

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Snyder

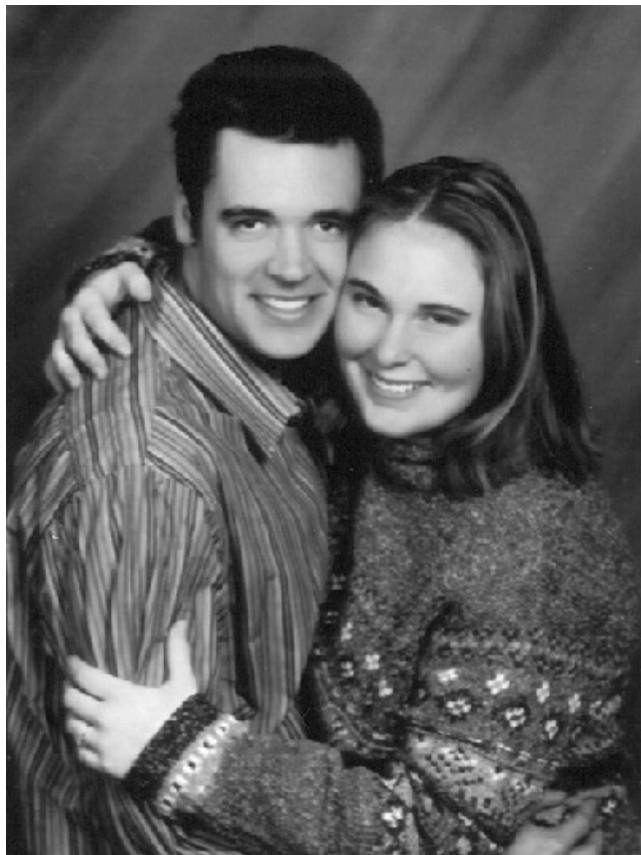
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Snyder of Antwerp recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was surprised by a family celebration that was hosted by their children and grandchildren in October. Gerald Snyder and Donna Smith were married December 31, 1955 at St. John Lutheran Church, Brice-ton, Ohio, by Rev. Grant A. Shealy. Their family includes daughters, Sheryl, of North Quincy, MA, Sharlotte (Michael) Smith of Antwerp, and Shelley (Anthony) Nighswander of Hicksville. The couple has been blessed with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NEW CAMERA CLASS AT SYLVIA'S

Sylvia's Portraits in Antwerp is starting basic digital camera classes. Sylvia has been a professional photographer for 19 years and 10 years teaching photography class to Ford & General Motors employees and retirees. Different times clients would say, "Sylvia I know you teach photography class, but I am not an employee." Here were our starting photography classes. Basic digital class covers topics about: how digital cameras work, learning what your camera can do for you, compose better pictures, how to take landscapes, people, nature & wildlife, what type of lighting to make picture look better. Sylvia really enjoys watching people grow from knowing nothing about their camera to where the photography bug bites them.

The next class will be Basic computer class on Adobe Photoshop Elements 4.0, a new program out to help with taking pictures from camera to computer to final printing at home or in a store. The class covers using a card reader, organize your pictures so you can find them, basic retouching of picture, burn a CD to keep your digital film safe & many more tricks.

WADAS - LINDERMAN



Robert and Jennifer Wadas of Sylvania, Ohio together with Robert and Dawn Smith of Oakwood, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Alyssa Wadas to Aaron Linderman. Alyssa is a graduate of Northview High School and will be graduating from BGSU in December 2006 with a degree in Criminal

Justice. Aaron is a graduate of Defiance High School. He is actively serving in the Ohio Air National Guard in the 200th Red Horse Squadron and recently returned from active duty in Iraq. Currently, he is working on a degree in Architecture/Environmental Design Studies at BGSU. A June 3 wedding is planned at Wildwood Metropark.

LOCAL BASKETBALL COACH RECORDS CAREER VICTORY NUMBER 500

Wayne Trace head coach Al Welch recorded career victory number 500 as the Raiders defeated Edgerton 44-38 at the home of the Bulldogs.

Welch now stands with a career record of 500-190 in his 31st season at Wayne Trace.

Under Welch, the Raiders have recorded:

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—Seventeen Sectional Championships

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PAULDING COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES OHIO TOWNSHIP DAY

On February 1, the Paulding County Township Association will join Ohio's townships and residents by recognizing Ohio Township Day. This day has been set aside to recognize the hard work and dedication of township trustees and fiscal officers and to promote grass roots government. Town-

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OBITUARIES

Jennie Elizabeth Wootton, 85, Paulding, died January 19, at the Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born April 5, 1920, in Evansport, Ohio, the daughter of Herman and Mary E. (Coy) Frank. On September 23, 1939 she married Robert L. Wootton, who preceded her in death on September 14, 2003. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding. A nurse for the Paulding County Hospital in the OB Department.

