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MIDWEST'S FINEST FALL EXTRAVAGANZA: FLAT ROCK CREEK FESTIVAL LEAVES LASTING IMPRESSION



Photo by Kay Langham
See page 8 for the rest of the story.

CORRECTION

The 3 column by 2 inch ad of Timothy R. Pieper, Paulding County, from last week's issue, inadvertently omitted the "Paid for by..." information. It should have read "Paid for by Re-elect Judge Timothy R. Pieper Paulding County Court. Ray E. Keck, Treasurer 12415 Maple Ave. Paulding, Ohio."

—editor, WBN

CORRECTION

In the article about Mrs. Stubberfield in last week's issue, there was a misspelling of her name in the caption under her picture. We apologize for this oversight.

—editor, WBN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN THE RUNNING FOR THE "VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION"

Commander Jim Miller of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #2873 in Grover Hill and Ladies Auxiliary Youth chairman Chris Taylor, announce the kick-off of this year's VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition". High school students, including home-schooled students, in this area have the opportunity to compete in the annual audio essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as dozens of other awards.

Students begin by competing at the local level. Deadline for entries at the post level is November 1st. Post winners advance to district. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winner will enjoy a four-day tour of Washington, D.C. along with the winners from every other state, the District of Columbia, the Pacific Areas, Latin America/Caribbean and Europe.

During the nearly 60 years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with the Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated. Students compete by writing and then recording a three-to-five minute audio/

essay expressing their views of this year's patriotic theme "Freedom's Challenge". Over \$17,000 in scholarships are available to finalists, with all state winners receiving at least a \$1,000 national scholarship, but any one of them could win the \$30,000 first place national award. A total of \$146,000 in national scholarships is awarded to national finalists in addition to the scholarships and awards given at the preliminary levels of competition.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at VFW Post #2873 by phone at 587-3223 or Ms. Taylor at 419-587-3400 for more information.

CHANGING OF HOURS

As all our patrons know, West Bend Printing & Publishing has never officially been open on Saturday mornings. This is an announcement to let you all know that our office will be closed on Saturdays to allow time for the owners to catch up on some personal and family time that they have been lacking. Thanks for all your support.

—Steve & Sue Knapp,
Bryce & Angel Steiner

FOWLER - WIECHART



Dan and Sue Fowler of Antwerp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Alison Eileen to Joel Lewis Wiechart, son of Stan and Elaine Wiechart of Delphos.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Antwerp High School and is currently a student at Owens Community College pursuing a career in the health care field.

She is employed at Walmart in Wauseon, Ohio.

Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Delphos Jefferson High School and is currently employed by the Meijer corporation in Defiance.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, October 7, at the Methodist Church in Antwerp. A reception will be held at Grant's Hall in Antwerp.

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OBITUARIES



Brandon J. Bermejo, 23, of Paulding, died Monday, September 11, 2006 in his home.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio August 11, 1983, the son of Timothy P. and Lisa A. (Martinez) Bermejo. He was a graduate of Paulding High School and was employed by Spartech Plastics, Paulding, Ohio.

He is survived by his parents Timothy and Lisa Bermejo of Paulding; brother, Devan Bermejo of Paulding; sister DeLeona Miller of Indiana; maternal grandparents, Nick and Lupe Martinez of Paulding; paternal grandparents, Jesse and Ernestine Moreno of Paulding; girlfriend, Melissa Bassler and son Kaden Bassler, both of Paulding.

Funeral services were September 15 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and Deacon Rosalio Martinez officiated. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding. Memorial contributions may be made to the Melissa Bassler family c/o Den Herder Funeral Home.

Iris Free Gallagher, 99, of Paulding departed this life Sunday, September 17, 2006. She was born June 26, 1907, in York Township, Fulton County, Ohio the only child of Ira and Octavia (Miller) Free. A 1925 graduate of Wauseon High School, she met her future husband, Glenn A. Gallagher, when they opposed one another in a debate contest. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1929, where she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, and did post graduate work at Bowling Green State University and Adrian College. She then began her 35-year teaching career in Mansfield.

She married Glen in 1932, and they spent more than 54 years together before his death in 1986. They had one son, Paul. The couple moved to Paulding in 1934 to open the Iris Bake Shop on the south side of the square, which soon became an important part of her life for 56 years. She taught school at Latty High School (Principal for 3 years) and then for 30 years taught literature and various other subjects at Paulding High School, where she organized the Paulding High School Honor Society and served as its advisor and coached school plays.

Always the educator, she also found time to organize the Paulding Woman's Club in 1935, and was a member of the Bay View Reading Club and the Paulding Book Review Club. She served as President of the Music Mothers' Club in 1949, and since retirement had been a member of the Paulding County Retired Teachers Hall of Fame. After

retirement from teaching she was Director of the Paulding County Carnegie Library for 5 years. She was a life member of the John Paulding Historical Society.

In 1939, she became a member of the Corona Chapter Number 95, Order of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron 5 times, Deputy Grand Matron in 1954, Grand Representative of Virginia in Ohio 1966-1969, and Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1976.

She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church for many years and also a member of the United Methodist Church in Rollin Center, MI, where she spent most weekends at a lake home. She served as organist at both churches for a total of 65 years.

She embarked on a life-long love of world travel on July 1, 1932, when she set sail with a group of fellow teachers on the White Star Liner "Olympic", sister ship of the "Titanic", for an extended tour of Europe. Her last overseas trip was made when she was 89, and in her lifetime she visited 75 countries on 7 continents. For her 93rd birthday she went on a 10-mile scooter ride. In 2001, she was named Grand Marshal of the John Paulding Days parade.

She is survived by her son, Paul Gallagher of Paulding, and every student she mentored and encouraged to excel. Funeral services will be at the Den Herder Funeral Home on September 20, 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Craig Pillow officiating. Eastern Star services will be held at the same time. Burial is in Zion Cemetery, Fulton County, Ohio. Donations may be made to John Paulding Historical Society.

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Last week we looked at the discipline of solitude, a discipline of abstinence. This particular discipline is interesting because it also has an "opposite" discipline of engagement - the discipline of fellowship. This is our topic of study for this week.

The idea of "opposite" works like this - too much fellowship may actually keep us away from times of solitude, and, conversely, too much solitude can keep us away from fellowship. We need to find that balance between the two. We need both disciplines in our lives.

Many folks are surprised and confused to hear "fellowship" mentioned as a discipline. Their line of thinking goes something like this, "How can fellowship be a discipline? I thought that it just happened naturally when Christian people get together. I'm sure that I have experienced the "good" of fellowship, and I have never approached it as a discipline.

First of all, let me state clearly that God is the "Author and Perfector" of fellowship as He is an all aspects of the Christian life. Matthew 18:20 is a promise to the believer, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Ephesians 4:16 is another verse that beautifully describes how Christ connects us to one another within the church.

Secondly, God groups us together in special way, a special "mix". I Corinthians 12:18 expresses that truth, "But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, (individuals in the church) every one of them, just as He wanted them to be."

Thirdly, "good" fellowship is certainly possible. Psalm 133 is a neat little psalm that expresses what MAY be experienced, but certainly that is not automatic. We have to work at fellowship.

How would you define the discipline of fellowship? "Engaging with other disciples in the common activities of worship, study, prayer, celebration, and service which sustain our life together and enlarge our capacity to experience more of God."

Another quote from Dallas Willard speaks to the popular "myth" of the "lone Christian", or doing Christianity by oneself. "The members of the body must be in contact if they are to sustain and be sustained by each other. Christian redemption was never devised to be a solitary effort. Our life in Christ is one that requires some regular and profound conjunction (interaction) with others who share it. It is greatly diminished when this is lacking."

Bottom line—we need each other as Christ-followers. We need fellowship. And we should work at the quality of our fellowship. It is a discipline. Romans 14:19 and Hebrews 10:24 are two good verses to guide you in your efforts. The quality of our fellowship can be improved, greatly improved, if we will work at it as a discipline. Psalm 133 can become the "norm" rather than a rarity.

