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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to thank you for running the editorials by Brad Dysinger and hope you will continue! If he decides to run again in two years, I hope more people pay attention to him!

Too many candidates spend most of their editorials talking about their education, family, awards and everything but the problems! Brad gets right to the point and what needs to be done to change it!

I don't care what someone has done in their life! That's nice, but if elected what are you going to do for me or my town. That's important.

Thanks Brad for telling it like it is!

—Gregg R. Gorman

## THANK YOU

We would like to give a Big Thank You to the Village Hardware for furnishing the sacks for the Luminary's we put out on Christmas Eve for the last 36 years.

—The families of the 300 block of West Woodcox St. p

## NEW PROJECTS CONTINUE COMMITMENT TO DELIVER PLAN

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) approved the draft list of major new projects for 2008-2013 Wednesday. The list includes \$60.2 million for the development of two new major projects and the construction of four new projects. The draft project list will be subject to a 90-day public comment period before the TRAC votes on the final list in spring or early summer 2007.

"The projects that were advanced address regional concerns in terms of safety and mobility for the state," said Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Gordon Proctor. "These are the key elements of Governor Taft's Jobs and Progress Plan, and these projects continue our commitment to deliver the Plan despite the increased cost of constructing projects due to inflation."

Gov. Taft's Job and Progress Plan, which was unveiled in 2003, is Ohio's largest transportation initiative since the original creation of the interstate highway system. The plan devotes \$5 billion to Ohio's highway network, re-

building urban freeways and completing corridors to connect rural regions.

The new projects advanced for construction include the Akron Multimodal Transportation Center, the widening of State Route 104 in Ross County, the Interstate 77/County Road 80 interchange project in Tuscarawas County and the first phase of the Portsmouth Bypass in Scioto County. The projects are regional priorities that will also improve safety, mobility and connectivity of the transportation system statewide.

ODOT typically works on a six-year construction and planning cycle, adding a year of new projects annually. This round of TRAC funding commitments covers the 2008-2013 time frame and includes total commitments ranging from \$386 million a year to a historic high of \$810 million.

The TRAC was created by the Ohio Legislature in 1997 to oversee fair distribution of transportation funds.

A complete list of the projects receiving funding can be viewed on ODOT's Web site at [www.dot.state.oh.us/TRAC](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/TRAC). The draft project list will be subject to written public comments until March 20. Write: TRAC Coordinator Kim Killian, c/o ODOT, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What a nice surprise when I picked up the December 20th issue of the West Bend News and saw so much color. What a nice improvement to the paper. I congratulate all of the businesses and to the West Bend employees who chose to give us an early Christmas present by choosing color for the ads. I hope to see this continued into the new year.

Happy New Year everyone!

—Eileen Kochensparger

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crane Township Trustees will hold their Annual Appropriation and Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of the Fiscal Officer located at 12147 Rd. 216, Cecil. Monthly meetings for 2007 will be held on the third Thursday of each month at

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



Did you know that students who attend Vantage can continue to participate in sports at their home school? Each sports season during the school year, Vantage celebrates its student athletes. On December 15th, Vantage winter sports athletes were recognized.

Front row (l to r): Brooke Baker, Katie Diment and Katelyn Houts, Parkway-Bowling; Catherine Hargrave, Van Wert-Bowling. Row 2 (l to r): Sarah Benien and Sara Harshman, Continental-Cheerleading; Jami Aldrich, Antwerp-Cheerleading; Emily Erhart, Kalida-Cheerleading; Amanda Horstman, Ft. Jennings-Basketball; Elisha Cotrell, Lincolnview-Pep Band; Audrey Lynn, Parkway-Basketball. Row 3 (l to r): Drew Kreisler, Crestview-Bowling; David Mendoza and Brad Dettrow, Van Wert-Wrestling; Zach West, Billy Cass and Aaron Mathews, Wayne Trace-Wrestling; Seth Blackmore, Van Wert-Bowling; Cody Markward, Van Wert-Swimming. Row 4 (l to r): Coy Siebert, Van Wert-Bowling; Lance Sinn, Wayne Trace-Basketball; James Wiseman, Lincolnview-Wrestling; Ben Roop,

7:00 p.m. at the Crane Township Hall unless otherwise posted on the township hall door.

—Susan K. Simpson, Fiscal Officer

Van Wert-Wrestling; Dustin Ladd, Continental-Basketball; Calvin Sinn, Wayne Trace-Basketball; Tom Zuber, Antwerp-Basketball; Ryan Davis, Wayne Trace-Basketball; Kyle Brotherhood, Van Wert-Bowling; Chad Lobsiger, Crestview-Bowling; Mr. Keith Rydell, Van Wert-Swimming assistant coach. Unavailable

for the picture were Brent Hoersten, Ottoville-Basketball; Saundra Modica, Ottoville-Cheerleading and Adam Miller, Wayne Trace-Basketball.

Good Luck to all the Vantage student athletes!

## ANTWERP TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of Antwerp council has been moved to January 15, 2007, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

—Margaret Womack

## CORRECTION TO WINTER MEETINGS BOOKLET

The Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County would like to correct a date in their Winter Meetings booklet. On page 4 the date for the Agricultural Outlook meeting should read Wednesday, January 24, 2007. For more information contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225; or for an updated copy of the booklet visit our web site at:

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## OBITUARIES

**Stella R. Schomburg**, 63, of Antwerp, passed away December 23, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Antwerp on December 6, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Gertrude (Newsome) Rister.

She served in the U.S. Marines as a Cpl. from 1969 to 1971.

On May 22, 1971 Stella married Harry Schomburg, who survives.

Stella is also survived by her step-sons: Mark of Oklahoma, Tom of California, Tim of Florida, Jerry of California, and David of Hicksville, Ohio; sister, Eunice Bell of Antwerp; brother, Robert Rister of Antwerp; 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Her step-sons, Dennis, Jim and Joe, and brothers, Dewey and Tyrone, have passed away.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on December 27, with Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating.

She was laid to rest with military honors from Antwerp VFW Post 5087 at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In her memory contributions may be made to Paulding Area VNA & Hopice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Andrew J. Tilley**, 72, of Cecil, died December 18, 2006 at Van Wert Manor, Van Wert.

He was born May 2, 1934, in Pineville, West Virginia, the son of Otto and Lillie (Easter) Tilley. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and was employed by John's Manville Corporation, Defiance, retiring in 1986.

He is survived by his companion, Clara M. Moden of

Cecil; her three daughters: Kay (Fred) McBroom of Defiance, Carol (Ray) Finfrock of Paulding, and Jill (Ruben) Rodriguez of Ft. Wayne, IN; brothers and sisters; eight grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were December 21 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton with military graveside services provided by Paulding VFW Post 587.

Donations may be made to Van Wert Manor Activity Fund.

**Timothy D. Timbrook**, 47, of Hicksville, died at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville on December 25, 2006.

He was born on March 7, 1959 in Hicksville the son of Wayne and Geneveve (Big-ham) Timbrook.

