

RETRACTION

The Grant mentioned in last week's paper for the Oakwood Fire-EMS building was incorrect.

The FEMA grant they DID receive was for protection equipment, coats, boots and fire helmets. Moneys for the new building is coming from existing fire and EMS levies. WBPP apologizes for any inconvenience.

CORRECTION

Oops! St. John School would like to correct a mistake in the information they provided on their Catholic Schools Week activities. The presenter on Monday for safety and electricity was Dee Renollet from Paulding-Putnam Co-op. St. John School apologizes for the mix up and thanks Dee and Paulding-Putnam Co-op for the great informative program they provided.

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

HISTORY OF A.C.D.C.

Kirk Hopkins, one of our community citizens, has for a considerable time been concerned about the lack of growth in our small town. He remembers the days from his youth when this little community had a large variety of shops and venues up and down the streets of our town. Kirk is like many of us today who feel that the demands of life keep us so busy that we do not have time to get involved in the affairs of helping to run a community. Still, the thought of our town not thriving and growing continued to haunt his thoughts. He sure hated to see Antwerp become just a spot in the road like so many other small communities. You know the ones that we can all point at and remember our parents talking about when that town was once a thriving little community.

While talking to a few of his friends about his concerns, he soon realized there were a few other people who felt much the same as he did about the potential for growth and development of Antwerp. The only piece of the puzzle

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CPR CLASSES OFFERED AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Paulding County Hospital cardio-pulmonary services staff will teach American Heart Association CPR classes on Wednesday, March 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The classes are held at the hospital.

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

For more information call 419-399-1133 or 800-741-1743 and ask for respiratory therapy. Registration deadline is February 24.

KIWANIS CANCELS VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Due to lack of interest, the Kiwanis of Paulding County is canceling the Valentine's Dinner and Dance scheduled for February 10th. According to Kiwanis President, Susan

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WORE RED



Community Memorial Hospital team members wore Red on Friday, February 3 to send this important message, "Love your heart". The American Heart Association's slogan "Go Red for Women" is intended to bring awareness to the important fact that heart disease is the number one killer of American Women. For more information on how you can "Love your Heart" and stop heart disease before it starts visit the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org.

Hill, "We had hoped with the renewed interest in ballroom dancing that there would be higher ticket sales. Our Kiwanis club still thinks this is a great idea, so maybe we'll try again next year." For more information call 419-399-9021.

PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office recently received a ten digit electronic fingerprint scanner. They can now perform electronic fingerprint background checks on individuals, both Ohio BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification) and FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

Ohio BCI has and is declining to accept inked paper cards for background checks on individuals. It was a costly and time consuming process, with most checks not being completed for close to 30 days. An Ohio BCI electronic background check can be completed in a little as two business days, with a mailed report back in five to seven days. The BCI check will cost you \$20.00 and can be done for any legitimate reason.

The FBI electronic background check is usually only done when an individual

hasn't lived in Ohio for the past five years and in addition to the BCI check. The FBI check will cost an additional \$24.00 and is limited to specific circumstances under which the FBI will complete them.

These electronic background fingerprint checks haven't and will not eliminate the need to roll inked fingerprint cards for persons arrested for criminal matters and/or booked into jail.

There are currently two individuals, Sheriff Harrow and Captain Mark Butler, who are trained to do the electronic fingerprinting and record keeping for the process. An appointment should be scheduled with either one to have this done. Sheriff Harrow is normally available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., while Capt. Butler should be available Tuesday thru Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. If you have any question concerning this you may telephone either person at 419-399-3791.

Dave Harrow, Sheriff

Huber Theatre
Upcoming Event Calendar

Saturday, February 11th - "Little Big Band"
- 40s - 50s - 60s music directed by Tom Lavernghetta with first hour DANCE LESSONS from 7 to 8 given by Stardust Ballroom Instructor. A nice night for listening or dancing - BRING YOUR VALENTINE! \$5.00 admission

Thursday, February 16th, at 7 p.m. CARD PARTY!!! Bring your own cards or games. Special entertainment by GLENN PARKS of Cincinnati's famous River Rats! (He entertained in the lobby last year and is coming to us by demand!) Refreshments.... Table Prizes. \$5 per person.

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Paulding Youth Ball Organization Sign-Ups Days:

DATES: February 13 and 16th, 2006
Time: 5-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Paulding Elementary Library
Forms available at Paulding School offices and Paulding County Carnegie Library

All registration forms due in by February 28, 2006

Our next meeting will be February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Paulding Elementary Library. Thanks for your help!!

Valentine's Day

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 11A.M - 8 P.M.,

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OBITUARIES

Juan Perez Arellano, 75, of Oakwood, died on January 31 at his residence.

He was born on May 6, 1930 in Brownsville, TX to Gabino and Rosa (Perez) Arellano, both of which is deceased. He married Gracie (Horn) Arellano on February 7, 1959.

He was retired from General Motors. He was a member of UAW and FOP Booster.

Surviving are his wife, Gracie Arellano of Oakwood; two sons, Matthew Arellano of Oakwood and Arturo Arellano of Brownsville, TX; one daughter, Juanita Garza of Florida; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Mario Arellano and Ignatius Arellano; and three sisters, Rose Adkins, Victoria Peralez, and Guadalupe Martinez.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Gabino Arellano, Jr. and Faustino Arellano; and sisters, Maria Bradford and Margaret Gomez.

Services were held on February 3 at the Continental Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Charles Alley officiated. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Memorials are to the family.

Dorothy F. Chester, 97, of Paulding, died February 5 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born September 12, 1908 in Paulding County, OH, the daughter of Albert W. and Mary (Yoder) Stores. On April 12, 1930, she married Carl E. Chester, who preceded her in death on July 15, 1975. She was employed by Brune Printing Company, retiring in 1974. She was a graduate of Bowling Green State University. She was formerly employed by Payne Elementary School, the Paulding County Treasurer's Office, and the former ASC Office of Paulding County. She was a former 4-H Advisor for many years and was a genealogy enthusiast.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Jane (John) Englehart, and Rowena (William) Bashore, both of Paulding; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, February 8 at 12 Noon at the St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, with Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiating.

Visitation will be 11:00 - 12 Noon at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Activity Fund.

James W. Barnes, 84, formerly of Fort Wayne, IN died February 3 at the Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding, OH where he was a resident.

He was born in Jackson Township, Paulding County, OH on December 19, 1921 the son of Herbert M. and Elizabeth (Geyer) Barnes Sr. He was a rehabilitation therapist for the Former Indiana State School located in Fort Wayne, IN retiring in 1988 after 23 years of service. He was a member of the Paulding United Methodist for 62 years. He was the manager of the former Paulding County Age for the Agent. Member of the Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580 F & AM of Payne, OH. Scottish Rite Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne, IN. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Choir for 30 years. He was the recipient of the 50 year 32 Degree Masonic Award and the Masonic Meritorious Achievement Award.

Surviving are nieces and nephews: Beth (Tom) Rose of Toledo, OH; John Bissell of Paulding; Jim (Patti) Bissell of Paulding; Carol (Gar) Gross of Merritt Island, FL; Bruce Barnes of Columbus, OH; and David (Debbie) Barnes of Oak Harbor, OH.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one sister: Elizabeth (Betty) Bissell; one brother: Herbert Barnes Jr. and his step-mother: Besse Davis Barnes.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 8 at the Paulding United Methodist Church in Paulding. Pastor Jack Berry will officiate. Masonic Memorial Services were conducted on February 7. Calling at the church will be Wednesday morning one hour before services.

