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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006

WORK DAY SCHED-ULED BY JOHN PAULDING HISTOR-ICAL SOCIETY

On October 21 and 22, the John Paulding Historical Society is sponsoring a work day. All help will be appreciated. They will be clearing pathways for a new suspension bridge over top Blue Creek as part of the Buckeye Trail restoration and upkeep. The Arbor Society of Oak-

wood will be providing a dinner for the volunteers.

Volunteers are to meet at Charloe Park on the work day at 9:00 a.m. Please call Les Weidenhamer ahead at 419-393-4366.

CBWF MEET

The Defiance Church of the Brethren Women's group have been planning a Soup and Sandwich Supper for October 19 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Defiance Brethren Church located at 313 Washington Ave., Defiance. The women will be serving their homemade apple dumplings for dessert. The public is welcome. There will be a free will donation.

SUSPECTS OF AN ARMED **ROBBERY STILL AT LARGE**

On Thursday, October 5, 2006, in the early morning hours (around 5:30 a.m.), three Hispanic males, in their mid 20's, robbed a single male of \$40.00 on Auglaize Township 169, south of Auglaize Township Road 178. The suspects fled the scene in what was believed to be a 1974 full size Chevrolet pickup truck, silver/gray in color with a dark colored pan top. The victim suffered knife wounds and blunt force trauma to his shoulder. Anyone with information concerning this incident is requested to contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office at 419-399-3791.

-David I. Harrow. Sheriff

THANK YOU

I want to thank my family and friends for the lovely reception celebrating my 90th birthday.

By the attendance of family and friends and cards sent, it made my birthday extra special.

-Ruth Neely



On November 7th, the Paulding Exempted Village School System is asking their taxpayers to vote yes for the additional 1/2% Income Tax Levy. This levy represents the first time since 1990 that the district has asked for additional operating revenues. Financial strain for school districts can be found statewide. According to the Ohio State of Taxation website, 156 schools in Ohio currently have income tax levies that support their school system. In 2006, 20 new levies and increases to current levies were also successfully passed. Decreases in revenue from state funding along with increases in expenses such as fuel and health care costs have made it necessary for schools to look to their communities for additional support. We hope the residents of the Paulding Exempted Village School district will be supportive of this current request.

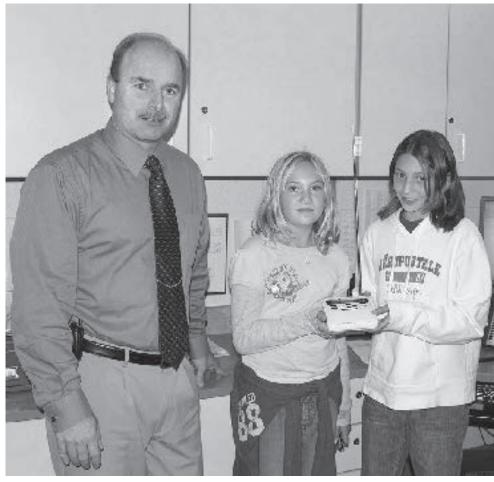
Over the past three years, there have been cuts of over \$1,200,000 in staff, services, and administration. We are continuing to evaluate expenses, programs and revenue so our school can remain fiscally responsible in future years while providing a quality education. The Ohio Department of Education gave Paulding Exempted Village Schools a rating of Effective, noting that all areas of student achievement either remained above the state standard or saw an increase in the 2005-2006 school year. This achievement, and the continual improvement that we hope to see, is a result of hard work of our students and staff. The passing of the 1/2% levy would help offset the reduction of state funding and support the continued progress at Paulding Schools. Please consider voting yes on this issue on November 7th.

> -Cheryl Farley, PEVS Board Member

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How Experienced is

PAULDING ELEMENTARY RECEIVES EMERGENCY NOAA RADIO



(R to L) Sierra McCullough and Emilee Nicelley, both in 5th grade are holding the new NOAA radio along with Principal Martin Miller. The new radio was received from the Department of Education, Department of Commerce and the Department of Homeland Security.

The new radio that Paulding Elementary received is part of the NOAA public alert system. NOAA is an acronym for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Preparation and early notifications of potential danger are key to keeping our children safe. Whether it is a fire, tornado, hurricane, terrorism or other type of incident that could put a child in harms way. The more prepared a school is for emergencies, the

safer a children will be. Those using the new radio will have access to immediate alerts and warning systems that will provide the best information to allow Paulding Elementary to respond quickly and appropriately if an incident developed.

The NOAA Public Alert Radios are designed to signal different types of alerts ranging from weather emergencies to child abductions and other law enforcement emergencies.

NOAA Public Alert Radios offer the capability to transmit all alerts to a specific city or region, or nationwide depending on the circumstance. The NOAA is an agency of the Department of Commerce.

The NOAA Public Alert Radios have been provided to all U.S. public schools.

Elementary Paulding wants, not only the best education, but the best protection for your child.

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Clowns- Face Painting – Balloons Firehose Bowling Free-Will Donation





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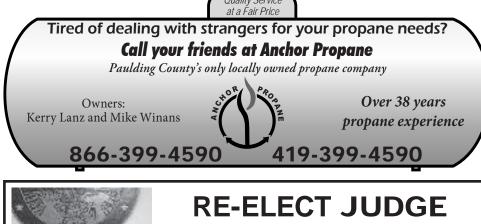
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PAGE 2 - WEST BEND NEWS - OCTOBER 11, 2006 OBITUARIES ing; two daughters: (Deen) Weesel, of M

Dean A. Pollard, 82, of Hicksville, died on October 1, at his residence.

He was born June 28, 1924 the son of Grover C. and Lovina (Long) Pollard. He was a WWII Navy veteran serving aboard the U.S.S. Helm from April 1944 to February 1946. He was a heavy equipment supervisor for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587, Paulding F.O.E. 2405, and Bryan Moose Lodge 1064.

He is survived by a son, Mr. Charles (Karen) Pollard of Paulding; three daughters: Mrs. Allen (Beverly) Grant of Bryan, Mrs. Charles (Marsha) Hill of Sherwood, and Mrs. Kenny (Diane) Wolfrum of Sherwood; two sisters: Altha Reighter and Kathryn Shrider both of Paulding; ten grandchildren and fourteen greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Wayne and Ronald Pollard and sister Alice Philpot.

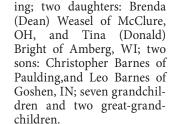
Funeral services were October 5 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding and Rev. Harold Suman officiated. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Defiance Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice or to the Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

Dorothy M. Barnes, 72, of Paulding, died on October 3, at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

She was born in Continental, OH on July 27, 1934, the daughter of Ottis and Mabel (Mansfield) Purdue. On April 15, 1954, she married Charles G. Barnes, who survives. She was a member of the Melrose United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Barnes, Pauld-



She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were October 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and Pastor Robert Parker officiated. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Melrose United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Thomas F. Jackson, 74, of Sherwood, died October 8, at Harborside Health Care Center, Defiance.