He was a 1977 graduate of Hicksville High School and attended University of Toledo and Defiance College.

He is survived by his parents of Hicksville; three sisters: Diane Timbrook of Darlington, SC, Susan Wilson and Virginia (Guy) Mackling both of Hicksville; two brothers: Ronald of Edgerton and Rodney of Fort Wayne, IN; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a nephew.

Funeral services were on December 30 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastors Bob Herman and Stuart Kruse, County Line Church of God officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

**Walter O. Hart**, 84, of Hicksville, died at Harbor-side Healthcare, Defiance, December 26, 2006.

Walter was born in St. Joe, IN September 25, 1922 the son of Jesse Jay and Della (Mann) Hart.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis Overmyer in April 1942. She preceded him in death in June 2001.

He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army as a prison guard. He retired from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, IN with over 30 years of employment.

He was a former member of the Defiance VFW Post 3360, Hicksville American Legion Post 223 and Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556.

Walter is survived by a daughter, Joyce (Terry) Shadrach of Hicksville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters: Lucille Monosmith, Leota Kepler, and Margaret Kepler all of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Beverly; a grandson, two great-grandsons; a sister and four brothers.

A memorial service was held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on December 29.

**Jean A. Busche**, 81, of Spencerville, IN, died December 25, 2006 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Jean was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 14, 1925 the daughter of John and Ethel (Mettler) Kiser. She was united in marriage to Arthur Busche on December 31, 1942. She was a lifelong homemaker; a past member of the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Jean is survived by her husband; three daughters: Carol (Michael) Beaver of Palmetto, FL, Noreen (Rodger) Walker of Spencerville, IN, and Linda (Terry) McClellan of Auburn, IN; a son, Dan Busche of Fort Wayne, IN; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters: Adeline Harding of New Haven, IN and Carleen Clark of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin sister June Keller.

The funeral service was at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions: donor's choice. Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled the arrangements.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank the many people who assisted our family in any way during the illness and passing of our mother, Helen Caserta. This includes food, cards, gifts and very especially the many prayers. Special thanks are extended to Dooley's Funeral Home, Rev. Jim Edwards, the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal. May God Bless You abundantly for your generous and caring hearts.

—Jean Schooley & family,  
Janet Kunkle & family,  
Judy & Randy Steckel & family,  
Tonia Caserta,  
Jim & Deb Caserta & family

## GILLMOR NOMINATES TWO DEFIANCE STUDENTS TO SERVICE ACADEMIES

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) recently announced the nomination of Doug Detter and Kurt Doyle of Defiance to U.S. Service Academies. Gillmor nominated Detter to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO and Doyle to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. At a ceremony in Tiffin, Ohio last week, Gillmor recognized Doug and Kurt for their achievements and qualities which earned them Gillmor's nomination.

"I was very pleased to nominate both Doug and Kurt for admission to our Service Academies," Congressman Gillmor said. "Both Doug and Kurt are well-balanced students, outstanding scholar athletes, and active leaders among their peers. They represent the values of Defiance County on a daily basis and I am certain that they will do well in all their future endeavors and will be strong candidates for appointment to the Academies."

Doug Detter is the son of Mark and Michelle Detter of Defiance, Ohio. Doug is a member of the National Honor Society and ranks near the top of his class at Defiance Senior High School. Doug has earned his varsity letters in both Golf and Track and remains active as a member of the Quiz Team, Spanish Club and Math Club where he has served as Vice President.

Kurt Doyle is the son of Dr. Harry Doyle and Jody Bixby Doyle of Defiance, Ohio. Kurt currently ranks near the top of his class at Defiance Senior High School where he holds a 4.3 Grade Point average and has taken more than 13 honors or AP classes. Kurt has been active in Concert Band, Head Start Tutoring, Varsity Track and Varsity Tennis. In addition, Kurt has honed his leadership skills throughout his high school career by serving as class representative in Marching Band, as Captain of the Swim Team, Captain of the Soccer Team, as a Delegate to Buckeye Boys State and as Student Council Co-President.

Congressman Gillmor's nomination is the first step in the Academy admission process. Applicants must also compete for admission based on the Academy's judgment of academic achievement, leadership ability, physical ability, and character. Following Gillmor's nomination, the decision on whether to offer an appointment to a candidate rests with the respective academy admission office.

Each year, Congressman Gillmor, with the assistance of his Fifth District Academy Advisory Board, nominates qualified young men and women for appointments to the United States service academies; the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. This year, Congressman Gillmor nominated twelve young men and women from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for appointments to the United States Service Academies.


## LOCAL POLITICIANS SWORN IN

With family and friends looking on, Paulding County Commissioner, Ed Straley, and Clerk of Courts (Paulding County) Ann Waldman were sworn in by Probate Juvenile Judge De-muth on December 29, 2006.



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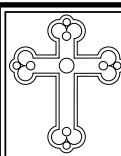
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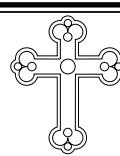
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**CONGRESS OPENS DOOR FOR PHILANTHROPY**

By: Josh McCann, submitted by: Tony Langham, Paulding County Area Foundation

Older Americans have a new opportunity to share the wealth of their retirement savings with charity.

While that trial run is limited, philanthropic leaders are hopeful Congress will expand it in the future.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006, enacted in August, included a provision long sought by philanthropic organizations. The law allows holders of Individual Retirement Accounts who are at least 70 and a half years old to make direct charitable transfers of up to \$100,000 per year.

In the past, withdrawals would be assessed income tax, discouraging even wealthy donors from offering those funds.

The temporary exemption expires at the end of 2007, but until then those eligible can tap into an estimated \$3.6 trillion currently invested in traditional and Roth IRAs. Lawyer Bart Landess, who works with the Cabarrus County Community Foundation, said the top 30 percent of Americans in terms of household assets would be the most likely candidates to give in this manner.

"It's a good thing for a relatively narrow group of people, but for those people, it's a great way to give," said Landess, senior vice president of development and

planned giving at the Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas.

So far, at least 557 gifts totaling \$13.3 million have been made using the provision, according to a voluntary, self-reported survey conducted by the National Committee on Planned Giving.

Locally, UNC Charlotte has already had a handful of donors use the new route, utilizing what associate vice chancellor for development Laura Simic called "another arrow in their charitable giving quiver."

"We are seeing some folks accelerate some of their pledge payments," she said.

While the window for giving this way has just opened, Simic said a broader version of the rule may be proposed once legislators see donors taking advantage of the changes.

Planned gifts, those that are deferred to a later date, are currently excluded. But the National Committee on Planned Giving is tracking current trends with the hope that Congress will eventually release the floodgates, public relations manager Nicole Cunningham said.

This is just a start," she said. "2007 is going to be the real proving ground for a more comprehensive rollover."

