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INTO THE BEAUTY OF THE WILD

Every year millions of Boy Scouts follow their adult leaders into the wilderness for a trip of discovery and excitement. These hikes in the woods can imprint themselves upon one's memory and follow him throughout life. Verl Dasher recalls a number of these events in the engaging new memoir, *The Adventure Patrol* (now available through AuthorHouse).

Dasher vividly recalls some of his favorite backpacking and canoeing outings, mostly with his Boy Scout troop in tow. *The Adventure Patrol* offers accounts of actual outings by men and boys in search of excitement. Dasher and company cover national parks from Shenandoah Valley in Virginia to Yellowstone in Wyoming and state parks from Ohio to Minnesota as well as a trek in Canada. He recalls the weather, the arduous treks, and majestic surroundings. From seeing moose and soaring eagles to the sound of wolves singing them to sleep under the stars, Dasher revels in the captivating beauty of America as he and his companions learn about themselves while building solid character.

In addition to detailed recollections of invigorating trips in the rain and sun, *The Adventure Patrol* contains helpful tips to aid the would-be backpacker in preparing for the great outdoors. Dasher includes advice on planning an adventure as well as helpful menu suggestions and equipment that might prove

useful on and off the trail. With sound advice and rich recollections, the book offers outings on which anyone can embark without spending too much money or taking too many dangerous risks.

Whether an experienced scout leader or someone interested in the great outdoor, *The Adventure Patrol* inspires readers and suits them up for fun and discovery among the wild terrain of Mother Nature.

Raised in Ohio, Dasher grew up active in Boy Scouts. His mother and father were committed participants in the scouts, and he rose through the ranks of the organization to become a scoutmaster. In 45 years of camping, he says he has experienced and enjoyed a wide variety of outings. Dasher holds a degree in electrical engineering and works as an industrial electrician. He also runs a real estate rental business. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren. *The Adventure Patrol* is his first book.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards that I have received since my accident. Your prayers and visits were greatly appreciated during my stay in the hospital, my recuperation at Van Crest Rehabilitation Center, and since I have returned home.

Rose Derck

ANN WALDMAN ANNOUNCES ELECTION BID



Ann Waldman announced that she has filed her petition for election as Clerk of Common Pleas Court. In May of 2005, Ann was appointed to fulfill the vacant position as Paulding County Clerk of Common Pleas Court after the retirement resignation of Eleanor Edwards. "Since my appointment as Clerk of Common Pleas Court, I have worked very hard in accepting the responsibilities of this office in a very efficient, and productive manner," she stated. "My goal is to continue to work with Judge Webb and

his staff and follow procedure required by law to carry out Court orders," related Waldman. The Clerk of Common Pleas Court position she now holds also includes the responsibility of the Motor Vehicles Title Division. "One of the largest revenue sources for the State of Ohio is the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas. Annually the fees and taxes disbursed to the state by the Clerk of Courts' legal and title offices exceed 1.5 billion dollars.

Prior to accepting the appointment as Clerk of Com-

mon Pleas Court, Waldman was Director of the Paulding County Board of Elections. Waldman says, "As Director of the Board of Elections, I was very proud to be a part of securing the new touch-screen voting machines that were used in November 2005 election; and am happy that the voters in Paulding County accepted the new type of voting machines so well."

In 2005 Waldman was appointed by the Paulding County Commissioners to serve as a Board Member of the Paulding County Hospital. "I believe the Paulding County Hospital is one of our county's greatest assets. This past year we purchased a state of the art CT scanner that normally is not available to a hospital of our size. In January an Oncology Clinic opened, giving cancer patients the opportunity to receive quality treatment close to home. We were also fortunate to hire a general surgeon enhancing the existing medical staff."

Waldman is a member and past Secretary of the V.F.W. Auxiliary; an associate member of the Paulding County Township Trustees Association; a member and Secretary to the Democratic Central Committee. A 1964 graduate of Paulding High School, she is the daughter of Kenneth and (the late) Maurine Thomas of rural Paulding. She has three children, Kenny (Amy) Daeger, Defiance; Holly Flory of Franklinville, NJ; and Dawn (John) Karnes, Defiance. Waldman also has seven grandchildren.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS) BASIC SPOTTER COURSE

The Paulding County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting The National Weather Service Basic Spotter Training Course on February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding County Extension Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The National Weather Service Basic Spotter Training Course is a two hour long presentation that teaches volunteers to correctly identify hazardous warm season weather features and informs them how to quickly communicate them to the NWS. Spotters will be trained to correctly identify tornados and other severe weather features that occur in severe thunderstorms. In addition to feature identification, trained spotters will be taught basic thunderstorm development theory, NWS warning criteria and safety procedures. Spotters are a critical part of the National Weather Service's warning process. This show is presented by a National Weather Service meteorologist. This course is open for anyone to attend (general public) and is free of charge. There are no previously required courses or knowledge nor is there any required equipment. This course qualifies for 2 hours of credit for law enforcement officers in Indiana and 2 hours "in-service" training for emergency services people. This course is only offered during the months of February and March.



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OBITUARIES

Katherine D. Dangler, 97, of Paulding, died February 14, at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, where she was a resident.

