

## PCED 7TH ANNUAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY APPRECIATION BANQUET



The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) 7th Annual Business and Appreciation Banquet was held on September 28, 2006 at the Extension Building in the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The evening started out as a meet and greet. All those attending were encouraged to mingle around and meet the rest of the guests at the banquet. Those that attended were from businesses and industries throughout Paulding County. The candidates from the upcoming elections were also there going around and meeting and speaking to the representatives of the businesses at the banquet. The Antwerp Community Band was there playing wonder-

ful music during the evening and they did an outstanding job. If you get a chance to listen to them, I would highly encourage it. Linda Grant of Grant's Catering from Antwerp catered the banquet. The food also was outstanding. The tables were set very professional-looking and the place looked great.

The evening started out by Tony Langham, who is the PCED Director, opening up and welcoming all the guests in attendance. Next was the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Mary Howard, PCED Board Member. Then we sang the Star Spangled Banner, which was led by Martin Harmon, Paulding County Commissioner. Tony then recognized the banquet co-sponsors and the Paulding County Commissioners. Then John Kobee gave the invocation before the meal. After dinner, Tony introduced Jerry

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### Thank You

The family of Carl E. Shaner would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits, cards, prayers after the death of our father.

A big thank you for the Paulding EMS, Den Herder's funeral home and Hawthorne Court for all the kindness and care shown to Carl.

A special thank you for VFW Post 5087 for their show of respect and honor for our father, also the wonderful meal served by the Ladies of the VFW. It was all appreciated by us.

Also special thanks to Nicole and Vickie for their eulogies and Brad and Brian for their salute of honor for their grandpa. God Bless all of you,

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We welcome all homeschooling, charter and public schooled families regardless of educational philosophy or teaching style. We are an inclusive group supporting families of all religious beliefs.

- R = Resources
- E = Educational
- C = Communication
- E = Events
- S = Socialization
- S = Support

Leader of New Heights Support Group, Pamela Clark had this to say, "For the past four years I was the volunteer parent leader for a Ohio charter school for NW Ohio. I have since left the charter school and shut down the group I ran for them and started one of my own. This group is not just for charter school families, but for anyone with children. Homeschooled, charter, or public school families are all welcome. I decided to make a group available to all families because I discovered that families of all backgrounds need help educating their children. I felt that it wasn't fair to just offer it to one type of people when education is suppose to be for everyone. I was also a homeschool mother before going into the original charter school I was with. Homeschoolers, in general, are hardworking, dedicated parents that honestly want to do what's best for their children. Unfortunately lines are drawn between homeschoolers and charter school families even though both kinds of school are based in a home environment. Charter schools are considered public schools, but aren't treated as such by public schools. They are

shunned from homeschoolers and public schools. Charter schools, though, will be our future because they offer the best of both worlds. They let you have your children at home and they supply teachers, computers, copiers, books and other teaching tools with no cost to the families. Also they are more supportive with helping families with IEP and special needs children than the public schools are. They are also more open to sharing all aspects of education with children and parents and willing to learn themselves. Public schools haven't been willing to do this for many years now. There are too many restrictions for public school teachers to be able to help the children that really need it. Public schools aren't willing to bend very much to help every family and unfortunately the children are the one's that pay the price. To me a teacher is someone who sets out to find each child's gift and what they want to become and helps them to achieve it without putting their own opinions in the way of the child's dreams. Only with this attitude and educating all children in this way can our world truly change. We often say that the children are our futures, but seldom make sure that the children have the resources or self confidence to truly become equipped to be the leaders of the future."

Here is the website/blog address: <http://home.earthlink.net/~carr3001/index.html>

Leader & Civic Theatre production and VPW Workshop Coordinator: Pamela Clark of Paulding.

The New Heights name came from Pat Carr of Napoleon. She is also our Scholastic, Pizza Hut Book it Program and Sterling Milk Cap Coordinator and backup for making the blog & newsletter.

Maggie Spangler of Holgate is our Treasurer and Box Tops Coordinator.

Floanne Hart of Paulding is the Campbell's Labels coordinator.

## BETTER HOMES AND GARDEN CLUB PRESENTED PROGRAM TO JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



By: Cara Lou Strahley, JPHS Secretary.

Presenting an educational and delightful program on "Grannie's Home Remedies" and the "Versatile Herbs" to the general meeting on September 26 of the John Paulding Historical Society were Donna Lane and Ruth Alice Buehler, members of the Better Homes and Gardens Club of Paulding County. The Club was given special recognition for their many years of service of decorating at the Museum by President, Les Weidenhamer, who presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Future open-to-the-public events scheduled at the Museum include: Annual "Fall Festival" to be held at the Museum grounds across from the Fairgrounds in Paulding on October 7, 2006, with outstanding

raffle items, kids' games, including kite flying, as well as demonstrations by the members of long-lost skills of the past, and a bake sale! Also, the much loved Christmas Tree display and open house headed by Deb Adams (419-399-2023) and her committee will be the featured November event, open November 17 - 19. Further details will be published here. This is not to be missed!

Be sure to watch the West Bend News for details of Paulding County's portion of the Buckeye Trail ("linking the 4 corners of Ohio") to be established near Canalport. President Weidenhamer will have all the details of this important hiking trail in an upcoming issue.

Photo by Cara Lou Strahley.

### Thank You

I wish to THANK everyone for the cards, flowers, gifts, and visits in honor of my 101st birthday.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Kenneth W. Zuber**, 79, of Hicksville, died on September 29, at Vancrest Health Care Center, Van Wert, Ohio.

He was born on October 25, 1926 in Antwerp the son of Joseph and Mildred (Jones) Zuber. He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1945 and Northwest Tech in Real Estate/Auctioneering. He was united in marriage to Wanda Carr on June 11, 1949.

He was a lifelong farmer and retired from Gorrell Brothers Real Estate and Auctioneering. He was an avid woodworker. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Hicksville where he served on the Rotary Committee and was past president of the United Methodist Men and the Sunday School.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; a son, Charles Joseph (Dawn) of Oviedo, FL; two daughters: Eileen Manken and Anita Zuber both of Van Wert, OH; four grandchildren: Michael Zuber, Steven Zuber, Ella Manken, Kayla Manken; a great-grandson, Branden Zuber.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Roland Ray Zuber.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville with Pastor Jerry Lewis

officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday after 10:00 at the church.

Burial will be at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Preferred memorials to Grace United Methodist Church.



**Donald L. Pierce**, 60, of Antwerp, passed away October 1 at Paulding County Hospital. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 6, 1946, he was the son of the late L.D. and Eva M. (Barton) Pierce. On January 8 1966, Don married Mary Bacon, who survives. Don served his country in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968.

He retired as a scheduling supervisor at General Motors, Defiance, but currently worked at Pond-A-River Golf Course, Woodburn, IN and was the Zoning Inspector for Carryall Township, Antwerp. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, where he

taught religious education classes (REC) for over 30 years and sang in the church choir; Antwerp American Legion Post 253, VFW Post 5087 and Paulding Fraternal Order of Eagles 2405. He was a foster parent for 8 years; played and sang in the Village Vagabonds and the Country Combinations, called square dances and coached softball and baseball for several years. He also enjoyed camping, boating, golf, bowling, playing darts and radio control airplanes.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Mary; daughter, Rachele (Ray) Durham of Defiance; sons: Randy (Debbie) of Convoys, Russ (Kim) of Payne, and Ryan (Amber) of Antwerp; sisters: Betty Pierce of Sturgis, MI, Bess Clouse of Sturgis, MI, and Barbara (Don) Winchester of Oakwood; brothers, Dan (Melissa) Pierce of Antwerp, Duane Lodden of Sault St. Marie, MI; half sisters: Clarissa (Dan) Schattsenider of Jackson, WI, Cheryl (John) Connelly of Sturgis, MI, and Eva (Keith) Shears of Sturgis, MI; nine grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by parents and daughter-in-law, Maria.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating.

He will be laid to rest with Military Honors at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to be used according to the family's wishes.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**FAST PITCH SOFTBALL PITCHING CLINIC**

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a fast pitch softball pitching clinic on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4. The featured clinician will be Mr. Pelle, who has several years of experience working with USA Olympians, professional and college fastpitch softball players. Bob Pelle is founder of FP Softball Camps and Clinics in Gibbstown, New Jersey.

Mr. Pelle formed F.P. Softball in 1985 for the sole purpose of providing each student with a solid background of the basic fundamentals of fast-pitch softball. Mr. Pelle conducts pitching clinics daily in the fall and winter in New Jersey, working with over 150 students on a weekly basis. Over the past 19 years, Mr. Pelle has had 422 former students play collegiate softball, including 21 who have received NCAA All-American recognition. Mr. Pelle has coached youth, high school and collegiate softball and has worked with USA Softball players Dot Richardson, Lisa Fernandez and Michele Smith.

Beginning sessions are Friday night from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with intermediate and advanced sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher at (419) 263-0805 or Matt Noggle at (419) 263-2130. You can also send an e-mail to [payneballasn@yahoo.com](mailto:payneballasn@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**KICK OFF FOR CHRIST**



Are you ready for some football? While you might have to do without John Madden, Brett Favre and Hank Williams Jr., you'll get your fill of eggs and sausage at the Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast coming Saturday, October 14 to the First Presbyterian Church in Paulding. From 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., prepare to "Kick Off A New Season In Christ" with guest speaker Marshall Taylor II, as men of all faiths are invited to hunker down over all matter of artery-clogging meat and bottomless cups of coffee to indulge in a heaping dose of Spirit with a former drafted professional player.

After graduating from Northern Illinois University in 1989 with a degree in Economics, Detroit-born Taylor passed on a chance with the Chicago Cubs farm team in order to pursue a career in pro football. Four NFL tryouts later, the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League drafted him. However, his dreams of gridiron glory would be cut short in the spring of that year as a slipped disc in his back would thwart his pursuit of a career in professional sports.

Accepting this life change not as a setback, but as a challenge and a call from God, Taylor enrolled in and later graduated from Indian's Aennon Bible College. Among his ministries to various sports teams, Taylor has been intimately involved with projects with the Fellowship of Chris-

tian Athletes and Campus Crusade For Christ. In the autumn of 2002, Taylor relocated his wife and four children from Madison Heights, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio where he felt called by God to plant a new church.

In 2003, he founded and became pastor of Grace and Peace Ministries, an outreach focused on winning souls to Christ and building them up through the Word of God. He recently graduated from Midwest Bible College of Milwaukee with a degree in biblical studies. In addition to being a sports enthusiast and pastor Taylor is currently a sales rep for Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

So for a morning of male-bonding and spiritual renewal, remember to mark off the second Saturday in October on your calendar. For further

information, please contact Pastor David Meriwether at (419) 399-2438, cell: (419) 769-3812, or [yellowbrickchurch@soulwinner.org](mailto:yellowbrickchurch@soulwinner.org)

caption: Marshall Taylor II.

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**JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FALL FESTIVAL**

The annual John Paulding Historical Society's Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 7 at the museum beginning at 10:00 a.m. and closing at 2:00 p.m.