He was born November 9, 1931, in Paulding County, the son of Claud and Rachel M. (Smith) Jackson. He was a veteran of the US Army. He enjoyed fishing, singing, playing the guitar, and his grandchildren.

He is survived by four daughters: Cindy Jackson of Auburn, IN, Carol (Gary "Goat") Goller of Sherwood, Cheryl De La Cruz of Mark Center, and Connie (Howard) Sensabaugh of Madison, AL; two sisters: Sarah Kupfersmith of Paulding and Ruby (Ray) Tinker of Tucson, AZ; a brother, Ed (Kay) Jackson of Hicksville; twelve grandchildren and a great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Carl, Claud Junior, and Frederick; and four sisters: Mary Maple, Irene Kupfersmith, Burta Smith and Rebecca Moore.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 11, at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be at a later date in Live Oak Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Donations may be made to the Thomas F. Jackson family.



Sun. AM Bible Study 9:30 • Service 10:30 Sun. PM Bible Study 6:00 • Service 7:00

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

Last week we looked at the discipline of fasting—a discipline of abstinence. My one regret with that column is that I probably did it all too quickly—that is, too little space.

But I do feel the need to finish this series up so we will continue this week with a new discipline, a discipline of engagement, the discipline of study.

Growing up in a large Southern Baptist church in the 60's and 70's, one of our major biblical mottoes was II Timothy 2:15. I will give it to you in the old King James Version because that is how I memorized it as a child. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

How would you define the discipline of study? "Study" is an interesting word—pretty easy to understand but very difficult to define.

Here is a definition from the Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible that, I must confess, I chuckled at when I first read it and then said something like, "Please, something in plain English!" But the more I have thought about it, the more I like it. Hopefully, it will impact you in a similar fashion.

"The intentional process of engaging the mind with the written and spoken Word of God and the world God has created in such a way that the mind takes on an order conforming to the order on which it concentrates."

Please don't throw out that definition too quickly. The first half is really not that tough. But it is the second half (the part following, "in such a way that . . . "That is really profound. "... The mind takes on an order conforming to the order on which it concentrates."

That is precisely the whole goal of study as a spiritual discipline!

According to Richard Foster, study includes these four elements: repetition, concentration, comprehension, and reflection. Do you agree?

According to Waylon Moore, a master- "disciplineer", the study of God's Word should reach to these six levels: read/listen, study, compare (with other Bible passages), memorize, meditate, and apply. Waylon would say that your study is not complete until you get to that sixth level with nothing skipped in between. I believe that he is correct. I also believe that the discipline of study is among the most important disciplines of all for spiritual formation. If you are into the Word of God, you will certainly discover the life of God. Have a super week ... and study well!

PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On October 15, 2006, following the morning 10:30 a.m. service, the Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be having a Ground breaking Ceremony for a new building, the Family Life Center. The ceremony will be followed by a fellowship dinner. Dr. Larry Fairbanks, the District Superintendent, will be speaking in the morning service and former Pastors will be in attendance. The public is cordially invited to come and attend the morning service, the Ground breaking Ceremony, and the fellowship dinner.

According to church history, the building of the first Nazarene Church in Paulding County began on March 16, 1917. John Klingler cut logs from his land and floated them down the creek to the church building site, an acre of land donated by William Worley. The land was three-and-a-half miles west of Paulding. A sawmill was erected and 51 days later the church opened its doors for worship. District Superintendent James Short and Pastors Rev. and Mrs. Rich dedicated the church on June 10, 1917. In June of 1920, property was purchased on Perry Street and the building was moved to its new location. A vestibule and belfry were added and the structure was rededicated on December 12, 1920. By 1940 the church was growing and was enlarged and remodeled. The church was dedicated again on June 6, 1948.

In 1965 land was purchased on County Road 144 (Dooley Drive) to build a new church because of the need for adequate space to carry on its ministry. The present building was dedicated on July 11, 1971. Please join the church family as they enter into a new phase of ministry.

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ST JOY OF GIVING CRAFT Show and luncheon

The third annual Harvest The Meals sponsored by the Antwerp EMS is underway. If you would like a nice, hearty meal at lunch or supper, they will be serving until the end of harvest. The

Their schedule is as follows: Monday through Friday, lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and supper from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Saturday they will be serving lunch only from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sundays will be closed.

MEALS

ATTENTION CHURCH-ES: we want to put your articles in. Do you have an event coming up? Let everybody know in the West Bend News. The Antwerp United Methodist Church will be hosting the 2nd Annual Craft/ Gifts Show and Luncheon on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

There will be for sale a variety of handmade craft items as well as nice gifts for Christmas and many homemade eats in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. All of this plus a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the church.

The sanctuary will again hold a display of hand stitched quilts for your enjoyment. For more information call 258-2429 or 258-7631.

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that

you saw their ad in the West

. Bend News.

"Cast all your anxiety on HIM because he cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21st, 2006

beginning at 5 p.m. Located at the corner of county roads 192 and 73,

Cecil

The Well

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Wed PM J.A.M. & Bible Study 7:00

Ron Carter speaking October 15th.

Listen to the sermon at www.antwerpchurchofchrist.com

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PAULDING UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH TO HOLD LUNCHEON

Paulding United Methodist Church is holding a Soup, Sandwich and Dessert Luncheon on Friday, October 13, for a free will donation. There will also be a bake sale and a table of "white elephants" for sale. The time is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The church is located at 321 North Williams St., in Paulding. 20 years as an Attorney (1986-2006)

(Minimum Requirement 6 yrs. to be Judicial Candidate) 1986 – Graduated from University of Toledo College of Law with Honors - Cum Laude Previously represented Clients before Courts in 22 Ohio Counties.

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<u>Single Judge Court</u> – Courts with one Judge.

The Paulding County Court is an Open Court with Courtroom proceedings open to the Public. Arraignments are generally held Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. I am very honored to be your Paulding County Court Judge and I would appreciate your vote for my Re-Election in November.

Judge Timothy R. Pieper

Paid for by Re-Elect Judge Timothy R. Pieper Paulding County Court, Ray E. Keck, Treasurer 12415 Maple Ave. Paulding, Ohio.

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PAULDING COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 27 and Monday, October 2, 2006.

Corey Walker, Director of Paulding County Job and Family Services (JFS), met with the Commissioners for the second time in the week. At this meeting Walker requested and received approval for the appointment of Lyndon Fields as the Eligibility and Referral Supervisor for the JFS office.