She was born in Pierceton, IN on August 24, 1908 the daughter of Clyde and Anna (Adams) Woodring. On November 15, 1929 she married Bernard L. Dangler who died February 15, 1970.

She was a bookkeeper for St. John's Tire Service of Paulding retiring in 1988. She was the oldest member of the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding where she served as an Elder and a former President of the Church's Women's Group. She was a 50 year member of the former Paulding O.E.S. Corona Chapter #95 where she served as Worthy Matron in 1953. She also worked for the Paulding County Clerk of Courts. She was a bookkeeper for the former Dangler Drainage Tile Company. She worked at the Paulding County Carnegie Library. She was a charter member of the Know Your Neighbor Club serving for 71 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Betty (Russell) St. John of Paulding; three sons, Earl Dangler of Beverly Hills, FL, Jerry Dangler of Palm Harbor, FL and Chris Allan Dangler of Lexington, TN. 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bernard in 1970. Two brothers, George and Ronald Woodring.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian Church in Paulding. Rev.

David Meriwether officiated. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery Paulding. Memorial to First Presbyterian Church Paulding or the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund, Payne.

James E. Panico, 54, of Antwerp, passed away February 16, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN.

Jim was born in Hicksville, Ohio on October 27, 1951, he was the son of Andy and Barbara L. (Bedor) Panico of Antwerp.

Jim married Judy Smalley November 12, 1988.

He worked in maintenance at Atwerp Mobile Products, Antwerp. Jim is a 1969 graduate of Antwerp High School. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding. Jim was a Buckeye & Tigers fan, who enjoyed golf, fishing and bowling.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Judy, and parents, Andy and Barbara, all of Antwerp; daughter, Stacie Lovellette of Auburn, IN; sons, Michael and Timothy Panico both of Antwerp; step-sons, Greg Billman of Newville, IN, Doug Billman of Bryan, Brian Billman of Decatur, IN; sister, Andrea Panico of Ft Wayne and one granddaughter, Mary Cate Panico.

Funeral services were at Antwerp United Methodist Church, Antwerp, February 20, and Rev. Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiated. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In his memory contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

WORSHIP ANYONE?

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn

For the past couple of weeks, we have been exploring the topic of worship. Our simple definition of the word "worship" is "worth-ship" . . . that is, recognizing and rehearsing the value or worth of God in our lives.

As you think about those two "R-words"—recognizing and rehearsing, notice that the first word speaks of attitude while the second one speaks of action or activity. The attitude, understanding that it must be genuine, is the most important of those two words.

Many people, from Old Testament times right up to the present, falsely assume that if they are part of the "right activity", then they have worshiped well. That is wrong! Attitude is the heart of worship, not the activity.

What kinds of attitudes are we looking for? Last week we mentioned three - (1) an exalted view of God, (2) a clear view of sin, and (3) a realistic (humble) view of self.

I would like to expand upon those three today as we consider how one prepares for worship. Since "good activity" does not guarantee worship, we can't just "show up" and expect authentic worship to take place. We must prepare our hearts, our attitudes for

worship. How is that accomplished?

My favorite (most helpful) "worship primer" is found in Hebrews 10:19-25. I would like to write that out for you, as it appears in the NIV Bible.

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." As you look at this text, first note the four "let us" -personal considerations first and then "group issues". But most important of all, note where our confidence in worship comes from - from Jesus. Jesus is our "starting point" in coming into worship as well as our ultimate goal. Worship is all about Jesus, from beginning to end!

GOD'S WATCHMAN

By: Jerry Bush, The Living Word Church

I sit here broken hearted, wondering where the Church of Jesus Christ is going to? I have seen works out of the Church's: free food, free help for heating bills, free medicine, books on how to do just about anything; devotional books, worship books.

Yes, we need to worship the true and living God, our Lord Jesus Christ. For over 25 years I have been reading books too, but most of them have done very little good for me getting me closer to the Lord. None of those books ever helped me overcome sin, or I should say the sinful nature.

There is only one Book, and that is the Bible, the Word of God that ever helped me overcome sin. I'm not sure about how many bibles are on the market today, but over the years I have used only one version, the King James, most of the others are versions that man will use to say just about anything to keep people happy. Don't talk about sin, you

don't want to offend anyone, we might get them saved or something like that!

Has Jesus saved you from your sins? Has Jesus redeemed you from your enemy? Have you ever read His Word? Have you ever sang praise's to His name? Did you soon forget His works that He did in your life? Are you waiting for His counsel each day? Most of you are lusting after the world, if this is what you want God will send leanness to your soul. You can have just what you want, God will not stop you.

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death. How dwells the love of God in you? My little children let us love not in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

I listen to only one message, the Cross, the Blood, as Paul said in I Corinthians 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

THE BRUNKS TO BE AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Missionaries, Kevin and Joan Brunk, will be speaking at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene on February 26 at 6:00 p.m.

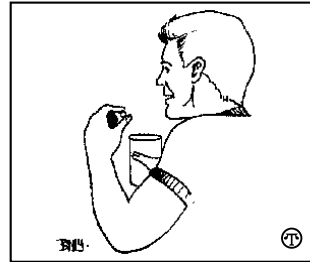
Kevin and Joan Brunk are global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in the Phillipines. They serve in the Asia-Pacific regional office, located in Manila.