There will be various demonstrations during the day. They include wool spinning by David Sproul and Lorie Konpka. Pottery made by Brandon Knott. Homemade butter by John Stuart. And soap making by Angie Pollack. Plus visiting the museum and observing the neat antiques on display.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. there will be games for the children. Christine Stuart will be in charge.

Kevin Albright will be demonstrating kite flying also.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will be a raffle drawing at 2:00 p.m.

The country store will be open and a bake sale will be available for all to get there goodies.

The funds from the festival help to keep the museum open.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this Fall Festival.

Chairpersons: Denny Thrasher and Gary Gerken.

Please contact Gary Gerken with any questions at 419-587-3208.

**"FACING THE GIANTS": A FEEL-GREAT FAMILY FILM**

You wouldn't think a church wanting to impact the world from Georgia would look to Hollywood for inspiration. Of course, not too many churches have pastors who spent their childhood shooting movies in their backyard. Then again, how many churches have an all volunteer force willing to put forth the time, talent, and prayer to make a movie about football, relationships and faith?

Yet that's the story behind "Facing the Giants"—a brand new film coming to theaters September 29. Facing the Giants is not only pure fun wrapped in an unstoppable teaming of faith and football, it's also the first independent, church-made film to be released nationally by a major studio!

Now ministries and churches across the country are joining the team to support this unlikely hit — the feel-great family film that Christian audiences have long hoped for.

With God All Things Are Possible . . .

"Facing the Giants is a great movie about how God can change lives on and off the football field. Every family in America should see it." Dan Reeves, NFL Coaching Great.

The website is [www.FacingTheGiants.com](http://www.FacingTheGiants.com)

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Arkebauer, representative of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Jerry spoke about the loan programs and training that they offer for business and industries of Northwest Ohio. Their training and loan programs are set in place for businesses and industries to start up or to expand. Then Tony introduced Tom Wylie, representative of Northwest State Community College. Tom spoke on training programs and classes that they offer to those interested in skilled trades and skilled professionals. After Tom spoke and expounded on that the PCED is a Paulding County business and industry growth group. They are there to promote and to help in the development and growth of businesses and industry in Paulding County. Tony then asked for comments from the guests at the banquet. Clip Clippinger, President of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, stood up and spoke about the Paulding Chamber of Commerce and he asked for those members of the Chamber to stand up and be recognized. He spoke about getting new members on the Chamber and invited those who were not a member to come aboard. Kirk Hopkins then stood up and spoke on the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC). They are a committee to beautify and help grow the community of Antwerp. It is a total voluntary group who took the initiative to help beautify and grow Antwerp. If you drive through Antwerp, you can see their progress.

Tony then stood up and recognized new members of the PCED. He also gave out plaques and certificates for the members of the PCED. After the recognition and award ceremony, there was a 50/50 drawing and door prizes were awarded. The door prizes were totally donated by the businesses and industries throughout Paulding County. All in all it was a wonderful evening. The PCED are to be commended for their efforts to assist business, industry and local government in developing job opportunities and prosperity in Paulding County.

**CAST IS BUSY PERFECTING "THE WIZARD OF OZ"**



Rachel Banks, Brian Shetterly, Dave Snyder, and Jim Matusik are "Off to See the Wizard". Join them Oct. 14, 15, 21, and 22.

With opening night quickly approaching, the cast of "The Wizard of Oz" is very hard at work perfecting the show.

"Things are going great," says director Crystal Banks, "The acting skills in the show

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You get to see what you've been working on for weeks in "full color". The sets, props, and costumes always put the actors minds really into their parts and you get to see all the efforts pay off." says Banks.

**MY WEIGHT LOSS STORY**

By: Neil Gordon

Weight loss is a subject that few people want to talk about today. When I first faced my own weight loss issue, I thought, "this is not too great."

The weight had steadily come back on after numerous attempts at losing it and exercising and doing everything in my own power to make it happen.

One day I prayed to the Lord and I said, "Please give me something to get this weight off. I don't like myself weighing this much."

Yes, I had tried it all to lose weight and my excuse was, well, I am over 40 years of age now and you know, metabolism slows down when you get that age.

I had tried every program I knew of and still the weight was not coming off and I said Lord please help me lose weight.

When I would look in the mirror and see my big belly I would make excuses, "Oh, that's just me, the weight will come off." But in my heart of hearts I knew it wasn't going to come off.

Finally my wife consistently told me, "Neil, you have got to try this stuff that people are losing weight with." My response was, "yeah, honey, that's nice. I don't think so."

After persistent effort on the part of my wife, I said, "Well, here is one more failure waiting to happen. Why not give it another try."

In the beginning people at my job said, "oh, look at Neil on another diet. Let's see how far he gets with this one."

This time this one worked and I give all the praise and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ that it did work. Please look at my ad in this newspaper.

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
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The next house west was the home of some people named Miller, I can't remember his first name.

The next house west, at that time, was home to Guy Sackrider. I know that they had a daughter that married a Meilke boy and went on and worked in Atomic Affairs. Mrs. Sackrider's father, Hiram Lawhead, lived with them. Sam Smith lives in that house now.

The corner house, at that time, was the home of Mr. Gannon, I think his name was Harry, but I'm not sure.

They had two daughters, Yonna and Carol. Carol was my age and graduated with me in 1942. She married John Bresivocki. I

think Yonna married a man named Mel Snyder.

There was a nice young fellow living there also, named Harry Christ.

On the south side of the street is St. Mary's Church. It was first established as a Mason in 1864. It was a frame building just south of the present building. The first resident Pastor came in 1868 with Missions at Cecil, the Bend, Flat Rock and Paulding. The present church was built in 1901 by Rev. George A. Foust. The St. Mary's Center was built, I think, in the 1960's. But that lot, before the Center was built, was a receiving area for the farmer's tomatoes. It was managed by Ried and Murdock with offices in South Whitley, IN. Joe Bakle was an area man for them.

The next house across Monroe Street was home for awhile for a Priest in Toledo. Leota Davis told me that, but it was before my time. I remember that it was vacant for quite a spell and after WWII Mr. and Mrs. Bert Major, Jr. lived there awhile.

The next house west, for awhile, was home to Ted and Leota Davis. They had it built in 1946.

But earlier than that, in

the next house was Don and Bertha Hallock. They had two daughters, Barbara and Ruth Mary.

The next house was the home of Arthur Hallock and his wife, Fanny. Most people called him Bill. Bill and Donald (called Dump) and Roy Hemenover were Plastering Contractors for years.

The last house down by the corner was the home of George Minerva Chaney. They had two daughters, Bertha, who later on married Roy Hemenover. The other daughter, Olive married Moe Moffit and they managed a vacation resort in Canada, not too far from Sowerby.

At that time, there was no more houses on that side of the street from Wilhelm Street to Wentworth Road.

Let's go back to Monroe Street and on the north side of West Dagget. It was a big house with a big wrap around porch. That house has been torn down and just a city lot now, but it was a big beautiful white house. It was home to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Byer. He was the bookkeeper at J.B. Johnson's Antwerp Parlor Furniture. But in the late 1930's he moved to Paulding and had his own business or he was a C.P.A. They had two daughters.

The next house was home to the Garner Peffly Family. It was a large family but they are all gone except Beatrice who lives in Waterloo, IN. They were cousins to me and "Bea" and I are the same age (old).

The house on the corner of West Daggett and Wilhelm has had a lot of occupants. The first I can remember was Everett and Ida Carr. They moved down on East Canal. They had a son, Harry, and a daughter, Galen. Then some people named Grueter lived there. Then the Homer Hargrave, Sr. family lived there for awhile. Then Harold and Francis Woodcox lived there for years. He was called Hap. They had a son called "Buss" nicknamed "Wabash" for his ability to make a sound like a train whistle.

The next house, some people named Brown lived there for awhile. Bert Major, Sr. lived there for many years. He was a business man, as he had a small restaurant uptown called Bert's Lunch. It was right up against the Town Hall on the south side. After WWII, he had a shoe repair shop in Defiance. Bert lived to be in his nineties and was a good historian of Antwerp. The next house was home to Joe Griswold in the early 1930's. Joe married Anna Coles and she had two children, Orest and Rebecca. They both graduated from Antwerp High School. Orest married Evelyn Seslar and eventually lived in Georgia. Rebecca married Wendell "Jake" Reet and lived over on West Canal Street.

The next house, Johnny Franklin lived along with Johnny, Daisy and Glen Kauser. What sticks in my mind is Johnny, Sr. had a Model "T" that always sat out by the street. He always smoked a pipe and I think that pipe helped motivate that Model "T".

I have told you before about young Johnny's ability as a baseball pitcher. He was

good and smooth, like a machine. He wasn't a big man, but he had some "pop".

At that time they played on Sunday afternoon on the diamond at the east end of Daggett Street. "Dutch" Kauser was a good softball player. He played short stop for years on "Shilbs' Reds". I think he went down to one of the Carolina's. I'm not sure about that.

The east house on that side, I remember, lived a grand old fellow named Charlie Winters. It has taken us four weeks to do Daggett Street, but it carries a lot of Antwerp History.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I don't know if you remember me or not, but I was the one that complained about people, (and I use that term loosely), throwing their kitten/cats out on our road. Well, guess what? They are doing it again. The neighbor man and I both had kittens that were thrown out, come up to our house. Mine was so little it didn't even know how to drink yet. I took mine over to the feline rescue center on Power Dam Road, which is okay because they took her. But, is this going to continue every year? Yeah, Paulding wants to get a "cat law" in place—well, start fining these people that throw little baby kittens out in the country.

Yes, I'm very upset, not only with people's stupidity, but these little babies can't survive without help. If you don't want these cats, get the mommas and male cats spayed/neutered. The feline rescue center is the cheapest place and they are great with all animals they come in contact with. Their number is 393-2534. Get with it people!!!!

—P. Drake

**ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA CAMP 8500 HOSTS GRANDPARENTS NIGHT**



Mary Howard speaks at the RNA Banquet

Royal Neighbors of America Camp 8500 of Antwerp held their annual Grandparents Night Banquet on September 19.

We had a great crowd that night. The Supreme Camp supported our banquet with favors for all the guests in attendance.

There was a guest speaker in attendance for the evening. It was Mary Howard who is

the Democratic candidate for the Paulding County Treasurer.

The evening was also enjoyed by excellent food and games.

The adult door prize was awarded to Laura Boesch and the junior door prize was awarded to Sara Trauterman.

—Leila Trauterman, Oracle

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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" FALL SPORTS SPIRIT DAY



Vantage fall athletes and coaches.

Friday September 22 was "Fall Sports Spirit Day" at Vantage. One Friday during each sport season, athletes and cheerleaders proudly wear their home school sports uniform shirt or jersey to celebrate their particular sport. Students who attend Vantage are encouraged to stay involved in their home school extracurricular activities. There are nearly 40 student athletes at Vantage this fall.