To conclude appointments on Monday, the Commissioners met with Jim Lopshire, OSU Extension Agent; Cecilia Conway, Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development; and Gerwin and Marinka Oolman, owners of Oolman Dairy (formerly Nine Morning Dairy.) Discussion focused on manure treatment systems to better manage and utilize its benefits. The Oolmans reported a good working relationship with neighboring farmers.

Mr. Lopshire shared Paulding County livestock cash receipts reports. At the Monday, October

2 session the Commissioners held a hearing on a proposed annexation on the north side of Antwerp. The annexed area is planned for development as the Maumee Landing subdivision. The Commissioners reviewed the plans and approved scheduling a second hearing on the annexation petition.

Jane Gray, Superintendent of the Paulding County MRDD board provided her monthly update on activities at the Monday meeting of the Commissioners. Gray reported that a new bus has arrived and is being prepared for daily service. She also said that Bill Priest, an MRDD board member, had arranged for students to have the opportunity to ride horses.

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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ward to serving you!

VARSITY FOOTBALL: ANT-**WERP VS. AYERSVILLE**

On Friday, October 6 Antwerp Varsity Football team faced off against Ayersville. The final score was Antwerp 15, Aversville 49.

Antwerp stats for the evening: Antwerp Rush - total yards: 175 with 29 attempts. Josh Smith 7 rushes, 94 yards; Tim Ryan 10 rushes, 83 yards, 1 fumble; John Rindahl 2 rushes, 11 yards.

Passing – Quarterbacks: Quinn Tempel 5/14, 77 yards, 1 INT; Tim Ryan 2/2, 22 yards; Steve Ankney 1/1, 85 yards, 1 fumble.

Receivers: Zach Arnold 1 rec., 85 yards; Jared DeLong 5 rec., 59 yards; Tim Ryan 1 rec., 34 yards.

Kickers: Felps Cruz (1/1 ex. pt.), (3/159 kickoff); Kyle Proxmire 4/110 punt.; Chas Shidler 1/26 punt.

Score by Quarters: 1st - 0-14; 2nd – 0-35; 3rd – 0-42; 4th - 15-49.

CARDS OF THANKS

We have so many wonderful people to thank, we don't know where to begin.

First, the doctors and nurses of the Paulding County Hospital; the Antwerp EMS squad who responded so quickly. The doctors and nurses of Laurel's of Defiance; Doctor Reeves and the nursing staff of Mercy Hospital for the exceptional care Jerry and his family received.

Thanks to the American Legion Post #253 of Antwerp; The Flat Rock Lodge #580 F&AM from Payne and the Royal Arch of Hicksville for their impressive services.

To the session and ladies of the First Presbyterian Church for the delicious lunch.

To Shawn Dooley for being so helpful, making a very stressful time easier to bear. And for being a friend.

Last but certainly not least, the neighbors, friends, and family who visited with us, provided food, sent floral arrangements, garden decorations, donations to the charities, so many beautiful cards, phone calls and prayers. A very heartfelt Thank You!!

Only in a town like Antwerp. God Bless!!

-Marcellene Noll, Mark Noll and Sons, Mike and Cheri Noll Oxender, Evan & Laurel Noll and family

BRAD DYSINGER: (INDE-PENDENT RUNNING FOR **COUNTY COMMISSIONER)**

By: Mike Knapp

I interviewed Brad Dysinger the other day. Brad Dysinger was born in Washington Township in Paulding County. He moved out to the East for a while, but later moved back because of his love for the people and the county. He and his wife, Ann, have two children, Paula, 20 and Bradley 18. They live just north of Grover Hill and he owns and runs the Thorn Bottom Hunting Reserve. He claims that he is an average Paulding County citizen.

Everything Mr. Dysinger has, he has worked for. He is very down to earth, he claims himself to be a conservative and a conservationist. Brad says that you get what you see with him. You might not like what you hear from him, but he will not lie to you. Brad sees a lot of potential in Paulding County. He sees very talented people living and working in our communities. He believes that people deserve a chance to live without Government intrusion in our daily lives. He sees that Paulding County has great assets, they have two rivers, and the people have a great quality of life. Brad sees so much potential in Paulding County that he wanted a chance to do something about it and this is one of the reasons that he is running for commissioner.

Brad says that he is a very result-oriented person. He sees a problem or a situation and he does what he can to fix it. He tells me that, so many times in government that they focus on the process more than on the result or the resolve of a problem. This is not Brad Dysinger; he focuses on the solution more than the process. He does his homework and then he resolves to find solutions for the problems.

Brad says that there are four reasons that people choose to live in a community: good jobs, low taxes, good schools, and a good quality of life. If he wins County Commissioner, he will do all he can to help in these aspects of our community. A quote that Brad says is, "I believe that government is more often the problem than the answer. I will fight against government

intrusion into our daily lives. You can't tax yourself to prosperity. It's bad enough to have to face bureaucracy in Washington and Columbus, we needn't face it in Paulding." Brad knows people in government in Washington, Columbus, and Paulding County. He has seen the process and sees the errors in it; he believes that he can have an impact on the issues in Paulding County. He says that he sees the issues in our school systems; he sees issues in government spending. He wants to give our younger generation hope for the future and he thinks that he can impact that hope if elected.

Brad says that we have got to

stop doing business as usual; he sees that new ideas are needed in the County. Basically, if Brad won as County Commissioner, he would like to try to give the people of Paulding County a chance to have a better quality of life and to build upon the assets that Paulding County has.

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He is very dedicated to the community and would like to have a chance to influence the decisions made in the county by becoming Commissioner. Brad said that if you have any questions for him, give him a call @ 419-587-3557 and he will be glad to answer any of your questions.



For Your Information **Paulding County and You!**

How Does The Tax System Work?

al of fair market valuation value) equals the taxes. of each parcel of property within the County.

2. The tax rates are de-Commission.

1. The County Auditor is 3. The tax rate multiplied responsible for the apprais- by the valuation (assessed

4. The County Treasurer collects the taxes.

5. The County Auditor termined by the budgetary distributes these tax dolrequests of each govern- lars collected back to the mental unit, as authorized townships, villages, school by vote of the people, and districts and library sysapproved by the Budget tems as well as other county agencies.

information courtesy of

Susan Simpson **Paulding County** AUDITOR

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Sat. Oct. 7 Antwerp Health Fair United Methodist Church *Limited Amount Available 7:30 a.m. to Noon

Fri. Oct. 13 Paulding Senior Center 9 to 11 a.m. & 1 to 3 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 15 St. John Catholic Church Payne: 9:30 a.m.

Mon. Oct. 16 Oakwood Library 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tue. Oct. 17 Village Apothecary, Pldg. 9 to 11 a.m. & 3 to 5 p.m.