Kevin's current ministries include administrative roles supporting the regional office and regional graduate seminary. Kevin also serves on the executive committee of the regional team giving input to evangelism strategies, personnel placement and Work & Witness for the 20 plus countries of the region. Kevin travels quarterly to various fields to give assistance and support to their ministries. He also teaches a discipleship class for new Christians.

Joan finds her primary sense of calling and responsibility to her family. She also volunteers at the children's school and ministers to the needs of short-term volunteers who come to assist the regional team. Joan is also involved in the Sunday School ministries of their local church and teaches Sunday School to 9 and 10 year olds at their local church and reaches out to people in her neighborhood who need Christ.

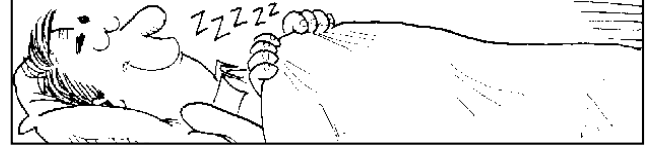
Healthy Ideas

(NAPSA)—Once you've decided to sign up for the Medicare Part D benefit, the first thing to do is make a list of all the prescription drugs that you currently take, either on a regular basis or from time to time, advises Judy Cahill, executive director of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). AMCP is a national professional association of pharmacists and other health care practitioners. More information is available on the Web at www.amcp.org.



There are over-the-counter (OTC) medications available at the pharmacy to relieve symptoms of the common cold. For 12 hours of relief from just one pill, Aleve Cold & Sinus can be effective in treating headaches, body aches and fever that may result from a cold. If you have a sinus headache, there's Aleve Sinus & Headache, an extended-release decongestant that works to reduce sinus pressure for up to 12 hours. Both items are available at pharmacies and other stores offering health and beauty products.

Helping diabetics get the medical supplies and medication they need to manage their disease is an online supply company called Better Living Now, a managed care provider of health care products and services, specializing in the needs of patients with chronic conditions. You can learn more online at www.betterlivingnow.com.



Sleeping on your back with a pillow under your head might prevent your eyes from getting red and swollen, since fluid collects around the eyes when your head is level with or below your heart.

"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name."

—Psalm 33:20-21

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The meal will be sponsored by Paulding County Hospital

THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN ANTWERP

Antwerp Council met on February 13. There were several things on the agenda to make decisions on and to discuss.

—Dick Slattery, new owner of Pop & Brew, will be putting in new tanks and a new sign. The work will be done by InterDyne Corp. and will start on June 17 with completion in 17 days.

—Cheryl Lichty and Clarehilda Hunt, representing the Chamber were there to discuss the Village yard sale and a lighted holiday parade to be held the weekend after Thanksgiving.

—Otto Gerdeman, who is working with Don Benschneider on the development south of the school, passed around drawings of the development named "The Colony". The Colony consists of 55 acres with 69 single family units measuring 0.3 to 0.8 of an acre. The council needs to approve the drawings so steps can be taken to draw up the locations of water and sewer lines and storm drainage. Approval was granted for the drawings of a two acre lot called Outlot #1. This lot already has the lines in place and would like to start development this summer. The Outlot would be for commercial use.

—Tony Langham, County

Economic Developer, discussed ways the town could receive funds to help pay for their part of the expenses in developing The Colony. He suggested the CRA (Community Reinvestment Area). The town would be able to collect funds from the tax dollars generated from the newly developed area. Some of the expenses would include providing sewer and water lines to the area.

—Kay Langham, who is running for commissioner, attended the meeting to familiarize herself with Antwerp's issues and people.

—Dan Fowler extended an invitation to the next A.C.D.C. meeting to be held on February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditoria. Speakers include Mayor Margaret Womack, Jim Hoops and Tony Langham.

—The Chief of Police reported 190 calls.

—Discussion of putting a time frame on the removal of the contents of the Earhart Museum is being discussed.

—The sidewalk ordinance meeting was held at 4:00 p.m., February 17.

—Antwerp will have a trash pick-up day on May 13. Information about this will be included in the next water and sewer bills.

—Planning Board needs to rezone an agriculture area to residential on Wentworth Road.

Fraud Facts And Tips To Help You

(NAPSA)—You can save yourself time, trouble and money if you know how to recognize—and avoid—some of the more common scams. Here's a look at one that could happen to you.

The Scam

You place an ad for your collectible, motorcycle or electronic equipment on a specialty Web site. You're contacted by a buyer. Everything appears legitimate. You even receive a cashier's check overnight. The only problem is the check is written for \$5,000 over the sale price. The buyer says it was an error and asks you to deposit the check and refund the overpayment using a money transfer service. A week later, your bank informs you the check was fraudulent. No funds have been deposited into your account. Unfortunately, the item has already been sent, along with \$5,000 in cash.

When the payment is found to be a fraud, the funds are withdrawn from your account. In this type of scam, you could lose both the amount of the overpayment and the item you were selling. Because some banks allow funds to be drawn before an item has cleared, you might not learn of the fraud until it is too late.