Memorials to the Paulding United Methodist Church, Hawthorn Court Nursing Home Activity Fund or the Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Beatrice Hammond, 92, of Hicksville, died February 3, at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

She was born December 18, 1913 in Allen County, IN the daughter of Ray and Mina (Rumbaugh) Hissong.

On November 11, 1930 she was united in marriage to Darwin Hammond. He died in 1992.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

Surviving her are: a daughter, Barbara (Ned) Hubbell, of Hicksville; two sons, Bill (Beth) of Antwerp and Dennis (Wendy) of Hicksville; fifteen grandchildren; forty great-grandchildren; and thirteen great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Leona Taylor of Antwerp and Anna Lucas of Mark Center; three brothers, Charles Hissong of Woodburn, Glenn Hissong of Antwerp and Don Hissong of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister DeLores Gustin; two grandsons and a grandson.

The funeral service was February 6 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman officiated. Burial was in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, IN.

Preferred memorials to Crippled Children & Adult Society or First Church of Christ.

Wilmer Wagler, 79, formerly of Sarasota, FL died at his home in Hicksville on February 3.

Mr. Wagler was born August 8, 1926 the son of William and Mary (Yoder) Wagler at Loogootee, IN. He was united in marriage to Betty Graber in 1951.

Mr. Wagler was a farmer and woodworker. While living in Sarasota he and his wife were caretakers at a group home. He was a member of the Tourist Mennonite Church in Sarasota and attended the Hicksville Mennonite Church in Hicksville, OH.

Mr. Wagler is survived by his wife Betty; six sons, Daniel (Donna) of Auburn, IN; William (Linda) of Hicksville, Menno (Ada) of Hudson, IN; Joe (Kathy) of Sarasota, FL; James (Abigail) of Fremont, IN; and Michael (Tanya) of Hamilton, IN; and three daughters, Mary (Kenny) Crites of Hicksville, Julia (Kenny) Wallace of Nashville, TN; and Hannah (Dwayne) Weaver of Harrisonburg, VA; eighteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers, Omer, Simon, Ray and Dale Wagler; and three sisters, Lena Barkman, Mildred Delegrange, and Catherine Delegrange.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Wilmer, Jr.; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Rose Delegrange and infant brothers, Wilbur and William.

The funeral service was at the Hicksville Mennonite Church on February 6. Pastor Steve Eicher officiated. Burial was in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hicksville Mennonite Church.

BREAKFAST & A BOOK CLUB

Did you know that there is a group of men that meet every Friday morning at the Brewhouse 114 in Antwerp for a theological discussion group? We will be starting a new book soon entitled *Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. We start our meetings at 6:00 a.m. for any men who are interested in being fed spiritually by discussion with others.

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

GOT YOUR EYES OPEN? YOUR EARS OPEN?

By: Jerry Bush, The Living Word Church

How could God let something bad happen to the U.S.? I wonder, what He thinks of us?

We have put Him out of our schools. We have put Him out of our courts; we have put Him out of our lives; We don't want Him in charge of anything that has anything to do with us: "I believe God is deeply saddened with all that is happened to the U.S. in the past 20-30 years; I believe He has calmly backed out, of everything we wanted him to; How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience; Why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates and themselves. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to Hell. Funny how we believe the newspapers, but question what the Bible says. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar, and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is repressed in the school and workplace. Funny how we can be more worried about what others think of us then what God thinks of us.

If you cannot pass this on, then don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in! What do you think?



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

My name is Shaina Shae Margallo Coil. I was born at 7:25 p.m. at Dekalb Memorial Hospital. My daddy delivered me, cut my cord and handed me to Mommy. He didn't even faint! Grandma thought he would. After a short time with Mommy, the nurse cleaned me up and weighed and measured me. I am 7 lbs 6 oz. and 21 inches tall. My proud and very happy parents are James and Fritzie Coil, Jr. We live in Kendallville, IN.

My maternal grandma and grandpa live in Leyte, Phillipines. They are Erol and Edna Margallo, Sr. They got to see me on something called a computer and a web cam.

My paternal grandparents are Darlene Botteron of Hicksville and James Coil, Sr. of Kendallville, IN. They are all very proud and happy that I'm here also. If you want to see what I look like, just Grandma Dar. She has lots of pictures.

P.S. My uncles Donald and David Harp think I'm pretty great also.

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Who is Your Man?

The following is a condensed version of chapter 8 from *Created to be His Help Meet* entitled *Wisdom to Understand Your Man*.

Three Types of Men

Mr. Command Man

God is **dominant**—a sovereign and all-powerful God. He is also **visionary**—omniscient and desirous of carrying out his plans. And, God is **steady**—the same yesterday, and today, and forever, our faithful High Priest. Most men epitomize one of these three aspects of God. No single man completely expresses the well-rounded image of God.

A few men are born with more than their share of dominance and, on the surface, a deficit in gentleness. Usually they end up in positions that command other men. We will call them *Command Men*. They are often chosen by other men to be military commanders, politicians, preachers and heads of corporations. Since our world needs only a few leaders, God seems to limit the number of these *Command Men*. These men see life as if they are looking from a high mountain; they see the big picture rather than individual, personal needs.

A *Command Man* does not want his wife involved in any project that prevents her from serving him. If you are blessed to be married to a strong, forceful, bossy man, as I am, then it is very important for you to learn how to make an appeal without challenging his authority. We will discuss how to make an appeal later in this book.

Command Men have less tolerance, so they will often walk off and leave their clamoring wife before she has a chance to realize that she is even close to losing her marriage. A woman can fight until she is blue in the face, yet the *Command Man* will not yield. Yielding would be against his personhood. He is not as intimate or vulnerable as are other men in sharing his personal feelings or vocation with his wife. **He seems to be sufficient unto himself.** It is awful being shut out. A woman married to a *Command Man* has to **earn her place in his heart** by proving that she will stand by her man, faithful, loyal, and obedient. When she has won his confidence, he will treasure her to the extreme.

A King wants a Queen, which is why a man in command wants a faithful wife to share his fame and glory. Without a woman's admiration, the glories of his victories are muted. **If a wife learns early to enjoy the benefits of taking the second seat, and if she does not take offense at his headstrong aggressiveness, she will be the one sitting at his right side being adored, because this kind of man will totally adore his woman and exalt her.** She will be his closest, and sometimes his only, confidante. Over the years, the *Command Man* can become more yielding and gentle. His wife will discover secret portals to his heart.

If you are married to a “king”, honor and reverence is something you must give him on a daily basis if you want him to be a benevolent, honest, strong, and fulfilled man of God. He has the potential to become an amazing leader. Never shame him, and do not belittle him or ignore his accomplishments. Make it your life's goal to become his queen.

Mr. Visionary

God is a *Visionary* as seen in his person, the Holy Spirit. He made some men in the image of that part of his nature. Prophets, be they true or false, are usually of this type. Some of you are married to men who are movers and shakers, changers, and dreamers. These men get the entire family upset about peripheral issues, such as: do we believe in Christmas? Should we use state marriage licenses? The issues may be serious and worthy of one's commitment, but, in varying degrees, these men have tunnel vision, tenaciously focusing on single issues.