A geriatric nurse for former Total Care Nursing Home, Paulding. A member of the American Legion Post 117 of Defiance. A member of the Paulding Bunco Club. A Girl Scout leader and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a co-founder of the Paulding County Senior Center and Paulding County Mental Health Board. She was an avid Bingo Player. She was a member of the CWS (Christian Women's Society of the Church).

She is survived by three sons, Dale (Becky) Wootton, Barberton, OH, Robert (Kim) Wootton, Terra Haute, IN, and Mark (Joan) Wootton,

Paulding; two daughters, Pam (Jim) Adamski, Aurora, IL, and Tamara (Gary) Boroff, Grover Hill, OH; three brothers, Leland Frank, Kenneth Frank, and Donald Frank, all of Stryker, OH; a sister, Rose English, Ney; twelve grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepmother, Gladys Ashlieum; a son, Larry Wootton; brothers Charles, Eugene, Ronald and Richard Frank; and a great-grandson, V. Steve Carnall.

Funeral services were January 24, at the First Christian Church, Paulding and Pastor Paul L. Biery officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Hawthorn Court Nursing Home Activity Fund.

Paul Wesley Lentz, 83, Payne, died January 20 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born March 16, 1922 in Paulding County, Ohio the son of Otto and Esther (Birkhold) Lentz. On August 3, 1941 he married Doris I. (Cryer) who died August 8, 2002, they were married for 61 years. He was a lifetime farmer in the Payne, Ohio area, a member of St. James

Lutheran Church, Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters, Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580, Paulding County Township Association and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2556 of Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters; Paula (Mike) McKinney of Bradenton, Florida and Sylvia Price of Calgary Alberta Canada and 1 Son: Ken (Barbara) Lentz of Payne, Ohio, Six Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren. One sister, Edna Donnell, Indianapolis, IN; and one brother, Robert (Donna) Lentz, Maumee, IN.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris in 2002; son, Larry Lynn Lentz in 1950; one brother, Ordian; and one sister, Zola Doering.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 25 at St. James Lutheran Church, Payne. Pastor Joseph Allen will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Payne. Calling at the church on Wednesday morning 10:00 a.m. until service time. Masonic memorial services were held 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. James Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Joseph M. Buerkle, 29, Antwerp, passed away January 23, at Dekalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

Born in Paulding, Ohio on March 1, 1976, he was the son of Joseph and Cindy (Antoine) Buerkle of Defiance. He married Stephanie Hamrick October 31, 2003.

He worked as a rigger at New Millenium Building Systems of Butler, IN. He previously worked at Spec-Temp.

He will be sadly missed by his wife and parents; sons, Joseph Allen Buerkle, Joshua Michael Buerkle, Jordan Anthony Buerkle all at home; daughter, Reece Nicole Buerkle at home; brother, Anthony Buerkle of Connersville, IN; half brother, Christopher Antoine of Paulding; and grandmother and step grandfather, Gladys & Norm Wichmann of Defiance.

His grandparents, Joseph & Ella Buerkle and William Antoine have passed away.

You are invited to participate in his funeral service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, with Reverend Dee Wentz officiating.

You may call Thursday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Friday, 10:00 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home.

In his memory contributions may be made to children of Joseph M. Buerkle.

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Greatly missed by your forever loving daughter,
Sharon

BENEFIT FOR JOHNNIE PRESTON

We are having a benefit. This benefit is being called a Silent Benefit because there are no programs, no auctions, no games, no prizes and no refreshments. There is just a need we hope you can help fill.

The benefit is for little Johnnie Preston. Johnnie is the son of Ben and stepson of Jill (Zartman) Preston. Jill is the daughter of Bill and Becky Zartman. At Christmas, Johnnie seemed like any other normal 2 1/2 year old playing with his twin sister Annie.

Two weeks after Christmas Ben and Jill noticed how lethargic Johnnie was when they had John and Annie for the weekend. Ben advised his mother to take him to the doctor that coming week. She took him to the doctor on Monday and he was immediately admitted to Hicksville Hospital and after being there a day he was transferred to St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, where they found a very large tumor in his abdomen pressing against his kidneys and bowel, this tumor was biopsied and found to be malignant. After further testing cancer was also found in his lungs, skull and his hips.

Because Ben is spending his days and some nights at the hospital, at this time the only income coming in is what Jill makes at her part-time job at J.C.Penney in Defiance.

Treatment has begun on Johnnie's cancer but the best hope the doctors can give to his parents for their little boys' life is 40 to 45% with an aggressive approach to treatment.

It is decided to have a silent benefit so that every penny could go to the Preston's. It's hard for us to party and have fun when a little boy is so critically ill. The Preston's have no insurance. We would ask that you would be praying for Johnnie and his family.

If you feel you can give to this benefit any amount you give will be appreciated, no amount is too small.

Many of you may know Jill from her days working at Kammeyer's IGA for several years.