The Solution

Before sending a money transfer transaction, consider these suggestions:

1. Don't use a money transfer service to send funds to someone you don't know.
2. Be wary of a buyer who is anxious to complete a transaction immediately. Most genuine buyers spend time asking questions and negotiating the price.



It's a good idea to never use a money transfer service to send funds to someone you don't know.

3. Check with your bank to find out how long it will take the check to clear. Just because the bank has given you access to the funds, that doesn't mean the check has fully cleared.

4. Wait until the check has cleared before sending the amount of the overpayment.

5. Remember the old adage: If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Money transfer companies such as Western Union want to create a greater awareness of the various types of consumer fraud. If you feel you've been the victim of fraud, contact the Attorney General, other local law enforcement officials and your bank.

The Source

To learn more about sending money transfers safely, visit www.westernunion.com.

NORTHWEST OHIO HOUSING COALITION: HOMELESS SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 28, 2006

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition will be conducting a "point-in-time count" on Wednesday, February 28. The goal is to identify a realistic count of the number of individuals in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties that are currently homeless or are at immediate risk of homelessness on a given day. These statistics will assist service providers in improving services to the homeless in our community. The survey information is anonymous and confidential.

Because homelessness is hidden in our rural counties, we need to broaden the definition and our scope of possible types of locations. The "point-in-time-count" will include three groups of homeless persons; unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and at risk homeless. Unsheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in parks, streets, alleys, tents, campers, vehicles, abandoned buildings, stairwells, under bridges, roadways, farm outbuildings, or 24 hr. laundromats, restaurants or stores. Sheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, or any hotel/motel/apt paid by arrangements from a public/private agency. At risk of homelessness include adults, youth or families at risk of being homeless within 3 months, presently residing in substandard housing, temporary housing, or with family/friends.

The Northwest Housing Coalition will be contacting homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, substance abuse treatment programs, community parks and campgrounds, sheriff and police departments, churches, social service and faith based agencies that provide emergency and supportive services, job placement and temporary agencies, mental health providers, hospitals, emergency rooms, and stress centers, small hotels, veterans organizations, MR/DD programs, 24 hour coffee shops, shopping centers and restaurants, libraries, prisons and jails, public schools, foster care agencies, and bars.

If you are at risk or you have a friend or family mem-

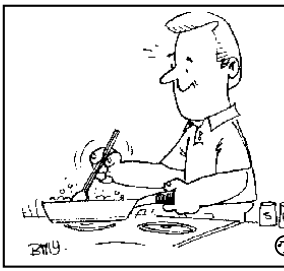
ber currently living with you and they may become homeless within the next three months, please contact the Northwest Housing Coalition. The information will be kept confidential. The only information needed is the number of men and women over eighteen and the number of children eighteen and under.

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Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

COOKING IDEAS

(NAPSA)—Canned foods can be a great way to add vegetables such as sweet potatoes to your diet. Because they provide convenient nutrition, canned foods can be a quick and easy way to increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables and meet the new



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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
Down through the years a number of good ball players have grown up in the Antwerp area. Wayne Fleck was a good left handed pitcher. He excelled when he pitched for the University of Miami. He made the college "Who's Who" while he was there. He also had a number of interviews with the Chicago White Sox. Wayne pitched a lot for The City Light in Ft. Wayne. That was a very good Semi-Pro team.

ther, Dale, operated the Pure Oil station uptown at the corner what is now the Pop & Brew. He was a good pitcher for the A.F.B. Team. These teams were about equal in ability. They played each other pretty regularly as well as out of town teams. One fall they played a "World Series", sort of, between the two teams. I really don't remember who won the most games, but we really saw some good ball games. It also carried a lot of emotion at times because some brothers were on opposite sides. The stands were packed when those teams met.

On the Fourth of July these teams went together and would bring in a big name team such as Napoleon's Seven Up, or Diehl's from Defiance or Zollner's B team. We would have a good fireworks display after the game. This was done for a few years but later on fireworks got to expensive and they were dropped.

The A.F. B. team with Bob Johnson also had Budd Lichty, who was another good pitcher and Max Billman and a lot of young fellows about that same age. They invited a black team down from Ft. Wayne. These boys were good, with them they had Johnnie Bright, one the best athletes ever to come out of Ft. Wayne. He also starred in football and won a scholarship to Drake University. Anyhow, Johnnie had a hit off of Bob Johnson that I think is

still going. As he rounded the bases their third base coach walked over to Bob and said, "don't let it bother you, 'Pitch', he does that to everyone", and I bet he did. They beat A.F.B. that day, but everybody had a good time, even the people in the stands.

I mentioned earlier about the games on Sunday night. Well, some people would drive their cars over to the ball park and park them down each base line. They would do that in the afternoon and then at night they would sit in their cars and watch the game in comfort. When a good play was made some would blow the car horns. At all these games the coffee cans were passed even to these cars and people would donate what they could. This and the profit from the concession stand paid the light bill and repair work, fireworks and the other expenses that came up. I guess what I'm trying to say here is that we had a fine lighted ball park, plenty of parking and we saw a lot of good ball games and a lot of good sportsmanship. It all came from the collections. The town itself never put any money in the ball park, because they didn't have any. The Antwerp people, over the years, have really backed the ball clubs and we have such a fine ball park because of it.