HOME & GARDEN PARTY

LEADS THE NATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COLON CANCER

The American Cancer Society has named Home & Garden Party, headquartered in Marshall, Texas, the nation's leading corporate sponsor in the fight against colon cancer. This announcement came at the company's annual sales meeting, held in Dallas this week.

With the new Give Hope campaign, Home & Garden Party's 25,000 independent Designers will take the company's commitment to fighting colon cancer into the living rooms of thousands of people. During hosted, private parties showcasing Home & Garden Party products, guests will be given the option to add a dollar - or more - to their orders. Each extra dollar benefits the American Cancer Society. Home & Garden Party founders Penny and Steve Carlile have pledged to match the first \$50,000 raised by their company's independent Designers.

The result is corporate support that makes a big difference. But there is more to the Give Hope campaign than just fundraising. One of the most important goals of the campaign is to create an open dialogue about an often uncomfortable subject.

"We talk about breast cancer," says Home & Garden Party President Penny Carlile. "We've become comfortable talking about prostate cancer, but our discomfort in talking about colon cancer is costing the needless deaths of thousands of men and women."

The American Cancer Society estimates that 106,680 new colon cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2006. However, when colon cancer is found in the earliest stages, the 5-year survival rate is 90 percent, according to American Cancer Society data.

Colon cancer almost always starts with a polyp - a small growth on the lining of the colon or rectum. Finding - and removing - polyps before they become cancerous is crucial. Ninety percent of all colon cancer cases are diagnosed in people older than 50 years.

"At Home & Garden Party, we want to wake people up to the reality that colon cancer testing and screening will save the lives of those they love," Penny says.

Home & Garden Party began its partnership with the American Cancer Society in 2001. The direct seller has raised over \$600,000 for breast cancer research, cancer awareness and education, college scholarships for cancer victims, transportation grants and Hurricane Katrina relief.

"Two of the most outstanding organizations in this country are Home & Garden Party and the American Cancer Society," says Leighanne Hart, ACS Development Officer, of the partnership with the direct seller. "As our friendship has grown, so has the important relationship between our two 'families.'"

Home & Garden Party is a premier direct seller of quality home products, with décor items that include stoneware, candle collections, framed artwork and other quality home accessories. Founded in May 1996 by Penny and Steve Carlile, Home & Garden Party provides others the opportunity to succeed in business. The Carliles' goal is the same today as it was ten years ago: provide independent Designers, hostesses and customers with outstanding service and beautiful, quality products that make a house a warm and inviting home. Home & Garden Party has free shipping on all products.

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On Tuesday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. NOCAC will hold an election at the Paulding County Senior Center located at 401 E. Jackson St. in Paulding to elect a low-income representative to serve on the NOCAC Board.

The person elected will represent low-income residents of Paulding County and will need to commit to attending a monthly Board meeting held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All NOCAC Board meetings are held at the NOCAC office in Defiance. NOCAC Board members provide input regarding the needs of the people they represent. This information is used to determine services, programs, and in setting goals and policies for NOCAC. NOCAC offers programming such as the Head Start Preschool program, Child Care Resource and Referral, Energy Assistance, Emergency Services, Homeless Assistance and Emergency Home Repair.

Low-income people are encouraged to attend this election and participate in the voting. Ongoing input of service recipients and low-income persons is very important to NOCAC.

Only low-income individuals can vote, but anyone regardless of income can be elected.

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member or have any questions, please contact Deb Gerken at 1-800-686-2964 or 419-784-5136, ext. 101.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Nick Banks now has the Antwerp Sales on the corner of Main and Daggett Street. But back about 1930, when I first can remember, Frank and Harry Zuber had a Ford Agency there. They went out of business about that time and moved over to Northeast Indiana. They had a number of boys and lived at the south end of Main Street where Mrs. Bert Major now lives.

Later on a business there was called Mutual Oil Co. and I think that was managed by Eddie Matzen and I think Gus Mattingly worked there also. Later on another oil company was in there called En-Ar-Co. Dorsey Waters worked there before and until he was drafted in WWII. After the boys came home Alverda Johnson and his son-in-law, Clarence Sweebe ran a service station there. I just now got off the phone. I was talking with my knowledgeable friend, Leota Davis, about the A&P Store in Antwerp. She told me that store was down in what is now the Antwerp Village Hardware, right next to Video Junction, on the south side of that hardware. The Kroger store was down to the south of The Star Theater. OK, if you dissect the Pockock (Haver) Building into three parts like it was then the Oak Tavern was to the north (later Frank

Smith's Drugstore) then the middle part would have been The Star Theater, a movie house. The southern most part would have been the Kroger Store. Well, the A&P Store was not in business to long and when they left, about 1937, the Kroger Co. moved their store north to that location. Mrs. Davis was a clerk in that store at this time, in both locations. Wilber Beere was the manager and Alvin Fett was a clerk also. After WWII started the manager couldn't get any help because everyone had gone to the defense plants so they closed up and left town. Mrs. Davis is very interesting to talk to. When I call we might talk for an hour on the phone.

OK, let's walk back south to the corner of Main and Daggett Streets right west of Ford Sales. Forest Vail had a garage. He was a good mechanic, The Vail family lived on the East end of Daggett Street. The rest of that block was occupied by the Antwerp Furniture Company.

The south side of that block of Daggett Street, Joseph Barber had a shoe repair shop. That place always smelled good like new leather. Joe had been in an accident and had lost both of his legs. He got around fine on his artificial limbs and he rode a bicycle a lot.

On to the west of the shoe shop was a big house. The home of Harry and Elsa Delong. They had a business of buying eggs, cream and

chickens. He even sold ice for the household ice box. If I remember right, Ernie Neely and his sister grew up in that house. Mr. Delong also drove a school bus. I think that house was torn down in the early 60's.

The next place is Dr. Bricker's Dental Office. That wasn't built until in the late 1950's. That replaced some old out buildings.

Going on west across the street you come in to Boland's Blacksmith Shop. That surely was a fixture in Antwerp History. Frank Boland and his son Ken were very good at fixing your broken piece or make you a new one.

They were in business many years and sometime or other, they helped about every farmer in the area. Ken even made his own school bus. I remember that bus going east on Canal Street at about 7:45 in the morning because it had a straight pipe on it and it popped and cracked pretty good.

They sold out to a man that I can see standing there in his bib overalls, but I don't remember his name. He called it a Welding Shop.

Later on that became H&W Automotive owned by Leo Headly and Ken Wittig. Their top counter person is Starr Levy and she has been with them a long time. I consider her an Antwerp Native even though she lives in Hicksville. She is as capable with auto parts as anyone I ever saw.

The next lot was vacant for many, many years. Bob Johnson and Virge Meyers had a bowling alley built there in 1953. For years that was a very busy place. In the last couple years it has changed hands and has been completely remodeled and is a very busy place again. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have done bang-up job there.

Going back to the corner where the fire station is has seen a number of renters or owners.

Back in the '20's, Ike and Bill Boyce had a livery stable business there. Then in the mid 1930's, it was used for a tomato processing plant and even some years after the late 1940's and into the '50's. Then the Paulding County Highway Department used it for a spell to store their road equipment in.

The house just west of

THE TURNING POINT RECEIVES WOMEN'S GRANT FROM ODADAS



From left to right; Paulding County Judge Timothy R. Pieper, Karen Moore, Director of the Turning Point and Brion Hanenkratt, Paulding County Court Chief Probation Officer.

Karen Moore, Director of the Turning Point of Paulding County, Inc. recently met with Judge Timothy R. Pieper and Chief Probation Officer, Brion Hanenkratt, of the Paulding County Court, to talk about collaboration of

services to benefit women and their families. The Turning Point has received a Women's Grant from ODADAS (Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addition Services) for women's treatment. The group discussed how to iden-

tify women, or their families, who may be in need of treatment and programs that may be provided through a cooperative effort between the Turning Point and the Paulding County Court Victim's Assistance Unit.

this building was the home of Arch Barnhart. His house caught fire one evening and it also destroyed part of the county highway barn. In about 1963 the Antwerp Fire House was erected there. Actually, the EMS building sits on the Barnhart lot.