Donations may be made out to Ben and Jill Preston and sent to Benefit, Kay Bromagem, Box 237, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dylan Wobler, age 3, wishes to announce the arrival of his baby sister, **Mya Mechelle** born at the Defiance Hospital on January 20, at 2:50 a.m. She weighed 5 lb. and was 17 inches long. The proud parents are Shayne Wobler and Suzi Arnett of Antwerp. Grandparents are Michael and Nancy Wobler, Dee Richards, both of Antwerp, and Donald Arnett Jr. of Hicksville. Great-grandparents are Dolores Wobler, Payne, Donald Arnett Sr., Hicksville, Betty Morris of Georgia, and Great-great-grandma Dolly Auck, Hicksville.

Rhaegan Alexandria Marshall was born at Hicksville Community Hospital at 2:32 p.m. on January 19. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Chantelle Pease and Gary Marshall of Antwerp. She was welcomed home by her brother Jude. Grandparents are Homer and Cindy Marshall, Stryker; Ellen and Kenny Oliver, Garrett, IN; Rick Pease and Kim Grimes, Payne; Connie and Dave Gordon, Antwerp. Great-grandparents are Janet Seslar, Woodburn, IN; Ed and Bobbi Smith, Battle Creek, MI; and Richard Gordon, Antwerp.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNER

The Antwerp Elementary Spelling Bee winner for this year is Dalton Skeens, son of Dennie and Paula Skeens, Antwerp. Dalton is a student in Mrs. Cooper's sixth grade class. The winning word was "affection". The runner up is sixth grader Brandon Dunderman.

Sara Nichole Lawhorn was born at Defiance Hospital on January 15 at 3:37 p.m. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Tiffany and Chad Lawhorn. She was welcomed home by brothers Nicholas and Alex. Grandparents are Rick and Chris Lawhorn, Oakwood; Dave and Connie Gordon, Antwerp; and Beverly Williams, Defiance. Great-grandparents are Norma Lawhorn, Cloverdale; Richard Gordon, Antwerp; Daloris Henry, Bluffton, OH. Great-great-grandmother is Francis Henry, Bluffton, OH.

PAYNE BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

Effective February 1, the Payne Branch Library will be changing their hours. This change will allow us to be open five days a week, instead of four, for your convenience. We hope that everyone will find this change to be beneficial.

Monday: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: CLOSED
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Sunday: CLOSED

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Paulding Middle School held their Spelling Bee and their winner was seventh grader, Jared Ross. The runner up was eighth grader, Aaron Gross.



Vantage Junior Health Careers students, Ashley Roxo from Van Wert, Jamie Bennett from Delphos Jefferson and Marcella Moreno from Paulding, examine and clean dentures as part of their dental assistant unit.

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Students in the Early Childhood Education program discover that working with young children can be very rewarding. This program prepares students to work in a licensed child care facility, operate a day care center, become a nanny or teach young children. The state licensed Vantage Preschool is staffed by these high school students and their teachers. In addition to receiving instruction in planning and conducting lessons, the students apply principles of child development and child psychology as they plan activities for toddlers and preschoolers.

The Culinary Arts program is the starting line for many students who are interested in careers in restaurant services and hospitality management. Students in this program operate the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, a full-service restaurant located at Vantage, which is open to the public throughout the school year. This two-year program is also the foundation for students who plan to pursue further education for chef training or food service management.

Avantage (French for "new beginnings") is the name of the Vantage Cosmetology Salon, a fully certified and licensed program by the state of Ohio and open to the public two days a week throughout the school year. Students are trained in the care of hair,

nails and skin and a variety of hair care services, such as cutting, styling, coloring and permanent waving. Students completing the course, achieving the requirements of the state board of cosmetology and passing the state examination have the opportunity to graduate as a licensed cosmetologist.

Providing a foundation in the food service industry, the Food Careers program concentrates on the development of skills and attitudes necessary for successful employment. Food preparation skills needed by grill, pantry and entrée cooks are taught, while the students also learn the planning, inventory and storage of food products.

If you are interested in finding out about career opportunities in any of these fields or have questions about the service programs at Vantage, please call Tom Mershman, Student Services Supervisor at 419-238-5411 ext. 140 or email him at vt_mershman@noacsc.org.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. You can see for yourself the 18 different career-technical programs available to high school students. Don't miss it!

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**By: Amanda Rau, Center Director
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Tips for helping your children when they are struggling to get good grades

It's that time of the school year again - report card time.

While many students will come home with good grades, others would rather stuff their report cards deep into their backpacks than show them to their parents. As parents, you want your child to do well in school, so what do you do when your child's report card isn't as good as it should be?

Children get frustrated and upset when their report cards show they are doing poorly. Understanding your child's ability and determining if your expectations are too high will allow both you and your child to set appropriate goals for each class before

report cards are distributed. It will also help establish an environment in which your child is not apprehensive about sharing his/her report card with you.

Sylvan offers the following tips for parents on how to deal with a poor report card:

1. Set expectations. Not every child will earn all A's, but that doesn't mean your child should strive for less. Talk with your child before the school year starts and explain that you won't be upset if he doesn't bring home all A's—but that you will be upset if he doesn't try his hardest and doesn't ask for help.