He spends his life looking alternately through a telescope or microscope, and he will be stunned that, what he sees (or thinks he sees), others do not seem to notice or care about. They are often the church splitters and the ones who demand doctrinal purity and conduct. Like a prophet, they call people to task for their inconsistencies. He will be subjective, thinking about feelings, moods, and spiritual insights. If they are not wise, they can be real jerks who push their agendas, forcing others to go their way. **One of his greatest needs will be for his wife to think objectively (proven truth) and use common sense.**

Visionaries are often gifted men or inventors, and I am sure it was men of this caliber that conquered the Wild West, though they would not have been the farmers who settled it. Today, *Visionary* men are street preachers, political activists, organizers and instigators of any front-line social issue. **They love confrontation, and hate the status quo.** “Why leave it the way it is when you can change it?” They are the men who keep the rest of the world from getting stagnant or dull. **The Visionary is consumed with a need to communicate with his words, music, writing, voice, art, or actions.** He is the “voice crying out in the wilderness,” striving to change the way humanity is behaving or thinking. Good intentions don't

If you fight his inadequacies, both of you will fail. If you love him and support him with his inadequacies and without taking charge, both of you will succeed and grow.

always keep *Visionaries* from causing great harm. They can stir up pudding and end up with toxic waste if they are not wise. An unwise wife can add to their poison pot with negative words, or she can, with simple words of caution, bring attention to the goodness of the pudding and the wisdom of leaving it alone. **Every Mr. Visionary needs a good, wise, prudent, stable wife who has a positive outlook on life.**

The wife of *Mr. Visionary* should be just a little bit reckless and blind in one eye if she is going to enjoy the ride. If this is your man, you need to learn two very important things (beyond how to make an appeal). **Learn how to be flexible, and learn how to always be loyal to your man.** You will be amazed at how much happier you will be and how much fun life can be if you learn to just go with the flow—his flow. Life will become an adventure. You will actually begin to feel sorry for the gals married

to the stick-in-the-mud, *steady type*. And once you get it into your head that your husband does not have to be “right” for you to follow him, you will FINALLY be able to say “bye bye” to your overwrought parents, even when they are screaming that you are married to a crazy man. People looking on will marvel that you are able to love and appreciate your husband, but you will know better because **you will see his greatness.**

Greatness is a state of soul, not certain accomplishments. Over time, this type of man will become more practical. Right now, purpose in your heart to be loyal to him, and to **be flexible**; then, let your dreamer dream. Lean back and enjoy the ride; it should prove interesting.

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Mr. Steady

God is as steady as an eternal rock, caring, providing, and faithful, like a faithful high priest—*like Jesus Christ!* He created many men in that image. We will call him *Mr. Steady*—“in the middle, not given to extremes.” The *Steady Man* does not make snap decisions or spend his last dime on a new idea, and he doesn't try to tell other people what to do. He avoids controversy.

Joys and Tribulations

Being married to a *Steady Man* has its rewards and its trials. On the good side, your husband never puts undue pressure on you to perform miracles. He doesn't expect you to be his servant. You do not spend your days putting out emotional fires, because he doesn't create tension in the family. You rarely feel hurried, pushed, pressured, or forced. The women married to *Visionary Men* look at you in wonder that your husband seems so balanced and stable. The wife of *Command Man* marvels at the free time you seem to have.

When you are married to a man who is steady and cautious, and you have a bit of the impatient romantic in you, you may not see his worth and readily honor him. You may be discontented because he is slow and cautious to take authority or make decisions. A bossy woman sees her husband's lack of hasty judgment and calls her *Steady* husband “wishy-washy.” There is no exciting rush in him, just a slow, steady climb with no bells or whistles. You wish he would just make up his mind, and that he would take a stand in the church. He seems to just let people use him. There are times when you wish he would boldly tell you what to do so you would not have to carry all the burden of decision-making.

He will be confused with your unhappiness and try to serve you more. **Disappointment and unthankfulness can make you wearier than any amount of duties.** This is why many disgruntled ladies married to *Mr. Steadys* fall victim to hormonal imbalance, physical illness, or emotional problems.

Typically, *Steady Men* do not become as well known as *Command* or *Visionary Men*. They are not odd or stand-out men. They are neither irritating nor particularly magnificent. Women and men alike envy and desire a *Command*

Man. People are often drawn and compelled by the *Visionary Man*. Yet, of the three types, *Mr. Steady* is the one that will be most liked by everyone. *Mr. Steady* is always in demand. He belongs to people. He does not focus on the eternal, mountain-top panoramic picture like *Mr. Command*, nor is he looking through a microscope as *Mr. Visionary* does, but he does respect both views as important. **His vision is as a man seeing life just as it is.** He can shift his sights to the sky and know there is more up there than he can see, and he wonders about it. Or, he can stare into a muddy pond

and appreciate that there is a whole world in there that he knows nothing about. He is a bridge between the other two types of men. He is a very necessary expression of God's image.

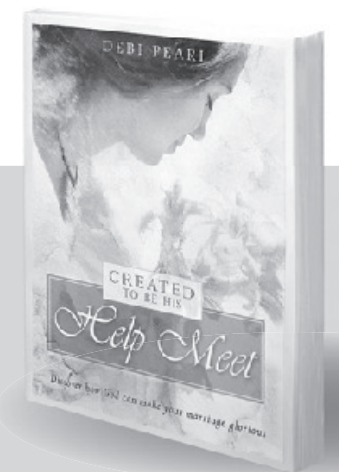
If you are married to *Mr. Steady*, then you need to learn how to stand still and let God move him in his own good time. Ask God for wisdom and patience. Stop expecting him to *perform* for you, to pray with the family, to speak out in witnessing, or to take a bold stand at church.

He needs a resourceful, hardworking woman with dignity and honor. It is important to Mr. Steady that his wife is able to be self-sufficient in all the mundane tasks of daily living.

Wives are very much flesh and blood, and as young women, we don't come to marriage with all the skills needed to make it start out good, let alone perfect. When you come to know your man for whom God created him to be, you will stop trying to change him into what you *think* he should be. **The key is to know your man.**

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Cleaning Tips

(NAPSA)—Cleaning up after a party, entertaining guests or simply eating dinner with the family doesn't have to be a chore. Try these simple tips:

- Clean efficiently. Finish one room before moving on to the next. Work left to right and top to bottom to avoid repetition and to keep from spreading dust.

- Use certified professionals. When a cleaning service comes to your home, you deserve the highest caliber of professionalism. It is a good idea to use certified professionals for carpet, rug, hard surface or upholstery cleaning.
- Do research. Before hiring professionals, confirm their licensing, insurance and certification in the type of service to be performed. Also, get an estimate and receive a written contract or invoice confirming the total amount and any guarantees.

The above tips are from experts at the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC). To locate IICRC-Certified Firms in the area, visit www.certifiedcleaners.org or call 1-800-835-4624.



Cleaning a room from left to right can help keep you from spreading dust and dirt.

WORSHIP ANYONE?

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

What is worship? I hope that you already know that the following simple definition . . . because it is an excellent starting point for us for this next series of columns. Worship is "worth-ship" — that is, worship is all about recognizing and then rehearsing the worth or value of God.

Look carefully at the two "r-words" above — "recognizing" and "rehearsing". The first of those speaks to attitude while the second one speaks of activity.

Which of the two is more important? I'll give you a clue — which of the two did I write first? The correct answer is attitude — the recognizing of God for who He is.

Why does that seem a little unsure in your mind? Because in our culture, we have come to use this word primarily as an adjective, as in "worship service" rather than a verb. The worship service is seen as the most important single corporate activity in the life of the church by most people. Certainly, that is where almost any church expects the greatest participation to happen from week to week.

As a result, we have fallen into the trap of thinking something like this — I have been to the service; hence I have worshiped. That may sound correct in a quick reading, but the truth is that the activity does not guarantee the attitude. The correct attitude is, on the other hand, a guarantee of authentic worship.

Jesus, speaking some of his most important words of worship says — "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:21-24 NIV). Worship services are extremely important, and I hope that you will be in one this Sunday. But attitude trumps action in worship every time. "Recognizing" comes before "rehearsing".