They are: Elliot Tempel, Wayne Trace Golf; Cody Markward, Van Wert Soccer; Nathan Arn, Van Wert Band; Drew Kreischer, Crestview Golf; Brady Haller, Paulding Football; Calvin Sinn, Wayne Trace Football; Adam Miller, Wayne Trace Football; Lance Sinn, Wayne Trace Football; Ryan

Davis, Wayne Trace Football; Nathan Shobe, Delphos St. Johns Football; Billy Cass, Wayne Trace Football; Rodney Mills, Wayne Trace Cross Country.

Brooke Schwarzmann, Continental Volleyball; Amanda Horstman, Ft. Jennings Soccer; Emily Erhart, Kalida Cheerleading; Erica Wagner, Ft. Jennings Soccer; Kari Burgei, Ft. Jennings Soccer; Chelsea Spryn, Antwerp Cheerleading; Heather Pavel, Van Wert Volleyball stats; Sarah Benien, Continental Soccer Stats; Sara Harshman, Continental Soccer Stats; Jordan Kimmel, Continental Soccer; Jacob York, Van Wert Football; Mr. Ben Winans, Wayne Trace Coach; Bill Harting, Van Wert Football; Matt Rhodes, Antwerp Cross

Country; Steven Carlisle, Antwerp Cross Country; Sam Beregszazi, Antwerp Football; Colt Ulm, Wayne Trace Football; Zach Miller, Wayne Trace Football; Jamie Schmidt, Wayne Trace Football; Sean Fischnich, Kalida Soccer; Aaron Geckle, Kalida Soccer; Andrew Wilt, Crestview Football; Cain Warthman, Crestview Football; Brad Dettrow, Van Wert Football; and Mr. Tody Bidlack, Continental Coach. Not pictured in the photo above: Seth Smith, Antwerp Football; Brent Hoersten, Ottoville Cross Country; Ryan Miller, Ottoville Cross Country; Mr. Adam Lee, Delphos St. Johns Coach.

Good luck to all Vantage fall athletes and coaches.

## REP. GILLMOR SUPPORTS THREE BILLS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) voted for three bills this week aimed at securing our nation's borders against the threat of terrorism and illegal immigration. The three measures overwhelmingly passed the House on Wednesday and Thursday.

"These three bills serve as an essential compliment to the border-focused legislation I voted for last week," Gillmor said. "While I have been traveling the district for the past few months, my constituents have been demanding action on border security. One thing is for sure today, we gave a majority of Northwest Ohio what they have been looking for."

The three bills the House passed this week to combat illegal immigration include:

—H.R. 6094, the Community Protection Act of 2006 would allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to detain dangerous illegal immigrants who are unable to be deported for periods of six months at a time. In addition, an illegal immigrant who is found to be part of a criminal street gang would be subject to detention, deportation, and would be ineligible to receive asylum or temporary protected status. (Passed 328 to 95).

—H.R. 6095, the Immigration Law Enforcement Act of 2006 would increase the number of attorneys to prosecute alien smuggling cases. In addition, the act would close loopholes which have created a policy known as "catch and release" and allows DHS to expedite the removal of illegal immigrants apprehended along the Southern border. (Passed 277 to 140)

—H.R. 4830, the Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2006 would increase the penalty for constructing or financing the construction of a tunnel across the U.S. border to up to 20 years' imprisonment. The penalty for knowingly allowing the construction of a tunnel on your property has also been increased to 10 years. (Passed 422 to 0)

"I am optimistic that these measures will have an immediate impact on securing America's borders," Gill-

mor said. "To me, these are commonsense issues. You should not be able to build a tunnel allowing illegal immigrants to pass to America. You should not be able to make a living by smuggling illegal aliens into our country. You should not be able to remain in our country and enjoy the protection of our laws as the member of a

street gang who illegally entered our nation. These laws are straightforward and give the American people the protection we deserve," Gillmor concluded.

The three bills passed by the House await debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before they can be forwarded to the President for his signature.

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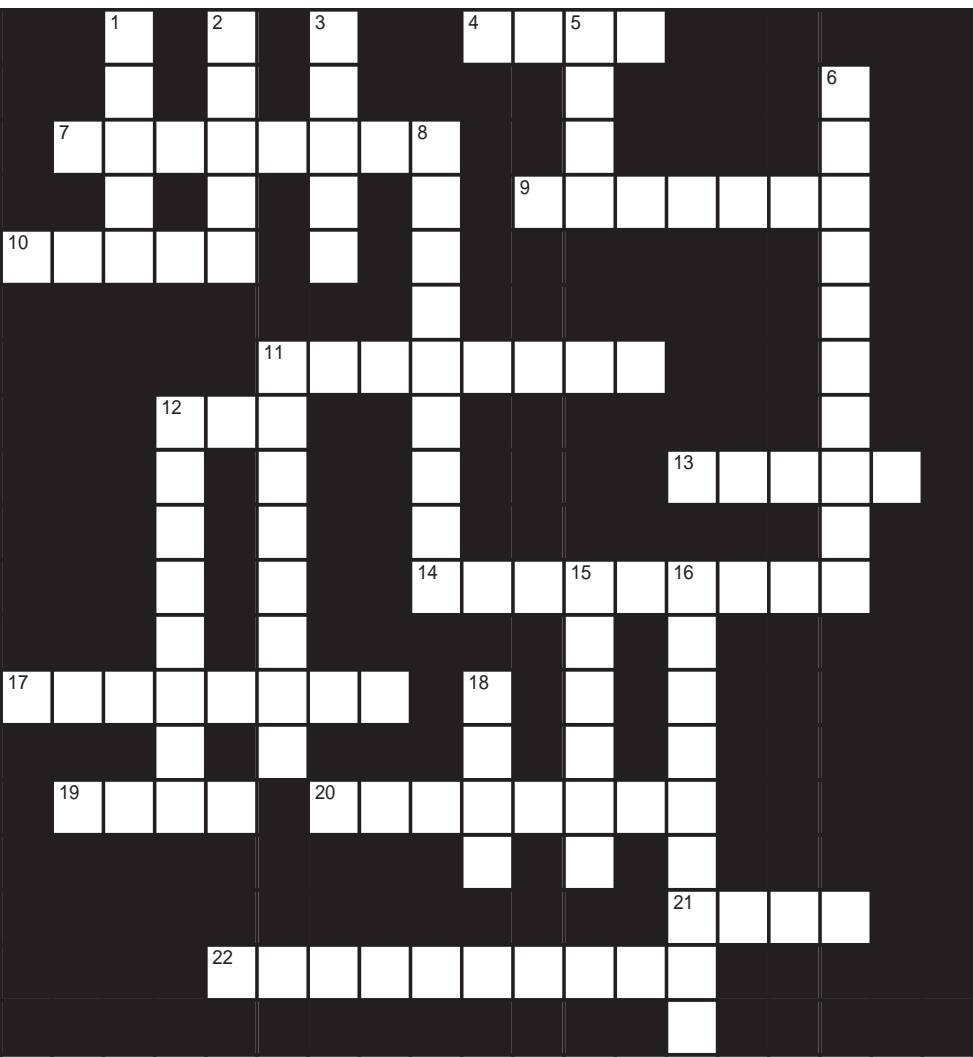
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| 4. A white circle that can sometimes be seen around the moon is called WHAT? | 1. To be very ambitious means to "WHAT for the moon"?                                     |
| 7. Mock moons caused by ice crystals are called WHAT?                        | 2. This eclipse occurs when the earth comes between the moon and sun.                     |
| 9. A autumn full moon is called a WHAT moon.                                 | 3. A name for an october moon.  |
| 10. There is no wind, light or WHAT on the moon.                             | 5. Another name for moon is WHAT?   |
| 11. The moon's light comes from WHAT?  | 6. The moon's deepest craters are HOW MANY feet.  |
| 12. How fast in miles per hour, does the moon rotate?                        | 8. The moon is a WHAT of the earth?   |
| 13. This eclipse occurs when the moon comes between the earth and the sun.   | 11. February's moon is called this.   |
| 14. The moon is this shape.  | 12. 1988 U.S. Census reported WHAT percentage people thought the moon was made of cheese. |
| 17. A full moon that rises twice in one month is called WHAT?                | 15. The full moon rises WHEN?   |
| 19. This is the name of April's moon.  | 16. This is the last name of the first person to walk on the moon.                        |
| 20. A moon that has a circular section cut out of it is called a WHAT moon.  | 18. What in the atmosphere gives the moon its colors?                                     |
| 21. The moon orbits around the earth how many times a month?                 |   |
| 22. The moon has this many acres.  |   |

**The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.**

# AHS Angle



**By: Chelsea Vail**

Say cheese! It's time for fall pictures! Now, pay close attention. If you attend Vantage, are a senior, or are in grades PK-6, your picture day is this Wednesday. For those in grades 7-11 and in alternate kindergarten, picture day is Thursday. Come prepared to flash those pearly whites for the camera! (If you're reading this and realize that you should have already had your picture taken, have no fear! I will announce the makeup date in a future issue.)

Picture day isn't the only reason we've got to smile; Yearbook is selling Archer apparel including short-sleeved t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, short-sleeved polos and hooded sweatshirts until Monday, October 9th! Each student should have received an order form, and more are available in all of the school offices. Orders may be returned to either an office or Mrs. Bagley. Check it out!

That new Archer apparel will come in handy when you're cheering on our teams! Here's the scoop on where and when our teams are playing:

JH Volleyball: Monday, October 9th, 5:00, @ Parkway.  
 JH Football: Tuesday, October 10th, 4:30, Edgerton.  
 JV Football: Monday, October 9th, 4:30, @ Ayersville.  
 Varsity Cross Country: Tuesday, October 10th, 4:30, @ Fayette/Edgerton/Morenci.  
 Varsity Volleyball: Thursday, October 5th, 6:00; Continental; Saturday, October 7th, 10:00, Montpelier @ Hilltop; Tuesday, October 10th, 6:00, Edgerton.

Varsity Football: Friday, October 6th, 7:30, @ Ayersville.

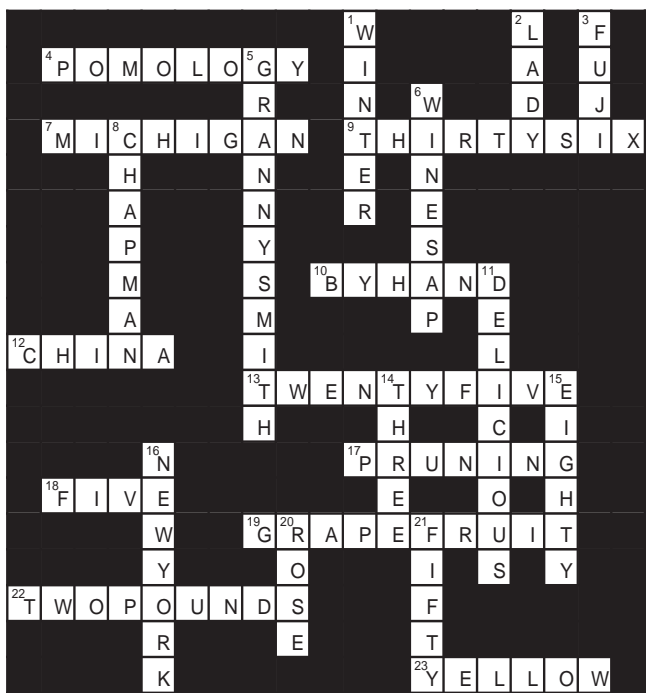
Word of the Week: Mollify \mol-uh-fahy\ verb

- To calm in temper or feeling; soothe
- To lessen in intensity
- To reduce the rigidity of; soften

Example:  
 "Attempting to mollify her frightened students, the teacher popped in a movie to draw attention away from the thunderstorm."