2. Communicate with your child. Don't wait until report cards are issued to talk with your child about school and grades. Talk with her every night and every week about homework. Ask how she is doing in school and what subjects she finds challenging.

3. Discuss your child's performance with his teacher and/or guidance counselor. Your child's teacher and/or guidance counselor is the best source for information about your child's scholastic performance. Your child's teacher can recommend ways to help your child or point out difficulties he is having. His guidance counselor can provide progress reports between reports cards or help set up additional parent-teacher conferences when necessary.

4. Set goals for improvement with your child. If your child is currently a C student

-- then setting a goal of getting all A's may not be reasonable. However, creating an improvement goal for each subject will help her work toward an attainable level for each class.

5. Establish a study plan with your child. Your child should keep a schedule of all classes, assignments and key dates (e.g., project deadlines, big exams, etc). As part of that schedule, she should include specific time for studying, projects and extracurricular activities. The more comprehensive the schedule, the more efficient your child will be in completing her homework and the better she'll do in school.

6. Seek outside help. Some children may need additional attention that can't be provided in school. Speak with your child's teacher about tutoring or supplemental education providers to help your child work toward better grades in school.

7. Praise your child's successes. Praise your child for what he is doing well, whether it's a specific academic subject or an extracurricular activity. If your child is not doing well in English, but loves to read the latest Harry Potter book, show him the connection between the two.

Amanda Rau is the Center Director at the Defiance Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of supplemental education services for students of all ages. Contact Amanda at 419-782-8100 for more information or visit www.educate.com/info.



Tony Burkley

REPUBLICAN TONY BURKLEY FILES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

Paulding County Commissioner Tony Burkley filed petitions today to run for the Ohio House seat in the 75th District, which includes Putnam, Van Wert, Henry, Paulding and Adams Township in Defiance County. Burkley will seek the open seat, a two year term that is currently held by Jim Hoops, who cannot run again as State Representative due to term limits. Hoops is seeking the State Senate Seat in the 1st District.

First elected in 1996 to serve a four year term as a Paulding County Commissioner, Burkley has been successful in gaining two additional terms since. In seeking the State Representative seat, he has gained the endorsement of the Paulding County Republican Central Committee, along with the Paulding County Republican Women's club, and other elected officials throughout the 75th District.

In addition to his political experience, Burkley also has over 30 years experience in business. He is the owner of Paulding's NAPA Auto Parts and True Value hardware.

He is known for his conservative values in fiscal management and in his personal views regarding faith and family. Burkley is a member of the Paulding County Right to Life, Ohio Right to Life, Paulding Kiwanis, the John Paulding Historical Society, serves as Vice-Chairman of the Paulding County Republican Central Committee, on the Emergency Management Agency Board of Directors, the Maumee Valley Resource, Conservation & Development Board, the Four County Solid Waste Board, and has held offices in the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

"I am pleased with the record I have attained as a Commissioner, both in fiscal management and as a person who can work constructively with individuals and government agencies to accomplish a goal. I would be honored to serve the 75th District as your next State Representative", stated Burkley.

Burkley has been married to his wife, Nancy, since 1974 and they have two daughters,

Audrey (Chad) Moore, and Alison Burkley. The couple also has two grandchildren. They are members of Calvary Evangelical Church in Van Wert.

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ANTWERP VS. AYERSVILLE: QUIZ BOWL SCORES

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Varsity: Game 1 - Antwerp, 25 and Ayersville, 52. Game 2 - Antwerp, 27 and Ayersville, 24.

JV: Game 1 - Antwerp, 26 and Ayersville, 20. Game 2 - Antwerp, 15 and Ayersville, 18.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Antwerp Elementary is preparing for its fall 2006 Kindergarten Registration. Registration will take place on March 21 and 22, 2006. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2006, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421 ext. 2200 to schedule an appointment and receive your registration forms. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