The house west of Mr. Barnhart was the home of Maynard and Nettie Zuber. Maynard died in 1921 and Nettie passed away in 1951. Everybody knew and liked Nettie. Then Dale Swann lived in that house for years. There was a house on that corner where Perl Longberry's family lives. One of Perl Longberry's daughters homesteaded in Alaska in the early '30's. There was other people in that house later on. But both of those houses were torn down and Mr. Meeks from Hicksville built those new apartments. They are now owned by Dick Smith.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL: ANTWERP VS. HOLGATE

The Antwerp Archer Junior High School football team defeated Holgate 26-12 Tuesday night, September 12. John Brown had 3 TD passes and Dillon Sensenbaugh scored 2 TD's to lead the Archers to victory.

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PAYNE FALL FESTIVAL PLANS ARE FULL SPEED AHEAD

The fall festival committee and chamber of commerce are in the final stages of festival plans. If you would like to be involved in the planning then you are encouraged to attend the next meeting on September 27 at the Payne American Legion at 7:30 p.m.

The Haunted Cornfield was a huge success last year so it's back again to run Friday and Saturday October 27 and 28. Stormy Doctor will be heading the Cornfield festivities and is looking for volunteers. You may contact him for more info at 263-0406. You can also see more about the Haunted Cornfield at www.hauntedpayne.com.

The weekend event will be host to several bands which may be seen free of charge. Friday night the band Plan B will play at Goodtimes Saloon. Saturday under two big tents on Main Street the Reunion Band, Mudbone and A D.J. Will play great music into the night. Also on Saturday, in the Merrin Street tent there will be three Christian rock bands - Dooley Drive, Fortress, and Broken Yoke.

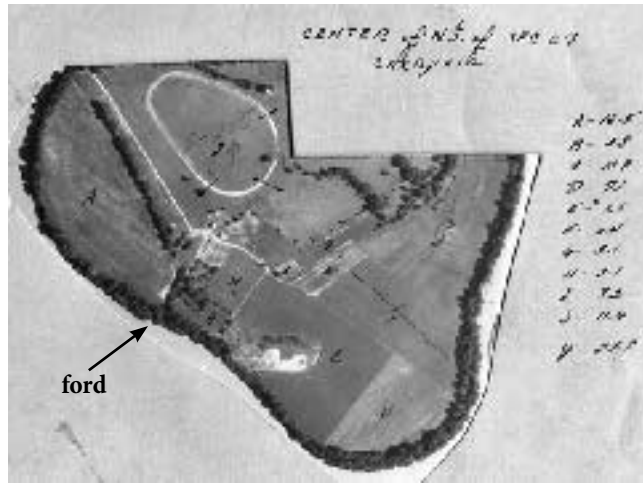
There are several other activities that are returning this year such as the Texas Hold'em poker, Hillbilly Horseshoes, Bingo, and Pedal Tractor Pull. We will also host a Car Show, regular horseshoe tournament, trick or treat, kids' games, Halloween parade, and costume contest.

We are proud to announce the addition of some new events this year. There will be a Tractor & Truck Pull Saturday at the Payne Park. If you are interested, please contact Winston Gross at 263-2060. Jeff Temple will have his 30-year collection of Payne area memorabilia on display Saturday and Sunday in the Old Pharmacy building. There will also be the First Annual Craft Show on the First Financial Bank yard Saturday.

Last but not least, 98.9 The Bear will be on hand to host a Hometown Hangout event Saturday from 9:00 p.m. - midnight. The Bear will have several giveaways such as concert tickets, T-shirts, Budweiser and Bear gear, and at least one grand prize.

Please come be a part of Payne's Fall Festival and Halloween celebration on Friday, October 27 and 28. Brought to you by the Payne Chamber of Commerce and the Fall Festival committee.

ANTWERP HISTORY



By: Stan Jordan

The above pictures are relevant to Snook's Race Track that was very active back in the late 1920's and early '30's. The one picture is of a common race car of that era. You can see it was a Ford and it had been shortened with over-sized wheels and tires, anything for more speed. Yes, grown men had toys, even in those days. We have no idea who that driver is or even if it's his race car. But now you know what their racers look like.

The other picture is an areal acreage shot. It gives the number of acres of each field. But if you look close you can still see the outline of the oval race track. I knew both Harry T. Snook and Harry G. Snook (Junior). I just imagine that the race track was of Junior's doings. I never got over to the race track but my sister-in-law, Anna Belle Jordan did. She enjoyed the surroundings and the whole ball of wax, but she didn't see them race. She was six or seven years old at that time.

If you look at the areal picture, you will notice that some of this farm is just across from the park. See that little mark there at the bottom of the picture? That is where the farmer's forded the Maumee River. If you look close you can see where the road circled around to the left or northwest and went on up to meet the River Road. This end of that mark showed where the farmers forded the river from the north, it had sort

of a drive way up to the very east end of Woodcox Street, or just at the east side of Allen Bickhard's house. That was still plenty noticeable when Lynn built that house, back in the 1960's. That was a pretty steep road and the horses had to get down and pull if there was much of a load on the wagon.

We are indebted to Barbara Snook Barker for these pictures and I really appreciate them because we can show you younger people where all the excitement was at that time.

I used to fish a lot with Junior Snook and his daughter, Barb, was about five at that time. She was a cutie then and is still a handsome lady.

Back in the '50's and '60's Junior and Virgil Balsler and sometimes Jim Balsler and I would fish Hamilton Lake. That has always been a good bass lake.

I had a good talk with Joe Barker, Jr. the other day when he brought me these pictures. He's a fine young man, just like his parents. The Barker boys are big farmers, I wish them well in all their ventures and Joe, Jr. in his new business, the A&W Root Beer Stand. That place has a very good reputation and Joe will improve on it.

Again, I want to thank the Barker Family for these pictures of the Snook Raceway, 'cause it certainly was a part of Antwerp's History.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again Bill and Patty Vance and their followers put on the wonderful extravaganza known as the Flat Rock Creek Festival. It is the largest single event to be held in Paulding County each year. I want to apologize to Bill and Patty any inconvenience to them Thursday due to a schedule conflict of the Paulding County Republican Banquet being held in the Extension building when the Flat Rock Festival was setting up.

Again, thanks for your efforts for Paulding County, the Festival was a big success. —Tony Langham

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDGERTON

On Thursday, September 14, the Junior Varsity of Wayne Trace matched up against Edgerton.

Final score was the following: Wayne Trace 13, Edgerton 12.

Wayne Trace is now 1-1. Tevin Hale (WT) had a five yard touchdown run and Jason Gordon (WT) kicked the extra point.

Jordan Sherry (WT) 10 yard pass to Devon Dias.

WEIGHT LOSS AND YOU

I was reading an article last week on the computer about the weight problem in America. Obesity in America and in the world is becoming a major problem for people.

The American diet today is all geared to larger portions and less healthy choices of food.

The recommended amount of fruits and vegetables servings today is supposed to be at least 7, but how many people do you know eat that many?

People today are looking for an answer to their health concerns and they are sometimes looking for a quick fix.

There are late night infomercials promising you quick weight loss and you get to eat everything along with it. Today we are very sedentary people. We don't exercise like we used to, we don't even like to use the word exercise. Now don't get me wrong, I am not real wild about it either but it does help you lose weight and keep it off.

The answers to lasting weight loss are to find a program that works and stick with it for life. My own per-

sonal experience was that Herbalife worked for me and continues to work for me.

There has to be a reason why you want to lose weight not just because you heard I did or someone else did. You have to have a motivation, maybe you want to go to a certain event and you want to look good for that event that is one. Some people's motivation is they are just tired of lugging all the weight around and they want something that works for a change.

Will Herbalife work for you without a motivation: Yes, for a while, but long term probably not.

You need to know - Why am I doing this weight loss program, is it for me or I just heard this was good and I want to try it too?

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GILLMOR PRESIDES OVER PASSAGE OF BILL TO SECURE U.S. FENCES

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) voted for legislation today to guard our nation's borders against the threat of terrorism and illegal immigration. Rep. Gillmor presided over part of the debate on the Secure Fence Act of 2006 which passed the House by a vote of 283 to 138. "This bill is another important step that the House is taking in its commitment to secure America's borders," Gillmor said. "I have been advocating five principles on immigration for some time now and securing our borders is an important first step in this process."

