9; Chelsea Klewer, 9.

HS Boys:

Tyler Dunham, 12; Lucas Gordon, 12; Zach Hamrick, 12; Rodney Miller, 12; Logan Myers, 12; Wade Sisson, 12; Zach Wannemacher, 12; Levi Kurtz, 11; Angelo Harris, 10; Karl Klopfenstein, 10; Jeremy Zartman, 10.

JH Girls:

Amanda Hill, 8; Jessica Wenninger, 8.

JH Boys:

Colin Klopfenstein, 8

JH Cheerleaders:

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Local Schools' Report Cards 2005-2006

Information provided by the Ohio Department of Education

Number of State Indicators Met Out of 25	25
Performance Index Score (0 - 120 points)	103.1
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	Met
Years in District Improvement Status	OK

Antwerp Local School District

Your District's Designation: **Excellent**

STATE INDICATORS	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT AND ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL		
	Your District 2005-2006	Similar Districts ¹ 2005-2006	State 2005-2006
3rd Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
1. Reading	89.1	82.2	75.1
2. Mathematics	82.6	78.5	74.9
4th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
3. Reading	91.1	78.5	76.8
4. Writing	100.0	88.1	85.9
5. Mathematics	97.8	80.1	76.9
5th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
6. Reading	84.1	79.2	75.3
7. Mathematics	81.8	66.2	62.7
6th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
8. Reading	97.0	88.6	83.6
9. Mathematics	89.4	74.0	68.4
7th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
10. Reading	94.3	83.2	78.9
11. Mathematics	81.1	66.0	63.2
8th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
12. Reading	90.2	78.8	77.1
13. Mathematics	91.8	69.7	68.6
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Test	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
14. Reading	100.0	94.2	89.4
15. Writing	97.0	91.8	88
16. Mathematics	93.9	89.1	82.7
17. Science	89.4	82.2	73.1
18. Social Studies	92.4	87.1	79.5
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Test²	<i>The state requirement is 85 percent</i>		
19. Reading	98.0	96.3	93.7
20. Writing	98.0	95.6	91.9
21. Mathematics	93.9	93.6	88.9
22. Science	87.8	89.7	82.8
23. Social Studies	91.8	87.1	86.4
Attendance Rate	<i>The state requirement is 93 percent</i>		
24. All Grades	96.0	95.5	94.1
2004-05 Graduation Rate	<i>The state requirement is 90 percent</i>		
25. School	93.1	94.9	86.2

¹ Similar Districts are based on comparing demographic, socioeconomic and geographic factors.

² Results for 11th grade students who took the test as 10th and 11th graders.

Number of State Indicators Met Out of 25	20
Performance Index Score (0 - 120 points)	97.5
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	Met
Years in District Improvement Status	OK

Paulding Exempted Village School District

Your District's Designation: **Effective**

STATE INDICATORS	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT AND ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL		
	Your District 2005-2006	Similar Districts ¹ 2005-2006	State 2005-2006
3rd Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
1. Reading	84.4	77.3	75.1
2. Mathematics	77.0	76.8	74.9
4th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
3. Reading	83.8	78.1	76.8
4. Writing	90.4	86.3	85.9
5. Mathematics	74.3	75.7	76.9
5th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
6. Reading	75.0	75.7	75.3
7. Mathematics	68.1	66.7	62.7
6th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
8. Reading	91.2	85.7	83.6
9. Mathematics	71.9	70.0	68.4
7th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
10. Reading	88.8	82.1	78.9
11. Mathematics	81.3	66.2	63.2
8th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
12. Reading	84.9	78.2	77.1
13. Mathematics	62.2	69.1	68.6
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Test	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
14. Reading	94.5	90.0	89.4
15. Writing	92.1	89.5	88
16. Mathematics	90.6	85.1	82.7
17. Science	79.5	76.3	73.1
18. Social Studies	87.4	81.3	79.5
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Test²	<i>The state requirement is 85 percent</i>		
19. Reading	95.6	94.5	93.7
20. Writing	98.2	93.4	91.9
21. Mathematics	86.8	91.1	88.9
22. Science	82.5	86.2	82.8
23. Social Studies	89.5	81.3	86.4
Attendance Rate	<i>The state requirement is 93 percent</i>		
24. All Grades	94.9	94.7	94.1
2004-05 Graduation Rate	<i>The state requirement is 90 percent</i>		
25. School	91.7	91.9	86.2