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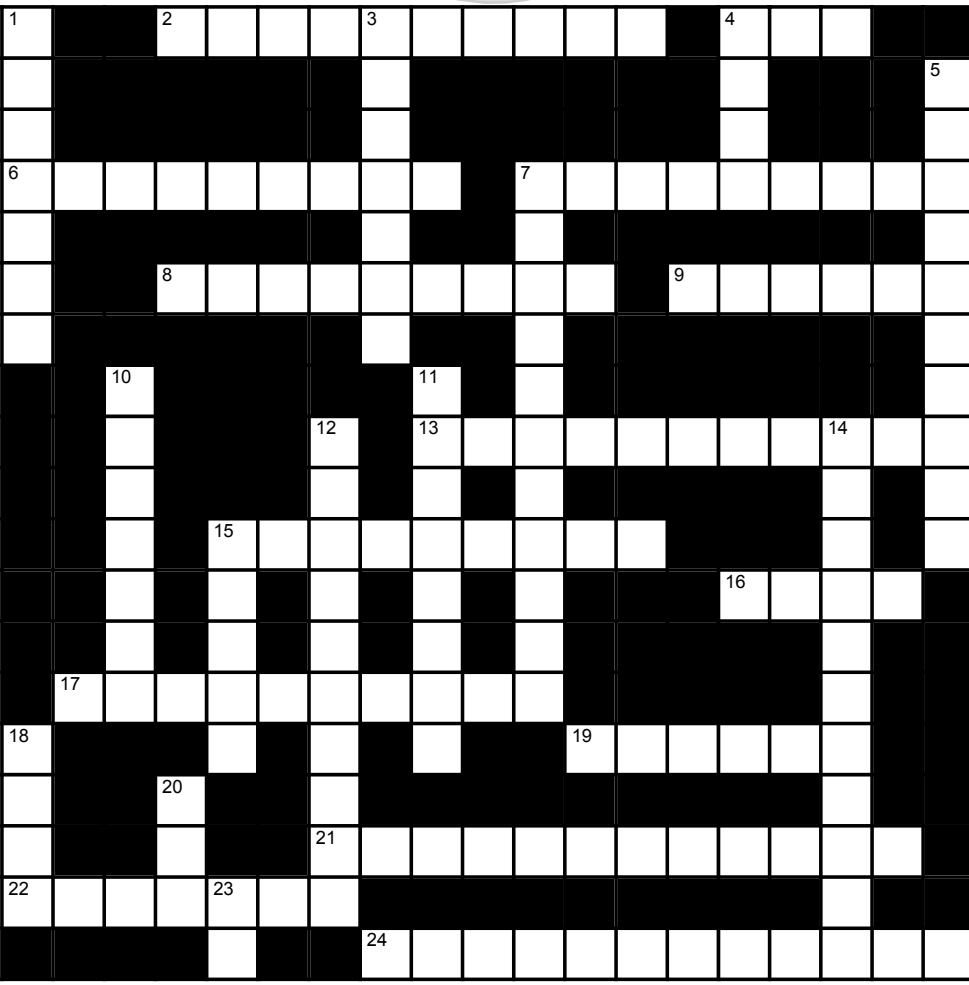
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THE WEST BEND NEWS

Crossword Puzzle

SUPER BOWL



Across

- 2. This team won against Dallas in Super Bowl X
- 4. This Super Bowl was N.Y. Giants vs. Denver
- 6. He was voted MVP in Super Bowl IV
- 7. This team won against Washington at Super Bowl XVIII
- 8. The first time that this team was in the Super Bowl was Super Bowl III
- 9. This Super Bowl was Denver vs. Atlanta
- 13. This player received the MVP during Super Bowl XX
- 15. This team lost to Oakland in Super Bowl XI
- 16. This Super Bowl was Pittsburgh vs. Dallas
- 17. The MVP of Super Bowl XVI
- 19. This team claimed victory against Miami at Super Bowl VI
- 21. The MVP of Super Bowl XXXII
- 22. This Super Bowl was New England vs. Carolina
- 24. This team lost against Oakland in Super Bowl XV

Down

- 1. This team lost against Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
- 3. This team triumphed over Tennessee at Super Bowl XXXIV
- 4. This Super Bowl was Washington vs. Miami
- 5. This team lost to Miami in Super Bowl VII
- 7. This player was MVP of Super Bowl VIII
- 10. This team lost to Dallas at Super Bowl XXVII
- 11. This team won against Oakland in Super Bowl II
- 12. This team lost to San Francisco in Super Bowl XXIII
- 14. This player was MVP of Super Bowl XXVIII
- 15. This team lost against San Francisco in Super Bowl XIX
- 18. This Super Bowl saw San Francisco vs. San Diego
- 20. This Super Bowl was N.Y. Giants vs. Buffalo
- 23. This Super Bowl was Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota

TREE CUTTING FOR U.S. 24 PROJECT TO BEGIN

LIMA - Tree cutting along a three-mile stretch of U.S. 24 west of Defiance in preparation for the first of the Fort to Port projects which will expand U.S. 24 is expected to begin this week said Norman R. Redick, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 deputy director.

The trees will be cut within right of way purchased by ODOT for construction of the first section of U.S. 24 which will be built between Ohio 424 and Ohio 15 west of Defiance. The contractor for the tree-cutting project, D.C. Cunningham of Waterford, is required to have all trees cut down in the right of way by April 15 to comply with environmental requirements.

The majority of the felled trees and stumps will be left until construction of the roadway begins to limit the disruption to the soil and reduce erosion. Trees cut near private residences will be removed but the stumps will remain until construction begins. All material resulting from the cutting is the property of the contractor, said Redick.

The \$35 million project to construct the roadway will be placed out for contractor bid on March 8. Construction will begin in the spring and is expected to be completed fall of 2008. "We're excited to be part of this historic time for transportation in Ohio as the first project to expand U.S. 24 in our region begins," said Redick.