Gillmor Outlined his Five Principles on Immigration as:

1. Strengthen border security by increasing resources to federal and state authorities to assist border patrol efforts;
2. Enforce our laws banning the hiring of illegal immigrants;
3. Design a limited guest worker program to allow temporary workers to live in the country legally for a fixed, but limited period of time;
4. Oppose amnesty for those who have broken our laws;
5. Change the focus of legal immigration to make it easier for our country to accept legal immigrants with higher skills or education such as doctors and scientists.

Gillmor says the Secure Fence Act accomplishes his first principle of strengthening border security by erecting a virtual fence of cameras and sensors in addition to the construction of a 700 mile two-layered fence along the southwest border at critical, highly-populated areas. The bill also provides the necessary authority to border personnel to disable fleeing vehi-

cles in a manner similar to what is currently employed by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The House of Representatives passed border security legislation last December which aimed at securing American borders. When the Senate took up the issue this year, it created what is generally considered a flawed bill by immigration experts and Rep. Gillmor. The Senate bill would allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition at state colleges, provide guaranteed social security benefits for illegal immigrants and would require that the U.S. consult with the Mexican government before constructing any barrier along the U.S. border. The Republican leadership in the U.S. House has vowed not to pass legislation which would provide amnesty to illegal immigrants and as such, the House has committed not to pass the Senate legislation this year.

"Requiring foreigners to enter America lawfully is a commonsense and fair approach to immigration reform. This is not a punishment against any one person but rather an enforcement of the laws which make this nation great. We accept more than a million legal immigrants every year and Congress is committed to continuing our tradition as a welcoming nation while ensuring the safety of all our residents," Gillmor said. "The bill passed by the House today continues the debate over illegal immigration by ensuring that our borders are secure. This debate has just begun and will not end with simply border security. There are many more priorities that must be met to secure our nation and the House is committed to these reforms," Gillmor concluded.

The Secure Fences Act of 2006 awaits debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before it can be forwarded to the President for his signature.

REPUBLICANS HOLD ANNUAL FALL BANQUET



Pictured above are State Rep. Tom Raga, Republican candidate for Lt. Governor, and Paulding County Engineer Travis McGarvey.

By: Tony Langham

The Paulding County Republican Party held its annual fall banquet September 14 at the Ohio State Extension Building in Paulding with approximately 170 in attendance. State Representative Tom Raga, candidate for Lt. Governor, was the featured speaker.

State candidates speaking included State Sen. Lynn Wachtmann, seeking election as State Representative, and State Rep. Steve Buehrer, seeking election as State Senator. County Republican candidates who spoke were: Kay Langham, for County Commissioner; Lindsay Hefner, for County Auditor; Cheryl Halter, for Clerk of Courts; and Lou Ann Wannemacher

for County Treasurer. Also speaking were candidates for Judge of the County Court: incumbent Timothy Pieper, and Tiffany Beckman.

Awards for service were given to retiring commissioner, Ron Lane, and retiring auditor, Bill Bolenbaugh. Mr. Bolenbaugh could not attend due to an illness in the family.

Grants' Catering prepared a delicious buffet dinner and decorated the tables with fresh flowers and candles. Door prizes were donated by Republican Paulding County elected officials, and a silent auction was provided by members of Paulding County Republican Women.

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—Dick and Vivian Schilb
I want to thank you for the cards, flowers, and other expressions of concern during my recent hospitalizations.
—Dick Schilb

ATTENTION PAST MEMBERS OF THE PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BAND

We invite you to take part in the third annual PHS alumni band! For the past two years the alumni band was a big success, so we would again like you to join PHS band members in playing pre-game and stand tunes at this year's homecoming on October 6, 2006. You will not have to march, just have fun and renew old friendships.

If you are interested, please call Mr. Chesman, our new director, at 419-399-4656, ext. 1244, or Debbie Carter at 419-399-9180 by September 22, so that music can be sent to you for the game. See you there!

OAKWOOD LIBRARY PLANS APPROVED

The Oakwood Library Association board members learned at their September meeting that plans have been state approved and renovations can now proceed on their new enlarged library space. Association president, Anada Cooper, also announced that Bud Koenig would be taking on the responsibility of general contractor and that bids would be open for all aspects of the renovation process. Anyone interested in submitting a bid can contact either Cooper or Koenig. Consideration will be given to contractor who will accept volunteer help and area journeymen and craftsmen who are willing to donate their time will also be welcome as plans are firmed up.

An aggressive fund-raising campaign has been ongoing since the former Cooper Furniture stores were presented to the Association for the purpose of moving the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library to a much needed larger facility. The announcement that the Association has been named in a trust from the Walter Andrews estate also fell on grateful ears.

Fund-raising will continue throughout the renovation process. With the success of Labor Day weekend and Flat Rock Festival activities behind them, members now will be concentrating on selling their 300 Club tickets. The ticket is entered in each of twenty five drawings for prizes of (12) fifty dollars, (12) one hundred dollars, and (1) five hundred dollar winner held throughout the year. Tickets can be purchased from board members or by calling the Oakwood Branch during business hours.

Anyone who has interest in the contents in the existing buildings will be welcome to make a bid before the demolition begins. Notices will be placed in the newspapers and announced on the library sign when the date has been decided. Current board members include Anada Cooper, president; Kevin Hornish, vice president; Debbie Hornyak, treasurer; Karen Jacobs assistant treasurer; Sue Brown secretary; Jeanne Calvert, Steve Sierer, John Saxton, Bud Henke, Shelly Roughton, and Arden Peck. All board members welcome questions and comments from the community and express their gratitude for the support shown thus far.

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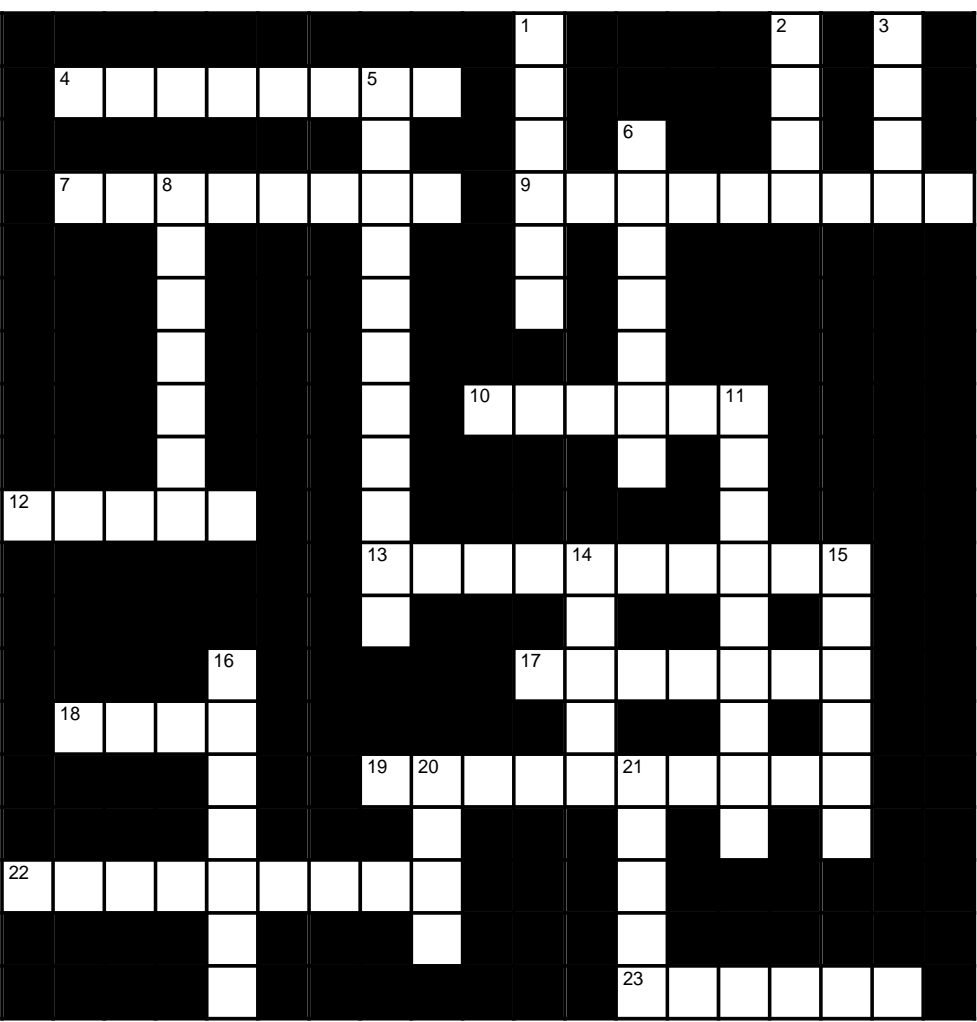
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- 9. How many apples does it take to make one gallon of cider?
- 10. Apples are picked this way.
- 12. What country is the leading producer of apples?
- 13. What percent of an apple is air?
- 17. This was one of George Washington's hobbies.
- 18. Apples usually contain how many seeds?
- 19. Apples can grow as large as a WHAT?
- 22. How much (in weight) apples does it take to make a 9" pie?
- 23. Apples grow in shades of red, green and WHAT.