Have fun with this word! I'll be back next week with another!

Last Week's answers to "Apples"



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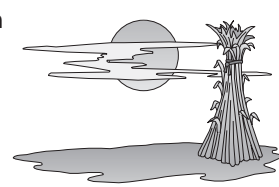
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| <b>Fri. Oct. 13</b><br>Paulding Senior Center<br>9 to 11 a.m. &<br>1 to 3 p.m.   | <b>Tue. Oct. 17</b><br>Village Apothecary, Pldg.<br>9 to 11 a.m. & 3 to 5 p.m. | <b>Wed. Oct. 25</b><br>Payne Library<br>9:30 to 11:30 a.m.                  |
| <b>Sun. Oct. 15</b><br>St. John Catholic Church<br>Payne: 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Thur. Oct. 19</b><br>Antwerp Pharmacy<br>9:30 to 11:30 a.m.                 | <b>Wed. Nov. 1</b><br>Antwerp VFW<br>9:30 to 11:30 a.m.                     |

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Antwerp: rushing 57; passing 126; total 183.  
Wayne Trace: rushing 89; passing 209; total 298.  
Q. Tempel 11/24, 79 yds., 3 int.  
T. Ryan 1/3, 47 yds.  
Receivers:  
C. Stewart - 4 receptions, 63 yds.  
J. Delong - 5 receptions, 51 yds.  
S. Beregszazi - 9 rushes, 37 yds.  
K. Proxmire - 10 rushes, 30 yds., 5 punts-163 yds.

**LIGHTS ON FOR LOUIE 004**

There was a "Lights On For Louie" assembly on Wednesday afternoon September 13 at Paulding Elementary for students in grades PreK through grade 5. First grader Raeanne Smith visited with Sparky the lightning bug on stage. Lights On For Louie is a live theatrical program that focuses on basic electricity and electrical safety for elementary students. The performance is sponsored by AEP Ohio and the National Theater for Children.

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN PAULDING**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will have their 2nd Annual Homecoming Sunday on October 8th. Members, participating non-members, former members, friends, visitors - everyone is invited to join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Becky Fishbaugh. We will also have special music. School will be at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be furnished at noon, then stay for fellowship in the afternoon.

First Christian Church is located at 1233 Emerald Road, in Paulding. Come and share with us on this special Sunday, or any Sunday.

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: ANTWERP VS. HICKSVILLE**

By: Pat Miesle

The Antwerp Junior High football team defeated Hicksville last night 22-8 to extend their record to 3-0.

John Brown threw TD passes to Shaile Chamberlain and Tanner Copsie respectively for the first two scores. Brandon Dunderman added a TD run for the Archers last score.

**1ST CLASS AIRMAN JUSTIN R. SIGLER VISITS ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**



Shown here from the left are: Tyrel Goings, Darrick Bowersox, Sigler, his brother and preschooler Seth Dysinger and Zoë Kochel. These children are in the 4's and young 5's class with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by 1st Class Airman Justin R. Sigler, who also happens to be one of our preschoolers big brother! Sigler is a 2004 graduate of Paulding High School and he enlisted in the United States Air Force

that same year. Sigler visited our classroom to thank us for the pictures and letters we sent him during his 15 month stay at the Incirlik Turkey Air Force Base. He will be deployed to Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, Hawaii on September 29, 2006.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 20 and Monday, September 25, 2006.

Gary Adkins, the CEO at the Paulding County Hospital, attended the September 20 meeting and shared information about severe cutbacks in federal Medicaid reimbursements for patients. The Commissioners agreed to communicate with elected officials to express their concern for public hospital finances due to the cutbacks.

Randy Shaffer, Paulding County EMA Director, also met with the Commissioners on Wednesday. The Commissioners decided to reject all bids for the generator and secure building to be installed at the base of the new radio tower, as the bids were not in compliance with the specifications. However, the installation of security fencing was judged to be a safety issue and a contract for \$7,649.23 was granted to Mark Holtsberry. The fencing will protect the guy wires, the base of the radio tower and the future building site. Federal grant dollars pay for the project. All the remaining portions of the bid package will be rewritten and rebid.

At the Monday meeting the Commissioners heard an update from Dave Cline, Paulding County Dog Warden. Lynne Mansfield, owner of Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming and Boarding, also attended the meeting. Cline indicated that Mansfield's work on adoptions has increased the adoption rate from ten percent in 2005 to twenty-five percent in 2006. In turn, the rate of dogs being destroyed has decreased from seventy percent to forty five percent. Ten percent of the dogs Cline picks up are redeemed by their owners. Mansfield uses the internet, including Petfinder.com, to advertise animals for adoption.

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Office of Job and Family Services, attended the Monday meeting. Also present were Pat Ross of the Paulding Exempted

Village Schools and Jason Cox of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. They reported on grants that have been provided to the two districts through the Job and Family Services Office. The grants provide after school services for children eligible for free and reduced price lunches. Students not eligible can still participate on a tuition basis. The program will concentrate on reading and math but will include help with homework and activities.

Keith Turvey, the Director of the Alcohol, Drug, Addiction, Mental Health Services Board (ADAMHS), met with the County Commissioners on Monday. Turvey reported that the local funds required to be used for the Medicaid match for clients who receive professional treatments outside of the three county area is straining the budget for the entire agency. Local staff does not control the placement of these individuals but are held responsible for making payment to providers. The ADAMHS Board serves the counties of Paulding, Van Wert and Mercer.

The monthly meeting of the Paulding County Planning Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25. The three County Commissioners are members of the Planning Commission. County Engineer Travis McGarvey reported on access easements involving new lots. Access easements are typically used for farmers to reach fields. McGarvey noted that access easements are controlled by Ohio statute and by the county Subdivision Regulations.

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

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**A NEW KIND OF BREAST CANCER: PAGET'S DISEASE OF THE NIPPLE**

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Early signs of Paget's disease of the nipple include redness and mild scaling and flaking of the nipple skin. It can appear as a rash or a lesion with a crusty outer edge. It may itch and be sore and does not clear up with creams. Improvement in the skin may occur spontaneously but this should not be taken as a sign the disease has disappeared. As the disease advances symp-

toms may include tingling, itching, increased sensitivity, burning and pain. There may also be a discharge from the nipple and the nipple can appear flattened against the breast. In one half of patients, a lump or mass can be felt in the breast during a physical examination.

One lady's lesion started out as a pimple on the areola. It did not particularly itch or was it sore. The scary thing with Paget's disease is that the symptoms appear relatively harmless. Early symptoms may cause only mild irritation and may not be enough to schedule a visit to the doctor. It is frequently thought to be an infection or skin inflammation. If your doctor suspects Paget's disease, he/she will need to have a biopsy performed to be certain.

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# 2006 Wayne Trace Raiders Homecoming

## HOMECOMING COURT

Seth Litzenberg and Kelly Krzesinski were named King and Queen of the 2006-2007 homecoming court.  
Amy Wannemacher, King Seth Litzenberg, Queen Kelly Krzesinski, Kerry Habern, Jenna Gordon and Nathan Plummer, Matt Shugars, Ashley Hessler, Aaron Hockenberry, Lucas Gordon, Eric Priest and Jenna Stoller.

The Wayne Trace Raiders had a great homecoming week. The temperature dropped on Thursday and so the bonfire felt incredibly good. Seeing some of the students trying to roast wieners was quite amusing as they were freezing their faces to avoid the intense heat from the blaze. Next year they need longer hot dog sticks to prevent toasted fingers.

3rd quarter. The total score for the game was Wayne Trace 33, Antwerp 7.

The Raiders had an excellent job of keeping everyone excited to support their team as they played throughout the game including the half-time.

The Raiders had one unbelievable night. They couldn't have asked for a better win and the seniors' confidence from the night before was not misplaced. Coach Speller was so happy with his team that he gave them Saturday off from practice. A game these students will always remember was just played. The students and staff were very helpful in compiling this piece. Special thanks to Rich and Patti Miller from which many pictures were supplied.

A few seniors were beating the car with a sledgehammer and by the time the night came to a close it was upside down, lying on it's top. I noticed the side of the car had the word "Antwerp" spelled out, referring to the Friday's game rivals. After talking with some of the seniors, #24 Lantz Sinn and #23 Seth Litzenberg, I realized that there was no lack of confidence in the game against Antwerp.

Friday evening's game opened with the homecoming court being announced and the queen being crowned. As you can see in the photo she had plenty of help. The entire homecoming court had a special place where they were seated during the game minus the king, #22 Seth Litzenberg, as he was on the field preparing for the game.

The first quarter of the game went well for the Raiders. They scored two touchdowns to Antwerp's none. The second quarter came and went similarly, but Antwerp did score 7 points. The second quarter saw #26 Adam Miller struggle with an injury as he tackled an opponent. Wayne Trace scored their last touchdown in the

## Raider's Varsity Football:

Jamie Schmidt, Adam Miller, Brandon German, Zach Miller, Jay Priest, Joey Sinn, Lance Sinn, Seth Litzenberg, Calvin Sinn, Billy Cass, Jake Reuille, Colt Ulm, Zach Gerber, Riley Linder, Austin Newcomb, Chris Rozier, Ryan Davis, Kyle Bostelman, Josh Woody, Blake Foust, Art Stoller, Devin Dias, Tevin Hale, Dylan Haney, Corey Irwin, Martin Stoller, Derrick Baksa, Tim Wolford, Evan Dasher, Kyle Wobler, Jason Miller, Jesse Oliver, Jason Gordon, Brett Beckman, Jordan Sherry, Trevor Speiser and Dylan Flint.

Coaches: Tom McCord, Mike Spiece, Bill Speller, Rich Miller, Chad Goeltzenleuchter.

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# GOLDEN HERITAGE FOODS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS W. STOLLER HONEY INC.)

By: Mike Knapp

This is my very first article for a newspaper. In fact, I haven't really written anything since High School, which was a long time ago, so I wasn't sure what I was getting into.

When I arrived, I was about twenty minutes early and a wonderful young lady named Candace welcomed me at the door. She made me feel very welcomed and comfortable. We talked a little about the company and, of course, honey. Before I got there, I thought that honey was honey, but I soon found out that I was wrong. Candace explained to me that honey has different flavors and qualities depending on what flowers the bees are getting their pollen from. This was one of the very first insights of the honey industry that I was to learn. Candace had some work to do, so she told me to look around the reception area and make my-

self at home. I first read their "Core Values" at this time and I was very impressed, we will talk about this more later on. As I sat there waiting on my appointment, I was looking around. They have their reception area decorated with ceramic bees and stuffed animal bees. They have ceramic hives and other items that told you that they were in the honey business. They have a display of their honeys and the different bottles that they are packaged in; also the different flavors were displayed and where you can purchase them locally.