Thur. Oct. 19 Antwerp Pharmacy 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tue. Oct. 24 1st Christian Church, Pldg. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Oct. 25 Payne Library 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Nov. 1 Antwerp VFW 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

** Beginning Oct. 16 ** Flu Shots: Weekdays 2 to 4 p.m. @ Paulding Area Visiting Nurses 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding 419-399-4708 All other times, please call office to schedule

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Vantage Medical Office Management students begin boxing up the nearly 3,000 food items collected for the United Way Day of Caring Food Drive.



At the Day of Caring Blood Drive, Vantage senior Health Careers students gather around the Vantage blood drop.

RESULTS

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": MAKING A DIF-FERENCE

The 8th Annual Van Wert County United Way "Day of Caring" was held on Friday, September 29, 2006, and Vantage Career Center is proud to have been a part of such a successful day. More than 100 students pitched in to help make a difference by volunteering.

Since early September, Medical Office Management students, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Linda Bales, sponsored and organized the Vantage food drive. Each morning, from September 18th – 28th, students collected food donations from each program, displayed the food in the Commons area window and tallied the totals. Spearheaded by Mrs. Bales and her class, a friendly competition was held between all the Vantage programs to see which one could contribute the most food per student. The top three programs this year were senior Health Careers, Culinary Arts, and senior Network Systems. Vantage students and staff contributed almost 3,000 non-perishable food items to the Salvation Army this year. Junior and senior Industrial Mechanics classes, along with their teachers Mr. Mike Klutka and Mr. Kevin Van Oss, volunteered a few hours of their lab time to work at the (Continued on Page 5)

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Senior Industrial Mechanic students carefully maneuver a cart full of collected food out the Vantage doors on the Day of Caring.

VARSITY FOOTBALL: FAIR-VIEW VS. WAYNE TRACE

By: Kevin Wannemacher

Friday, October 6 saw a fierce match between Fair-view and Wayne Trace.

Final score: Fairview 14, Wayne Trace 12.

Fairview is now 7-0 overall, 4-0 GMC.

Wayne Trace is 4-3 overall, 2-2 GMC.

TWO HOUR DELAY SCHED-ULE FOR PAULDING EX-EMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Paulding Exempted Village Schools will operate on a two-hour delay schedule on Tuesday, October 24 for staff professional development.

> —William J. Shugars, Superintendent



Gourds - Fall mums - Indian Corn Fresh Produce still available!

TARMER'S MARKET

Wayne Trace 6. Wayne Trace Scoring – Chris Hartzell 60 yd. run.

EIGHTH GRADE FOOTBALL

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Tuesday, October 3,

Eighth grade football teams

from Antwerp and Wayne Trace went head to head. The

final score was: Antwerp 8,



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(Continued from Page 4) Salvation Army Food Drive to unload, sort, box and store donated food items from around the county. Senior Health Careers

students and their teacher,

Mrs. Shirley Jarvis, along with junior Early Childhood Education and their teacher, Mrs. Linda Morris, volunteered their expertise at the bloodmobile held at Trinity Friends Church Family Life

Center. Using what they've

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their practical experiences,

they performed duties in the

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insure that things went as smoothly as possible.

Vantage Student Ambassadors also participated by working on a Day of Caring project at Homestead Village Apartments in Van Wert. While they were there, they raked outside areas, cleaned windows, dusted down hallway light fixtures and railings and helped some residents with chores in their apartments.

While all of this was going on, the Business Professionals of America (BPA) students held their annual "walkathon" for Special Olympics. Sixtysix students gathered pledges from family and friends for the six-mile walk to Smiley Park and back. Nearly \$1,500 was raised for the area Special Olympics. Participating in community service projects are so important to these young adults. Being able to give help without expecting anything back in return, is an important lesson in life. A big "Thank You" to all Vantage students and staff who donated food, time, finances or blood to help make the "Day of Caring" a huge success.

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

A few weeks ago a couple of ladies said, "Why don't you write a little about some days on your Rural Route that were not quite ordinary." So I've given it some thought for awhile and I guess I did have some incidents that didn't happen everyday.

First, let's talk about how the weather affects the way vou drive. On a morning when you have had freezing rain all night, that is a bad scene and yet it is not all bad. On solid ice like that, everyone stays home and you have the road to yourself, you don't have to worry about other people. When it snows four or five inches, everyone gets out and goes. The trouble is when you meet them they take their half right out of the middle of the road. They get a solid grip on the wheel and I move over to the side and sometimes stop. If the snow has drifted, that is even worse yet. When stopping at the next mail box, if it is icy, you throw your car out of gear and coast up to the mail box slowly. The reason you do this is sometimes your engine idles a little too fast and it's pushing forward faster than your brakes can stop you without sliding or fishtailing. That is a good idea anytime you are driving on icy roads.

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The board of county commissioners may provide by resolution for the holding of any or all regular sessions of the board at a location in the county other than the office provided for the board in the county seat. Reasonable public notice shall be given of this action.

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PAULDING PANTHERS HOMECOMING 2006

2006 Homecoming Court **Crown Carriers:** Skyler & Luke McCullough Ball Carrier: Sydney McCullough

Senior Attendants:

Caci Craig escorted by Alex Phlipot Megan Gonzales escorted by Jeremy Johnson Brittany Grindstaff escorted by Scott Meyer

Melinda Slattman escorted by Remy Tope

Maycee Adams escorted by Chase Burnett

Homecoming Queen and King for 2006:

Megan Gonzales and Scott Meyer

2006 Varsity Cheerleaders

2006 J.V. Cheerleaders

Tysha Baxter, Brooke Bowers, Sarah Williams, Casey Man

2006 Band Members

Megan Gonzales, Courtney Highwarden, Caci Craig,

Andy White, Brittany Grindstaff, Melinda Slattman,

Junior Attendant: Jeanelle DeMuth escorted by Chris Britt

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Senior Picture taken at the bonfire



Seniors Joy Nice & Cody Kadesh won the apple bob contest.

Homecoming Dance

ing week was full of events for and by the students. You'll see pictures of the Powderpuff game, bon fire, shaving cream hairdo's, dance and the football game. On Thursday evening,

hillbilly horseshoes and hillbilly golf started the evening off before the fire was lit. The fireman lighting the bon-fire was quite amusing. It was a good thing there were ropes up surrounding the fire to keep people back. The fire started with a big boom. The seniors appeared to win the tug-a-war though it wasn't without a fight.

puff game was a sight to be seen. One of a school's most favorite weeks must be homecoming with all of the events going on, especially watching girls play football. Due to the rain the night before they were not able to play on the football field, but in the gymnasium. Even so the young ladies had a great time. There is also pictures of the HEman volleyball and the boys putting make-up on the girls' faces. The girls did a great job on Thursday of designing the boys hair with shaving cream. I think it would have been better if the boys would have done the girls' hair.