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Number of State Indicators Met Out of 25	19
Performance Index Score (0 - 120 points)	96
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	Met
Years in District Improvement Status	OK

Wayne Trace Local School District

Your District's Designation: **Effective**

STATE INDICATORS	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT AND ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL		
	Your District 2005-2006	Similar Districts ¹ 2005-2006	State 2005-2006
3rd Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
1. Reading	81.9	82.1	75.1
2. Mathematics	72.8	77.7	74.9
4th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
3. Reading	88.6	78.7	76.8
4. Writing	87.1	89.0	85.9
5. Mathematics	87.1	81.8	76.9
5th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
6. Reading	90.8	74.8	75.3
7. Mathematics	78.5	61.8	62.7
6th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
8. Reading	94.5	87.2	83.6
9. Mathematics	75.3	70.6	68.4
7th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
10. Reading	70.9	82.3	78.9
11. Mathematics	51.9	65.1	63.2
8th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
12. Reading	73.9	78.8	77.1
13. Mathematics	54.3	68.6	68.6
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Test	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
14. Reading	94.3	92.5	89.4
15. Writing	95.5	90.7	88
16. Mathematics	86.5	85.9	82.7
17. Science	77.5	78.3	73.1
18. Social Studies	86.4	82.9	79.5
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Test²	<i>The state requirement is 85 percent</i>		
19. Reading	94.1	95.4	93.7
20. Writing	95.0	94.0	91.9
21. Mathematics	91.1	90.7	88.9
22. Science	82.2	86.7	82.8
23. Social Studies	89.1	82.9	86.4
Attendance Rate	<i>The state requirement is 93 percent</i>		
24. All Grades	95.8	95.2	94.1
2004-05 Graduation Rate	<i>The state requirement is 90 percent</i>		
25. School	96.6	95.0	86.2

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Number of State Indicators Met Out of 25	22
Performance Index Score (0 - 120 points)	98.4
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	Not Met
Years in District Improvement Status	At Risk

Hicksville Exempted Village School District

Your District's Designation: **Effective**

STATE INDICATORS	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT AND ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL		
	Your District 2005-2006	Similar Districts ¹ 2005-2006	State 2005-2006
3rd Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
1. Reading	87.5	82.0	75.1
2. Mathematics	87.5	81.2	74.9
4th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
3. Reading	70.8	83.8	76.8
4. Writing	83.1	91.0	85.9
5. Mathematics	84.6	85.8	76.9
5th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
6. Reading	79.7	81.4	75.3
7. Mathematics	82.6	68.3	62.7
6th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
8. Reading	93.8	89.7	83.6
9. Mathematics	82.5	78.2	68.4
7th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
10. Reading	75.7	85.2	78.9
11. Mathematics	70.3	71.4	63.2
8th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
12. Reading	76.2	81.0	77.1
13. Mathematics	71.4	73.2	68.6
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Test	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
14. Reading	92.2	94.8	89.4
15. Writing	94.8	92.8	88
16. Mathematics	88.3	90.4	82.7
17. Science	88.3	82.8	73.1
18. Social Studies	89.6	87.1	79.5
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Test²	<i>The state requirement is 85 percent</i>		
19. Reading	94.4	96.5	93.7
20. Writing	98.1	95.2	91.9
21. Mathematics	88.9	92.9	88.9
22. Science	90.7	89.6	82.8
23. Social Studies	90.7	87.1	86.4
Attendance Rate	<i>The state requirement is 93 percent</i>		
24. All Grades	96.0	95.6	94.1
2004-05 Graduation Rate	<i>The state requirement is 90 percent</i>		
25. School	97.3	94.6	86.2

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Mr. Frank Long was Mayor from 1883 to 1886. I'm going to bring you some of the writing of the 1941 book called "A Century of Progress for Antwerp from 1841 to 1886."

This fine book was put together by Otto Ehrhart and his son, Dale.

Mayor Long appointed P.P. Doering, Henry Harris and Jacob Saylor to negotiate with Judge O.S. Latty for the purchase of the "Grove" east of town. This grove is the beautiful natural park in which we are now celebrating our 100th anniversary of Riverside Park. Mr. Ehrhart went on to give these men a lot of credit to see ahead and know how much benefit the future generations would reap from their far-sightedness. He talked about the big, tall oaks and the shade and the pleasure the people would get in the future. This was back in 1941 when I was a boy growing up on Antwerp's east side. Lots of times we called it "The Grove".