These good games went on for a few years. They even formed a league for week nights. Sometimes a tournament was held.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1 and Monday, February 6, 2006.

The opening of bids for the new jail highlighted the Wednesday, February 1 meeting. Representatives of several interested contractors joined with the Sheriff, the architects and the Commissioners to observe the opening and reading the bid amounts. Six general contractors submitted bids compared to just two at the first opening in 2005. Following the opening of the bids the Paulding County Commissioners asked the architectural firm to review the documents and make recommendations for action.

The architects presented their recommendations to the Paulding County Commissioners at the Monday, February 6 meeting. The Commissioners awarded the contracts as follows.

- General: The Baker-Shindler Co. — \$1,848,825.00
- Electrical: L.A. Electric Co \$698,000.00.
- Plumbing: Schumm Plumbing and Heating — \$343,707.00.
- H.V.A.C.: Schumm Plumbing and Heating — \$475,202.00.

Fire Protection: Central Fire Protection: \$79,947.00

Total: \$3,445,681.00

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Job and Family Services (JFS) office, met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, February 1. Walker reviewed a newly completed organizational plan for the JFS office. The organization plan contains information about the various areas of responsibility for the office. An example Walker used is the food stamp program. Walker reported, "it is important to know that proper eligibility requirements are being used. One value of the organizational plan is to conduct a regular review of food stamp decisions to insure those eligible receive the aid and to avoid providing the aid to an ineligible applicant." Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, thanked Walker for the document and the meeting. "It is helpful to have the information contained in the plan-

ning document including the organization chart showing staff positions and assignments," noted Harmon.

In other business on Wednesday, February 1 the Commissioners opened and awarded a bid for a note which allows for the annual refinancing of the debt for the remodeling of the Child Support Enforcement Agency building (the portion of the old Chief building at the corner of Caroline and Main.) The Commissioners utilized the monthly payments received from the state to reduce the principal by \$19,800 to \$80,200. The bid with the lowest interest rate was 4.48% from The State Bank and Trust.

During the Monday, February 6 meeting the Commissioners conducted a hearing on the proposed Bennett-Winchell Ditch. The ditch is located in Auglaize Township. The petitioner requested that the petition be dismissed allowing the affected property owners to do the ditch work privately. The Commissioners agreed to the petitioner's request.

At noon on Monday, February 6 the Commissioners attended a meeting at the OSU Extension Center organized by the Maumee Valley

Planning Organization. The purpose of the meeting was to work on the development of a Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS). This strategy is a necessary step to qualify Paulding County for funding targeted towards assisting low to moderate income households with identified housing needs. Staff of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization will use ideas from the meeting to prepare the strategy and help the application for funding in 2006.

The Commissioners meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business. On Wednesday, February 8 the Commissioners will not conduct their regular meeting as they will be attending an annual Elected Officials workshop in Defiance.

Don Lichty was also a fine ball pitcher. He was asked once to sub for Chet Louck of the Detroit Tigers. In 1944, Chet played in the World Series. For many years Don pitched for the Fort Wayne G.E. Club, that was another Semi-Pro team. I understand that one year he finished with a .509 batting average. Man, that's helping out your team.

Because Antwerp had too many for one team, Carl Billman and Bob Stumpy organized a team sponsored by the Chair Factory and they were called A.F.B. representing Antwerp Furniture and Bedding.

Schilb's team played about every Sunday night. Max Lichty and Jim Jordan was the battery for this team. It included, Dan Anderson, Rex Billman, Homer Hargraves, Jr., Rex Gloor, Dutch Kauser, Jack Adcock, Eddie Shurer and some others, I'm sure.