This story can be found at: [http://www.independenttribune.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=CIT%2FMGArticle%2FCIT\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1149192302715&path=!news](http://www.independenttribune.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=CIT%2FMGArticle%2FCIT_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1149192302715&path=!news)

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6:00 p.m., January 7, 2007 marks the beginning of an informal alternative to Sunday morning worship at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. The 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening worship service will offer Holy Communion each week. It will feature an informal atmosphere with a variety of musical accompaniment, contemporary and familiar songs, and a gospel message. For those who are unable to worship on Sunday mornings, this provides a respite for renewal of faith with God's people in a warm and welcoming environment. Visitors are expected and the public is encouraged to join the celebration of worship of the living Christ. Sunday morning worship will continue also at 10:15 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. For more information please contact Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Webb at the church.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

As 2006 draws to a close, my thoughts dwell on the organizations and individuals who have been generous through the years to the John Paulding Historical Society.

It goes without saying that the volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit organization, and the Museum is only one of many who benefit from such giving people.

Whenever the Museum has a fund-raising event, Paulding Countians have been there to support it, either by donations or purchases. Each and every business enterprise in Paulding County should be commended for they, over the years, have given freely when requested. At this time of year, one club comes to mind because of the decorated urns at the Paulding County Court House. When you drive by the court house and admire the colorful seasonal urn decorations, thank the Better Homes and Gardens Club members, a mainstay of the Museum's front decorations as well!

Our most recent event, however, was the "Festival of Trees" held in November and made possible through the gals on the Christmas Tree Festival Committee. There have been many talented and generous women through the years who have given of their time, skills and spirits to provide the public with a virtual Winter Wonderland of sights and sounds to welcome the "Reason for the Season" at the Historical Society. Without these wonderful women (and spouses, I'm sure!), this annual event would never happen; and all the members and officers are truly grateful and appreciative of their efforts!

It would be impossible for me to mention each individual, business or county office-holder who have given freely when asked to keep YOUR MUSEUM thriving; but by mentioning the few I have listed in this letter, perhaps it will suffice to let them all know how much we appreciate them.

—Les Weidenhamer, President John Paulding Historical Society

**Keeping A Home Safe For Years To Come**

(NAPSA)—Apparently, there really is no place like home. According to a recent AARP study, roughly 90 percent of Americans age 50 and older wish to stay in their current home and community as they age.

However, staying in your home may require updates or changes to ensure that it remains a safe and comfortable environment for years to come. Low lighting, stairs with no handrails, loose area rugs, entrances with many steps, and hard-to-grasp faucet handles and doorknobs are just a few features that make staying in your home more difficult as you grow older. Fortunately, homes can be updated, often in easy and inexpensive ways.

"We know people love their homes, and want to stay in their homes for as long as possible, which is why it's important to make simple changes to your home," says Elinor Ginzler, Director of Livable Communities at AARP. "There are easy and inexpensive ways to update your home to accommodate everyone and you don't have to be an expert. The earlier you start identifying and planning for improvements, the better your chance of enjoying your home for years to come."

The following tips can make



There are ways to keep your home a safe place to grow old.

your home safer and more comfortable:

- Install handrails on both sides of all steps (inside and out) and secure all carpets and area rugs with double-sided tape.
- Install easy-to-grasp shaped handles for all drawers and cabinet doors.
- Use brighter bulbs in all settings and install night-lights in all areas of night activity.
- Add reflective, nonslip tape on all noncarpeted stairs.
- Install lever handles for all doors.
- Place a bench near entrances for setting down purchases and resting.
- Install closet lights, as well as adjustable rods and shelves.
- Install rocker light switches; consider illuminated ones in select areas.

Local hardware stores carry many of the products to make these simple updates. For more extensive renovations, homeowners should consider hiring a contractor who is licensed, certified and bonded to do work in that particular location.

A Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) is a professional designation signaling that contractors have had specified additional training, but homeowners should still ask for documentation that the contractor is licensed or certified and bonded.

If you're looking for a new home, be sure to assess its livability before you buy. Is there a step-free entrance into the central living area of the home? Are the doorways wide enough for wheelchair accessibility? Do the rooms provide enough maneuvering space for a stroller or a walker? Make sure that your house fits both your current and future needs.

To learn more or to get a copy of AARP's new publication, "Home Modification: Your Key to Comfort, Safety, and Independent Living" (also available in Spanish), visit [www.aarp.org/homedesign](http://www.aarp.org/homedesign) or call (888) OUR-AARP and mention the publication number, D18524.

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"Becoming a Shining Star Club wasn't easy," said Jerrica Steffens, Hicksville Curves franchise owner. "But the process helped us to identify areas where we could improve and also highlighted areas where we were already excelling. We are proud to be a Curves Shining Star club."

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Three and one-half years ago we found a need for a cellular phone due to Don's pastoral work for our parish. We purchased one from Centennial Wireless. Then sixteen months ago it was necessary to get another phone for myself. I have complained numerous times to Centennial as to the very poor signal we receive in the Payne area. To use our phones it is necessary to go to the northeastern part of Paulding County or into Allen County, Indiana to have any reception.

For about the past six or eight months I have complained each month to the Centennial company saying that if they did not get better service to our area we would find a new company. Last month I said we were looking for a new company. There has been at least two opportunities for them to place an antenna in our area. There is ample space on top of the water tower, the grain elevator, or they could have purchased ground in the area to put an antenna where ever they had chosen to.

I know of several people who would have purchased their service, but didn't because of the lack of reception. Yet Centennial says they can't put one in the Payne area due to the lack of consumers.

Now they are saying the phones we have are antiquated, at sixteen months of age, but they have never made an effort to inform us of this fact. They now feel a new phone might help. I am unable to understand how the service would be any better without an antenna being placed in this area, but they would be willing to sell us new phones by entering into a new two year contract at \$63.68 per month, and paying \$58.99 for one of the new phones. Again if these phones don't work we would have to buy this two year contract out.

We will now have to buy back my present contract with them for \$250.00, to get a company that has decent service in our area.

I feel it necessary to inform the people of this area so they will be forewarned about Centennial Wireless's practices and inability to service our area.

—Evelyn S. Coughlin

**Diabetes And Your Vision** ☺

(NAPSA)—Learning more about eye disease could save your vision, especially if you have diabetes.

Each year, thousands of Americans experience vision loss as a result of diabetic eye disease, a group of eye complications of diabetes.

Diabetic retinopathy, the most common diabetic eye disease, occurs when diabetes damages the tiny blood vessels inside the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. Diabetic retinopathy often has no early warning signs. Other eye problems that can result from diabetes include cataract and glaucoma.

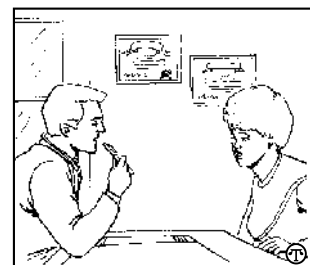
To reduce the risk of vision loss from diabetic eye disease, the National Eye Institute (NEI), one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages people with diabetes to have a dilated eye exam at least once a year and recommends behaviors to help people keep their health on TRACK:

- Take your medications as prescribed by your doctor.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add more physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your ABCs: A1C, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels.
- Kick the smoking habit.