The project between Ohio 424 and Ohio 15 will include the construction of two additional lanes in the westbound direction to expand the route to four lanes, the upgrade of the Ohio 15/18 interchange to a three-lane structure, construction of an overpass to carry U.S. 24 over West High Street/Switzer Road, construction of a connector road between Ohio 15/18 (Ralston Avenue) and West High Street, and replacement of the Maumee and Tiffin River bridges.

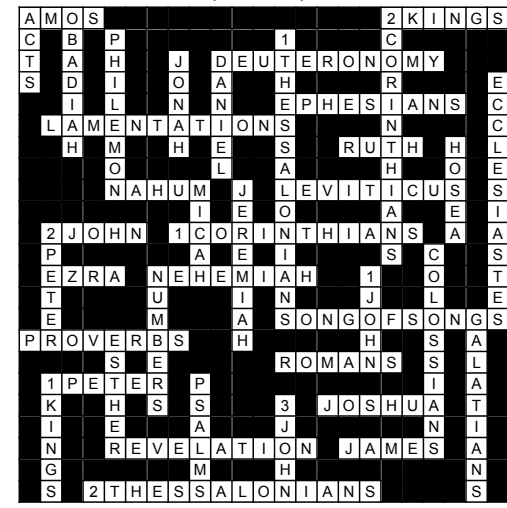
Traffic on U.S. 24 will be maintained at all times during construction. West High Street/Switzer Road will be closed for approximately one month during the third year of construction while work to realign the roads is completed.

The project is the first of four to be constructed within Paulding, Defiance and Henry counties which will expand the route to a four-lane, limited access highway. The second project to be constructed will add two additional lanes on U.S. 24 between Defiance and Napoleon. That project is set to be placed out for contractor bid in October. The remaining two sections between the Indiana state line to just west of U.S. 127, and from just west of U.S. 127 to Ohio 424 will be placed out for bid in March of 2007.

According to the Indiana Department of Transportation, construction of four-lane U.S. 24 in Indiana from State Route 101 to the Ohio line is scheduled to begin in 2008. Construction from Napoleon to Toledo is also scheduled to begin in 2008.

A separate project to upgrade the Ohio 66 interchange with U.S. 24 is scheduled to be constructed in 2010. The project is a joint venture between ODOT and the City of Defiance. ODOT is currently in the process of hiring a consultant to begin preliminary development on the project, said Redick.

Books of the Bible Crossword Puzzle Answer From Issue #3 - 2006 (1-18-06)





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2006 dog tags are on sale at the above places through Jan. 31, 2006 without penalty. All dogs three months old or older are required to have a license, (State Law Sec. 955.01)

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Members of the Paulding 2006 After Prom committee, Tonya Meyer, Nancy White and Brenda Clark

PARENTS HOST DINNER BEFORE COUNTY MATCH UP

The parents of Paulding's juniors were looking for a fun, community-minded event to help raise money for the 2006 After Prom, and the idea for a soup and sandwich supper was born.

The supper will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 in the Paulding Auditoria from 4:30 p.m. until the boys' junior varsity basketball game begins between the Antwerp

Archers and the Paulding Panthers.

"We want to include both schools," says Nancy White, who heads the After Prom parents with her husband, Greg. The Paulding parent group chose the Antwerp game in hopes that the project would not only help raise money for the After Prom, but also feed hungry fans before a traditionally well-attended county rivalry match-up.

Chili, potato soup, turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, cake and drinks are on the menu.

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Back in the late 1930's, the Ohio national Guard had an infantry company that held its meetings once a month in the Armory in Paulding. The men came from all over Paulding County and quite a number from Antwerp. Captain Henry Donnell was the commanding officer.

I remember back in 1938 or '39 they were called to Toledo to help handle the problems that arose from a labor strike. Those strikers got down right unruly and one lad of Antwerp, Ralph Laisure, was wounded in the head by some sort of shrapnel.

By 1940 there was already a war in Europe and war clouds were forming all over the world. Japan was at war in Asia and flexing here muscles all over the far East.

The news came out that the Ohio National Guard was going to mobilize and go to Mississippi for a year. Some more boys signed up for the year of training. This was in September of 1940. These troops all got on the train at Cecil to make the trip south. Lots of people went to see their boys off, an event that happened many times in a few months. Some of these boys, never returned. Some came from Hicksville and other towns and counties.

Robert Wycoff was born in Hicksville in 1922. He joined the Guards because they were told they would be back in a year. He said there was 15-20 boys from Antwerp when he went with Co."A". Most of them was about his age 18-20 years of age.

The train took them to

Camp Shelby for their infantry training and they never had a clue of the things to come.

This column is about Bob Wycoff because he is the only soldier remaining alive that left from Antwerp with Co. "A". At the same time this is in honor and memoriam of all our boys who got on that train on that day.

They entrained in Shelby and the war clouds were getting thicker, so the government extended their one year enlistment to the duration of the war and six months.