PAULDING COUNTY OUT-REACH MINISTRIES IMPACT WORLD TOUR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Paulding located at 114 Caroline St, 1 block west of 127.

Sunday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill.

Corner of 1st and Harrison, 1 block west of 637, 2 blocks south of 114.

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VANTAGE BOARD HEARS ABOUT UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE

The regular monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 2, 2006 in the Vantage science room. The treasurer's report included the approval of the January 5, 2006 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of December, 2005 were approved.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Mercer extended an invitation to the board and the public to attend the Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday February 13 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. This is Vantage's 30th year providing career technical education to high school students and adults. Director Bob Vennekotter updated the board on the High Schools That Work (HSTW) assessment that seniors participated in recently, as well as the progress on Vantage's intervention plan for the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Principal Ann Harvey highlighted the recent activities in the career-technical labs and regional contests. Community Relations Coordinator Mary-Jo Wilhelm reported on the recent visits to 10th graders at all home schools and the successful results of the recent "Step Into Your Future" workshop held on January 28. Adult Education Director Jim Grant provided the board with an overview of upcoming spring classes and information about transferability of college credits. He also announced that adult education received an Ohio 4-H Foundation grant for work with Paulding county youth. Mrs. Nancy Sheets, Vantage cafeteria cook, addressed the board regarding salary concerns for all the Vantage cooks.

In new business, the board:

- Employed the following Adult Education instructors as needed, as scheduled: Heidi Arney, Jeff Kallas, Jerry Mauldin and Rick Schilb, all ABE instructors; and Jane Collis, Evening Adult Education Secretary.
- Held the first reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies.
- Authorized the Superintendent on behalf of the Board to accept resignations which have been submitted during times when this Board is not in session. These will be presented for ratification at

the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

—Accepted the resignation of Phyllis Wortman, Adult Education evening secretary for the purpose of retirement, effective February 8, 2006, accepted the resignation of Mary Ann Reitzel, ABE Instructor, effective January 31, 2006, and accepted the resignation of Robert Klinger, custodian for the purpose of retirement, effective January 8, 2006.

—Accepted with thanks the following donations: \$1,279 donation from the Van Wert Rotary Club for the purchase of tools and travel scholarships for the upcoming Haiti trip, a \$600 donation from Al and Dorothy Arnold, Corinne and Randy Evans, Amy and Brian Kopack and Daniel Bucher for the purchase of a solar powered generator for the Haiti carpentry school, and a donation of WWF Wrestling tickets from Laura Stockdale to be auctioned off to raise money for the Haiti project.

The board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of employment of personnel.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Career Center Science Room.

Winter Driving Tips

(NAPSA)—Winter driving can be dangerous. Here are some tips to make it over the river and through the woods safely:

- Speed kills. On ice and snow it's all downhill. Watch for an Advance Warning sign, so you can stop before a railroad crossing.



Slow when you see this Advance Warning sign, especially in icy conditions.

- Know your braking system. If you have anti-lock brakes, do not pump them, but brake with firm pressure. Otherwise, pumping the brake as you head into a slide will help you regain control of the car.
- Always stop at least 15 feet before a railroad crossing. Be especially careful on icy roads to make sure you will not slide onto the tracks.
- Mind lights and controls at railroad crossings. If they seem to be broken, call the 1-800 number listed at or near the crossing to notify the railroad.
- If your vehicle gets stuck on a railroad crossing, quickly exit and move away from the track. Your car or truck can be replaced, but you can't.

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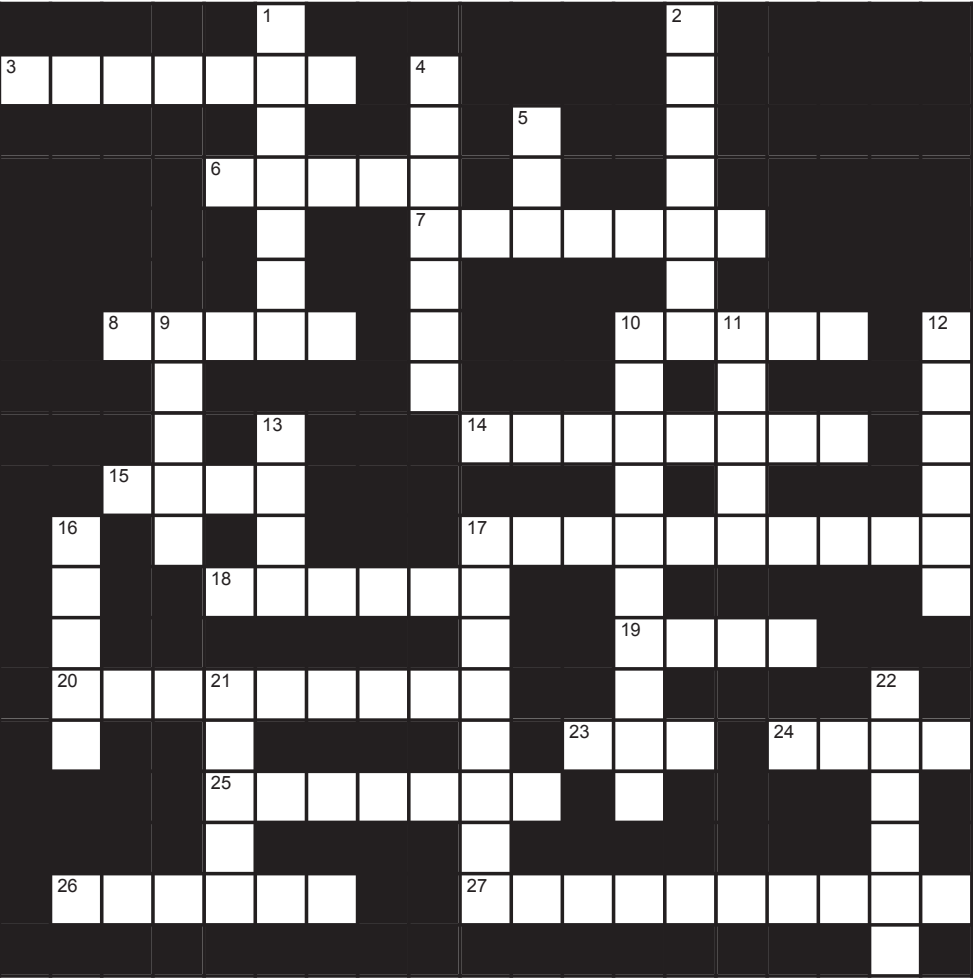
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- woman engaged to be married
 - Juliet's husband
 - to join in marriage
 - crystallized sugar
 - the essential or most vital part of the human body
 - promiscuous man
 - any of the genus "Rosa" family
 - small wild pigeons
 - one who courts a woman
 - to press tightly in the arms
 - ground cacao beans
 - to court a woman
 - a thin paperboard
 - intense emotion
 - light giving wax
 - pledge

- Down**
- dear to the heart
 - an emotional attraction
 - plant cultivated for its blossoms
 - flushed color
 - a missile shot from a bow
 - a sentimental emotion
 - with love
 - a caress with the lips
 - boyfriend
 - a young woman
 - truly beloved
 - god of love
 - a favored companion

WASSENBERG ART CENTER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sometimes you need a little hair of the horse

By: Michele L. Hiegel, Executive Director
 The Wassenberg Art Center is about to offer a number of new classes. The flyer will be mailed to our members once the details are hammered out, and then we will be announcing the classes to the public. So, if you aren't a member, watch our column and watch the Times-Bulletin for further information! You can also check our website at www.vanwert.com/wassenberg to keep track of current activities in the "calendar" section.