Just about everything from the prior week led up to the football game on Friday night against the Allen East Mustangs.

If you talk about a homecoming, remember who is behind it. There are teachers and the student council and vou don't want to forget the cheerleaders who worked on Thursday and Friday or, the band. The band worked hard the entire week to be prepared for Friday night, and it showed.

Thursday afternoon the coaches were working the

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2	Andrew Mott	1
7	Alex Phlipot	1
8	Haden Sholl	1
11	Jordan Monnier	9
15	Chase Burnett	9
19	Justin Holbrooks	9
22	Daniel Miles	1
23	Kevin Mumma	1
27	Brady Haller	1
28	Kameron Owens	1
29	Dalton Stallkamp	1
31	Tyler Rohrs	9
33	Wade Bissell	1
36	Chris Rohrs	1
37	Corbin Rhonehouse	1
40	Rodney Baxter	1
41	Mark Wolfle	1
47	Lucas Tracy	1
48	Vince Ross	9
51	Scott Meyer	1
53	Paul Webb	1
54	Garrett Stoller	1
56	Jon Kohart	1
57	Thomas Shrider	1
61	Clint Vance	1
64	Jordan Phlipot	1
66	Jerrod Knodel	1
67	Dan Heilman	1
68	Travis McPherson	9
74	Corbin Vance	1
75	Kurt Ringler	9
76	Tyler Arend	1
77	Seth Thomas	1
78	Klint Svec	1
82	Justin Riley	9
85	Remy Tope	1
89	Stephen Taylor	9
86	Eric Beck	1

Kim Cline, Jaclyn Buchman, Ashli Crowl, Joey Nicelley, Jane Dasher, Audree Nice, Ashley Donaldson, Tyler Lucas, Desirae Hahn, Isaac Porter, Katie Harmon, Jordan Snyder, Ashley Tope, Matt Rose, Allie Clevenger, Ramon Esquivel, Brittni Bechtol, Logan Steele, John Ross, Kassi Kadesch, Logan Sunday, Jacy Carter, Creative Kody Kadesch, Ryan Jones, Amanda Gerschutz, Shelby Smith, Spencer Wilhelm, Reta Beckman, Stacy Gallegos, Liz Bradford Jamie Buchman, Stephanie Donaldson, Alysha Mays, Shabrie Moyer, Nina Woodruff, Samantha Habern, Joy Nice, Ashley Fisher, Audrey Smiley and James Young. Band Director: Jonathan Chesman Assistant: Sharon Bradford







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Lou Ann Wannemacher **County Treasurer** Go Panthers! Ann Waldman

Good Luck this season! Kay Langham

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2006 Paulding Panther Football

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6'0"	150	RB/DB
6'2"	170	QB/LB
5'10"	128	QB/DB
5'9"	185	QB/DL
5'4"	123	WR/DB
5'3"	126	QB/DB
5'9"	180	RB/LB
5'9"	150	RB/LB
5'10"	150	WR/DB
5'8"	130	WR/DB
5'11"	165	WR/DB
5'6"	125	RB/LB
5'8"	160	RB/LB
5'5"	152	RB/LB
6'2"	165	RB/LB
5'9"	162	RB/LB
5'10"	150	RB/LB
5'10	165	RB/LB
5'6"	173	RB/LB
5'9"	245	OL/DL
6'1"	195	OL/DL
5'10"	165	OL/DL
5'11"	234	OL/DL
5'8"	240	OL/DL
5'8"	220	OL/DL
6'3"	185	OL/DL
6'0"	170	OL/DL
5'11"	215	OL/DL
6'1"	225	OL/DL
5'9"	190	OL/DL
5'7"	230	OL/DL
6'4"	246	OL/DL
6'1"	220	OL/DL
5'11"	175	OL/DL
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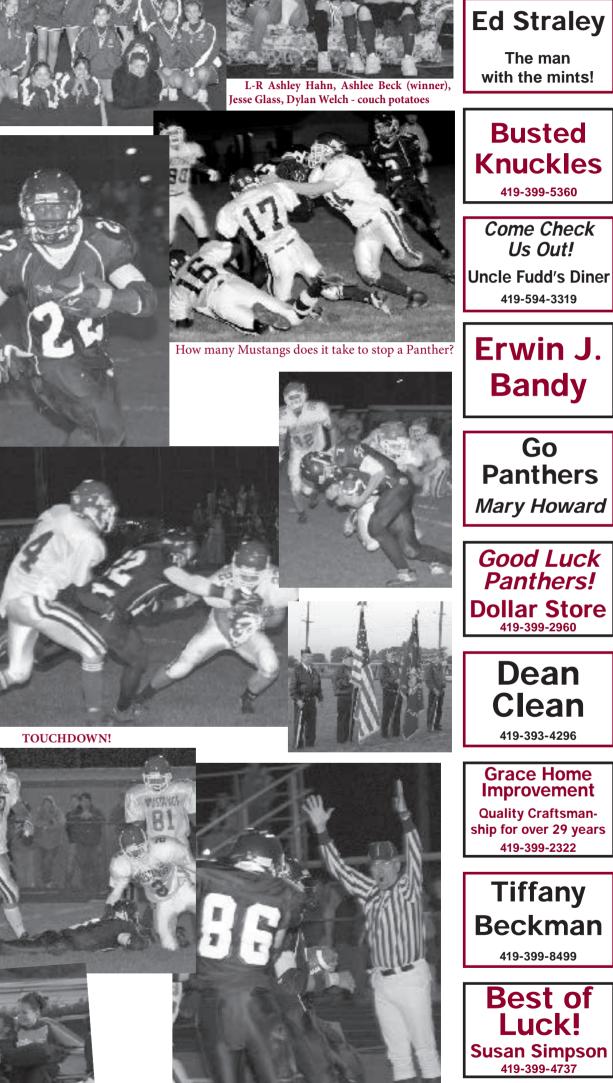
The Paulding Homecom- teams at practice. This is Rob Messick's 4th year as head coach at Paulding. The Paulding Panthers went into Friday's game full of confidence. Senior, Alex Phlipot (7) said that the Panthers $\hat{h}ad$ not lost a homecoming game in quite a while. The competition though was Allen East from the Lima area with a 6-0 record. Senior, Daniel Miles (22), who has been playing since 5th grade, reiterated what Alex said and added to it by telling the Paulding fans to continue supporting their team. Both are looking forward to more schooling following graduation.

Friday night started with the homecoming parade and the floats. The parade tour went around the Paulding County Courthouse and then circled back to toward the football field, past the school. Once in the football field you could see the nearly full moon slowly rising in the east. The homecoming court marched across the field toward the Panther side and lined up along the sideline.

Even though it was very chilly, both sides' bleachers were full of fans for their teams. And so was the couch on the track! Ashlee Beck (8) won the Couch Potato contest 2 weeks in a row.