When December 7 came they already were headed for Indian Tour Gap, PA for further training. They were there for more extensive training and were fully equipped with all new winter clothing and again put on a troop train. Three days later they detrained at San Francisco. In a few days they were all on a transport troop ship. After about a week they turned in all their winter clothes and we were issued lighter uniforms.

They landed in the South Pacific in the Fiji Islands in a town called Suba. They were there for quite a few months getting used to the heat and a lot of jungle training. Here they got some new men, but still not at full strength.

The Marines had taken Quada canal and the entire 37th Division was sent there to help mop up and to guard a huge supply dump and Henderson Field. There was a lot of Japs left here and they needed the supplies, this carried on for a few days with a lot of close in-fighting.

Bob's memory gets a little hazy about here because it was over 60 years ago. He says they were in the Solomon Islands and some other places, a lot of action in New Georgia.

My brother, Jim Jordan, was the heavy weapons platoon sergeant and over the years I talked to him a number of times about the war in the South Pacific. He told me more than once that Bob was a good soldier. In the Army you cannot pay a better compliment to a soldier. That means he can and will do his job and you can rely on him. When they moved forward on a jungle trail, he always put Bob as rear guard. That position was just as important as the man in front guard. On more than one occasion Bob killed some Japs trying to infiltrate the rear of the column Bob told me that his father, John B. Wycoff, volunteered into the Navy in the early 1940's and served as a Master Barber, as that was his trade.

Bob was telling me that island fighting was so much different than we had in Europe. When night came you got down in your fox hole and stayed there. The Japs would try to infiltrate during the dark and you couldn't see who was who, so you shot anything that moved. So in that hole all night with lice, bugs, centipedes, snakes, all

types of crawly things, heat, rain and if nature called, that too.

In 1944, on New Georgia Bob took a rifle bullet through the middle part of his left arm and tendered it useless. So after a few medical depots he was flown to a New Zealand hospital for about a month and then on to McCluskey General Hospital in the states. After weeks of therapy on his arm he was sent to a hospital in Waco, Texas. While he was there getting his arm back in shape, he helped train recruits for overseas duty, using the experience that he had picked up over there.

Bob's arm was giving him some trouble and was ordered to go to a medical unit. They looked up his service record and he had way over 120 discharge points and all only needed 85, so they sent him home with an Honorable Discharge in the spring of 1945. His Army life as a Tech Sergeant was over, but friends, we just covered 5 years of his life.

Back in Co. "A" they were fighting in the Philippines and it was very rough going. Another Antwerp soldier who helped with Co. "A" was Max Seslar. He was killed by a mortar round while fighting in the streets of Manila.

By now most of the original men who left with the Co. "A" were either wounded or sent home with enough discharge points by mid-1945.

One other soldier from Antwerp is Art Kraley, he lives in southern Michigan and I didn't get to interview him.

Henry Donnell was Co. "A" Captain when they left for duty. He was promoted a few times and left "A" Co. He became a full Col. And served as liaison officer for the 148th regiment.

I know there are some more veterans of "A" Co. who are still alive in Paulding County.

These few pages are dedicated in their honor.

Thank you, fellows from another veteran who didn't have it as hard as you did.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2006 and Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

Three officers of the Paulding County Senior Fair Board met with the Commissioners during the January 9 session. In attendance were Carolyn Berry, Randy Goyings and Tony Zartman, the new Chairman. Zartman presented information on plans for the Fair and the Fairgrounds. He shared with the Commissioners that the Fair Board has been successful signing a contract with an amusement ride company starting with the 2006 Fair. Commissioner Marty Harmon indicated that he "appreciated the time the three Fair Board members took out of their day to attend the meeting and report on plans and progress. Their enthusiasm is encouraging," concluded Harmon.

At the same meeting the Commissioners elected Marty Harmon as the Chairman for 2006. Harmon takes on the new role from Commissioner Tony Burkley. Burkley has served as Chairman for several years. Harmon commented that he "would like to thank Tony Burkley for his years of service as an excellent leader for the Board of Commissioners. I plan to maintain the same quality of

work as I have learned from Tony," continued Harmon. "That includes the values such as taking the time to hear community concerns," concluded Harmon.

During the afternoon of January 9 the Paulding County Records Commission held its semi-annual meeting. The Records Commission members are Commissioner Chairman Marty Harmon, County Prosecutor Joe Burkard, County Auditor Bill Bolenbaugh, County Recorder Susie Thrasher and County Clerk Ann Waldman. The Records Commission reviews all requests to dispose of obsolete records. Original historical documents are preserved. The Commission looks at the requests and ensures that the records to be disposed meet the standards for records retention established in Ohio statute.

The Commissioners attended the open house for the new Economic Development office late on Tuesday afternoon. The newly renovated offices, located in the building that held Moore's Clothing, now houses Paulding County Economic Development, the Paulding County Area Foundation and the Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation.