Getting annual eye exams, timely treatment and appropriate follow-up care can reduce the risk of blindness by 90 percent. To learn more, visit [www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/](http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/).

**Did You Know?**

(NAPSA)—A new and important test has been developed in the fight against heart disease and stroke—two of the leading causes of death in the United States. Called the PLAC test, it measures the enzyme Lp-PLA<sub>2</sub> and enables physicians to more accurately identify patients at high risk for heart disease and stroke. To learn more, ask your doctor or visit [www.plactest.com](http://www.plactest.com).



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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This week we are going to talk about the West Side of North Main Street back in the 1930's.

Where the Bee Argus is now, at that time, was Reeb's Grocery Store. Right north of that street, as far back as I can remember, was the home of Archer and June Donat West. Then later on, in the late 1940's, Paulene and I lived there and that is where we lived when Gale was born.

The next house was where T.W. Outland lived. He was a dealer in Hybrid Seed Corn. They had one daughter named Wanda and she graduated with me in 1942. The house was where Sam Graves lived. At one time he was in the grocery business with Joe Doering. That was the start of the Graves and Doering and later on that store became Doering and Long's. That's where the Video Junction is now.

I think the Graves had a daughter named Eula.

In the late 1920's, the next house on the corner was home to the J.P. Bakle Family. Then they moved down on Daggett street behind what is now Papa Olney's Pizza.

Then John Cromley moved into that house. He was a State Bank Examiner and he also operated The Star Theater, which was located where Haver's Furniture was.

The next house across the street to the north was the home of H.K. Harris, better known as Pat. He was the local banker. At that time, the Antwerp Exchange Bank was just to the north of the Oasis Bar and grill. The Antwerp Village Pharmacy is there now.

Pat and Eva Harris had three daughters, Harriet,

Dorothy and Ruth. Harriett was a teacher in the Antwerp School and she married William Horney, who was the High School principal.

Ruth married Jim Hooker and they lived in Payne most of their married life. Dorothy married Mr. Medaugh and they lived in Paulding where his business was.

The next house was the home of William and Georgia Pate. Billy was the druggist at that time. He was a very intelligent man and a joker. He meets my criteria of a "Good 'Ole Boy" and he was one of Antwerp's "characters".

The next house was the home of Carl and Norma Smith. He was the owner of Smith's Hardware and Buick and Pontiac Sales. At one time their dealership was the oldest Buick and Pontiac Dealership in the United States. To me that was some mark of distinction. They had two boys, Max and Budd and one daughter Dorothy. In 1908, Lewis Smith and his son Carl moved from Defiance to Antwerp and purchased the hardware from Alex Grant. In 1927, they built that new building and called it L. Smith and Son Hardware. It was very successful for many years. That building is still a credit to the community.

The next house was the home of Art Leaman who was connected to the Antwerp Parlor Furniture Co. I think a man named Roy Matson lived there also. Then after WWII, Dr. Poitras had his office in that house. I know he was there in 1949 and 1950. Then the Navy called him for a couple years to pay his loan commitment.

Then some other families lived there and then the house was torn down. A nice new house was built

there and Lois Anderson Fleck lives there now.

That next big house, where Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Clem lives, has quite a history. From what I understand, James B. Lindenmuth lived there. He was Mayor for Antwerp in 1906 and 1907. While Mr. Lindenmuth was mayor in 1907, the Town Hall was built for \$8,000. I think they were relation to the Harmanns. It might be that brick house might have been laid up with bricks from Harmann's Kilns. That house is over 100 years old and still looks good. I remember Wendell Earhart living in that house for years.

The next house, at that time, Wilber and Celia Green lived there. They had two girls and a boy. Wilber was in the honey bee business.

The next house on the corner of North Main and Park Avenue, I can't remember who lived there in the 1930's, but Nellie Savage Billman and her family lived there for many years.

Across the street to the north, Bert Kauffman moved back from Mishawaka, IN in the 1930's and occupied that corner. I know of three children, Fordyce, who attended the Stinger School, Ruehama and then Estell graduated with me in 1942. He served 30 years in the Air Force and became a Methodist Minister.

The new brick house just west of them was built by Perry Camp. His wife was Margaret Peffly Camp and was the teacher in last week's story about the Stinger School house. She was also an aunt to Barbara Reeb Cleland, my good friend over in Hicksville. The Perry Camps had one daughter.

The second house on that side has thrown me a little

bit. The first I can remember living there was a Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bickhard. But I know there were other people who lived there before them, but I can't remember them.

The next house was the home of Ken Boland. He was in business with his father, Frank, at the Blacksmith Shop on the corner where the H & W Car Parts is now. Ken also drove a school bus for many years. He was married to Francis Hudson.

Frank Smith lived in the next house for years in the mid 1930's. He had a drug store in the northern part of what was Haver's Building. Shortly after WWII, he moved north to the building that now houses Marilyn's Petals and Vines.

In the early 1930's, Jim Sexton had a cleaning and pressing business in a little wooden building that I remember as a small boy, I would watch the steam exhaust out of the port in the side of the building when he would operate the mechanism.

Frank moved out of the house on North Main Street into a new house on U.S. 24 West.

The Jerry Walley family lived in that house for years. Then it was destroyed by fire and they now have a new dwelling.

My memory was getting a little fuzzy about right here on who lived in the first house across the drive. I called Arlene Billman and she said "we did!" So we talked awhile and she helped me with some of the rest that I couldn't remember.

Mrs. Anne Clinton is now 95 years old and lives with her daughter, Norma, in the Chicago area.

Delmar Seslar lived in the next house. He was a Bridge Building Engineer

outfit during WWII. He and Ruth had a boy, Tom, who lives in the Chicago area and a daughter Linda who lives in Fort Wayne.

Roy and Rose Miller lived in the next house. They had a fine family and they have all done well. I would be amiss if I didn't mention that Roy was an avid fisherman. He didn't care where, just so his hook was in the water. Albert "Al" Derck lived on the River Road East and he retired to town and lived in the next house.

The next house, where Mick Whitehouse lives now, at that time, was home to Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Ellsworth. They had lived about three miles east on the River Road. Mr. Ellsworth was Mayor in Antwerp starting in 1940. He served a number of terms and Antwerp was moving ahead at that time and he had a busy time. Mrs. Ellsworth still lived there yet in 1949 and for a few years after that.

Nearly all of the people living on the west side of North Main, at that time, were businessmen and leaders for Antwerp and certainly a part of Antwerp's History.

See Ya!

**BOYS BASKETBALL AT KALIDA**

On December 29 Boys High School Basketball saw Wayne Trace against Kalida. The final score was Wayne Trace 65, Kalida 62.

Leading scorers: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 17; Riley Linder 12; Dane Treece 11.

Kalida - Jordan Horstman 15; Justin Kahle 11; Andy Maag 10.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 9, Kalida 20.

Junior Varsity Score Wayne Trace 46, Kalida 43

**BOYS BASKETBALL AT MILLER CITY**

On December 23, the high school boys basketball teams of Wayne and Miller City took it to the net.