The Fiely & Smith exhibit continues to attract visitors from as far away as Columbus as well as Indiana and Michigan.

Our horsehaired pottery class, instructed by Ralph Stuckman of Celina and held this past weekend, went very well except for one little glitch—the horsehair supply was left in Celina! Fortunately, one of the class members saved the day by making an emergency run to get hair from a family horse. Everyone seemed to enjoy the process of applying horsehair and salt to hot pottery and burning in the design.

For information on art center activities call us at 419.238.6837 or toll free at 1.888.238.3837, visit our website, or drop in at 643 S. Washington St. to enjoy the exhibit.

Courbet's career was crushed by the French government

From the palette
 By: Kay Sluterbeck
 Much of artist Gustave Courbet's work seemed to perfectly reflect the ideals of the French middle class of the 1860s. Unfortunately, when the middle class saw his paintings, they were indignant rather than admiring.

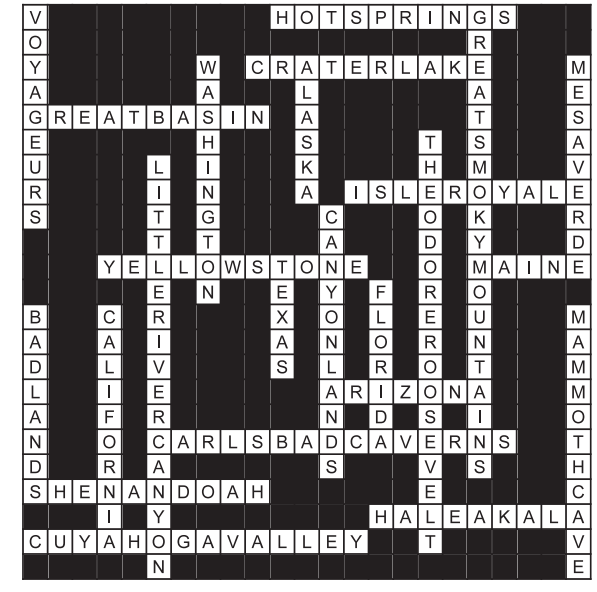
The jury of the Salon art exhibit, which dictated to the art world what paintings were considered good or bad, had no mercy on Courbet, rejecting at least 20 of his works over the years. The public and critics followed suit. Even when Courbet's work was selected for the Salon show, it was criticized heavily. "Great God! How ugly!" was a journalist's response when he saw Courbet's painting "Burial at Ornans."

When Napoleon III visited the 1853 salon, he was so disgusted with Courbet's "Bathers" that he lashed the rump of the girl in the painting with his riding crop. Another critic wrote about this painting, "His bather is so monstrously ugly that she would spoil a crocodile's appetite."

Seventeen years later Courbet was still being dumped on. At a retrospective of his work the critics said, "Nothing, nothing and nothing in this show of Courbet's...the ugly, then, always the ugly..."

Courbet actually painted very well. The problem was his subject matter. His well-to-do audience turned their noses up because he painted the lower classes. The upper classes felt that ugliness was the distinguishing feature of peasants and poor people. Courbet's art was about ordinary people and therefore

Last Week's answers to "National Parks"



it was distasteful to "high society." So the objection to his work was more political than art-related. One fair-minded critic dubbed him "the Velasquez of the people." Even one of the hostile critics admitted "He paints solid things solidly; his technique is that of the masters."

When France's Second Empire collapsed in 1870, Courbet enthusiastically welcomed the insurrectional government, which put him in charge of artistic affairs. He was instrumental in tearing down a column in the Place Vendome which symbolized the hated Napoleonist regime. But the following year the Commune was crushed by the government of Versailles and Courbet was dragged into court. After several months in prison, he was sentenced to pay the cost of re-erecting the Vendome column. Broken, insulted and persecuted, he fled to Switzerland where he settled in La Tour-de-Peilz on Lake Geneva.

His exile ruined his career. Conservative society had no desire to see his work. His pictures were refused at the Paris Salon of 1872. Ernest Meissonier, an esteemed historical painter, said, "It is not a question of art but of dignity; Courbet cannot appear at our exhibitions: He must

be considered dead as far as we are concerned." Although he is now considered one of the best artists of his century, during his own time he was effectively destroyed by the government and the Salon. None of the critics were daring enough to defend his work after his "disgrace."

What made Courbet superior to other artists of his time was not that he made reality into something new, but simply that he saw reality more sharply.

For society, he was too progressive; but for the new avant-garde he had fallen behind. Good as it was, his work was no longer wanted. The depressed artist's health began to fail. He contracted dropsy and became monstrously bloated, until he could no longer rise from his bed. Courbet died December 31, 1877.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ADVANCED DRAWING CLASS

Mondays, Feb. 6 through 27, 10 a.m.-noon; Preregistration required, contact art center for fees and other info.

FIELY & SMITH exhibit
 Through February 17, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, sponsored by First Federal Savings & Loan.

Health Awareness

Controlling Alzheimer's?

(NAPSA)—The secrets to preventing or curing Alzheimer's disease (AD) are not yet known, but researchers are uncovering new clues all the time, raising hope that it may someday be possible to delay or prevent the disease.



Research has shed new light on Alzheimer's disease.

Meanwhile, according to the National Institute on Aging's Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral (ADEAR) Center, there are a few things people can do now that might reduce the effect of possible AD risk factors. The group offers a free booklet called "Genes, Lifestyles, and Crossword Puzzles: Can Alzheimer's Disease Be Prevented?" that provides the latest AD prevention research findings.

The 28-page booklet also explores potential prevention strategies, including lowering cholesterol and homocysteine levels, lowering high blood pressure levels, controlling diabetes, exercising regularly and engaging in intellectually stimulating activities.

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JH BOYS BASKETBALL: ARCHERS VS. PILOTS

On February 2, The JH boys Antwerp Archer basketball team travelled to Ayersville Junior High School.

In seventh grade action, the leading scorers were:

Antwerp - Logan Lucas 10, Dustin Hitzeman 6, Jordan Koppenhofer 5, Anthony Reid 4, Shaile Chamberlain 4, Josh Hilton 4, Dylan Crawford 2, John Brown 2, Nick Stevenson 0.

Ayersville - E. Lewis 8, T. Clady 4, B. Ordway 4, S. Carnahan 2, G. Roth 1.

The 7th grade Archers rebounded from a loss earlier in the week to defeat league rival Ayersville 37-19. The Antwerp boys scored early and often as they took a lead into the halftime locker room, leading 17-3. Ayersville stayed even the rest of the way, but could not overcome their first-half deficit. The win moves the Archers to 8-6 overall and finishes their GMC season at 6-1. The Pilots were led in scoring by E. Lewis with 8 markers. The Archers were led by game-high scorer Logan Lucas, with 10.

In the eighth grade game the leading scorers were:

Antwerp - John Rindahl 21, T.J. Short 14, Travis Woodard 14, Jacob Reinhart 4, Isaac Yenser 2, Justin Johnson 1.

Ayersville - Sebastian Rue 18, Chaz Waisner 15, Dillion Flint 3, Jordan Wakeham 2, Cody Carnahan 2, Sam Ewers 2.

The fourth quarter was the difference at Ayersville Thursday night, as the Archers outscored the Pilots 22-6, posting a 56-42 win. The win closes out conference play for both teams this season. The Archers finish GMC play with a 5-2 record.