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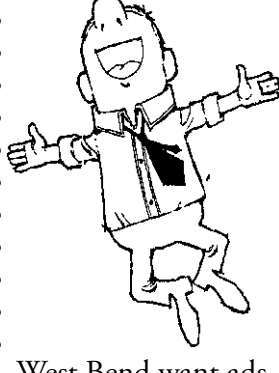
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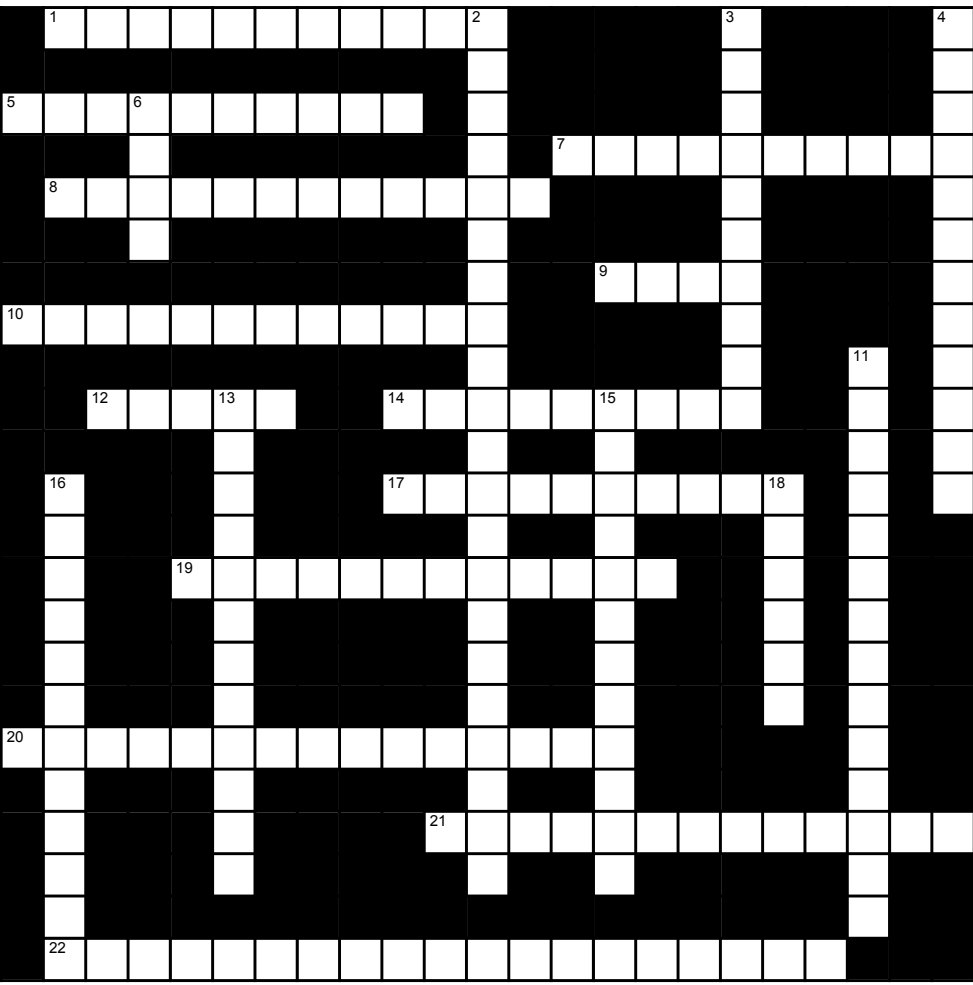
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THE WEST BEND NEWS



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. official spokesman for NASCAR Day 2006
- 5. pole winner in Daytona 500, 2006
- 7. won a championship in each of NASCAR's top three series.
- 8. has zero wins
- 9. how many wins Loy Allen Jr took in the Nextel Cup Series
- 10. youngest National Series Champion in NASCAR history
- 12. slang for tire traction
- 14. first NASCAR racing cars
- 17. Didn't qualify for Daytona 500, 2006
- 19. host on inside Nextel Cup
- 20. driver, mentor, and Busch Series owner for 2006 season
- 21. 84 wins in Nextel Cup Series
- 22. owns Bam Racing

Down

- 2. construction began in 1995, Mark Martin won first NASCAR Race Run
- 3. won Nextel Cup Series in 1951.
- 4. 1977, first woman to earn racing spot in Daytona 500
- 6. won seven races and the 2003 NASCAR championship
- 11. owned by Calvan Wells III
- 13. the part of the tire that's actually touching the road
- 15. most popular driver in 1956
- 16. drives for Furniture Row Racing
- 18. ranked 107 in 1984.

AN UPDATE ON JOHNNY

Johnny Preston is still a patient at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo.

He has now had his second chemotherapy treatment and did much better with this one than the first one. No internal bleeding or lungs filling with fluid this time. We are grateful for this and know your prayers are helping.

Last Friday, he was taken by ambulance to Ann Arbor, MI for an evaluation for a later stem cell transplant. He will go again Monday for harvest of these cells.

At this time his spirits are good although he looks like and is a very sick little boy.

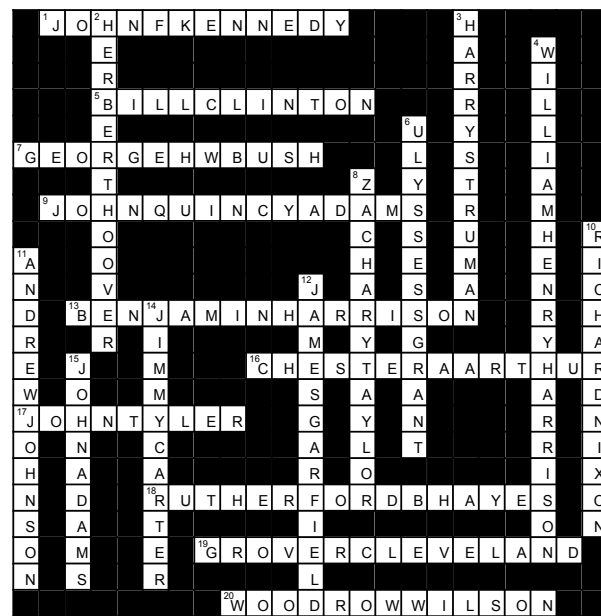
He will have his third birthday on Monday, February 27 and we would appreciate it if you would send him a card.

Your donations have touched our hearts and have helped us so much.

Johnny's address is St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center 2213 Cherry St. John Preston 6B PEDS Rm# 625 Toledo, OH 43608

Donations are still being accepted at Benefit c/o Kay Bromagem, Box 237 Antwerp, OH 45813. Make checks payable to Ben & Jill Preston.