Down

- 1. In colonial times, apples were sometimes call WHAT kind of bananas.
- 2. This apple is one of the oldest varieties in existence.
- 3. This is the exotic sounding apple.
- 5. This apple is green with a pink blush.
- 6. This apple is excellent with wine and cheese.
- 8. Johnny Appleseed's real last name.
- 11. Most widely grown apples in the U.S. are named this.
- 14. The largest apple picked weighed this many pounds.
- 15. One apple has this many calories.
- 16. The first apple nursery was in this state.
- 20. Apples are a member of this family.
- 21. Apples are grown in how many U.S. states?



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OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 NEWS

The Oakwood Arbor met 9-7-06 at the Cornerstone Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. We had 18 present of which two were from the Oakwood Boy Scouts to finalize their Eagle Scout Project for the making of new signs at Oakwood town entrances—for all our organizations. Final project to clean the roads again to be September 11. Our float we made for the Oakwood Homecoming Parade won second place of which we received \$50.00. Much fun was had in making the float. Our Christmas party was discussed—no date was set as yet. Some plans were discussed to finish our next year activities projects. There was a meeting Monday, September 11 for the finishing of these. Anyone interested in being a member of our Arbor please contact Kevin Hornish at 419-594-3866 Oakwood, Ohio. As this is a rewarding job to work for our whole community. Next meeting will be at the same place on October 5 at 7:00 p.m.



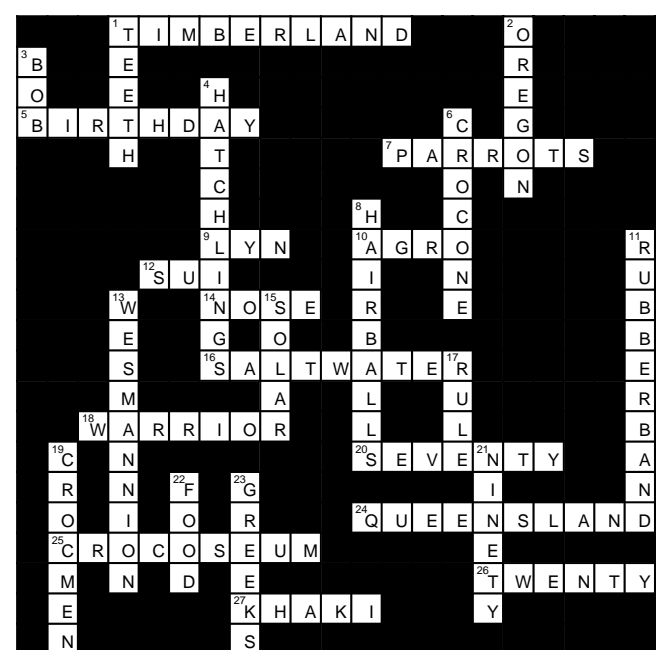
By: Chelsea Vail

What's up, home fry? I sincerely apologize for that. I'll try to work on better ways to greet you for the coming weeks. So, let's get down to business. The Homecoming football game against Fairview is this Friday (I'd better see you there!), the dance following on Saturday. Who are the attendants, you ask? Well, I'll tell you. Darcie Reinhart and Isaac Yenser will represent the Freshman class. Ana Garcia and a yet to be determined young man will represent the Sophomores, and Chelsey Murlin and Kyle Proxmire will be the Junior attendants. Senior attendants, in their respective couples, include Mindy DeLong and Mitch Fowler, Kelsey Cottrell and Nate Cross, and Brittany Jones and Seth Smith. Attend the game Friday to see who is crowned!

The next order of business is, yes, you guessed it, the sports schedule. There are many opportunities to support the teams this coming week, so just do it!
 JH Volleyball: September 21st, 4:30, @ Fairview; September 25th, 4:30; Stryker, September 26th, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace.
 JH Football: September 26th, 4:30, @ Hicksville.
 JV Football: September 25th, 4:30, Fairview.
 Varsity Golf: September 20th @ GMCs, TBA; September 21st, 4:30, Fayette; September 23rd @ Bryan Invitational, TBA; September 25th, 4:30, @ Ayersville.
 Varsity Cross Country: September 26th, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace/Ayersville/Fairview/Ottoville.
 Varsity Volleyball: September 26th, 6:00, Ayersville.
 Varsity Football: September 22nd, 7:30, Fairview (Homecoming).

Word of the Week: Tetchy \TECH-ee\ adjective. Irritably or peevishly sensitive; touchy. Alright, I know you can use this one. However, be warned, I won't be held responsible if you purposely aggravate someone so you can ask, "Why are you being so tetchy?" Any interesting experiences that come of this, though, I'd love to hear about. Have fun with it! That's all for this week, so I'll see you later, alligator!

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WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCE GRANT AWARD

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center and Ashland University are pleased to announce the award of a grant from the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of training candidates to be secondary mathematics teachers. Twenty candidates are now being recruited from Regions 1 and 3. Candidates from education or mathematics-related occupations will be given first consideration. They will receive 24 free graduate credits in math from Ashland University and will emerge from the program with an Ohio license to teach secondary mathematics. Participants in the Western Buckeye ESC/Ashland University Ohio CORE grant program will commit to a year-long program of training designed for working professionals which will result in a secondary teaching license in the area of mathematics. The program will be rigorous because of content and the Ohio Department of Education's timeline of one calendar year. Beginning the first week in October, 2006, participants will be taking 2 graduate courses of 3 credits each, in addition to beginning a year-long independent study of 3 credits. Course

locations will be based upon participants' central location in northwest Ohio. Course schedules will be set for Friday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. for eight weeks each semester. The summer course schedules will include four weeks to be scheduled in June, July and August of 2007. Course delivery systems will include: in-person classes, on-line classes and video distance learning. Course content will be a mix of teaching concepts/methods and advanced mathematics. Participants will be conducting a year-long independent study course with a team of peers involving action research and field experience in the classroom. Potential candidates for the program need to have obtained at least a Bachelor's degree in any area, preferably a teaching or math-related field. This program is ideal for mid-career professionals in math-related fields or for working, unemployed or substitute teachers wanting to add a licensure area. Interested persons should email wb_smith@noacsc.org or phone 419-399-4711 by September 19, 2006. Please provide your name, address, phone and email address for contact purposes.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO UPGRADE OPERATIONS

The Paulding County Hospital board of trustees approved two capital requests. The first, for \$54,250, is to purchase a state-of-the-art Vitek 2 lab instrument. It analyzes bacterial growth to identify the type of bacteria and the best antibiotic to treat it. It is easier to use than the existing system and can identify new emerging strains of bacteria. The instrument will provide optimum diagnoses for appropriate patients.

The second capital request, for \$12,094, is to purchase a Windows Terminal Server. PCH's offsite offices require an additional server to speed up their applications that run on the hospital's server. The WTS serves as an intermediary with the IBM server in the business office.