The host Pilots were less than kind, starting the game out in high gear, putting 17 points on the board in the first period. The Archers adjusted and made a game of it through periods two and three, still down 36-34 after 3 complete. Antwerp was led in scoring by John Rindahl, tallying 21 points for game-high honors. T.J. Short and Travis Woodard followed suit with 14 each. Jacob Reinhart scored four points off the bench, but contributed heavily with a high number of rebounds. Ayersville's Sebastian Rue scored 18 points and Chaz Waisner contributed 15.

The Antwerp Junior High boys teams will round out their regular seasons by traveling to Hicksville in a non-league game Thursday Feb. 9 starting at 5:00 p.m.

QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION RESULTS

On February 2 Antwerp and Tinora went head to head in JV and Varsity Quiz Bowl meet. The meet took place at Antwerp School.

Varsity Game 1: Tinora 77, Antwerp 20. Varsity Game 2: Tinora 53, Antwerp 42.

JV Game 1: Tinora 35, Antwerp 42. JV Game 2: Tinora 41, Antwerp 40.

Northwest Ohio Boys Basketball Standings

Western Buckeye League

Elida	6-0	11-4
Ottawa Glandorf	5-1	11-3
Wapakoneta	4-2	12-4
St. Marys	4-2	7-8
Van Wert	3-3	9-6
Lima Shawnee	3-3	8-7
Lima Bath	3-3	4-10
Celina	1-5	5-10
Defiance	1-5	2-14
Kenton	0-6	6-10

Northwest Conference

Spencerville	6-0	13-2
Crestview	6-1	10-5
Ada	5-1	14-1
Columbus Grove	5-2	12-4
Bluffton	3-3	6-10
Upper Scioto Valley	2-4	4-10
Allen East	2-5	5-10
Paulding	1-4	3-11
Lincolntown	1-6	5-10
Delphos Jefferson	1-6	3-13

Green Meadows Conference

Wayne Trace	5-0	10-4
Tinora	4-1	8-7
Edgerton	3-2	12-4
Ayersville	3-2	9-6
Holgate	2-3	12-4
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Hicksville	1-4	7-8
Fairview	0-5	1-14

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By: Amanda Rau

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—Know your child

Develop a work schedule and study environment based on your child's learning style (you can request a learning styles questionnaire and guide by contacting me at the Defiance Sylvan Learning Center).

—Break long-term assignments into smaller segments. Larger projects will be less overwhelming when viewed as a series of incremental tasks.

—Set milestones.

Teach your child to set completion dates on a calendar to help stay on track and complete projects on time.

—Celebrate Success.

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Van Wert detective Mike Freeman demonstrates how to dust for fingerprints during a science presentation on forensics.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": NO WINTER BLAHS!

It's February already and exciting activities continue at Vantage Career Center. Two Vantage students, Drew Davis, a senior in the Industrial Mechanics program from Ottoville and Dustin Miller, a senior in the Carpentry program from Wayne Trace, just returned from a trip to Haiti, where they helped build houses and delivered tools to the Borde School carpentry class. Ms. Alisha Coplin's science classes have been studying forensic science, an area of increased interest since the popularity of the TV show "CSI". Van Wert Detective Mike Freeman visited Vantage and demonstrated some of the techniques used in crime scene investigations such as lifting fingerprints. He also discussed career possibilities in the field of forensic science. Van Wert City Councilman Louis Ehmer accompanied State Representative Jim Hoops to Vantage recently, where they visited the welding lab to talk with students and observe them as they worked on a variety of projects. Students have begun preparing and competing in local skills contests. Business students traveled to Ohio Hi-

Point Career Center in Bellefontaine on January 26 to compete in the Business Professionals of America contests and are awaiting their results. Trade and Industrial students held their SkillsUSA local contests at Vantage. A list of students who will advance to the next level of competition will be in a future Vantage article. Sophomores from the 13 schools that Vantage serves will have the opportunity to visit two Vantage programs on Tuesday, February 7 during Sophomore Visitation Day. Last but not least, the annual Vantage Open House and Scholarship Dinner will be held on Monday, February 13, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. All 18 career technical labs will be open. You can meet the teachers and see the different career-technical programs available to high school students. Adult Education representatives will also be available to answer your questions about adult education classes or Wright State University courses. An "all-you-can-eat" Fish and Tenderloin dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Help Vantage celebrate 30 years of career technical education! See what's new at Vantage and support the Vantage Scholarship Fund.



State representative Jim Hoops and Van Wert City Councilman Louis Ehmer recently visited the Vantage welding lab. They are flanked by Vantage principal Ann Harvey and welding instructor Dennis Koester.

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL CLINIC TO BE HELD AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL

The Payne (Ohio) Ball Association will be hosting a fast-pitch softball pitching and hitting clinic on Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5. The clinic will be held at Wayne Trace High School in Haviland, Ohio. The featured clinician will be Mr. Bob Pelle of FP Softball, which is located in Gibbstown, New Jersey. Mr. Pelle has been one of the top pitching instructors in the United States for over 20 years and has worked with former United States Olympic Team Members Michelle Smith, Lisa Fernandez and Dot Richardson. Mr. Pelle also has had over 400 players participate in collegiate softball, including several who received All-America recognition. The schedule for the clinic will be as follows:
Saturday, March 4:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Advanced Hitting and Skills Clinic (seventh grade and up)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Beginning/Intermediate Pitching Clinic (eighth grade and under)
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Beginning/Intermediate Hitting and Skills Clinic (eighth grade and under)
Sunday, March 5:
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Advanced Pitching Clinic (seventh grade and up)
For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805) or Mike Krouse (419-263-1393). Early registrations

must be received by February 20, 2006. You can also download the registration form from the website at www.payneball.org or e-mail to payneballasn@yahoo.com.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY VISIT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

By: Cyndy Bowers
The first grade classes from Antwerp Elementary School visited the Antwerp Water Treatment Plant on Wednesday, February 1. The classes learned about "where our water comes from" and how it is treated so that it is suitable for families to use. Larry Smith and Walt Womack took turns explaining equipment and processes. Lou Ann Martin showed us plans for the new Antwerp water tower to be constructed this summer. The students enjoyed the field trip experience and came away with questions answered.

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OAKWOOD LIBRARY TO HOST CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

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BASEBALL HITTING AND PITCHING CLINIC AT WAYNE TRACE

The Payne (Ohio) Ball Association and R & K Brady Corporation of Payne is sponsoring a baseball hitting and pitching clinic on Saturday, February 25, at Wayne Trace High School. The featured clinician is Mr. Tom Held, head varsity baseball coach at Defiance High School. Mr. Held has compiled 373 wins over 18 seasons as a varsity coach and also played professionally in the Detroit Tigers organization. Assisting in the clinic will be Defiance assistant coaches Rick Weaver and Shane Coleman along with Wayne Trace head coach Rich Miller. The schedule for the clinic is as follows:
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: Hitting and Fielding Clinic (Ages 6-10)
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Pitching Clinic (Ages 9-10)
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Hitting and Fielding Clinic (Ages 11 and up)
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Pitching Clinic (Ages 11 and up)

For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805) or Mike Krouse (419-263-1393). Registration forms are available at www.payneball.org or by e-mail at payneballasn@yahoo.com. Early registration ends on February 15, 2006, and clinic session sizes are limited.