You could also tell that they are very committed to God, their families, the people that work there and the community. I am glad that this was my first interview. The whole roughly 50 minutes that I was there was very enjoyable and educational.

The time of my appointment came around and Robin came and got me. She took me

to Mr. Dwight Stoller's office. Mr. Dwight Stoller is CEO of Golden Heritage Foods. He is third generation in the honey business. Dwight asked me to sit down and we started the interview. All I asked him for was a brief history and what the company did. He enlightened me on many things that I did not know about honey and the Stoller history.

Golden Heritage Foods came about by combining W. Stoller's Honey Inc. of Latty, Ohio and Barkman Honey Co. of Hillsboro, Kansas. Golden Heritage Foods came about in March of 2002 by the merger of the two companies.

Dwight's grandpa, Irvin Stoller had three sons. They began as farmers, but they got into the bee keeping business. Soon the bee keeping business became their main focus. They had bees in multiple states including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Georgia and Florida. They were migratory operators and Dwight's dad (Wayne) spent quit a bit of time in school in Florida. Irvin had a migratory bee keeping operation and at some point they started to package their product. Wayne was working for his father at this time. In 1952 Wayne and his wife started their own bee keeping operation. Both Irvin and Wayne were packaging at this time. They were not planning on competing, but to sell to different markets and customers. So,

W. Stoller's Honey Inc. came into existence in 1952.

Dwight's dad ran the bee keeping and packaging operation and Dwight's mom became the sales mechanism and the business bookkeeping manager. The business grew as a totally branded company until 1990 and then they went into producing for private labels. They combined the original business, which Irvin began as Stoller Honey Farms and the W. Stoller's Honey Inc. in 1997.

Dwight was a founding member of the National Honey Board. This opportunity gave him a lot of exposure to other companies in the honey business and the total honey industry, and from what Dwight could see the industry was going to have to consolidate for the future of the business. So he initiated some industry consolidation research, which led to contact with Brent Barkman, President of the Barkman Honey Co. Brent and his parents, Richard and Joyce Barkman were very interested in consolidating with Stoller's. The Barkman's operation started out very similar to the Stoller operation, which started out as bee keeping and then into packaging, this was about the same time as the W. Stoller operation started.

The Barkman's operation grew faster than the Stoller's operation. One reason was that the Barkman's focused on the foodservice market. The consolidation of the two companies was a very good marriage in the honey industry. There was very little customer overlap and they covered a more diversified market. So in March of 2002 they merged with each other and became Golden Heritage Foods.

They had a vision of strengthening their presence in the honey industry as well as diversifying into other key products. Dwight says that it was a lot of hard work putting the two companies together, but it was the right thing to do, they are now in a much better position to service their customers presently and in the future with two plants in different locations, one in Latty, Ohio and one in Hillsboro, Kansas.

Over four decades of combined knowledge and experience of the two companies has been essential in the growth and quality of the operation. They are the largest food service supplier in the country. Their brand is probably third or fourth in the country and they are in the top three in retail product sale in the U.S. There are a lot of bees buzzing around from flower to flower providing honey for the operation.

The U.S. only supplies about 50% of the demand for honey in this country, so they have to import honey from other countries. They import from Canada, Argentina, Mexico and China. The Latty operation receives most of their honey from Canada and Argentina.

Honey quality extremely varies. If a bee gets pollen from one type of blossom and then gets some from a totally different type of flower, this changes the quality of the product, so they have to have very intensive sampling and testing so they can package the very highest quality honey. Their branded honey

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## LOCAL PAULDING COUNTY CANDIDATES VISIT THE VFW



Ed Strahley for Paulding County Commissioner and Mary Howard for Paulding County Treasurer calling Bingo for Senior Citizens at the VFW Hall in Antwerp. Several people won cash donations and canned beef. Everyone had a great time and all seniors are invited for next month's Bingo day.

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line is totally domestic and at the highest of quality. Dwight says that a big part of the honey business is the art and science of taking a product, which has incredible variations because of the bee visiting multiple flower blossoms, which creates a variance in the honey, so that the customer receives a consistent and high quality product. It takes a lot of hard work in sourcing and blending the product to have a consistently high quality product.

They do business with Wal-mart, Sysco Food Service, Sam's Club, U.S. Food Service, and many others. They have incredible relations with these organizations, which started back in the Stoller Honey and the Barkman Honey days. They also do business with the local community, including Chiefs in Paulding and Cooper Foods.

As I said before I started this interview, I thought that honey was honey, boy was I mistaken. Dwight has seen honey that is as clear as water and honey that was as dark as black, with tastes that range from a mild sweet taste all the way to a taste of the stoutest medicine that you have ever had, there is just an incredible amount in variation in honey.

Golden Heritage employs 100+ people in their Latty and Hillsboro operations. Dwight says that they have very dedicated, loyal, and

hardworking people. You can tell by talking with Dwight that he is very thankful and appreciative for the people that work there.

When Dwight was looking into consolidating he knew that he would have to take some risks. He was going into the merger as the smaller company having a smaller piece of the pie than the Barkman Company, but the future marketplace was changing and it was driving him to do it. He sat down and thought very hard about what "Core Values" were needed to be there before he consolidated with someone else. He was looking out for the sake of his family, his parents and the employees at the Latty plant, this was something that he could not compromise. He had to be comfortable with the set of "Core Values" of the company that he was going into business with. The Barkman Company's history and core values were very similar to the Stoller Co. This was exactly what Dwight was looking for. So when Dwight and another member of the team from Stoller's went out to Kansas, they sat down with the Barkman's and their management team and they laid out a common set of "Core Values" that Dwight was comfortable with in closing the deal. He was not going to compromise the things that he had here, he had to be comfortable with the values set forth by the Barkman's. Dwight says that there are

times when you have to take risks, but it has to be essential for the growth of the company, there will be times in the future where he has to take risks for the betterment of the company, but he cannot compromise the values that have been set forth. Their "Core Value" is read before every management team meeting and every employee meeting, they are extremely challenged by the values that they have set forth.

They have purchased a facility in Van Wert. This will be opened as a distribution center. They were in desperate need for warehouse space and it will also open up new possibilities for the company.

Dwight told me that everything is people; all of your results come from people and ultimately your capabilities come through people. By talking to him, and seeing a little of the operation, I truly believe that he believes this. He tells me that they have fantastic people working at the facility.

Dwight has been challenged by the values set by Golden Heritage Foods. These values reflect who they are now and who they want to be in the future. Dwight tells me that these "Core Values" cannot be compromised no matter what the future brings; he is truly committed to these values.

God's hand has blessed the merger of the Stoller Co. and the Barkman Co. and the formation of Golden Heritage Foods. He told me a couple of stories where you could see God's hand involved with some of the decisions and undertakings that went into the merger. God has been very good to Dwight Stoller and God had blessed him and has re-enforced the "Core Values" set forth by the company.

Golden Heritage Foods' Core Ideology:

At Golden Heritage Foods, we believe in certain ideas that form the character or our company.

We believe that it is our core purpose to serve God with all resources entrusted to us, enlarging our territory of influence through wise stewardship and servant leadership.

This core purpose has given us a set of timeless, guiding principles:

—To reflect God's will and purpose in all relationships through Christian values of honesty, integrity, respect, and servanthood.

—To nurture the growth and development of our organization and its team members.

—To provide product and service solutions for quality minded customers.

—To foster corporate, industry and community growth through servant leadership.

I would like to thank Candace, Robin, and Dwight Stoller for making my first visit a wonderful and educating experience. They made me truly feel welcomed and I see the commitment that Dwight has for the team at Golden Heritage Foods.

You can visit their web site at: www.ghflc.com.

Or give them a call at 419-399-5786.

Or visit at 685 Fifth St. Latty, OH.

Honey is more than just honey at Golden Heritage it is their outreach.

### BOYS GOLF SECTIONAL RESULTS

By: Kevin Wannemacher

Division III of the High School Boys Golf Sectional took place at Auglaize Golf Course on Thursday, September 28.

Three Teams advance to the district tournament.

Team Scores - Wayne Trace 319, Ayersville 330, Ottoville 331, Lincolnview 337, Tinora 339, Antwerp 341, Delphos St. John's 342, Kalida 342, Crestview 349, Leipsic 354, Delphos Jefferson 357, Fort Jennings 378, Pettisville 395, Fairview 401.

Individuals to advance - Dillon Klein (Delphos Jefferson) 69, Jason Crow (Leipsic) 73, Bob Bragg (Antwerp) 78, Matt Warnecke (Kalida) 80.

Wayne Trace (319) - Aaron Hockenberry 72, Matt Shugars 80, Elliott Tempel 81, Scott Kipfer 86, Dane Treece 91.

Ayersville (330) - Matt Brown 79, Joe Ewers 81, Logan Wolfrum 83, Preston Zachrich 87, Josh Retcher 107.

Ottoville (331) - Nick Rue 81, Alex Odenweller 81, Chris Looser 83, Troy Markward 86, Jordan Schimmoeller 99.

Lincolnview (337) - Mitch Ringwald 82, Corey Wolters 83, Aaron Moots 83, Chris Boyd 89, Roy Salisbury 94.

Tinora (339) - Chase Griffith 80, Jeff Taylor 82, Scott Stafford 86, Greg Joyce 91, Trey Meyer 92.

Antwerp (341) - Bob Bragg 78, Alex Wetli 81, Boston Hornmann 91, T.J. Short 91, Isaac Yenser 91.

Delphos St. John's (342) - Brad Wannemacher 84, Neil Buettner 85, Brandon Hemker 85, Brian Hammons 88, Drew Fisher 89.

Kalida (342) - Matt Warnecke 80, Cody Buss 82, Brandon Stechschulte 87, Tyler Verhoff 93, Brent Heitmeyer 94.

Crestview (349) - Jamin Rayer 83, Cory Schneider 87, Drew Kreisler 89, Chris Bo-

lenbaugh 90, Nick Ulrey 98.

Leipsic (354) - Jason Crow 73, Bryn Steffan 85, Craig Meyer 94, Josh Cain 102, Nathan Maag 111.

Delphos Jefferson (357) - Dillon Klein 69, Craig Carder 93, Ryan Kortokrax 96, Austin Clarkson 99, Chad Hoersten 102.

Fort Jennings (378) - Brandon Good 90, Tyler Louth 91, Jordan Unrue 95, Troy Warnecke 102, Chad Stechschulte 102.

Pettisville (395) - John Bruner 88, Logan Frey 95, Jared Avina 105, Dylan Weirauch 107, Andrew Rupp 118.

Fairview (401) - James Mock 87, Sean Berry 95, Zach Johnson 108, Kyle Etchen 111, Kurt Singer 148.

### PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you over 60 and wanting to volunteer? Are you already volunteering through RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program Training) If yes, this training is for you!

Jackie from the Area Office on Aging, RSVP, will be providing information on benefits, reporting and eligibility. This training will take place on Tuesday, October 10.