In addition to the two capital requests that were approved, chief operating officer Randy Ruge informed the board that an evaluation of digital mammography is currently being undertaken. "Digital mammography is an emerging technology that hold great promise for diagnosing cancer at earlier more treatable stages, thus improving breast cancer survival rates," said Ruge. "Fort Wayne Radiology is installing three units at their breast center and will soon be able to provide PCH with a thorough evaluation. If positive, we anticipate purchasing a digital mammography unit," Ruge con-

cluded.

Ruge also told the board that a new reporting system is being implemented in the emergency department. The new system will reduce the workload for Fort Wayne Radiology physicians through the use of computer messages rather than faxed written messages. This will assist the hospital in receiving timely, legible reports and a better legal record.

Chief financial officer Rob Goshia reported a net profit of \$28,432 for July and a year to date net loss of \$158,476. The profit for July was primarily a result of greater than anticipated volumes in "swing bed" and surgery patients. The oncology clinic also saw increased activity.

CEO Gary Adkins reported:

—He met with a group of public hospital representatives in Columbus. The group has a plan to work with legislators to include a \$10 million provision in the next state budget to offset Medicaid losses in 2006.

—A new program has been implemented to assist anyone who needs PCH medical records. He or she needs only to stop in the main lobby and tell the receptionist what is needed. A medical records department employee will deliver them to the individual, thus eliminating any long walk to the medical records department.

—He is working with architects regarding aesthetic upgrades to the inpatient area.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VISIONS, CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS



Students in Mrs. Morris' 2nd period Visions, Choices and Connections class listen to a decision-making presentation by Stephanie Davis from Solid Source.

The Visions, Choices and Connections class (known as VCC to students and staff) at Vantage is going strong. Developed as an integral component of the High Schools That Work continuous improvement program, this class offers a unique academic experience for our students.

The VCC curriculum was written and developed by a team of sixteen staff members, representing all departments at Vantage. This course offers students critical skills for success as young adults during high school and beyond. It emphasizes skills for life, good decision-making practices and employment readiness while focusing on a successful high school experience for all students.

The curriculum is endorsed by the State Department of Education and follows the students' integrated technical and academic competencies (ITACs). There are six content areas for the course: solving problems and thinking skillfully; communicating effectively; applying technology; working responsibly; planning and managing a career and managing resources.

Each quarter there is a new main topic. During this first nine weeks of school, students will be learning about study skills, time management,

team building, goal setting, decision-making, wellness and respect for others.

During the second quarter, the focus will be on school and career, including career assessment and exploration, options after high school, lifelong learning and workforce entrance skills and requirements.

The last half of the school year is devoted to the world of work and personal finance. Students will learn about employer expectations and job retention skills, workplace ethics, and communicating in the workplace. They will conduct mock interviews and have the opportunity to be involved in activities that emphasize the development of leadership skills. Budgeting, banking and coping with financial responsibilities are all topics that will be included during the last nine weeks of school.

To correspond with the VCC class on team building, Vantage staff and students recently participated in the annual "TeamBuilding" day at the school. The weather was perfect as teams of students rekindled friendships from last year and got acquainted with students and staff new to the school, while some friendly team competition in dodgeball and tug-of-war took place.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Travis and Valarie Bledso, of Fort Wayne, Indiana welcome home Brooklynn Abigail. She was born September 15, 2006. She weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Kevin and Kathy Smith of Antwerp; Brad and Lola Brown of Woodburn, Indiana; Doug and Rhonda Acosta of Woodburn; and Bill and Marsha Bledso of St. Joe, Indiana.

Her great-grandparents are Tom and Leila Trauterman of Antwerp; the late Ivan and Betty Brown; Marilyn and Ken Messman, and Ralph and Joellen Bledso both of Virginia.

SOUP 'N' SUCH AT OAKWOOD AMERICAN LEGION

Soup, Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Veggie trays, and Pie will be served Thursday September 21 at the Oakwood American Legion building. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. A free will donation will be received. Local vocalists, along

with the Oakwood Community Band will provide entertainment beginning at 6:00 p.m. (in the park, if weather permits). Proceeds go the Oakwood Community Band. Come join us for some really good food and entertainment this coming Thursday. You won't be disappointed. —Jane Sharp

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY THEATER IS ALIVE AND WELL IN ANTWERP

Amidst the flurry of sporting events and work schedules, a cast of nearly 75 are taking time out for practices of a different kind. It doesn't require running or a ball, but a lot of commitment, effort and imagination. The cast for "The Wizard of Oz" has been hard at work since the last week of August learning lines, singing songs, blocking out stage cues and having a great time bonding together as a stage family. This production includes twenty-seven grade school students as munchkins and more than 25 middle/high school students participating as dancers, townspeople, flying monkeys and technical crew. Rounding out the cast as Dorothy is Rachel Banks, with this being her 15th production, Brian Shetterly of Fort Wayne as Scarecrow, Jim Matusik of Fort Wayne as Tin Man, and Dave Snyder of Payne who has directed, acted and been stage designer for more than thirty-five years. Julie Hall,

with more than fifty shows to her credit, will be scaring everyone as the Wicked Witch of the West. With less than a month before the production opens (October 14th) Chris and Crystal Banks, the show's directors are extremely busy finding and sewing costumes, building and painting sets, trying out props and figuring out staging. The Banks' production company, CC Banks Productions, has produced many successful musicals and plays in the past years and is excited to be using the Antwerp School's new facility for "Wizard of Oz".

"There are going to be a lot of special effects and great costuming, not to mention the extremely talented actors in this show," says director, Chris Banks. "I am so pleased with the support of the community and Antwerp School Principal, Steve Arnold. The new stage at the Antwerp School is really amazing. I am really looking forward to putting this production on in Antwerp and bringing theater to our community."

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The Flat Rock Creek Festival has come and gone again. All the planning and hard work has been heard and seen at the Paulding County Fairgrounds last weekend. From the engines to all the different foods, people had a great time.

Area vendors littered the fairgrounds with their wares to tempt a large variety of consumers. From apple butter and caramel corn making to broom making and blacksmithing the area was ripe for the typical Midwestern Fall Festival.

Some very talented musicians tickled the air as you walked through the festival as well - Brown County, Indiana's Mr. Bojangles, Harmonica John & Nancy, Spittin' Image, Hurdy Gurdy Band, Party Time Band brought a Polka & Square Dance, Spike and the Bulldogs, Wesley Linekugal Band, The Prengers, Rollie's Boys played for the Autumn Barn Dance, and the Kettering Banjo Society.

Each morning started off with a pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by the Paulding County Firefighters Association and then the events took

off from there. Friday had the Pork Chop Supper, Tractor Pull, and Polka & Square Dance. Saturday had the "Longaberger Basket Auction, antique tractor pull, K of C Chicken Bar-b-que, First Christian Church hog roast, and an autumn barn dance. Sunday rounded the weekend off with a vintage & classic truck show, a church service, Beef-n-noodle dinner, and a World Championship 3300 lb. Lightweight Horsepull Spectacular.

With camping being offered and all that their was to do and see, Paulding's Flat Rock Creek Festival was the place to be last weekend. The placed was packed and all who did come, left well satisfied with the event. And if you missed it, well, don't despair, next year when the leaves start a-fallin' pay attention to your newspapers for the advertisements again.



ANTWERP'S ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES LOU ANN WANNEMACHER



Pictured is Lou Ann Wannemacher, Candidate for Paulding County Treasurer, along with Suzanne Rister, of Rister Law Office. Lou Ann was the guest speaker for the Antwerp Rotary lunch meeting, invited by Suzanne. Lou Ann shared with the group her

experiences working at the Treasurer's office as Deputy Clerk, current information on tax collection totals, and also information on CAUV, and Personal Property Taxes which will be due by September 20. Lou Ann is looking forward to the election on November 7.

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Varsity Volleyball: Wayne Trace vs. Miller City

By: Kevin Wannemacher
On Saturday, September 16, the Wayne Trace Varsity Volleyball team took on Miller City at Wayne Trace. Final sets were: Wayne Trace over Miller City 22-25, 25-23, 25-16.