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ANTWERP HISTORY: A LITTLE ON THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL IN ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

Back in the early 1900's, the Antwerp baseball park was at the east end of Daggett Street. To get there you would go east on Stone Street to the end and then turn right. If you were on main Street, you would go east on Stone Street between K.D.'s and the G.W. Busby building (the dry cleaners wasn't built until around 1950). East of Floyd Ramisier's Law Office was about 100 foot of cement

coal bins and the East Elevator, then about another 100 foot of cement coal bins, then the north end of Erie Street ended up against the railroad tracks. Where K. D.'s is now, was at that time Tiny's Restaurant. Right behind that was a one story house where L.S. Smith and Son started selling Allus Chalmers farm equipment. They purchased that lot and this dwelling was moved. Dave Gusher had it moved down to some of his land on the east side of Township Road 51. That is about a mile straight east of the new school, but I don't think that

they ever lived in it. I guess some years later it was torn down.

Then you came to the water tower, it was erected in the early 1930's. Across the street on the north side of Stone Street was a small old house and Leota Davis tells me that was the home of Charles Traylor and his wife. I don't remember those people.

Going east on the south side of the street, Arthur DeLong and his family lived beside the alley that comes in from the south. They had four boys who served in WWII, Glenn, Carl, Cletus and Junior, those boys are all gone now, but I grew up with them.

Across the Alley to the east, that house was occupied by Floyd Ovillette. The next house was the home of John Hughes and they had a boy named Hubert. They had a pond-like affair in the back yard. John did a lot of fishing in the Maumee River and he would bring his fish and turtles home alive, and put them in his pond and eat them when ever they wanted to. You see, that fish in the Maumee was good eating until the middle 30's when some factory in Ft. Wayne dumped some substance into the river and it killed all the fish. There was dead fish laying all over. Nothing ever became of that, because I guess it wasn't against the law to pollute at that time.

The last house on the right side going east on Stone Street was the home of Phil Murphy. He was a short man with a big white mustache and white hair. He was well into his 90's and he was the last veteran of the Civil War in this area.

There was a path going

north from the east end of Stone Street. It went over the tracks and ended up at Memorial Park. Back by the railroad on the high ground, the Hobos had an encampment. They had a few boards and a couple tin Coca-Cola signs and they could get in out of the rain. During the depression a lot of men rode the railroads looking for work. I don't think these men ever caused a problem. Joe Vail said he and his buddies used to smoke corn silk at that place.

At the end of Stone Street you turned to the right and went down to the ball diamond. The home plate faced northeast. There was a good sized grand stand behind home plate but no dugouts. The high school football team played their games in the field also.

Antwerp's good baseball teams was before my time, but I will tell you what the boys told me. The Carr boys: Ed, Fred, Tom, Joe and Ralph were all good players. The Reeb boys: Tom, Oliver and Mandus, a couple of Hallock boys and a Zuber or two were also good players.

Oliver Reed told me that he went on to pitch in "Triple A" ball. He was in the Appalachian League for a town in West Virginia and everything was going well for him. They went to the ball park on a hot Sunday afternoon and about halfway through the game a thunderstorm came up and it turned cold and he didn't have a jacket because it had been hot so he didn't bring one along. After about an hour wait they went back out to play but to throw hurt his shoulder. That day ended his pitching career. He couldn't throw hard without hurting his arm and shoulder. He came back to Antwerp then.

Some of the players that I did watch who played on that diamond back in the mid 1930's was Johnny Franklin (Vaughn Franklin's father). He was a very good pitcher, he could bend that curve around a post. Burl Mumy was a pitch-

er, a left hander and he had a dandy fast ball. His nickname was WOP. Blanchard Perry (Jan Perry's grandfather) was a young fellow in good shape and a good athlete. He would run out to his position at short stop, leap up in the air and turn a somersault. Some the other players that I can remember are Henry Donnell, Arlie Donnell, Clark Bowers, Rex Billman, Sam Anderson,

Robert Schilb (Dick's father), Tommy Schilb, Dutch Kauser, Jim Jordan and Melvin Billman. I know there were others but I can't come up with their names now.

About this time the Antwerp High School moved their football field over north of the old school along with the baseball field and this east end ball diamond was not used anymore.

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"President Bush delivered a strong speech to the American people about our successes and accomplishments as well as the challenges which remain. In the past week, I have traveled through 10 counties in the Fifth District and I can confirm that the President's priorities of energy independence and healthcare costs are the top priorities of my constituents. Once again, President Bush was able to reach the hearts and minds of all Americans and demonstrate the strong leadership and vision we have witnessed for the past 5 years. I agree that, with the war in Iraq and Afghanistan progressing and democracy spreading across the globe, we must proceed with our commitment to make the world and the United States a better, stronger, and safer place. I look forward to working with President Bush on policies which will make America more secure at home and abroad."

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 25 and Monday, January 30, 2006.

The Paulding County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Board (MRDD) gained a new member on Wednesday, January 25. Shirley J. Cramer was appointed to a vacant position on the seven-member board. Cramer will fill the remainder of the term. The MRDD Board is responsible for the Parc Lane building, the PC Workshop and residential services to eligible adults. The seven member board had two appointed by the Common Pleas and Probate/Juvenile Judges and five appointed by the County Commissioners.

During the Monday, January 30 session, the Commissioners met with Bill Strahley, a member of the Township Trustees Association. The Township Trustees Association uses the OSU Extension building for countywide meetings and wishes to donate ten new replacement tables for the large hall. The new tables are the white plastic model that not only holds up better than the old style, but are much lighter. The older tables continue to show damage from use and new plastic tables will be useful to many. Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, thanked the Township Trust-

ees Association for their consideration.

At the same meeting the Commissioners awarded a bid for the Eagle Creek-Wilson Ditch, located in Auglaize Township. Six contractors submitted sealed bids. County Engineer Travis McGarvey reviewed the bids. The low bid, from Jim Pendergast, in the amount of \$96,965.63, was accepted and approved.

All three Commissioners attended a recent meeting of the Solid Waste District. The district operates the landfill in Defiance County and covers Paulding, Defiance, Williams and Fulton Counties. One responsibility of the Solid Waste District is to help counties conduct programs to meet state requirements for recycling. The state completely cut the funding previously provided that was used for recycling. While there was no elimination of state requirements, the Solid Waste District Board was faced with this financial decline. At the meeting, the Solid Waste District Board members were forced to redirect funds from a set aside or rainy day account to recycling to meet the state expectations. The funds, annually set aside for future needs, were intended for such items as eventual purchase of land or for the costs associated with closing a landfill.

The Commissioners meet from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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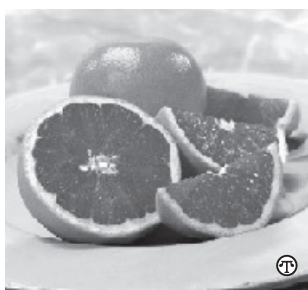
(NAPSA)—Clustered in bunches of up to 20 on 20-foot trees, grapefruits are a sight to behold. The fruit was once seen as inedible, because of its bitterness; now we know that not only are grapefruits sweet and delicious, but they have important health benefits as well.

For example, a substance found in grapefruit called D-limonene prevents the formation of carcinogens in the body, blocks cancer-causing substances from reaching or reacting with sensitive body tissue and keeps healthy cells from turning malignant.

In addition, it significantly improves the body's ability to absorb iron, and its high vitamin C content means grapefruit could help wounds heal faster.

Grapefruit, like other citrus, grows in a variety of locations all over the world, but perhaps some of the best citrus products are grown in Texas. The first commercial shipment of Texas citrus was packed in onion crates and sent out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in 1920. Not long after that, an accidental discovery of red grapefruit growing on a pink grapefruit tree gave rise to the Texas Red Grapefruit industry, and the Ruby Red Grapefruit, the first grapefruit to be patented in the U.S.