The football team had a good game. The score board at the end looked better than it did at the end of the third quarter. And that was good because no shutout. The first three quarters didn't have have any points for the Panthers, but the fourth quarter did. In fact, Allen East didn't score at all in the 4th quarter and Paulding scored twice. The final score ended up 13-

No matter what happens at the football game, homecoming is always a great time of year for the kids.







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GMCs @ Wayne Trace; Tues-

day, October 17th, 4:30, @

day, October 14th, 10:00, @

Lincolnview vs. Van Wert;

Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00,

October 13th, 7:30, Holgate.

Varsity Football: Friday,

I know you've got the spir-

Word of the Week: Enigma

1. A saying, question, pic-

2. A puzzling or inexpli-

3. A person of puzzling or

'Frustrated at not being

able to unravel the enigma of

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Varsity Volleyball: Satur-

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Fairview

Wayne Trace

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Holgate

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Edgerton

Allen East

Spencerville

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Crestview

Paulding

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Howdy! There's a lot to cover this week, so I'll jump right in. First off, there is a two-hour delay this Friday for an in-service. Don't cry or anything silly like that. Next, juniors beware! The PSAT/ NMSQT is being offered on October 18th. If want to take the test but haven't signed up yet, see Mrs. Caligiure as soon as possible.

Paulding County College Night is Monday, October 16th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Trace High School. Many colleges will have representatives present, making it a great opportunity for juniors and seniors alike to explore the countless available options for higher learning. Hope to see you there!

And now, what you've all been waiting for ... Sports! JH Volleyball: Thursday, October 12th, 4:30, Continental; Saturday, October 14th, 9:00, GMCs.

JH Football: Tuesday, October 17th, 5:00, @ Ayersville; Thursday, October 19th, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace (7th).

JV Football: Monday, October 16th, 5:00, Holgate.

Varsity Cross Country: Saturday, October 14th, 9:30,



VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. AYERSVILLE

By: Kevin Wannemacher

On Tuesday, October 3 the Wayne Trace ladies traveled to Ayersville for some volleyball action.

Aversville over Wayne Trace 25-17, 25-15, 25-17.

Wayne Trace is now 6-10 overall, 1-4 in the GMC.

Team Statistics:

Serving 27-31, Serve Reception 23-56, Hitting 69-97, Setting 103-109, Passing 67-108.

Individual Statistics: Sara Priest - 5-5 serving, 10-15 hitting; Krista Germann - 5-5 serving, 21-23 setting; Natalie Snyder - 3 aces, 4 kills, 6-6 passing, 2 blocks; Dayna Keirns - 51-53 setting, 11 assists; Kara Benschneider – 6-8 hitting, 4-5 serve reception, 8 digs;

Becky Ruble - 7 kills. Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Ayersville, 22-25, 25-18, 26-24.

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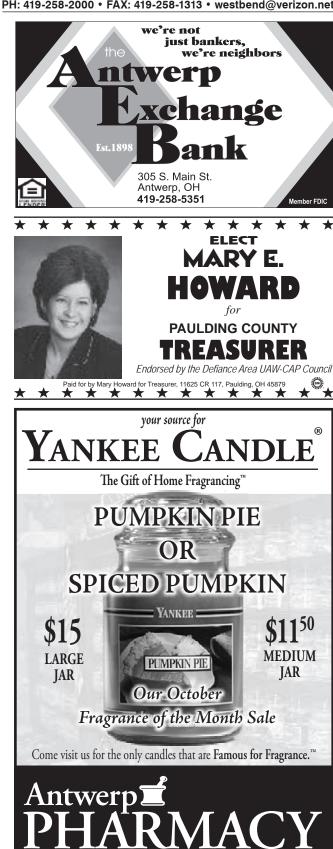
Anyone interested in becoming an OHSAA registered basketball official or needing more information should contact: Ned Ewers 12320 Dohoney Rd. Defiance, Ohio 43512, 419-784-1104, e-mail: ewersn@defnet.com.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL: ANTWERP VS. WAYNE TRACE

By: Pat Miesle

The Antwerp Jr. High football team improved its record to 4-0 with a hard fought 8-6 victory over Wayne Trace.

Corbin Jones scored the lone Antwerp TD with a 60 yard run. The Antwerp defense stopped two Raider drives deep in Archer territory late in the 4th quarter to cement the victory.



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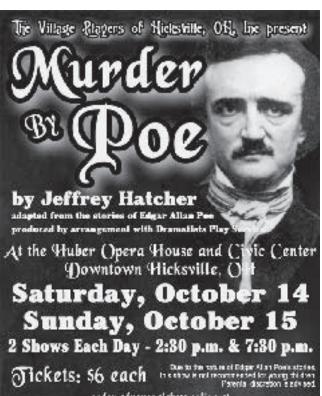
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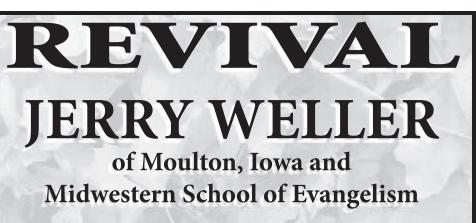
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JUDGE TIM PIEPER MEETS WITH ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB

Judge Tim Pieper met recently with the Antwerp Rotary Club. He discussed such topics as the history of the Paulding County Court; the jurisdiction and caseload of the Court; Departments of the Court, such as Probation and Victims' Assistance, and the Community Service Program. The Antwerp Rotary Club is part of a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace all over the world. Antwerp Rotary was founded in 1975 by Dr. William Bricker, DDS.

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One time, I was driving on icy roads over on the Paulding-Defiance County Line, that is a rounding center road, my right hand window was down and after I stopped, my car slowly slid off the road toward the mail box. By the time I stopped, the mail box was sticking well inside my car window. I can't move forward or backward, or move at all. The farmer came out of the barn and saw the predicament and he said, "Just wait a minute, Stan." This gentleman was Jerry Culler, he was an old time farmer, hunter, trapper, woodsman and nothing excited him. He came from the barn with a 4 x 4 about 8 foot long. He put the pole under the middle of the right side of my car and we lifted up on the end and the car slid right back up on the top of the road. He got his mail and I got in the car and left and only lost 5 minutes. I've told that story a number

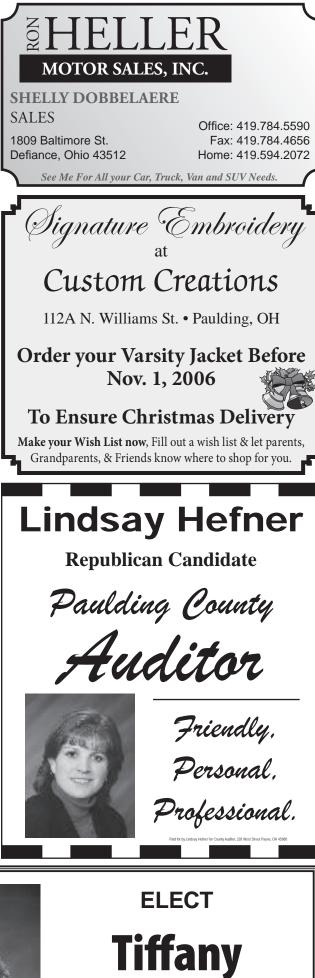
of times, I remember it like it was yesterday. But that was 30 years ago. Jerry is gone now, but those old-timers were a good breed of their own.