The Wednesday, January 11, 2006 meeting included the annual discussion with Don Foltz, the local insurance agent for the County vehicle, building and liability insurance, and John Brownlee, representing the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA.) Small counties in Ohio, including Paulding County, are joined together to purchase the insurance. The size of the group allows for far more advantageous rates than each county purchasing independently. Annually the Commissioners meet with the agents to review claims and any actions that can be taken to keep claims low. Brownlee reported that the county has very good experience with far better claims history than the average for other counties.

The Commissioners met in regular session from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays. County offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 for the recognition of Martin Luther King's birthday.

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If you don't tan in the sun, you won't tan in a bed. Always use a tan accelerator made specifically for tan units. Otherwise the accelerator made for outside may ruin the tanning bed acrylic and prevent you from tanning because, it clouds up the acrylic, which then will make the rays hard to get through to give you that nice golden tan you are looking for.

Always make sure you are wearing your eye wear to protect your eyes. They have different types of eye wear so you will not get "raccoon eyes".

Follow your tanning salon advisor because they should have taken a test that makes them certified to help you with all your questions. We are here to help you get the best tan without hurting your skin. Moderation is the key!

For more tips call Tips-N-Tan Day Spa, Inc. 419-258-2023.

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER

Zach Dunlap, a sixth grade student at Antwerp Local School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee. He also took a written test that could make him eligible to compete in the state Geography Bee.

Students in grades four through six participated in a preliminary competition in December. Those students qualifying for the final competition were: Austin Laney, Thomas Brown, Devin Wenzlick, Brock Taylor, David Altic, Rebecca Brandenburg, Avrial Sawyer, Colby Schaefer, Zach Dunlap, Joe Hilton, Hayley Feichter, Michael Stultz, Jayla Chamberlain and Alysha Stuck. Alysha Stuck, a sixth grade student, was the school's second place runner up in the championship round.

Anyone can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses five new questions a day from previous National Geographic Bees. Questions range from the relatively simple to a stumper such as "Name the ocean current that makes it possible for coral to form as far north as the Bermuda Islands." [Answer: Gulf Stream]

HOUSE FIRE ON US 24



A devastating fire destroyed the house of Jason Friend in Antwerp last Thursday.

Jason Friend woke up last Thursday not being able to breathe. He kicked out the air conditioner in his window and climbed onto the roof. He happened to fall asleep with his cell phone in his hand and called his brother who came over and was able to catch Jason as he jumped off the roof, they then called 911.

Jason, who is 20 years old,

had remodeled his home and lived there with his cats and dog.

Jason lost everything, including his two house cats.

Right now Jason is staying with his parents, he is now arranging to have the house torn down. Jason might decide to tear down the house himself, if he does he might need help with that.

THANK YOU . . .

Jason Friend and his family would like to thank the Antwerp, Hicksville, Cecil and Payne Fire Departments for the help in putting out the

fire on his house. Thank you also to the friends and family who have responded with help in replacing clothing, glasses, etc. for Jason. The care and generosity you have shown has been overwhelming.

DOG ADOPTION FROM LYNNE MANSFIELD

Dave Cline adopted out last weeks sponsored shelter dog. "Spencer" the rat terrier now belongs to the family of Carl Phlipot. Carl called and thanked me for putting his picture in the West Bend News. Spencer will also be getting neutered soon. His vets office will be receiving a check for half the neuter bill. We can thank the Latty Ladies and Gents 4H club for their donation for Spencers neuter. Look for future issues of the West Bend News for other shelter dogs available or call Dave Cline at 399-9728.

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EGYPT AND THE EXODUS

By: Bryce Steiner, Antwerp Church of Christ

I don't think that anyone has ever not been fascinated by Egypt. Many of the best selling adventure movies take place here such as, Raiders of the Lost ark, the Mummy movies and others. Egypt fascinates all of us. The mystery surrounding the gold tombs, mummies and pyramids only fuels our excitement for the unknown.

I will be making a presentation about where Israel is in Egypt's history. Is it recorded there? All are invited to this event to learn how the world's history ties together. The Bible is believable not only in it's matters of faith, but also in every aspect in which it speaks. Join us at 10:30 a.m. this coming Sunday, January 29.

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REP. GILLMOR TO TOUR OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Congressman Paul Gillmor will visit the Oakwood Fire Department on January 26, where he will view equipment which was purchased through a grant from the federal government. Mr. Gillmor will tour the facility and meet with members of the Department. Congressman Gillmor will be available for comment following the event.

DOG NEWS FROM LYNNE MANSFIELD

We are putting together our "Heidi" memorial spay and neuter photo album. We are still missing a few photos of dogs and cats that we helped pay for the spay/neuter. If you have not submitted your pet's picture (with an adult in the photo) please do so by January 31. You can drop it off in person or mail it to:

Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming & Boarding
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Look for future issues of the West Bend News to see our grand total for our spay and neuter program and what new dog program we will be offering with 2006 tip money.

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