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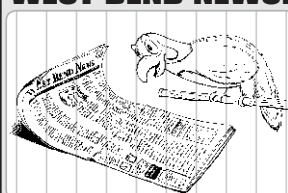


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Spread with finely chopped apples or any desired fruit and roll up like jelly roll. Cut into pieces about 1 1/2 in. wide. Place pieces cut side down in the pan of syrup. Dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

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The hours are Friday and Saturday 9am - 9pm and Sunday 9 am-5 pm.
The Ladies Auxiliary will also be having a Bake Sale.



ONCOLOGY CLINIC STARTS AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

CEO Gary Adkins reported to the PCH board that the hospital's oncology clinic has begun. Dr. Lisa Duhaime, who oversees the clinic, saw her first patient on January 9 and the first chemotherapy session is scheduled for February 6. "We are very pleased to have made an oncology clinic and chemotherapy treatment facility available to Paulding County," Adkins told the board. "It took several years but we were determined. We knew how much more convenient chemo treatments, some lasting 8 hours or more, would be for Paulding residents if they were available locally."

Chief financial officer Rob Goshia reported a net profit in December of \$1,595 and a net profit of \$400,654 in 2005.

Adkins also reported on the hospital's preparations for the changes made to the Medicaid Managed Care Program in the last State budget bill. "We're working hard to insure that we have contracts with all the insurance plans that may do business in our county," he said.

The rest of Adkins' CEO report included:

—He thanked the Benevolent Society for contributing \$3,900 to purchase a much needed treadmill for the physical therapy department.

—The direct mail educa-

tional target-marketing project is proceeding on schedule. The postcards about osteoporosis were mailed in mid-January. Around mid-February, the postcards reviewing colorectal cancer will be mailed to men and women over 50.

—He is scheduled to meet with State Senator Lynn Wachtmann on February 14 to discuss reimbursements related to the Medicaid supplemental upper payment limit. It was deleted from next year's State budget. Eliminating the program would have a negative financial impact on the hospital.

—He reported on the recent hospital study regarding the viability of purchasing an MRI. The study concluded that it is not feasible to purchase an MRI at this time.

—Adkins met with local hospital administrators regarding opportunities to improve our specialty clinics.

—The PCH Foundation's Bright Lights for a Bright Tomorrow project was successful; \$1295 was raised for the foundation.

—The hospital's holiday dinner to thank hospital supporters such as medical staff, elected officials, volunteer groups, etc. was held December 16.

—Adkins met with state Medicaid Managed Care officials regarding the impact it has on Paulding County. He will meet with PCH's medical staff soon to review the information.

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These preschool children have just finished music time at Paulding Preschool. One of their favorite songs is "The Pony Song". The line leader of the day gets to wear the pony costume and the children "trot" to the music.

How To Build Up Your Flu-Season Immunity

(NAPSA)—Getting a flu shot is recommended for older adults or anyone with a health problem that might put them at greater risk of complications. But there's a limit to what flu shots can do. A vaccine won't protect you from every virus. In an average year, 5 to 20 percent of Americans get infected with some form of influenza. For many people that means a loss of work, pneumonia and even hospitalization. Fortunately, there are other steps you can take to boost your immune system and prevent the onset of the disease. The following tips may help keep you healthy this flu season:

- Wash your hands. Wipe down your desk and phone. Avoid crowds, especially the crowd in your doctor's waiting room, if at all possible.
- Teach your children to cough into the crook of their elbow

rather than cover their mouth with their hand. This helps prevent the spread of germs via handshaking or touching things.

- Bulk up your immune system by eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables.

A preliminary laboratory study found that components in cranberries can prevent certain type A and type B flu viruses from attaching to host cells and causing subsequent infection setting the stage for more research in the area.

In the fight against the flu, it is just as important for the public to be concerned with good nutrition as with getting a flu shot. Cranberry juice cocktail should not be used as a treatment for infection, but may be an effective part of a prevention routine. Remember, as with any infection, a health care provider should always be consulted.

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missing was a group of concerned citizens willing to devote a little of their time and energy to promote a positive change for the future of their hometown. It was in August 2005, Kirk called a group of his friends to see if they would be interested in coming to a meeting at Don Oberlin's vacant building on main street to discuss some possibilities for growth and development in Antwerp.

The discussion was lively and animated about how the new US 24 project would impact our town if we failed to act in a positive way toward the possibilities this change would afford to our community. It was determined another meeting was needed to address the people's concerns about all the topics presented. More people were called and a second meeting was held at the Antwerp VFW Hall. During this meeting it was determined that a committee needed to be formed to give direction to the multiple ideas, concerns and needs presented by those in attendance. The birth of the "Antwerp Community Development Committee" happened at this second meeting and it was decided the acronym for this long title should be A.C.D.C.

This newly formed committee then penned a mission statement to declare it's main objective: "Create a pro-active approach to establishing the orderly and successful growth of the Antwerp area as a desired residential location." The committee believes there is a tremendous opportunity for growth and development in Antwerp due to the new US 24 highway interchange to be constructed south of our town. This four lane highway will put us only minutes away from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Defiance, Ohio and surrounding communities and industries, making us an ideal location for a so called "bedroom community." We

have a great deal to offer to prospective homeowners including a new state of the art school system, which leads many of the surrounding area schools academically. We have a diverse community in the area of worship to offer people coming into our community.

The third meeting was called and held at the new school auditeria with the public responding in a very positive manner. People were asked to volunteer to serve on various sub committees to help A.C.D.C. accomplish positive change in many varied directions. The response of the people was nothing short of amazing!

The forth meeting attached a head to this body of people wanting to affect a change for the good of their community. They elected a group of people to lead them in the form of a President: Kirk Hopkins, Vice President: Dan Fowler, Treasurer: Patti Kammeyer, Secretary: Laurel Hopkins and Board Members: Jim Pendergrast, Pete Vail, Ed Glass, Randy Getrost and Lisa Glass.

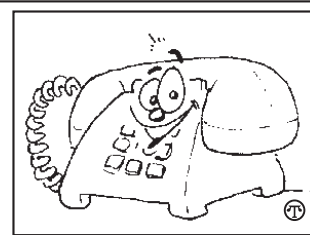
The committee has now called for another public mass meeting to be held at the Antwerp School auditeria on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Come and hear all that has been accomplished in the brief span of time this committee has been in existence. Come and offer your input and any talent you may want to lend to this growing committee. Come and listen to the invited guest speakers. Come and be and official "card carrying" member of the organization which entitles you to vote on its elected officials. You may ask, why should I care? You may think, my time is too important to me. I'm reminded of two quotes from a very wise person, which states; "Live your life so you will be missed!" Also, "You only keep that which you give away."

Dennis Lee

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HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPSA)—According to the Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center (ADEAR), there are a few things people can do now that might reduce the effect of possible AD risk factors. They're highlighted in the group's free booklet, "Genes, Lifestyles, and Crossword Puzzles: Can Alzheimer's Disease Be Prevented?" To download or view the publication online, visit www.alzheimers.org. You can also order the booklet by calling (800) 438-4380.



The North American Spine Society (NASS) president Joel Press, MD, says, "Just because it's winter does not mean you have to stay inside. Just make sure you dress appropriately, warm up your muscles and follow these helpful tips to prevent potential hazards to keep your spine safe and sound." NASS is the nation's leading nonprofit, multidisciplinary medical society dedicated to advancing spine care. To find a

spine care professional or get other helpful information, visit www.spine.org or call (877) SPINE DR. In 2004, 29.1 percent of all reported births were delivered by Cesarean section, a new record high. Also of concern to many is that the rate of vaginal births after Cesarean has declined from 31 percent in 1998 to just 9.2 in 2004. The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is concerned about the long-term consequences of C-sections. For more information, visit www.midwife.org.

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