On another day, after we had drifting snow all night I had another problem. Alden Ramsier had a small barn which sat close to the road and when the wind blew the snow it drifted this road badly. I would come to his place as fast as I could safely and try and punch my way through the snow drift. Now you can do this sometimes on the first morning of the snow, but after that the drift will freeze and you will get hung up on the frozen snow. Anyhow, on this day the drift was too high and too long and I was

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HEALTH & WELLNESS SEMINAR

A Health and wellness class will be held at the Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. This informative class will be taught by Paula Nuest, RN.

We have always associated good health with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, good nutrition, plenty of sleep and exercise. Often we still find ourselves in a struggle to beat colds, flu, allergies, arthritis, chronic fatigue, MS, diabetes, and many others, even cancer. Now scientists have discovered "glyconutrients" or special sugars that rather than be digested as energy for the body, go directly to the cell surfaces to form glycoproteins. Here they form a complex system for cellular communication. Without these surface sugars, your body's communication or "operating system" breaks down. Your body may decide to attack healthy good cells, resulting in autoimmune diseases such as MS, Lupus, fibromyalgia,

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(Continued from Page 9) stuck good. I climbed out of the car and into snow well

above my knees. I walked up to his back door and he said, 'Come on in, Stan." He knew of my problem and he said, "Sit down and have some coffee and coffee cake and then I'll get you out." And by golly, that's what we did. He got out his Allis Chalmers and made some paths to my car with these big tires. Then he hooked on to my front bumper and slowly pulled me out. After I left he opened up the road with his tractor. I asked if I owed him anything, and of course, he said no. Alden lived to be a good old age. He was the type that I call, "Just a good old timer."

One day I was west bound on the County line, heading for Francis Gordon's house. I was on time, I always tried to be there at the same time everyday. People said that they could set the clock by my arrival and that is the way I wanted it to be. The flag was not up on his mail box and there was no traffic on the road. Francis had been hoeing the soy beans and he leaned his hoe up against the barn and walked out to the side of the road to get his mail. He received the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette through the mail, so I always stopped there. He said it was starting to warm up and we exchanged pleasantries as he was another nice guy. But all my patrons were friendly people. As I started up the road I could see Francis in the rear view mirror heading for the house. I always got there about 10:00 a.m. I still had a lot of my route to go, so I moved right along. I got back in the Post Office about 1:30 p.m. I paid all my money and letters and transactions over to Mike Hertel, the Postmaster. He said, "Did you hear about Francis Gordon." I said, "What are you talking about?" He said, "Francis passed away late this morning.

It was just like getting kicked in the stomach by a big mule. After I got settled down, I told Mike about my visit with Francis at 10:00. Mike said, "Well I guess he went in the house to his favorite chair and sat down to read the daily. Later his wife went in to check on him and he had already passed away. Something like that sticks vividly in your memory. I can sit here at the kitchen table, 30 years later and I can see Francis lean that hoe up against the barn. Yep, Francis was a good young "old timer".

I think, I need a little happier note about right here. You see my route went over



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in Indiana to SR 101 from the Knouse Road and then back east on to the Antwerp-Harlan Road. Anyhow, I stopped at a patron's mailbox and she was walking out to get some stamps or something. We talked a little 'cause it was a nice warm summer day. Then the front door of the house burst open and her little boy about 3 years old came running through the grass naked as a jaybird. For some reason that embarrassed the lady to no end. Well, we finished her business and I went on down the road. Let me add right here that her husband was a very good gardener and I knew a lot about fruit trees. In the fall I could turn around in their driveway and reach out the car window and get a darn good apple.

There also was a fellow over on the next road who had his garden right out by the

road. He raised his tomatoes close to the roadside. I would get out and get a nice big red one and polish him off on my shirt, and this farmer kept a small salt shaker in the mail box during tomato season.

On over on the Antwerp Road was some fine folks, Ezra and Fern Gerig. Mr. Gerig was a brick mason and his crew laid up all the bricks at the United Methodist Church in Antwerp. Well, Fern had a back operation one fall and she spent a few weeks in a hospital bed by the window. I would get out and take her mail and she got the Journal Gazette through the mail also and I would take it into her as all the kids were in school. She really appreciated my doing this. But I would have done the same for anyone. But Mrs. Gerig was always putting a piece of cake in the mail box for me. She was not

only a good baker, but also a good cake cutter, big pieces!

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Let me add something extra right here. Remember about that little three year old boy who came to the mailbox in his birthday suit? Well, he grew up to be six foot, four inches tall and graduated out of Indiana. Today that little rascal is the head School Superintendent of the whole county that Indianapolis is in. Also, my great-niece, Amy Jordan, works for him.

Well, it's getting late and I think I will stop reminiscing for tonight. I hope you have enjoyed this week's column, 'cause I think I can tell you more of my chuckles next week.

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The NAM Award is presented to members of Congress who vote in the best interest of the manufacturing economy at least 70 percent of the time on Key Manufacturing Votes as designated by a special committee of NAM member companies, large and small. Gillmor's voting record was a perfect 100 percent.

"Gillmor's voting record shows a true understanding of the key role manufacturing plays in the strength of our economy and our quality of life," NAM President John Engler said. "Taken together, these key votes are critical to boosting American competitiveness, job creation and prosperity for working Americans. I thank Representative Gillmor for his steady dedication to the economic growth agenda of the manufacturing community.

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litical arena, sincere action is drowned out by flashy rhetoric," Engler continued. "This NAM Award is the only real litmus test for our members, sorting out the true allies of manufacturing by their votes in support of a pro-growth, pro-jobs manufacturing economy."

Key Manufacturing Votes for the 109th Congress included free trade agreements, domestic energy supply and legal reform, among others. NAM Key Vote Cards are delivered to members of Congress prior to floor action to signal that an upcoming scheduled floor vote has been selected as a potential NAM Key Manufacturing Vote.

Voting records for all members of Congress, including those who scored 70 percent or better to earn an Award, are available at www. nam.org/votingrecord along with further details about the Key Manufacturing Votes.