Last Week's answers to "Presidents"



TO OUR CROSSWORD AFICIONADOS

By: Sue

I knew it was going to happen, and it did. The other day I received a phone call from a lady who found a mistake in our President's Day crossword puzzle. After researching the Presidents that were involved, I came up with the conclusion that the lady was right.

On number 19 across the clue was "only President who

was a bachelor". The President I had for an answer was a bachelor when he entered office, but was married later. There is a President who is the only President who never married.

I am sorry for this mistake but I am happy that people are doing our crosswords.

Here is a clue for the right answer: He was President from 1857-1861.

If you find something that isn't right with the crosswords don't hesitate to call Sue.

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Mixing Pain Medicines Is Risky For The Stomach

(NAPSA)—Many people as they age take aspirin to help prevent heart attack and stroke. But a recent study found that mixing pain medicines may be risky. It showed that taking aspirin with common pain relievers may harm the stomach. These include Advil® (ibuprofen) and Aleve® (naproxen).

This study looked at health records of close to 50,000 people with pain. These people took over-the-counter (OTC) ibuprofen and naproxen. These drugs are called non-specific nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (ns-NSAIDs). The study found that taking aspirin with (OTC) naproxen harms the stomach. The risk of stomach bleeding and ulcers doubled compared to naproxen alone. For ibuprofen, the risk tripled.

"Aspirin raises the risk for stomach problems," said Dr. Joseph Biskupiak. He led the study and is from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy. OTC drugs should be taken as directed. "While you can buy them in your drug store, it doesn't mean there's no risk."

The study also showed the harm from use of these ns-NSAIDs alone. The NSAIDs reviewed raised the risk of stomach problems by themselves. Harm to the stomach from ns-NSAIDs has been known for a while. In fact, each year ns-NSAIDs put more than 100,000 people in the hospital for stomach problems. And they've caused the deaths of thousands.



About 31 million adults in the U.S. take over-the-counter (OTC) drugs for pain daily.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration asked makers of these drugs to add stronger warnings of serious stomach problems to their labels. The drug makers were also asked to update their labels to include serious skin reactions. They must also explain the potential risk to the heart. All OTC NSAID labels state not to take them for more than 10 days without talking to a doctor. "Most people don't know that OTCs are serious medicines. They have benefits, but they may have risks too," said Biskupiak.

"I urge people to read the labels of OTC pain drugs. They must take these drugs the right way. Also, they should think twice before taking them with aspirin. People who need pain relief should talk with their doctors about which pain medicine might be right for them."

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS

On Monday February 13, Vantage hosted its annual Open House and Scholarship Dinner. Over 500 people came out to help celebrate Vantage's 30th year of providing career opportunities to high school students and adults and also support the Vantage Scholarship fund. It was an opportunity for prospective students and their parents to check out the school, visit the labs and meet the teachers. Several Vantage graduates also stopped by to share their success in their chosen career field. Many families of current Vantage students, community members, home school teachers, counselors and superintendents were also in attendance. Some visitors took advantage of a shuttle service and got a "sneak peak" at the Vantage Carpentry House project that's under construction in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert. Those interested in finding out more about Adult Education opportunities had their questions answered by the Vantage Adult Education staff. Thanks to everyone who attended!

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Lima Bath	7-2	15-3
Ottawa Glandorf	7-2	14-5
St. Marys	7-2	13-5
Van Wert	6-2	13-5
Celina	4-4	8-10
Lima Shawnee	4-5	12-7
Wapakoneta	3-6	9-10
Elida	3-6	9-11
Defiance	2-7	10-8
Kenton	1-8	4-15

Northwest Conference

Delphos Jefferson	9-0	17-3
Allen East	6-2	16-2
Columbus Grove	6-2	16-2
Crestview	6-3	14-6
Upper Scioto Valley	4-4	11-7
Spencerville	3-5	5-13
Lincolnview	3-5	5-14
Paulding	2-6	7-11
Bluffton	2-6	4-14
Ada	0-8	4-14

Green Meadows Conference

Holgate	6-0	15-4
Ayersville	4-2	11-8
Fairview	4-2	9-10
Tinora	4-2	9-10
Wayne Trace	4-2	6-13
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But it's not only the passion . . . Dad she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be bragging it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune, for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!! Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love,
your son, John

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my center desk drawer. I love you! Call when it is safe for me to come home."

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This site will provide a starting point for those who are considering moving to Antwerp or opening a business here. We have lots to be proud of in our community that may not be immediately visible to passers-by. In addition, it will give local citizens a place to go for upcoming community events, contact information for various town services, and even menus for their favorite local restaurants.

Antwerpohio.org will give an Internet presence to all those government and community organizations that are driving our town. Currently we have entire sections devoted to our Chamber of Commerce, Park Association, Library, Police, and Government Representatives - local all the way to state. More groups and organizations such as these will be added as the site grows.

This project has been made possible by the business owners who purchased listings within the Business Directory portion of the site. Their continued support will keep this site alive and up-to-date.

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GILLMOR GOES TO BAT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R- Old Fort) took the troubles facing community health centers directly to the White House today. In a meeting with Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Gillmor told the cabinet Secretary that community health centers across America were being denied the medical liability insurance needed to provide relief to disaster victims. In the meeting, Congressman Gillmor provided Secretary Leavitt with a copy of his January 25th letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) outlining the problems with relief services and community health centers.