Lots of kids spent some summer days at "The Grove". You see, in those years you could let your 7-8 year olds and any other age play there with no danger of any kind. It was a different age and time with different values of all types.

In 1892, the council wanted to buy the 40 acres east of town now known as the Maumee Cemetery. Well, some of the tight-fisted people wanted to use the park to bury the dead. Well, as I understand, they nearly came to blows right there in the council chamber. But they did buy that ground from George Coffelt and it was called the Coffelt Cemetery on some of the plats. That was back in 1892 and now see how many people have been laid to rest in those 24 years. It's lucky for us that we had people back in that time who could look down the road and prepare for the future.

This part of that book was written by Dale Ehrhart. He must have had some chuckles, as he read the minutes of those meetings. I knew Dale very well and he was a capable statistician.

Well, now we don't know if they bought the park or not. You see, that was back in 1886. We don't find any more mention of the park until October of 1892, the book refers to the getting of 40 acres from George Coffelt, what we now call the Maumee Cemetery. On November 6, 1892 at the town council meeting, they

had a petition of 127 names deploring the fact that the cemeteries would be separated. If more closer ground could not be purchased, they insisted they use the park grounds for burial.

There was some very strong feelings in the area of having some of the family members separated for eternity. But the council stood their ground and knew that even the entire park would not be big enough for burials in the coming years and they were so right.

But by going by this reference to use the park for burial means that the city must own it. This is 1896.

Right about the time around 1896 on into the 20th century, Dale talks about all the improvements the town was taking on. Trying for a new Town Hall, wanting to erect their own electric power plant, pave the streets and build sidewalks. The Town Council was trying to make the town a prospering city and, by golly, they did because all those dreams came to pass. (Maybe I can do more on that era down the road.)

But, the park has not been mentioned in the minutes of the Council Meetings until February 7, 1936. The Village acquired the addition to Riverside Park known as the "Island". This purchase gave us a splendid north entrance to the park and also a large tract of land lying along the Maumee River. This purchase constitutes the only addition to Riverside Park since it's purchase back in 1888.

So what I'm saying here is, Antwerp bought the "Grove", which is now the park and paid cash money for it.

Over the years, I have heard a number of tales of how someone willed it to the town, some others gave it to the city. But, in my mind, this settles it, once and for all. The town bought it from Judge O.S. Latty in 1888.

The old toys, the teeter-totter, the swings, the slide and the maypole were installed in the early 1930's. The cement tables and the steps down to the river were made by the W.P.A. In the middle 1930's. They also white washed the trees up to about 8 ft. it was then and is now a pleasant retreat.

Over the years, the official name of the "Ten Acre Grove", east of town is now called "Veteran's Memorial Park". It is sacred to the memory of all veterans of all wars.

I, like you, certainly appreciate all the trouble those "Old Timers" went through to save it for a city park. I'm proud to have strangers come use our park.

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CURVES BRINGS THIRTY-MINUTE FITNESS TO THE COMMUNITY-OPENING DOORS TO GOOD HEALTH

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"We are excited to open the facility in Paulding," said Owners, Jeff & Glenda Ferris. "Curves offers a comfortable, welcoming place where women can workout. Our facility is designed so women can encourage and support one another while moving around the circuit. We look forward to helping women in this community reach amazing results, both physical and emotional, through the Curves Workout program and support network."

With the average person gaining three pounds a year, a reasonable workout regime that can fit into today's busy lifestyle of work and family is critical to help combat diabe-

tes, osteoporosis, hypertension and other health risks that women can face. The Curves Workout program, designed by Gary Heavin and his wife and co-founder Diane, is utilized in all Curves locations. The system allows women of all ages and fitness levels to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program, combining strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. The experienced instructors at Curves offer one-on-one training, while members talk and inspire one another during the workout. Also, the comfortable atmosphere has helped women of all fitness levels commit to an ongoing fitness program and achieve results.

"Helping say goodbye to unhealthy lifestyles, unattainable diet resolutions and unreasonable fitness regimens gives women a new outlook on exercise and eating properly. We look forward to providing women in this community a complete workout in only thirty minutes that will ensure they can stick to the program and sustain a healthy weight," said the Ferris's. A Grand Opening Week is scheduled for September 5th-8th.