The final score was Wayne Trace 56, Miller City 52.

Leading scorers: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 22; Riley Linder 11.

Miller City - Andy Hermler 18; Phil Erford 12.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 13, Miller City 19.

Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 46, Miller City 26.

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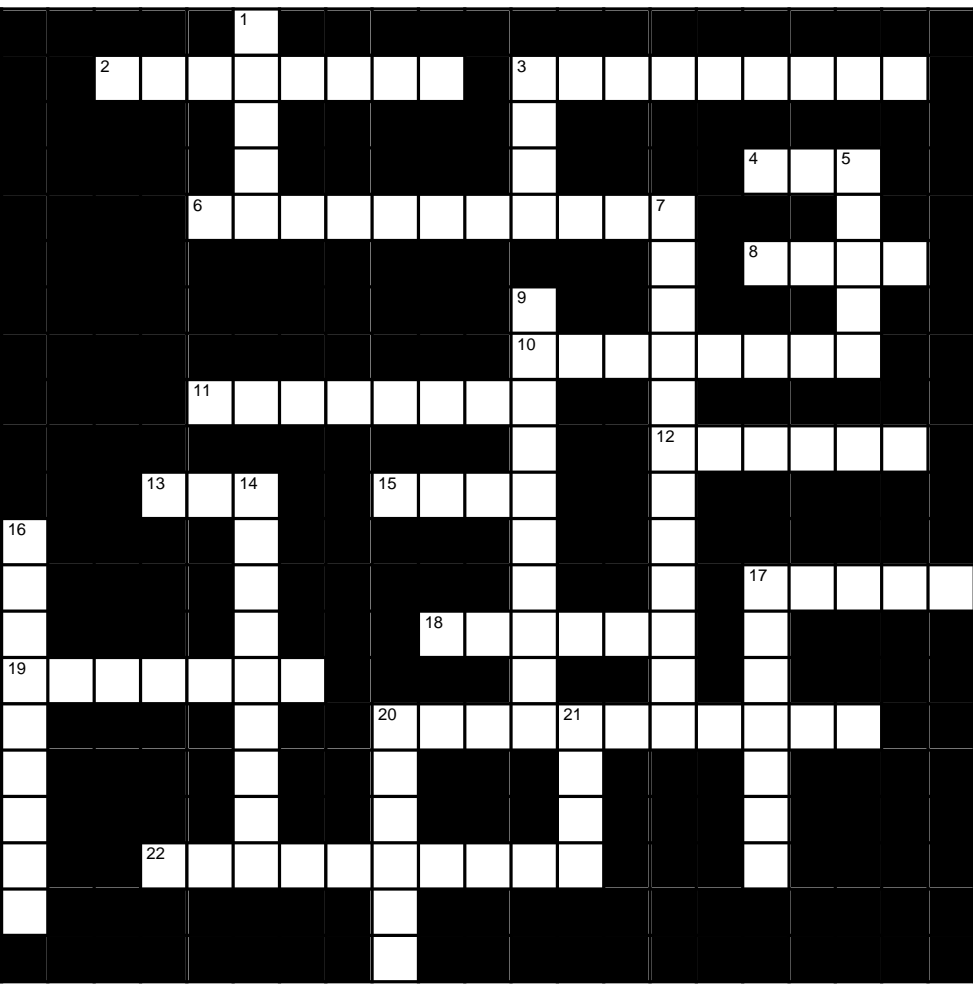
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

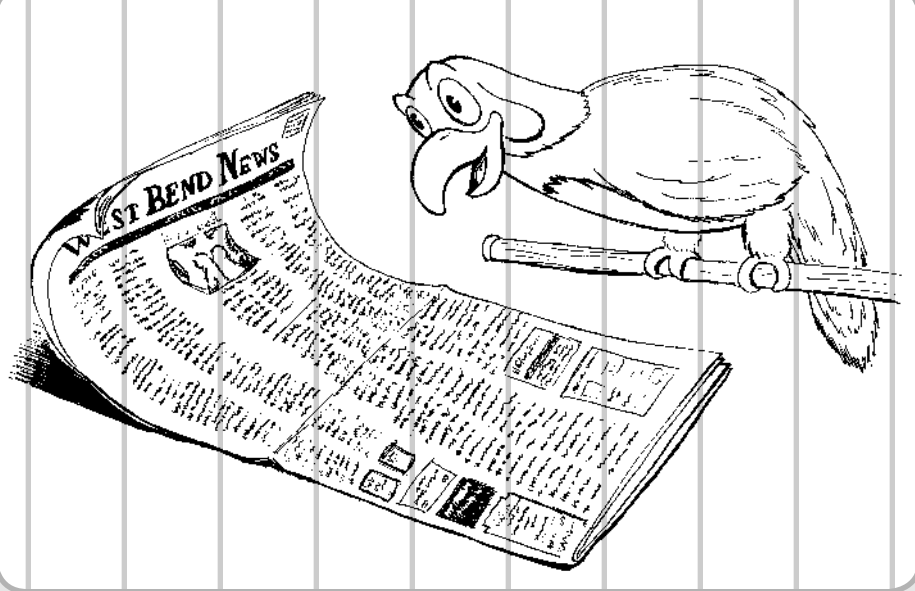
- 2. I will exercise mentally by doing THIS.
- 3. I will not feed my animals THIS anymore.
- 4. I will find a better one of THESE this year.
- 6. I will buy one of THESE for cooking meat.
- 8. I will do THIS for others more this year.
- 10. I will increase my heart rate more with THIS.
- 11. I will quit "happy hour" by stopping THIS habit.
- 12. I will not defrost my turkey where I keep my car.
- 13. I will not leave food set out for more than THESE many hours.
- 15. I will get out of THIS this year.
- 17. I will not eat food that feels and looks like THIS.
- 18. I will always wear THIS while on a bike.
- 19. I will quit being a chimney by quitting THIS.
- 20. I will make sure my babies always ride in one of THESE.
- 22. I will spend less time playing THESE.

**Down**

- 1. I will do THIS to my teeth twice a day.
- 3. I will enjoy THIS more.
- 5. I will tame the -----.
- 7. I will keep a thermometer in my -----.
- 9. I will eat fruits and THESE every day.
- 14. I will put my life in order by being more of THIS.
- 16. I will remember to apply THIS before going out in the sun.
- 17. Spend more time with family and with THESE people too.
- 20. I'm going to stick to THIS to help with my finances.
- 21. I will clean up THESE everyday.

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# AHS Angle



**By: Chelsea Vail**

Did you party like it's 2007? While you were having a rockin' New Year's Eve, the folks at Merriam Webster were busy tabulating votes for their official 2006 Word of the Year. Interestingly enough, my spell-checker doesn't recognize the acclaimed word. I suppose that shouldn't be all that incredibly surprising, however, as the word originated on a Comedy Central show. Haven't figured it out yet? The honor of being Word of the Week was somewhat begrudgingly bestowed upon it as well, so that you could see it and its definition. The word itself is not exceedingly impressive. The control the media has over the American lexicon, however, is astonishing.