Here are the locations: Antwerp - 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. Payne - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob's United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Paulding - 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Senior Center. Call Connie at 419-399-3650 for more information.

On Thursday, October 19th the Senior Center will be hosting a "Meet the Candidate, Hear the Issues" at 6:00 p.m. There is an evening meal that will start at 5:00 p.m. All candidates or representatives of issues that will be on the November ballot are invited to attend. Please call Marsha at 419-399-3650 to register to speak or to attend the meal. Each candidate or representative will have 5 minutes for their presentation.

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## TAKING A STEP BACK IN TIME TO AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

The Auglaize Village Johnny Appleseed Festival took place this past weekend (Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st). Many people had visited even though the weather couldn't decide what it was going to do. There were demonstrations setup all over the Village property including a train and a couple of cars on the 1 mile long track encircling the historical town. The town has much history to offer visitors including old log cabins, barns, a general store, museums, doctor and dentist offices, an old church and school. There was even a steam engine running a saw mill demonstrating how logs of that era would be cut into boards.

Vendors from all over were there selling their wares. Several places made and pro-

vided food including caramel covered popcorn. An old-fashioned tractor pull was also taking place on the south end of the village. Children enjoyed very much seeing how people lived in the Defiance-Paulding area 100-150 years ago. Noticing there was a print shop located in the town "barn" brought memories back of the days of lead type (of which they are in need).

They Auglaize Village is a living history museum and they would be glad to show you the past. If you missed this year's event, you really missed something that is part of our local history. The people working their did a fantastic job of bringing our past to life.



### PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/4/06 THROUGH 10/10/06

#### Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

- 10/4 - Ravioli, Bread, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk
- 10/5 - Nachos w/Cheese Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Milk
- 10/6 - Pepperoni Cheese Filled Bread Sticks, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
- 10/9 - Chicken Nuggets, Bread, Peas, Fruit, Milk
- 10/10 - Hamburger on a Bun, Pickles, Oven Potatoes, Fruit, Milk

#### Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch

- 10/4 - Beef & Noodles, Whipped Potatoes, Bread, Assorted Fruit, Milk
- 10/5 - Sub Sandwich, Celery & Carrots w/Dip, Salsa Sun Chips, Assorted Fruit, Milk
- 10/6 - Chili Dog on a bun, Cheddar Munchers, Assorted Fruit, Milk
- 10/9 - Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, w/ Gravy, Bread or Corn Dog, Vegetable, Assorted Fruit, Milk
- 10/10 - Italian Dunkers, Green Beans, Assorted Fruit, Milk

#### Paulding Elementary - Lunch

- 10/4 - Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk
- 10/5 - Chicken Strips, Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy, Bread, Fruit, Milk
- 10/6 - Hamburger on a bun, Vegetable, Fruit Cup, Milk
- 10/9 - Corn Dog, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
- 10/10 - Breaded Pork on a bun, Broccoli, Fruit Cup, Milk

#### Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast

- 10/4 - Bacon, Egg & Cheese, Muffin, Juice, Milk
- 10/5 - French Toast Stix, Sausage Links, Juice, Milk
- 10/6 - Sausage Gravy, w/ Biscuits, Juice, Milk
- 10/9 - Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
- 10/10 - Tator Tots w/ Cheese Sauce, Sausage Links, Juice, Milk

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10TH

All people who are not registered and wish to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 7, must register by Tuesday, October 10, at the Board of Elections, or a branch office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Extended hours are Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm. The office will be closed Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of Elections by October 10. Persons not certain of their registration validity may call the office at 419-399-8230, write, or stop in the office at 105 E Perry St, Paulding.

You may also register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 119 W Perry St, Paulding; hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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Brenda J. Crawford,  
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Paulding County Board  
of Elections

### ANTWERP TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Antwerp Town Council will meet for regular meeting on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Change is due to the government holiday on October 9.

There will also be a public hearing on re-zoning held at 6:30 p.m.

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### EIGHTH GRADE FOOTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDGERTON

By: Kevin Wannemacher  
On Tuesday, September 26, the eighth grade football teams from Wayne Trace and Edgerton battled each other for the win. The final score was Wayne Trace 22, Edgerton 8. Wayne Trace is now 2-1

Wayne Trace Scoring:  
Chris Hartzell 65 yd touchdown run. Cody Stahl touchdown run. Cole Rosswurm 40 yd touchdown run and two point conversion run. Zach Harshman two point conversion run.

Edgerton's touchdown came on a blocked punt recovery in the end zone.

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**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS AT WELCOME PARK**

**By: Kevin Wannemacher**  
 On Tuesday, September 26 High School cross country was at Welcome Park in Grover Hill.

**High School Girls:**  
 Team: Ayersville 16, Wayne Trace 47, Fairview 75 (Ottoville and Antwerp did not have full teams).

**Top 10 Individuals:**  
 1. Audra Brown AY 19:48  
 2. Caitlin Rohn AY  
 3. Kimber Brown AY  
 4. Molly Maag OT  
 5. Alexis Godeke AN  
 6. Chelsea Mottashed AY  
 7. Michelle Hill WT 22:13  
 8. Kelsey Dockery AY  
 9. Melissa Turnwald OT  
 10. Kelsey Hinchcliff WT 23:04.

**Other Paulding County runners:**  
 11. Katie Reinhart AN 23:08  
 14. Cassie McDougale WT 24:04  
 17. Samantha Davis WT 24:36  
 19. Jenna Gordon WT 25:06  
 24. Alyssa Hughes AN 26:12  
 26. Chelsea Klewer WT 27:12  
 31. Kim Jewell WT 31:28  
 32. Misty Gordon AN 32:17.

**High School Boys:**  
 Team: Wayne Trace 46, Fairview 47, Ottoville 54, Ayersville 84, Antwerp 136.

**Top 10 Individuals:**  
 1. Rodney Miller WT 17:15  
 2. Justin Perkins FV  
 3. Ryan Kerns OT  
 4. Taylor Tripoli FV  
 5. Zach Wannemacher WT 17:52  
 6. Chris Retting AY  
 7. Zach Hamrick WT 17:58  
 8. Cory Clements OT  
 9. Karl Klopfenstein WT 18:07  
 10. Logan Alvarez FV

Other Paulding County runners:  
 23. Spencer Timbrook AN 19:22  
 28. Jake Reinhart AN 20:08  
 29. Tyler Dunham WT 20:11  
 31. Wade Sisson WT 20:15  
 34. Angelo Harris WT 20:49  
 36. Steve Carlisle AN 21:08  
 38. Lucas Gordon WT 21:17  
 41. Matt Rhodes AN 22:25  
 42. Dusty Woodcox AN 22:59  
 45. Jeremy Zartman WT 24:15.

**Jr High Girls:**  
 Team: Ayersville 27, Antwerp 28 (Antwerp, Ottoville, and Wayne Trace did not have full teams).

**Top 5 Individuals:**  
 1. Rachele Bendele OT 14:24  
 2. Vanessa Gordon AN 14:28  
 3. Olivia Stewart AY  
 4. Olivia Brieninger FV  
 5. Amanda Hill WT 15:50

**Other Paulding County runners:**  
 8. Jessica Wenninger WT 16:07  
 9. Harlee Hudson AN 16:23  
 11. Jessie Marlin AN 16:41  
 14. Lauren Cline AN 18:00  
 16. Nikki Hughes AN 19:13

**Jr High Boys:**  
 Team: Fairview 28, Ottoville 28 (Antwerp, Ayersville, and Wayne Trace did not have full teams)

**Top 5 Individuals:**  
 1. Josh Hilton AN 12:08  
 2. Nick Berry AN 12:53  
 3. Colin Klopfenstein WT 13:04  
 4. Taylor Gagger OT  
 5. Ryan Johnston AY

**Other Paulding County runners:**  
 14. Eli Cook WT 16:07

**MR. AND MRS. RONALD DAVIDSON CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**



**The family of Ronald and Margaret Davidson cordially invites you to join us for a special day honoring 50 years of marriage on Saturday, October 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Church of Christ, 15413 State Route 49, Antwerp. Please no gifts.**

**GILLMOR VOTES TO BRING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE**

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) says the legislation he supported today, the Military Commissions Act of 2006, will bring terrorists to justice. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 passed the House today by a vote of 253 to 168 and creates a framework by which to try foreign enemy combatants in military tribunals.

"Our intelligence services and military men and women have captured hundreds of terrorists since our nation was attacked on September 11, 2001. Now our nation has a means to bring these accused terrorists to justice and protect our intelligence capabilities," Gillmor said. "Only in a nation built on freedom and democracy are laws like this possible. This act ensures that those men and women who have plotted against the American people will receive American justice."

Under the Military Commissions Act, new military tribunals will be established to try alien enemy combatants who have engaged in or supported terrorist activities. As a result of this bill, terrorists will be afforded basic legal rights including the right to counsel, right to obtain evidence, right to call witnesses and the right to appeal. The suspects have the right to be present at all proceedings and evidence may not be used against them unless it has been provided to the accused.

The Military Commissions Act is a result of compromises worked out between the House, Senate and White House last week. It ensures that classified materials remains protected and privileged if the material would jeopardize national security. Substantive findings of classified materials may be available in unclassified forms to allow prosecutors the evidence to make their case if the presiding judge finds that the evidence was reliably obtained.

Gillmor, an Air Force veteran and military lawyer during the Vietnam Conflict says the bill will protect American soldiers on the battlefield by protecting their identity. The bill also clarifies the definition of acceptable interrogation methods and specifies the violations of Common Article 3 of the

**GENEVA CONVENTION.**

"The Military Commissions Act guarantees that our classified information remains classified," Gillmor said. "This was an important step to protect American citizens while creating a fair process to try foreign terrorists. These terrorists will now be afforded the very freedoms which they have worked so hard to destroy."

The Military Commissions Act passed is expected to be passed by the U.S. Senate shortly so that it can be forwarded to the President for his signature into law.

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. FAIRVIEW**

**By: Kevin Wannemacher**  
 On Tuesday, September 26 Wayne Trace met up with Fairview in varsity volleyball action. Wayne Trace over Fairview, 25-19, 25-14, 25-13.

Wayne Trace is now 5-8 overall, 1-3 in the Green Meadows Conference.

**Team Statistics:** Serving 64-66, Serve Reception 21-31, Hitting 61-74, Setting 71-79, Passing 21-37.

**Individual Statistics:** Dayna Keirns 13-13 serving, 54-58 setting, 22 assists, two blocks. Natalie Snyder 10-10 serving, 12-14 hitting, nine kills, 3-3 serve reception. Krista Germann 10-12 hitting, five kills. Chelsea Holtsberry 3-3 serve reception. Kara Benschneider 3-4 passing. Jayna Taylor six digs. Becky Ruble two blocks.

**Junior Varsity - Fairview** over Wayne Trace 22-25, 25-21, 25-22.



**REP. PAUL GILLMOR NAMED "PROTECTOR OF PROPERTY RIGHTS"**

The Property Rights Alliance (PRA) recently presented Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) with its prestigious "Protector of Property Rights" award for support of the property rights community.