Wayne Trace's record is now 2-5 on the season.

Wayne Trace Team Statistics:

Serving 70-72, Serve Reception 43-56, Hitting 73-83, Setting 111-114, Passing 52-72.

Individual Statistics:
Kara Benschneider - 17-18 serving, eight digs.

Krista Germann - 17-18 serving, 12-14 hitting, five kills, 7-8 passing.

Dayna Keirns - 82-84 setting, 17 assists.

Natalie Snyder - 19-20 hitting, ten kills, 7-8 passing.

Sara Priest - 7-8 passing, eight digs, five blocks, 5-5 serve reception.

Becky Ruble - five blocks.

Kerry Habern - 12-12 serve reception.

REP. GILLMOR ANNOUNCES DEFIANCE SERVICE ACADEMY NIGHT

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) has scheduled a United States Service Academy information night for prospective applicants from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The meeting will be held at Defiance High School in Defiance, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

"Representatives from the admissions offices of the U.S. Military, Naval, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine Academies have been invited to attend the information night," Gillmor said. "I would encourage all students in the Fifth District who are interested in an academy appointment to attend the meeting," Gillmor continued.

The service academy information night will afford interested students the opportunity to meet with acad-

emy representatives, as well as representatives from the Congressman's office to learn about the academy nomination and selection process.

"As a Congressman, one of my most important and fulfilling responsibilities is to nominate young men and women from the Fifth District for admission to our nation's service academies. While the congressional schedule prevents me from attending the event, my staff will be on hand to answer your questions," Gillmor concluded.

For more information on the academy nomination process, please contact Congressman Gillmor's Tiffin, Ohio office at (800) 541-6446 or visit the student section of his website at www.house.gov/gillmor.

PAULDING YOUTH BALL ORGANIZATION WINDS DOWN THE SEASON

Nearly 350 area children had the opportunity to play summer ball due to the efforts of the numerous parents and community members who donated their summer to the Paulding Youth Ball Organization.

Now that the season is over, plans are underway to prepare for and improve the Paulding Youth Ball Organization and to offer the youth of the community another season of ball. There will be an organizational meeting and officer elections on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 4:00 pm. This will take place at the Youth Leadership Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Nominations for officers will be accepted at this time, and all nominees must be present to accept the nomination. This is a public meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend.

In addition to serving as an officer, members are needed to fill various committee chair positions and assist in numerous ways. The 2005-2006 Officer Team thanks all who helped during the past year and hope to continually improve the organization for our children. We welcome anyone interested to attend the next meeting.

BOYS' VARSITY GOLF AT COUNTRY ACRES GOLF COURSE

On Thursday, September 14 the golf teams from Wayne Trace and Ayersville teed off at Country Acres Golf Course.

Final team scores were: Wayne Trace 176, Ayersville 176.

Wayne Trace won on fifth man tiebreaker.

Aaron Hockenberry (WT) shot a 47, Joe Ewers (A) shot a 49.

Records - Wayne Trace 8-2, Ayersville 6-5.

Wayne Trace (176) - Dane Treece 44, Matt Shugars 44, Scott Kipfer 44, Elliott Temple 44, Aaron Hockenberry 47, Randy Martin 48, Andrew Horner 58.

Ayersville (176) - Matt Brown 41, Eric Fishbach 44, Josh Retcher 45, Logan Wolfrom 46, Joe Ewers 49, Mark Hagan 50, Preston Zachrich 51.

LOCAL RESIDENTS BEGIN TRAINING TO BECOME BALLROOM DANCE TEACHERS



Rudy Casiano (right) poses with partner.

Residents of Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana recently began their first semester of teacher training in the Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy at Stardust Ballroom in Antwerp, Ohio. Teacher trainees such as Rudy Casiano of Antwerp, Ohio (pictured above) will spend the semester learning the Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, and Viennese Waltz. During the college's next semester in January, trainees will

begin learning the Rumba, Cha Cha, East Coast Swing, and Bolero. In total, Rudy and his classmates will learn to dance and teach seventeen of the most common ballroom dances and, perhaps most importantly, prepare themselves mentally and physically for the national certification exam through which they can become licensed professional ballroom dance teachers.

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Next Week: What is a revaluation or reappraisal?

ROSE HILL CHURCH OF GOD WELCOMES NEW PASTOR - RON HOFACKER



The Rose Hill Church of God is having an installation service for their new Pastor, Ron Hofacker on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

The community is invited to come and join with us as we celebrate God's blessing to our Church as we welcome Pastor Ron to his new calling of Christ.

There will be a lunch served following the service for a time of fellowship.

Rose Hill is located at the corner of St.Rt. 637 and the Charloe Trail (17965 Rd. 138) Paulding.

Some comments from Mr. Hofacker:

"I grew up on a farm in Paulding County and graduated from Paulding High School in 1975. I then went to technical school and have worked in the Heavy Truck Repair business for the last 30

years. "Rose Hill has been my home church all of my life. I gave my heart to the Lord when I was 14 and have been serving him ever since.

"I was always active in the church over the years serving in many different capacities such as Youth Director, Sunday School Teacher, Worship Leader, Board Member & Elder.

"In 1983 I became a Gideon and for the next 23 years that was a real blessing as I shared God's Word and placed Bibles in our community and around the world through that ministry.

"In 1985 I married Karen Stoller and we continued to minister to others. Karen was a beautiful Christian woman that never new a stranger. She was an excellent pianist and loved music.

In 1998, I helped start a N.A.M.I. (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) of Four County affiliate. This is part of a National organization of grass roots family support groups.

"Karen also suffered from Bipolar-Affective Disorder, which got worse as time went on. Karen passed away on June 6, 2004.

"After Karen passed away, I knew God had a new direction for my life and after a lot of prayer over the next year God called upon me on October 24, 2005.

"Our Pastor at the time was Rev. Tim Hauenstein and he called and told me he was

going to resign due to health problems and move to Florida.

"Before I got off the phone with him the Lord told me, 'It's your turn Ron'. After a lot more prayer and sleepless nights I took my calling to our Elder Board and later to our congregation who approved the decision with a unanimous vote on March 5, 2006.

"Rose Hill celebrated its 75th anniversary last year and I thank God we are still sharing the gospel and love of Jesus just as we did when the church was established.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

We want the community to know that we are here to minister to the needs people. If you are looking for a church family to worship the Lord and study Gods Word, you are welcome at Rose Hill.

NOTICE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRAC MEETING

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC), the state panel which decides funding for major new capacity-adding transportation projects, will meet for the first of two regional meetings to hear public comments regarding applications that were recently submitted to the TRAC.

There will also be a working session before the TRAC public meeting.

This meeting will be on Thursday, September 21 with the working session starting at 9:00 a.m. And the TRAC Public Hearing starting at 10:00 a.m.

It will be at the Holiday Inn - Independence located at 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. MC-COMB

By: Kevin Wannemacher
Wayne Trace slammed over McComb in these final sets: 18-25, 25-20, 25-21.

Wayne Trace is now 3-5.

Team Statistics:
Serving 54-56, Serve Reception 40-53, Hitting 73-89, Setting 85-93, Passing 47-72.

Individual Statistics:
Kara Benschneider 11-11 serving, three aces, 7-8 passing, ten digs, 4-4 serve reception.

Dayna Keirns - 10-10 serving, 60-66 setting, 18 assists.

Sara Priest - 13-15 hitting, five kills, 12-13 serve reception.

Natalie Snyder - 20-24 hitting, ten kills.

Krista Germann - 7-8 passing.

Katie Buehrer - five digs.

Becky Ruble - three blocks.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. PAULDING

On Tuesday, September 12, the Junior High volleyball teams from Wayne Trace and Paulding volleyed for victory.

In Seventh Grade - Wayne Trace (3-2) over Paulding 25-9, 25-12.

Individual stats: Sarah Feasby - 19-19 serving, six aces. Rebecca Habern - 8-8 serving, three aces.

In Eighth Grade - Wayne Trace (4-1) over Paulding 25-12, 25-8.