Attention Archer Superfans: There are many upcoming opportunities to "rock the gym" in support of our basketball teams. Just do it.

**JH Girls Basketball:** Thursday, January 4th, 5:00, Edgerton; Monday, January 8th, 5:00, Fairview.

**JH Boys Basketball:** Monday, January 8th, 4:30, @ Fairview.

**Freshman Boys Basketball:** Thursday, January 4th, 4:30, Edgerton; Monday, January 8th, 5:00, Paulding.

**Varsity Girls Basketball:** Friday, January 5th, 6:30, @ Edgerton; Tuesday, January 9th, 6:00, Liberty Center.

**Varsity Boys Basketball:** Thursday, January 4th, 6:00, Edgerton, Saturday, January 6th, 6:00, Stryker.

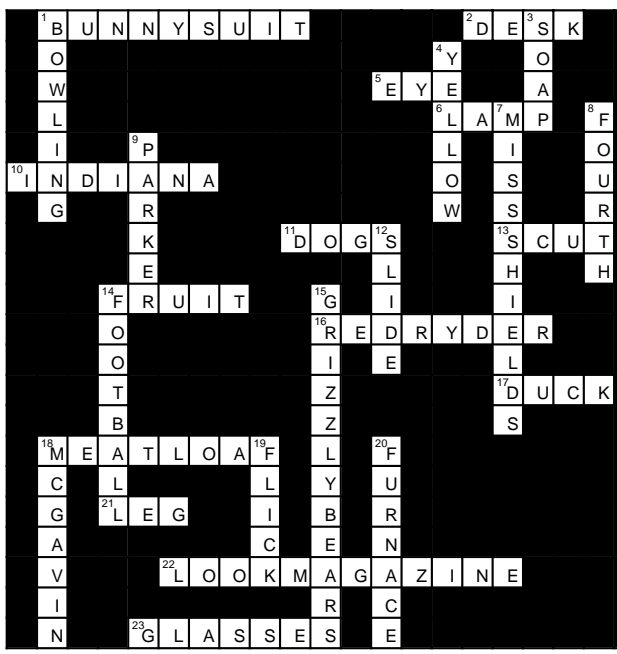
**Word of the Week:** Truthiness \troo-thee-ness\ noun

1. "The quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true" (American Dialect Society, January 2006)

2. "Truth that comes from the gut, not books" (Stephen Colbert, Comedy Central's The Colbert Report, October 2005)

Okay, America. If you say truthiness is worthy of Word of the Year status, so be it. It is mildly catchy, what with Stephen Colbert's endorsing and all... But how many of you can honestly say you've used it in a sentence? The only fair thing to do, I suppose, is to let you try it out for yourself. I know you'll do the right thing. (You know, like my spell-checker!)

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



### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1/4 THROUGH 1/9

- 1/4/07: Edgerton at Antwerp; Wayne Trace at Hicksville
- 1/5/07: Spencerville at Paulding
- 1/6/07: Hicksville at Fayette; Paulding at Parkway; Stryker at Antwerp; Wayne Trace vs. Van Wert (at Ohio State University)

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1/4 THROUGH 1/9

- 1/4/07: Lincolnview at Paulding
- 1/5/07: Antwerp at Edgerton; Hicksville at Wayne Trace
- 1/6/07: Lincolnview at Hicksville
- 1/9/07: Liberty Center at Antwerp

### BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDGERTON

On Monday, December 18 the boys' freshman basketball teams from Wayne Trace and Edgerton faced off. The final score was Wayne Trace 36, Edgerton 26. Records - Wayne Trace 3-1, Edgerton 1-4. Leading scorers: WT - Jordan Sherry 11. Edgerton - Franz 10.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. WOODLAN (IN)

Thursday, December 28, the boys of Woodlan High School in Woodburn, IN travelled to Wayne Trace in High School Basketball action. Final score was Wayne Trace 51, Woodlan 41. Top Players: Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 19 points, five steals; Dane Treece 17 points; Riley Linder 11 points. Woodlan - Josh Gorrell 16 points; Josh Gay 13 points, six assists, three steals. Turnovers - Wayne Trace 15, Woodlan 20. Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 53, Woodlan 24.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL AT FORT JENNINGS

Recently, High School girls basketball was Wayne Trace against Ft. Jennings. Final score for the varsity game was Wayne Trace Fort Jennings 53, Wayne Trace 36. Leading scorers: Ft. Jennings - Lynzie Swartz 8; Rachel Landwehr 25. Wayne Trace - Becky Ruble 11; Brandi Bradtmueller 9. Turnovers - Fort Jennings 18, Wayne Trace 24. Junior Varsity Score - Fort Jennings 25, Wayne Trace 21.

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# Skin Sense

facts from the experts

## Enjoy The Colder Months Without Dry Skin

(NAPSA)—The colder months are notorious for inflicting dry, irritated, flaky skin. Fortunately, a few tips from skin care experts can make it easier to keep skin glowing and healthy, whatever the weather does.



If you have persistently dry, itchy skin during the colder months, choose a moisturizer that contains glycerin and oatmeal.

The combination of lower temperatures and reduced humidity associated with the colder months naturally draws moisture from the skin, making it feel flaky, scaly and even irritated and itchy. According to experts, the key to keeping itching and scratching at bay is protecting your skin with the right moisturizer. Here are a few more tips:

- **Keep skin hydrated.** Probably the most important thing you can do to prevent and treat dry, itchy skin is to moisturize every day. Look for creams formulated with glycerin—a key moisturizing agent—and oatmeal to soothe the itch. Eucerin Calming Creme contains both ingredients and it's a moisturizer that's specifically made for the daily maintenance of persistently dry, itch-prone skin. It is even safe for very sensitive skin and for use on children.
- **Limit exposure to water.** Believe it or not, water can be very drying to the skin. Keep your showers short, and use lukewarm water, rather than taking long soaks in a hot bath or shower. After stepping out of the shower, pat your skin almost dry with a towel. Immediately after toweling off or even washing your hands, lock in moisture by applying lotion or cream while your skin is still damp.
- **Wear soft, baggy clothing.** Dress in breathable fabrics such as cotton and avoid clothing made

of wool or heavy material that can be uncomfortable, especially for excessively dry skin. Tighter clothes are more abrasive and trap in perspiration, which softens the outer layer of skin, breaks down its protective barrier and worsens dry skin.

- **Use a humidifier.** Don't assume that staying out of the cold will solve your winter skin woes. Even staying indoors won't keep your skin moisturized.

A heated room has only about 15 percent relative humidity, leaving your skin feeling dry and tight. This can be avoided by adding humidity to your surroundings with a humidifier or placing pans of water near radiators.

Even though winter causes dry skin, taking precautions and following the doctor's orders can help to keep severely dry, itchy skin under control.

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## "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": BIG KIDS AND LITTLE KIDS



Cody Bloom, a junior in the Vantage Ag Diesel program from Delphos Jefferson, enjoys lunch with his little brother Jake.