Upon receiving his award Gillmor said, "I am honored to have been recognized for my efforts on behalf of America's property owners," Gillmor said. "This is truly a group which represents every American and the ideal which we hold so dear."

"These key votes were the most critical for the property rights community in the first session of the 109th Congress," said Scott LaGanga, executive director of Property Rights Alliance. "The property rights community, composed of stakeholders in the defense of both intellectual and physical property rights, can identify which Members are their allies. Representative Gillmor is more than an ally in this battle: Representative Gillmor is a 'Protector.'"

Among the issues that the Property Rights Alliance used to assess Gillmor's voting record was his support of the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005. Gillmor was a co-sponsor of this legislation which was introduced as a result of the Kelo v. City of New London Supreme Court case which permits communities to seize land using eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. The bill Gillmor co-sponsored would prohibit communities from taking private property simply for the economic development.

"While I support the mission of the Property Rights Alliance, it is amazingly unfortunate that we even need such a group to protect the rights of property owners in America from the rule of activist judges. Every American works everyday towards their version of the American dream. Maybe your dream is owning a home, becoming

a part of society or running for office. But the American dream will never be achieved by having your property ripped away from you by the government which is supposed to serve you," Gillmor said.

"Representative Gillmor is a true champion of private property rights, and Property Rights Alliance offers its thanks and congratulation," concluded Scott LaGanga, executive director of Property Rights Alliance.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County would like to announce that we will be having a ground breaking ceremony on October 7 at 1:00 p.m. for the next house to be built in our county. Please join us in Melrose as we celebrate this great occasion. The new owners will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guyton and their three children: Kelsey, Selena, and Nathaniel.

The house will be located at the end of Park St. Turn north at the street just west of the Uncle Fudd's restaurant off of 613 and go to the end and you will be able to join in the excitement.

We invite everyone to come and share with the Guytons and the Habitat Committee as we take on another adventure of building a home. Habitat homes are built foremost with donations from the community, whether it is financial, food, or volunteer labor, from family, friends, neighbors, or those who are missionary minded and want to lend a hand for a worthwhile project.

We are hoping that you will join us on a regular basis as we begin the building of this home. If you are interested in helping and would like to know the scheduling please contact Keith Klopfenstein at 419-587-3585 or Al Leininger at 419-258-8552.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 7th of October at 1:00 p.m.

—Eileen Kochensparger, secretary of Habitat

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**LIVING LIKE CHRIST**

**By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Woodburn Fellowship, Woodburn**

Two weeks ago, we looked at a discipline of abstinence – solitude. Last week, we looked at a discipline of engagement – fellowship. We will try to keep that alternating pattern over the next six weeks to complete this series of study over the spiritual disciplines. So for this week, we have another discipline of abstinence – fasting.

Fasting! Is that like extreme dieting? Actually, in some sense – yes, but in the most important sense – no. I would like to begin with a simple definition so that we can understand the “yes” and “no” above.

“To abstain in some significant way from food and possibly from drink as well (think “yes”) . . . in order to center ourselves more fully on God.” (think “no”). To state that same idea in a more simple, positive fashion I often use the following quote. “When we fast from food for spiritual reasons, we feast on God.”

How is that possible? By listening to our body shout “hunger!” when there is no hunger, we discover: (1) how powerfully our own body and the world around us can influence our thoughts and impressions, and (2) the fact that God is the one who sustains us, not ourselves.

Does that sound too radical? Then consider this. The first three days of a fast are usually the most difficult in terms of physical

discomfort, not because you are really starving, but because your body has you so programmed to think in that way. You may well have headaches, fever (slower metabolism), and a coating on the tongue along with bad breath.

By day four hunger pains will begin to subside though you may feel weak and dizzy. Slow down and rest. By the sixth or seventh day, you will begin to feel stronger and more alert. By the ninth or tenth day, you will feel good with a sharp sense of concentration. You feel as though you could fast forever. Physically, it is the most enjoyable part of the fast.

Anywhere between twenty-one and forty days or even longer, hunger pains will return. This is the first stage of starvation.

Surprised to hear this sequence of events? So are most people. Fast from water? Really not a good idea for more than a day. Can everyone fast from all food? NO! Diabetics, pregnant or nursing mothers should not do so. If in doubt, always consult your physician first. But for most people, fasting is actually very good for you.

Do all “real Christians” have to fast? No. This is not legalism; it is a spiritual discipline. Should all Christians fast? Jesus begins in Matthew 6:16, “When you fast . . .” A command? Not necessarily. A definite possibility in His thinking? I would conclude “yes”. A discipline for you? Maybe. Consider it.

**REP. PAUL GILLMOR RECOGNIZED FOR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

The Seniors Coalition recently presented Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) with its prestigious “Medal of Honor Brighter Vision Award” during a ceremony in his Washington, D.C. office. The Seniors Coalition presented Congressman Gillmor with the award in recognition of his efforts to help Americans suffering with Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and other visual impairments.

“Macular Degeneration is affecting more than 15 million Americans over the age of 50 and thousands of those affected are citizens of the Fifth District,” Gillmor said. “AMD is an incurable eye disease and the leading cause of blindness for Americans aged 55 and older. However, if detected early, the progression of this crippling disease can be stalled. That is why creating a wider awareness of AMD and educating those at risk of its signs is so important,” Gillmor concluded.

“Through his commitment to education and action, Representative Gillmor is one of a select group of Congressmen who have made it a priority to ensure that their constituents have the brightest future that can be offered,” said Flora ‘Grandma’ Green, National Spokeswoman for The Seniors Coalition. “Right now, there is no cure for AMD; but with Members of Congress such as Representative Gillmor, who have resolved to take action, we will increase the likelihood of our seniors to catch AMD in the early stages- through education- and we will have a great opportunity- through research- to identify the illusive cure.”

The 2006 Brighter Vision Award presented to Congressman Gillmor was given in recognition of his support of both research and access to treatment options for visual impairments suffered by seniors. This is Gillmor’s second Brighter Vision Award.

The Seniors Coalition is the nation’s leading free-market senior education and advocacy organization with a membership of more than 4 million seniors. For more information on The Seniors Coalition, please visit [www.senior.org](http://www.senior.org).

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PAWS Program Award Winners for the week: August 28th – September 1st, 2006

Character Trait Word: Pride – High opinion of one’s worth; self-respect.

Kindergarten - Gabriel Bauer; Grade 1 - Wyntr Haskins; Grade 2 - Jacob Tracy; Grade 3 - Johnathon Rose; Grade 4 - Kayla Deitrick; Grade 5 - Chase Gideon.

PAWS Program Award Winners for the week: September 4th – 8th, 2006

Character Trait Word: Pride – High opinion of one’s worth; self-respect.

Kindergarten - Nicholas Barnett; Grade 1 - Mara Vielma; Grade 2 - Preston Ingol; Grade 3 - Darren Manz; Grade 4 - David Fisher; Grade 5 - Chase Stoller.

PAWS Program Award Winners for the week: September 11th – 15th, 2006

Character Trait Word: Sincerity – Honest of mind; mean what you say.

Kindergarten - Casey Holman; Grade 1 - Kage Farmer; Grade 2 - Brittany Brown; Grade 3 - Jarrett Sitton; Grade 4 - Kaitlyn Fisher; Grade 5 - David Fisher.

PAWS Program Award Winners for the week: September 25th – 29th, 2006

Character Trait Word: Loyalty – Being faithful to someone or something.

Kindergarten Zoe Shepherd; Grade 1 - Devon Smith; Grade 2 - Cameron Doster; Grade 3 - Adam Wright; Grade 4 - Brooke Combs; Grade 5 - Brad Matson.

**WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

For the week of 9/25:  
1A - Caleb Schaefer; 1B - Trisha Strickler; 2A - Corne VanErk; 2B - Caleb Shultz; 3A - Lisa Lockhart; 3B - Makayla Brandenburg; 4A - Blair Baumle; 4S - Rebecca Hamrick; 5A - Haley Linder; 5S - Brittany Jenkins; 6A - Staci Wenninger; 6B - Emma Schmidt; Staff of the Week: Mrs. Holly Snyder and Miss Sarah Deatrlick.

For the week of 10/2:  
1A - Jadyne Flint; 1B - Ian Vogel; 2A - Seth Saylor; 2B - Brook Lelonek; 3A - Cole Shephard; 3B - Quinton Harper; 4A - Kayla Zuber; 4S - Rebecca Hamrick; 5A - Austin Conlon; 5S - John Upole; 6A - Emily Whitman; 6B - Kati Lantow; Staff of the Week: Mrs. Carol Stoller and Mrs. Marie Moore.

**LOCAL BALLROOM DANCE STUDIO CELEBRATES CONCLUSION OF NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK**

Stardust Ballroom Dance Studio in Antwerp celebrated the conclusion of National Ballroom Dance Week by holding a dance party at their studio on the evening of Friday September 22. Dancers traveled from as far away as Bluffton and Fort Wayne, Indiana and Bryan and Van Wert, Ohio to bid farewell to another successful observance of National Ballroom Dance Week. Studio director Steury had this to say about the dance on the 22nd, “We have open dances that are open to the public every Friday night but this one was special because it marked the end of a great week of activity in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana. We held special classes all week here in Antwerp. “Dancing With The Stars” resumed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There were dance demonstrations at Glenbrook mall in Fort Wayne. And there was a public dance every night of the week at one of the local studios. National Ballroom Dance Week is a great time for those who have never danced to investigate and see what the sport is all about. We’ve had great fun this week and are already looking forward to next year’s festivities.”

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**VARSITY FOOTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. ANTWERP**

On Friday, September 29 Wayne Trace tackled their homecoming opponents – Antwerp.

Final score was Wayne Trace 33, Antwerp 7.

Records – Wayne Trace (4-2 overall, 2-1 GMC); Antwerp (3-3 overall, 0-3 GMC).

Score by quarters: Antwerp 0 7 0 0 = 7; Wayne Trace 12 14 7 0 = 33.

WT – Lance Sinn 2 yd. Run (kick failed), 8:01 1st.

WT – Ryan Davis 17 yd. Run (run failed), 6:09 1st.

WT – Riley Linder 17 yd. Pass to Jay Priest (kick blocked), 10:47 2nd.

A – Kyle Proxmire 1 yd. Run (Felipe Cruz kick), 7:11 2nd.

WT – Riley Linder 27 yd. Pass to Jay Priest (Riley Linder pass to Jay Priest), 2:32 2nd.

WT – Riley Linder 32 yd. Pass to Brandon Germann (Jason Gordon kick), 5:51 3rd.

Statistics: Antwerp – First downs 5; rushing attempts-yards 23-51; passing yards 121; total offense 172; pass completions-attempts 14-28; had intercepted 3; fumbles-lost 1-0.

Wayne Trace – first downs 13; rushing attempts-yards 29-86; passing yards 248; total offense 334; pass completions-attempts 14-28; had intercepted 2; fumbles-lost 0-0.

**ANTWERP VARSITY FOOTBALL**

**By: Tim Copsey**  
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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 6 and Monday, September 11, 2006.