Individual stats: Kelsey Heck - 9-9 serving, five aces. Kacee Hockenberry - 9-9 serving, three aces.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. AYERSVILLE

On Tuesday, September 12 the Junior High football teams from Wayne Trace and Ayersville touched down.

Final score was the following: Wayne Trace 26, Ayersville 0.

Chris Hartzell rushed for four touchdowns for the Raiders and Cody Stahl added a two-point conversion run.

ANTWERP FOOTBALL STATISTICS

These are the statistics for the Antwerp Varsity Football team.

Record: 6-2 overall; 4-1 G.M.C.
Average score for all eight games is 26.5 with opponents average being 10.0.

FOOTBALL ACTION: WAYNE TRACE VS. HICKSVILLE

By: Kevin Wannemacher
Friday, September 15, saw an attack by Wayne Trace's football team on Hicksville. Final score was Wayne Trace 52, Hicksville 6.

Records - Wayne Trace (3-1 overall, 1-0 GMC); Hicksville (1-3 overall, 0-1 GMC).

BOYS GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Wayne Trace and Hicksville golf teams traveled to Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Tuesday, September 12.

Final scores were: Wayne Trace 155, Hicksville 190.

Records for both teams are - Wayne Trace 7-2, Hicksville 1-6.

Individual scores: Wayne Trace (155) - Dane Treece 37, Aaron Hockenberry 37, Elliott Temple 39, Scott Kipfer 42, Matt Shugars 45, Andrew Horner 46, Randy Martin 50 Hicksville (190) - Levi Guilford 45, Nate Mickelson 46, Josh Vandemark 48, Eric Applegate 51, Nick Mickelson 57.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL: AYERSVILLE VS. WAYNE TRACE

On Thursday, September 14, Wayne Trace's junior high volleyball team traveled to Ayersville.

In Seventh Grade - Ayersville over Wayne Trace (3-3) by scores of 25-15, 15-25 and 25-20.

In Eighth Grade - Wayne Trace (5-1) over Ayersville by scores of 11-25, 25-19, 25-16

LOCAL STUDENT COULD WIN U.S. SAVINGS BOND

Commander Jim Miller of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2873 and Chris Taylor, Auxiliary Youth chairman, announced the kick-off of this year's VFW and Ladies Auxiliary "Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." Students in grades 6-8, including home-schooled students, in this area have the opportunity to complete in the annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds and a trip to be honored at the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winners compete for more than \$75,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and an all-expenses trip to Washington, D.C.

Each year, more than 130,000 students participate in the Patriot's Pen Essay Competition. Students are invited to write a 300-400-word essay on a patriotic theme. This year's theme is "Citizenship in America". Deadline for student entries is November 1, 2006. Interested students and teachers should contact their local VFW Post or Ms. Taylor at 587-3400 for more information.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. OTTOVILLE

On Thursday, September 14, Wayne Trace and Ottonville volleyed for victory. Varsity: the final score was Wayne Trace over Ottonville 25-23, 25-21, 24-26 and 25-21. Wayne Trace is now 1-5.

Wayne Trace team Statistics:

Hitting 93-113, Setting 147-149, Serving 90-95, Serve Reception 57-76

Wayne Trace individual statistics:

Kara Benschneider 18-20 hitting, ten kills, nine digs.

Becky Ruble 24-28 hitting, seven kills, 11 digs, 8-9 passing.

Natalie Snyder 25-28 hitting, 12 kills, nine blocks.

Sara Priest ten blocks, 18-18 serving, 12-17 serve reception.

Dayna Keirns 115-117 setting, 30 assists, 20-24 passing, 21-21 serving, two aces.

Krista Germann 19-20 serving, two aces.

Chelsea Holtsberry 9-10 serve reception.

Junior Varsity: Ottonville over Wayne Trace 26-24, 25-19.

Leading Individuals:

Becky Hicks 5-6 serving, two aces, 11-13 hitting, five kills.

Maria Schaefer 7-9 serving, one ace.

Marla Sinn 5-7 hitting, one kill.

Chelsea Miller 4-5 hitting.

Jenna Stoller six digs.

Katie Buehrer six digs.

VENTURING CREW FORMS IN OAKWOOD

Attention Area Youth! A new Venturing Crew is forming now in Oakwood. Venturing is a program of the Boy Scouts of America, geared toward high adventure and service. It is for young men and women ages 14 (must have completed the 8th grade) through age 20. The purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people become responsible, caring adults. An Open House will be held on Sunday September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakwood United Methodist church. Jon and Becky Jo Thomas will be leading the group. Come and join us to see what exciting activities lie ahead. If you have any questions please call Jon or Becky Jo at 419-594-2674.

BRAD DYSINGER RUNS FOR PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER SEAT



Brad Dysinger has filed petitions to run for Paulding County Commissioner on November 7. Dysinger lives on County Road 60 in Washington Township with his wife Ann. They have two children Paula 20 and Bradley 18. Dysinger and his wife own and operate Thorn Bottom Hunting Preserve in Washington Township and have since 1996. Dysinger, a lifelong Republican is running as an Independent. "I'm very conservative and our tax and spend Governor has left a bad taste in my mouth. In fact in Paulding County Independents outnumber Democrats and Republicans together so that in a way puts me a member of the majority party of the county. My Dad Nick Dysinger (who died in 2001) was a Republican and my mom Marie Dysinger is a Democrat. Being the son of this mixed marriage, and with Dad gone, Independent was the only sure way to get Mom's vote, she rarely votes for a Republican."

Dysinger is currently a Supervisor on the Paulding County Soil and Water District board. He was first elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2006. "I'm really proud of the job the SWCD does in our county. With agriculture the number one business in the county and with my wildlife background, it's a natural fit for me. More times than not government is the problem instead of the answer but the programs like CSP and CRP that the SWCD help with prove that it doesn't always have to be so."

Dysinger graduated from Paulding High School in 1972. This was the first consolidated class from Oakwood. "I lived in one house and went to three schools, Melrose, Oakwood and Paulding." In 1974, he took up trap shooting and from then until moving back to Paulding in 1993, he made his living as a professional trapshooter. During this time he traveled all over the United States and got to see the country and meet many interesting people. From 1985 until 1993 Brad and family lived in Cambridge, Maryland. Maryland isn't only great duck hunting country, it's only 50 miles from Washington, D.C. While living in Maryland, Dysinger met and became

friends with some interesting politicians. Senator Phil Gram of Texas was neighbor and fellow hunter, one friend Dysinger made was Congressman Duncan Hunter from San Diego, California. Hunter is current Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. In 1996 Dysinger attended the Republican National Convention in San Diego as Duncan Hunter's guest and stayed at his home.

"One of the most interesting times I had in DC was giving a speech to the Congressional Sportsman Caucus on the same day as the state of the union speech. This was during the first Gulf War. Duncan had me dress up in camo for the speech and afterwards took Ann and I on a tour of the capital building. Camo is to hide you in the woods but it sticks out when everyone else is wearing a suit."

"If I become commissioner on November 7 I will use my contacts and experience to help Paulding County. If you want someone in the government to take care of you, make daily decisions for you, hold your hand don't vote for me. If you want someone who is honest, says what he thinks, not what he thinks you want to hear, does what is right even if not easy, and will always put Paulding County first, then vote for me."

Dysinger says that maybe by knowing about one of his Paulding County relatives from the past you can understand him a little. His great-great-grandpa Applegate was one of the Antwerp Reservoir Dynamiters from the Reservoir War of 1887. Their slogan NO COMPROMISE can still be seen in the Paulding County Courthouse today. It is in the Paulding County seal. Dysinger says, "We in Paulding County need not compromise our way of life, our freedoms, or our values."

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Q&A with Ed Straley for Paulding County Commissioner



Q: Ever wondered what the story was behind these two famous party animals? Part II

Last Week we discussed the *Democratic Donkey*. Thomas Nast used Andrew Jackson's idea and placed it in political cartoons.

Nast also brought about another famous symbol—the *Republican Elephant*. In a cartoon that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1874, Nast drew a donkey clothed in lion's skin, scaring away all the animals at the zoo. One of those animals, the elephant, was labeled "The Republican Vote." That's all it took for the elephant to be associated with the Republican Party.

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