Van Wert's Seth Blackmore, a junior in the Vantage Precision Machining Technology program, and his little cousin Killian (a preschooler at Vantage) got a special treat recently. They got to eat lunch together in the Cup and Saucer Restaurant along with some other preschoolers and their "big friends". The big kids and the little kids had a great time.



3: Amber Baker and her classmate Markee Rase, both junior Cosmetology students from Van Wert, spend lunchtime in the Cup and Saucer Restaurant with Amber's nephew C.J.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 20 and on Wednesday, December 27, 2006. The Courthouse and other County offices were closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas.

The December 20 session was the last regular meeting for long-time Commissioner Ron Lane. Lane served three full four-year terms as a Commissioner. During Lane's terms many improvements to the Courthouse were accomplished. In addition, the construction of the new jail began. "It will be hard to fill his shoes," noted Ed Straley, recently elected to fill Lane's seat. Following the Wednesday meeting, the Commissioners hosted a retirement open house attended by many individuals from Paulding County, neighboring counties, and the state commissioners' organization. Lane actively represented the interest of Paulding County by participating as a member of several statewide boards.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, newly installed as County Treasurer, met with the Commissioners to provide her first monthly report on interest earnings. Her report detailed interest rates for a series of secure investments that mature periodically throughout the 2007 calendar year. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the completeness of her report.

The December 27 meeting provided time for a last review of appropriations for the 2007 calendar year. All offices have submitted their plans for the year. The appropriations include the General Fund, the funds that are used for operating basic county services and the facilities. The 2007 General Fund appropriations total \$4,318,255. This amount

is only 1.5% larger than the \$4,252,318 appropriated for the 2006 calendar year.

General Fund appropriations for the 2007 calendar year, with 2006 figures in parenthesis, are as follows: Sheriff and Jail \$1,427,954 (\$1,420,602); Prosecuting Attorney \$203,618 (\$202,141); Common Pleas Court \$142,857 (\$137,548); Juvenile Court \$126,128 (\$125,804); Probate Court \$39,467 (\$39,644); County Court \$212,434 (\$229,714); Court of Appeals \$6,100 (\$6,608); Law Library \$8,419 (\$8,411); Clerk of Courts \$111,632 (\$121,109); Recorder \$140,215 (\$138,594); Treasurer \$83,301 (\$82,826); Auditor \$156,209 (\$153,618); Election Board \$156,789 (\$172,112); Coroner \$40,056 (\$39,593); Commissioners \$197,854 (\$194,449); State Audit costs \$47,000 (\$47,000); Veterans Services \$142,125 (\$139,454); Engineer/Tax Map \$56,882 (\$14,835); Health Insurance \$100,000 (\$92,122); Building/Vehicle Insurance \$185,509 (\$139,100); Buildings and Grounds \$293,000 (\$260,774); Miscellaneous \$63,000 (\$73,347); Economic Development \$35,420 (\$35,420); Children's Services/Foster Care \$157,000 (\$192,747); OSU Extension \$90,000 (\$90,000); Soil and Water Conservation District \$68,810 (\$68,810); Paulding County Agriculture Society \$17,000 (\$17,000); EMA \$9,476 (\$9,476).

Following approval of the appropriations, the Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the work of the elected officials and department heads. The small increase in appropriations demonstrates the ability of the individuals to keep costs to a bare minimum.

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

## Northwest Ohio Boys Basketball Standings

Northwest Conference		
Lima Central Catholic	3-0	6-1
Crestview	3-0	8-2
Ada	2-0	6-1
Bluffton	2-1	6-3
Lincolnview	2-1	3-5
Spencerville	1-1	5-2
Paulding	0-1	0-8
Delphos Jefferson	0-3	3-5
Columbus Grove	0-3	2-5
Allen East	0-3	0-8

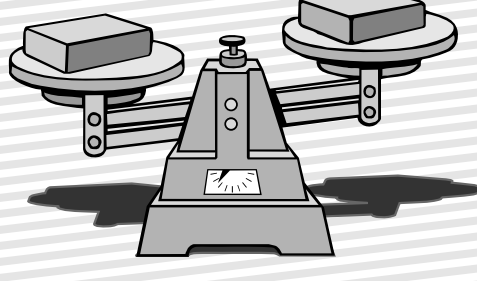
Green Meadows Conference		
Hicksville	0-0	6-1
Wayne Trace	0-0	6-1
Ayersville	0-0	5-1
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Paulding	1-1	4-4
Ada	1-2	4-4
Allen East	1-2	2-4
Bluffton	1-3	4-6
Lincolnview	0-3	2-4
Spencerville	0-3	0-10

Green Meadows Conference		
Hicksville	0-0	5-2
Tinora	0-0	5-3
Holgate	0-0	6-4
Wayne Trace	0-0	4-3
Ayersville	0-0	4-4
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1953 - Vice Principal comes over, takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his to show Jack.

2006 - School goes into lockdown, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again.

Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1953 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody arrested, nobody expelled.

2006 - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Johnny and Mark. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Johnny started it.

Scenario: Jeffrey won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

1953 - Jeffrey sent to office

and given a good paddling by Principal. Sits still in class.

2006 - Jeffrey given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. School gets extra money from state because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his father's car and his Dad gives him a whipping.

1953 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2006 - Billy's Dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Billy's sister is told by state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself and their Dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has affair with psychologist.

Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine to school.

1953 - Mark shares headache medicine with Principal who has a headache also.

2006 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Mary turns up pregnant.

1953 - Five High School Boys leave town. Mary does her senior year at a special school for expectant mothers.

2006 - Middle School Counselor calls Planned Parenthood, who notifies the ACLU. Mary is driven to the next state over and gets an abortion without her parent's consent or knowledge. Mary given condoms and told to be more careful next time.

Scenario: Pedro fails high school English.

1953: Pedro goes to summer school, passes English, goes to college.

2006: Pedro's cause is taken up by state democratic party. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English banned from core curriculum. Pedro given diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he can't speak English.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, blows up a red ant bed.

1953 - Ants die.

2006 - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated, Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary, hugs him to comfort him.

1953 - In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2006 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in State Prison.

**OSU EXTENSION TO HOST AGRONOMY DAY**  
The Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County will be hosting an Agronomy Day at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Paulding Extension Center located on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.  
The 2006 Agronomy Day

promises to be an informative day with updates from local agencies and key note speakers such as Gary Prill with his update of the Farm Focus Plots, Ron Hammond with an Insect report of 2006 and 2007, Peter Thomison will talk on handling new corn hybrids, and Mark Loux will present on Glyphosate Utility. Commercial, Private, and C.C.A. credits are available.

Registration will be at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday January 10, 2007 and the program will conclude in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring the 2007 Agronomy Day should contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225 or for more information visit our web site at: <http://paulding.osu.edu/agriculture-natural-resources/aghome>.

**BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S VS. WAYNE TRACE**

Wednesday, December 27 Delphos St. John's and Wayne Trace took it to the court in Boys' Freshman basketball. The final score was Delphos St. John's 65, Wayne Trace 29.