The Wednesday meeting included the regular on-site construction meeting at the new jail. The Commissioners met with representatives of the architectural firm and the contractors. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and progress on the many ongoing construction tasks was discussed. The contractors must coordinate their work, especially above the ceiling levels to insure that water lines, heating ducts and electrical conduits can all be placed appropriately without conflicting with each other.

The construction meetings help identify potential problems and work out solutions before problems occur. The next regular meeting is Monday, September 18, at the construction site.

During the Monday, September 11, meeting Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, provided a regular report to the Commissioners on ongoing projects. McGarvey reported that of the twenty miles of county road resurfacing projects planned for 2006 some six miles are complete with fourteen more to finish. On the remaining miles, contractors have completed preliminary work such as repairing holes and are

preparing for resurfacing.

At the same meeting the Commissioners approved a recommendation from Will Burns of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) to authorize application to the State of Ohio for a \$490,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant, if approved, will be placed in the county Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to aid county businesses to expand and improve allowing the retention and creation of employment opportunities. Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director, who oversees the Revolving Loan Fund in Paulding County, accompanied Burns. Langham noted that in the last seven years the Revolving Loan Fund has grown from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 to aid county business enterprises in Paulding County.

During the afternoon and evening of Monday, September 11, the Commissioners attended the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association (NWOEA) meeting hosted by the Henry County Commissioners. These meetings include an update from State officials about legislative changes and State financial information.

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

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**IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE funds for the 2007 Broughton Redneck Jamboree, the committee is sponsoring a huge garage/craft/bake sale. The sale will be held Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Broughton Town Hall. There will be something there for everyone and we hope to see you there.**

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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13 and Monday, September 18, 2006.

The Wednesday meeting had a full agenda of reports and business items. The Paulding County Board of Elections provided their regular report with an emphasis on the new state requirements that voters have identification when they vote. All registered voters in Paulding County have received a notice from the Board of Elections specifying the types of identification that are acceptable. Those without identification will still be able to vote a "provisional ballot" that will be counted with absentee ballots. This allows staff at the Board of Elections up to ten days to check the voter's registration.

Bids for borrowing \$214,000.00 to refinance the funding of ditch projects were opened with the lowest interest rate being submitted by the Antwerp Exchange Bank. The Commissioners have installed an accounting program that allows the combination of smaller loans into a larger package, which results in savings to taxpayers by obtaining lower interest rates. This borrowing is the first implementation of the new program. The funds involved are from assessments for property owners affected by a ditch project and do not involve general tax revenue.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director, also met with the Commissioners for his monthly update. Langham reported on his contacts with business and industry as well as state officials, many of

which related to the planned U.S. 24 improvements.

Also on Wednesday, Nancy Hessler, Director of Paulding County United Way, reported on the organizations that will be helped with funding and progress on fund raising.

At noon the Commissioners met with fellow elected officials to review the financial statements for the County general fund. As in past months the sales tax is below expectations due to a very low amount paid from Columbus in February. Betty Layman, Paulding County Treasurer, reported that investment revenue is exceeding predictions, which partially offsets the sales tax concern. The monthly meeting of elected officials fosters good communications among the various offices and provides a forum for discussion of any concerns that arise.

The Monday, September 18 meeting featured Betty Layman, Paulding County Treasurer, providing a detailed report on investment strategy and the revenue that has been produced. The money earned on investments is a large part of the planned income for operation of basic county services. Each dollar of investment revenue helps the county to keep the local tax burden as low as possible.

The upcoming renewal of the small jail operating levy was also discussed at the Monday meeting. "We are fortunate that the voters have authorized this levy for the jail," noted Commissioner Ron Lane. "Our Sheriff and his staff are already working toward operating the jail so the renewal is important," concluded Lane.

During Monday afternoon the Commissioners met with the jail architect and the contractors working on the facility. Marty Harmon, Chair of the Board of Commissioners, noted "the new block walls, heating ducts and water lines all help to visualize the final appearance in the new jail. The layout of the building and the fact that most of the work is inside the existing building makes it difficult for the public to keep an eye on progress" stated Harmon.

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

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**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE THIS NOVEMBER**

**Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann**

Like shoppers at Christmas or travelers on Labor Day weekend, in the weeks leading up to an election, thousands of campaign volunteers flood Ohio's neighborhoods carrying literature and signs in support of candidates and issues, all hoping to influence the vote. Meanwhile, candidates knock on doors and talk with prospective voters, political advertisements accompany the evening news, and the media turns focus to key races and their impacts upon the state.

On November 7th, Ohio voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for the future leaders of our state. However, elections are more than issues and candidates, politics and competition; they are an opportunity for Americans to take part in the democratic process, exercise their Constitutional rights, and make decisions that will impact the futures of their local communities, our state, and the nation. Unfortunately, in recent years, voter turnout has been low, and worse, many Ohioans aren't even registered to vote! This decline in participation can be attributed to a number of things—lack of interest, distrust in the system, or an attitude that it simply doesn't matter whether they cast a ballot because their vote won't affect the outcome. Yet, in the last several years, there have been a number of close elections at the local, state, and national levels that were decided by only hundreds of

votes. Therefore, it is important for all Americans to realize that every vote counts and the right to cast a ballot is one of the most important rights we enjoy.

In 2002, to protect the nation's elections from fraud and help restore faith in the process, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requiring states to adopt certain safeguards by ensuring that any new voters provide identification in order to register and vote. This year, the Ohio Legislature passed House Bill 3, which went one important step further, requiring all Ohio voters to show identification to verify that the individual showing up on Election Day is the person entitled to that ballot.

However, it is important to note that unlike other states that have required identification to vote, Ohio's law is much more flexible in that eligible voters can verify their registrations not only with a driver's license or other photo identification, but also with a utility bill, government check, paycheck, government document, or military identification that shows their name and current address. If the voter does not have access to any of these forms of identification, they will not be turned away. They may still cast a provisional ballot by providing the last four digits of their Social Security number at the polls. Once verified, this provisional ballot will be counted in the official tally. Even if the voter cannot provide the last four digits of their Social Security number, they will not be turned away. HB 3 provides that an eligible

voter can sign an affirmation, under penalty of perjury, that they are that voter and that they do not possess any of the eligible forms of identification and then cast a provisional ballot. At least 21 states are considering or have passed similar legislation, but no state has gone as far as Ohio to protect our system against fraud, while making provisions for those voters who don't have ready access to eligible forms of identification.

Armed with these protections, Ohioans have even more reason to exercise their right to vote this November. Registering to vote is a short, simple process. Each prospective voter is given a form to fill out that asks for his or her name, address, birth date, citizenship status, age and signature. To be eligible, Ohio voters must reside in the state for at least 30 days and must register at least 30 days prior to an election. This means all voters who have yet to register for November's election must do so by October 7th.

Voting is an important right, a platform for our individual voices to be heard, and the driving force behind our democracy. Therefore, as election season gears up, I encourage all eligible Ohioans to not only register to vote, but to take this responsibility seriously, spend time researching the candidates and issues, and then go to the polls ready to make an informed decision. For more information on voter registration, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us) or call your county Board of Election.

**REP. GILLMOR SUPPORTS BILL TO PROTECT PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF RELIGION**

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) says the legislation he supported today, the Public Expression of Religion Act, will safeguard religious freedom in Ohio and across America. H.R. 2679, the Public Expression of Religion Act (PERA) passed the House today by a vote of 244 to 173.

"Often when people think of the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, they remember that it bans the establishment of a national religion but forget that the first amendment also bans any prohibition of the free exercise of religion. Unfortunately, groups in America like the ACLU have distorted the first amendment to discriminate against religious groups and force State and local governments from constitutional displays of religion. This bill will ensure that our communities can fight for their beliefs without fear of these large and heavily-funded organizations exhausting taxpayer dollars," Gillmor said.

In many cases, parties who file lawsuits claiming a violation of the Establishment Clause (First Amendment) of the U.S. Constitution, are entitled to the payment of their legal fees should they win. Recently, these cases have involved the public display of Ten Commandments monuments; the Boy Scouts' crosses on veteran's memorials, city logos, police badges; and other religious symbols. If a municipality is sued for displaying these religious symbols, they must pay their attorney's fees to fight the case and, often if they lose, the attorney's fees of the plaintiff who brought the case. These fees are paid with taxpayer dollars.

Under the Public Expression of Religion Act, which the House passed today, the court can only force the State or local government to stop doing whatever it deemed to have violated the Establishment Clause. However, attorney's fees will no longer be awarded to the plaintiff who sued the locality.

Gillmor noted many examples where the ACLU or like-minded groups have collected large attorney's fees from the taxpayers.

"The ACLU received almost a million dollars from the City of San Diego for a case involving the Boy Scouts, more than half a million dollars from the State of Alabama and more than \$250,000 from Counties in Georgia and Tennessee for the display of the Ten Commandments," Gillmor said. "But the real problem here are the cases settled out of court for fear of losing large sums of taxpayer dollars. We have seen out-of-court settlements in Iowa, Montana, California, and Illinois. While States like Ohio have been recently successful fighting the ACLU, these successes come at a cost to the taxpayer."

"Recently the ACLU set its sights on issues the Boy Scouts in San Diego and a cross on the Los Angeles County, California seal. So far, many of these challenges have taken place in big cities which can often afford the fight. In San Diego, the

\$950,000 the ACLU received in attorney's fees amounts to 78 cents per taxpayer. But if that fight was waged in Bowling Green, the most populated city in the Fifth District, it would have cost more than \$32 per taxpayer. Our communities are being forced to settle legitimate cases to spare the taxpayers the cost of the court case rather than fight for the values and beliefs of the people. It's a form of judicial bullying and I am glad we have ended it," Gillmor concluded.

Among the many groups which supported the Public Expression of Religion Act was The American Legion. The Legion, composed of 2.7 million veterans, has been plagued by lawsuits as a result of religious displays on veteran's memorials. American Legion National Commander Paul Morin said the legislation would, "eliminate the threat of judicial blackmail on constitutionally protected expression of religion by State and local officials."

The Public Expression of Religion Act passed by the House awaits debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before it can be forwarded to the President for his signature.

**ENERGY MATTERS**

**Gasoline Consumption And Global Warming**

(NAPSA)—The recent shutdown of a major oil pipeline in Alaska highlights America's addiction to oil and other fossil fuels. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), a science-based advocacy group, recommends ways for citizens to break the habit that will save money and protect life on our planet.

Foremost, the group recommends that those shopping for a new vehicle purchase the car or truck with the greatest number of miles per gallon in its class. Each gallon of gas used in a car releases 25 pounds of heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere. Using less gas reduces global warming and saves consumers thousands of dollars at the pump.

"For most people, their personal car use has a larger impact on the environment than any of their other activities," said Kevin Knobloch, president of UCS.

At home, people can reduce their utility bills and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by switching to companies that provide renewable energy. Coal-fired power plants provide more than half the electricity in the U.S. and are the largest single source of heat-trapping CO<sub>2</sub>.

"If we diversify America's power supply with homegrown renewable energy sources like wind, biomass and solar," says Knobloch, "consumers will save money on their energy bills while helping the planet."

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