MR. & MRS. KENNETH THIEL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thiel of Antwerp will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Kenneth Thiel and Barbara Kennedy were married September 1, 1956 in St. Mary's Catholic Church by Father Schill.

The couple have two sons: Steve (Jenny) of Hicksville and Mark (Jodi) of Antwerp. One daughter, Kathy is deceased. They have seven grandchildren.

The Thiel's will celebrate the special occasion with family and a trip at a later date.

RAISE THE BARRÉ DANCE STUDIO LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Tori, Jordan, and Emilie

Raise The Barré Dance Studio is proud to announce the launch of a new one-year scholarship program for Paulding County children ages 5-18 who demonstrate a financial need. The applicants will answer the question "Why I Want to Dance" in 50-100 words. If the applicant cannot write he or she may submit a drawing or dic-

tate to an adult. The number of scholarships to be awarded will depend on the number of entries received. Please send your entry to: Scholarship Program C/O Raise The Barré Dance Studio, 103 S. Main St. Paulding, Ohio 45879. Don't forget to include your name, age, phone number and address.

A.C.D.C. NEWS WORTH REPEATING

By: Denny Lee

In this day and age it is very difficult to find good news in the media. The Antwerp Community Development Committee has been blessed with good news lately. It seems all of their projects turn out to be highly successful, and they realize this happens because of the good citizens of this community. Some of the good news they would like to share with you this week is the tremendous response to the three-day Alumni event held during Aug. 11th through the 13th. It all started with Mother Nature giving us a beautiful weekend weather forecast for this special event. The kick off for this event was a mixer held at the Antwerp VFW with well over 250 in attendance. Saturday morning the American Heritage Girls and the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary sponsored a Main Street parade for the town, which was enjoyed by the returning Alumni from Antwerp High School. Much praise and thanks goes to the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the "Day in the Park" all Saturday afternoon that was nothing short of spectacular with 26 vendors present! Everyone enjoyed the crafts, music, vintage cars, good food, cheerleading demonstrations and Julie Hall's girls dancing revue.

Saturday night featured the dinner / dance extravaganza that had well over 700 people in attendance. Grant's catering service is to be commended for a superb meal that was enjoyed by everyone. We're not positive, but we think Antwerp's local band, "Stanley and the Tools" had an impact as a drawing card for the dance. Matt Taylor and Brian Lemert from Indiana did a great job as a backup band for this event also! People didn't even complain that the old Antwerp gym did not have air conditioning as they danced their cares away well after the midnight hour. The title of the event was Rock, Roll and Remember! The people that came to the dance surely lived up to the event's title and electrified the atmosphere in the old building.

So it was, from the oldest class represented of 1937 to the youngest class of 2004, people were seen reminiscing and enjoying the night both inside the old gym and out front of the building just hanging out with their old classmates. Many people even visited their future homes at the Manor House assisted living building that Tom McLaughlin is creating out of the old elementary classrooms. Special recognition was given to long time teacher Bill Fast who was invited by the class of 1956 and past Superintendent Dale Adams. Bruce Ely was recognized for coming the longest distance to attend as he traveled from Australia.

Sunday morning was the farewell breakfast at the Essen House Restaurant with 180 people attending. Donna Lane entertained the crowd with a unique impersonation of Patsy Cline that had everyone laughing. Several reporters covered the Alumni events very well in last week's newspapers. However I did want to convey to all, that I've received e-mails and verbal compliments from those in attendance praising everyone who participated in the preparations for this event. It has been stated; "Organizing an event like this takes more than one or two people, it takes a village!" The entire town of Antwerp came together, which is why it is impossible for me to name individual names of all who helped make this Alumni event so successful.

Allow me to say, however, it was a heart-warming moment to see the youth of Antwerp school pitch in and help us older folks look good! The football team, basketball team, cheerleaders, coaches and other youth from the school descended on the old gym like a mighty army and carried in chairs and tables and helped the A.C.D.C. to load everything up after the festivities. Junior high students mopped and swept the floors and made sure the building looked better than when we started the event! The local youth band Sirface, set up top of the line equipment for the night's entertainment, which made all the entertainers sound like Vegas headliners.

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