In September 2005, doctors from Community Health Services in Fremont, Ohio were initially denied the opportunity to aid victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi. Federal liability insurance, provided to these centers which serve low-income and needy populations within their state, was not approved for care outside of the Centers' home states. Following an inquiry from Congressman Gillmor, the group of Fremont doctors was granted federal medical insurance to travel to Mississippi. However, the same group was again denied insurance in January for a return trip to Mississippi.

"Because of the high cost and low availability of medical liability insurance, many community health centers were unable to contribute to the relief efforts in the Gulf regions. After the hurricanes hit, centers across America raised thousands of dollars to provide service free-of-charge in the disaster areas. And being denied the opportunity to assist in relief efforts because liability insurance was not available only compounds the tragedy," Gillmor said. "We are lucky to have dedicated staff in Community Health Centers such as the one in Fremont. I thought it was important to stress to Secretary Leavitt that while the disaster has passed in the Gulf Region, the need for medical services remains. Our volunteers should not be denied the opportunity to use their expertise for the benefit of the most in need," Gillmor

concluded. Congressman Gillmor has been advocating to the Health Resources and Services Administration to exhaust all its administrative flexibilities to reach a solution. In addition, he is a cosponsor of H.R. 3962 which would provide liability insurance to community health center employees who are providing services in an emergency area. As a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Subcommittee on Health, Gillmor would be intimately involved in the review of legislation impacting Community Health Centers. Secretary Leavitt was on Capitol Hill to discuss the Administration's 2007 Health Care Priorities and the proposed 2007 budget for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Rep. Gillmor's January 2006 letter is included below:

January 25, 2006

Dr. Elizabeth M. Duke, Administrator
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Dr. Duke:

I am writing again concerning the situation involving Community Health Services in Fremont, Ohio, and their recent and unsuccessful efforts to receive Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) coverage and assist the Coastal Family Community Health Center in Biloxi, Mississippi.

I appreciate your response, dated October 4, 2005, informing me of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services's (HHS) utilization of existing authority to federalize Community Health Services volunteers last September. However, after seeking to aid their sister facility again this month, Joe Liszak, Fremont's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), was informed last Friday in an email from Charles Stanley with the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) that Community Health Services volunteers could not be federalized in this case. I have enclosed a copy of this email for your review.

Beyond your correspondence to me and your agency's recent email to Mr. Liszak, (Continued on Page 8)



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I am respectfully inquiring as to whether HHS has exhausted all avenues of administrative authority to provide FTCA coverage to Fremont Community Health Services in this particular situation. If not, can you confirm that a legislative fix would be necessary to remedy such situations in the future? Finally, if federal legislation is required, would the enactment of H.R. 3962 offer a solution? If not, can you provide me with technical assistance that would achieve the necessary statutory changes?

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One of her best attributes includes her knowledge of the computer. Through the Auditor's Website, she aids realtors and concerned citizens with questions about their taxes. Lou Ann has developed a spreadsheet for the treasurer and auditor's offices to maintain income for the personal property tax collection, including the billing process, and works closely with the

auditor's office in maintaining a weekly balance with the auditor's records during personal property tax collection. Lou Ann has a multitude of experience with handling finances. She maintains the accounts for their farming business. Previously, she worked for the Ohio State University Extension as the Administrative Assistant. Along with the secretarial duties she also maintained the accounts payable and receivable, including grants, and funds from the, then, four agents in the county.

Lou Ann has always been a member of the Paulding County Community. She lives in Payne, along with her husband, Tom and four children, two boys, Tom and Zach, and two girls, Krystal and Hollie. Along with her husband, they maintain a self-employed business of farming. She prides herself on her church and community involvement. Lou Ann is an associate member of the Paulding County Republican Party, a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, has been a 4-H Advisor for almost 20 years, a member of the 4-H Advisory Committee, Farm Bureau Member and previously served on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

SILENT AUCTION TO BE HELD AT ANTWERP SCHOOL

On Friday February 24 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Antwerp School Auditoria the Varsity "A" will be having a silent auction to raise money to equip the new field house.

The Boy's High School Basketball game will also be going on during the auction so you may want to come and support the boys' team in their last home game before tournament.

There will be no charge for individuals coming only to the auction.

Some of the auction items include:

- Many gift certificates and gift baskets from area retailers;
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A.C.D.C HOSTS PUBLIC MEETING

The Antwerp Community Development Committee held a Public Meeting Thursday, February 16 at the Antwerp School Auditoria. There were over 100 people in attendance.

Featured speakers included State Representative Jim Hoops, Tony Langham of Paulding County Economic Development and County Commissioners, Tony Burkley and Marty Harmon.

Topics of discussion included the anticipated economic boost Antwerp will experience with the new Highway 24 coming to the area and "The Colony" Retail & Residential Housing Development just south of the Antwerp High School. Construction of streets is scheduled beginning in June.

Individuals interested in becoming official members of A.C.D.C were asked to join by purchasing either a \$5.00 annual or a \$50.00 lifetime membership. Additional memberships can still be purchased at Leland Smith Insurance in Antwerp.

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