The National Association of Manufacturers is the nation's largest industrial trade association, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the NAM has 10 additional offices across the country. Visit the NAM's award-winning web site at www.nam.org for more information about manufacturing and the economy.

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PAGE 11 – WEST BEND NEWS – OCTOBER 11, 2006 **VANTAGE BOARD TOURS NEW PARKWAY SCHOOL**

Mr. Doug Karst, Superintendent of Parkway Local Schools, welcomed the Vantage Board of Education to their October meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2006 in the new Parkway facility. A tour of the building started the meeting. The treasurer's report included the September 7, 2006 regular board meeting minutes and financial statements for the month of August 2006. The board discussed the five-year forecast and passed a resolution to approve it. \$20,000 was advanced to the Perkins grant account until funds are received from the Auditor of State.

Director Bob Vennekotter reported on the progress being made at the Carpentry house and the Building and Grounds Race Street renovations. He also reviewed student participation in the Day of Caring and the Haiti Interact Club. He invited the Board to the upcoming Advisory Committee meeting and dinner, to be held on Tuesday, October 17. Principal Keith Rydell updated the Board on the Study Island training session that was held recently and the happenings in academic classrooms. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on the Adult Workforce Customized training and the ACT National Credentialing Initiative.

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scheduled for Denny Koester, Vern Fischer and John Keuneke, all for vehicle maintenance.

-Approved the following list of banquet employees, as needed, as scheduled for the 2006-2007 school year: Kristy Bidlack, Marcia Osenga, Cindy Harting, Gail Gillett, Nancy Sheets, Robin Burns, Linda Clay, Shantel Bowen, Justin Davis, Kathryn Pavel and Lara Smith.

-Accepted the resignation of M. Diane Meringleo-Dirksen, Special Education Instructor for the purpose of retirement, effective September 29, 2006.

-Approved employment of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Sheila Tempel, Health Careers, Darrel Rhoad, Fire Protection, Trisha Breese, Police Academy, Ted Tumbleson, Basic EMT.

-Accepted with thanks a donation of \$100 worth of electrical supplies from Mr. Foster Hires for the Vantage Electricity program.

-Authorized out of state field trip for selected Vantage Ag Diesel students to attend the FFA National convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 25 28, 2006.

The Board entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a search for a new superintendent. No action was taken following the Executive Session.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Science room.

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PAGE 12 – WEST BEND NEWS – OCTOBER 11, 2006 ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL TO FOCUS ON BUS SAFETY **OCTOBER 15-21**

The US House of Representatives has unanimously approved recognition of National School Bus Safety Week and Antwerp Local joins the school districts throughout Ohio and the nation in celebrating this important week.

This year's theme, "I see the driver-the driver sees me" reminders Ohio's 1.3 million school bus riders to stay out of the danger zone and in direct eyesight of their school bus driver. Most student accidents involving school buses occur as a result of motorists who attempt to pass a stopped school bus with flashing red warning lights while students load or unload. Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 requires motorist to stop for a school bus

any time it has stopped for students to load or unload. Motorists may not resume motion until the bus has resumed motion.

Eighty percent of Ohio students ride on school buses each day, and nearly 17,000 bus drivers, mechanics, trainers, secretaries and supervisors are dedicated to providing safe transportation for children in the state. National studies show school buses are the safest method of transporting young people-30 times safer than passenger

"Ensuring the safety of students as they enter and exit the bus is crucial," said Superintendent Mark Hartman. "We are training our bus drivers to be cautious, but we need help from parents to make sure they watch for school buses stopped to load

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LAFARGE PAULDING CE-MENT PLANT

By: Mike Knapp

I went and spent some time at the Lafarge Plant on September 14, just a couple of days before their big open house/appreciation day on that following Saturday. When I arrived, they were setting up tents, sprucing up the lawn and making a very nice impression for the visitors on Saturday.

I met with Geoff Fehr, Plant Manager and Ben Fogle. Environmental/Public Relations Manager, and just as the other interviews that I have done it was a very educational experience. As before, I wasn't sure what went into the production of cement, but it is a pretty big process—it is quite the operation.

I went to the open house celebration and Wow, what a day. They had food, games, information tables, they had some of their huge trucks out and walking tours of the plant and bus tours of the quarry. My son and I went on both of the tours and again all I can say is, "Wow" I was very impressed. There is a lot more to the cement plant than what you can see from the road. Some of the equipment in the building is huge and the equipment that they have in the quarry, huge dump trucks and front loaders—it is a big

and unload children. No issue is so urgent that motorist cannot wait for a school bus."

Superintendent Mark Hartman offers the following tips to remind your child while getting off and on the bus.

*Always remain in direct eyesight of the bus driver;

*Get to the bus stop in plenty of time;

*Take 10 giant steps back from the curb while waiting for the bus and 10 steps when exiting the bus;

*Never try to get anything left on the bus after exiting;

*Never reach underneath the bus;

*Always follow the driver's directions for how to cross the street;

*Be alert to traffic and look both ways;

*Always cross in front of the bus, but only when the bus driver signals it is safe to

operation. We will get into this aspect a little later.

Let's start out with the history of the Lafarge Paulding Cement Plant. In 1897 Peninsular Cement Company of Jackson, Michigan built a new plant at Cement City, Michigan. In 1899 William F. Cowhand organized Peninsular Portland Cement Company as a Michigan Corporation. The name Peninsular reflected the company's location in the peninsulas of Michigan. In 1946, the Cement City, Michigan plant had to pan the lake bottom for marl, (approx. 7 miles) at 70% moisture, and it soon became cheaper to buy stone from Alpena, Michigan. A search was started for other sources of stone and was narrowed down to two locations, Dundee, Michigan and just north of Paulding, Ohio. The Paulding location was chosen because, at that time, it was located by the Cincinnati Northern Railroad just as the plant up in Cement City, Michigan.

The quarry in Paulding was opened in 1950 under the direction of A. E. Flowers, Cement City Plant Superintendent. The quarry supervisor was John Swortout. In late 1950 and 1951 assembly of the Marion 2400 Dragline was built. Stripping started in early 1951 and the first stone was loaded for Cement City that year. In 1955 a contract to build a new cement plant at the Paulding location was given to the Austin Company of Cleveland, Ohio. In April 1956 Ernest Thorn was assigned to the plant as plant superintendent and construction manager. Between April and September 1956 hiring and training began. The only experienced people at the facility were Bob Lindsey (Chief Clerk), J. C. Hiatt (Chief Chemist), and Virgil Munger (General Mill Manager) all other personnel hired were new to the cement plant industry. Kiln #1 was started on September 4, 1956 and the first clinker came out of the nose at 4:35 p.m. The first load of cement went to the Ready Mix Company of Paulding at 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 1, 1956. While this was going on construction continued on kiln #2. In 1959 General Portland Cement Company





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