Records: Delphos St. John's 7-0, Wayne Trace 3-2.

Leading Scorers:  
Wayne Trace - Jordan Sherry 14, Jason Gordon 8.  
Delphos St. John's - Clark 16, Backus 11, Ricker 10, Ulm 10.

**SETH SMITH ACCEPTED AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO**

Seth Smith, son of Marc Smith and Tawnya English of Antwerp, Ohio, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, OH to begin classes in the August session where he will be majoring in the Diesel Technology program. Seth attends Antwerp High School.

**DUSTIN SENSABAUGH ACCEPTED AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO**

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**ODOT TO ACCEPT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Gordon Proctor today announced ODOT will begin accepting funding request applications on January 1, 2007 for Transportation Enhancement, Small City and Municipal Bridge projects. The programs provide approximately \$27 million in federal funding, through ODOT, for a variety of local transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state.

"Every year these programs provide core funding to Ohio's small cities and municipalities," Proctor said. "Whether it's for an enhancement project or a bridge replacement, this funding helps to advance projects that are important to our communities."

Transportation Enhancement Program - The Transportation Enhancement Program makes available \$11 million in federal funding to preserve historic transportation sites, provide landscaping and other scenic enhancements to local roadways and add pedestrian bicycle and walking paths throughout Ohio.

Local governments outside the boundaries of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are eligible for program funding. Additionally, local governments within Allen, Belmont, Licking and Washington counties that are within an MPO region can also apply to receive project funding. Citizen groups or

other private organizations can also sponsor a project by coordinating with the local government having jurisdiction over the transportation facility involved. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal year 2010. The application process will begin January 1, 2007 by submitting a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the respective ODOT district office by February 1, 2007.

Small City Program - The Small City Program provides approximately \$8 million in federal funding to cities with populations between 5,000 and 24,999. Currently, there are 58 small cities statewide that meet these criteria. This program may be used by the incorporated localities for any road, safety or signal project on the Federal-aid highway system. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2010. The application process runs from January 1, 2007 through March 1, 2007.

Municipal Bridge Program - The Municipal Bridge Program provides approximately \$8 million in federal funding to municipal corporations and transit authorities for bridge replacement or bridge rehabilitation projects. Bridges must carry vehicular traffic to be eligible for funding. Bridges that exist solely for railroad or pedestrian facilities are not eligible for funding. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2011. The application process is from January 1, 2007 through March 1, 2007.

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**RESERVOIR WAR — APRIL 25, 1887**By: **Caroline Zimmerman**

With the coming of the railroad which speeded up the shipping facilities, shipping by canal became less each year. There was also another drawback—shipping on the canal was at a standstill in the winter when ice covered the sluggish waters of the canal.

In 1870 the state of Indiana abolished the entire part of the canal that lay within their state. After that the canal was open only from Antwerp to Junction, a distance of about 18 miles where it intersected with the Miami Canal. About all it was used for by that time was to get logs to the local mills and to other mills located at Defiance, Ohio.

As the country became more settled, and farming began to move back away from the streams they were met by the back water of the reservoir which fed this canal. This backwater was also the cause of much illness—ague and typhoid being the principle ones. It was also a breeding place for mosquitoes.

It was said that a man wading on the banks of the reservoir could be carried away by the swarms of large mosquitoes, long clothes were worn even in warm sea-

sons to keep off insects.

In the early 1880's when shipping by canal had all but ceased, the citizens of Antwerp and community looked out over this gloomy and impenetrable swamp that was no longer a source of revenue, they decided it was time to abandon the canal and reservoir and reclaim this flooded land for farming purposes.

In 1886 a petition which stated the grievances of the reservoir and asked for the abandonment of the canal from the Indiana state line to the junction of the Miami and also the Six Mile reservoir, was sent to Columbus to be considered by the House of Representatives, where it was passed.

The bill was fought bitterly by a large delegation from Defiance, which still depended on the canal for rafting logs to its manufacturing plants in that city. In March 1887 the bill was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 26 to 8.

The defeat of this bill brought out the fighting spirit of the citizens of Antwerp.

Small groups began to gather under cover of darkness, meeting under sworn secrecy to make secret plans to drain the reservoir. The writer and researcher of this article (O.E. Ehrhart) had interviewed everyone living at the time of the printing of his book (1941). "In printing this story of the draining of this large body of water I have interviewed nearly every living person in this vicinity who had an active part in the dynamiting of the reservoir. The story thus printed is just as it was told me and I think this is the first time their name has ever appeared in print."

Several secret meetings were held in the back room of Frank Lamb's barber shop, and above the store of Oliver Applegate in Antwerp, Ohio.

Under a black banner

which on one side had the words—No Compromise—and on other side—The Reservoir Must Go—they were sworn to secrecy.

They assumed the name of Dynamiters. In their first attempt a Mr. Hardy was delegated or hired by Eli Munson to float a bucket filled with dynamite with a long fuse attached into a feeder from the reservoir side.

The damage caused by this explosion and also several others at different points were promptly repaired by men from Defiance.

Through the influence of these same parties the State of Ohio placed watchmen or guards to protect its property. One of these guards was Worden Sperry (now living in Antwerp). For this guard duty he received \$1.50 per night. (Incidentally, he was also one of the dynamiters.) Under cover of darkness he would open the gates leading from the reservoir into the canal and would permit the water to run out during the night.

Finally on the night of April 25, 1887 a large force of men gathered numbering between 200 and 300 carrying large amounts of dynamite. All were carrying guns. With a grim determination—no compromise—The reservoir must go.

They traveled by foot, by horse and by wagon. A part of the delegation went to Junction under leadership of O.S. Applegate. People living along the canal were warned to vacate. Another delegation went to Tate's Landing, part way between Antwerp and Junction. Others went to the lock at the lower end of the reservoir and still others began digging through the reservoir bank in several places to within a few feet of the water, large charges of dynamite were then placed in the remaining bank.

The other delegation having arrived at their scenes of operation, saturated the wooden locks with kerosene and placing two charges of dynamite of fifty pounds each in each of the locks.

At the set time the mighty roar of the explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite echoed through the night from the direction of Junction. Hardly had it died down when another similar blast shook the earth at Tate's Landing where another lock was blown.

Before the rumbling had ceased the sky was lighted by the explosion of several hundred pounds of dynamite placed in the lock at the lower point of the reservoir and in the bank separating the water from the canal. With a mighty rush, the water poured out into the canal, and from there over into the countryside, knee-deep to the horses some of the dynamiters told Mr. Ehrhart.

All again was quiet except the rushing of the water as it poured through the break made by the dynamite. They had made good. No compromise—The Reservoir must go.

On the following morning word was sent to the Gov. Foraker at Columbus describing the destruction of the state's property. He immediately sent a telegram to Major Bunker, stationed at

Toledo, to assemble fifty men from the 16th regiment and report for duty in Paulding County.

On the evening of April 26, 1887, troops arrived to protect the canal and reservoir from further damage.

The troops numbering about 53 men and 9 officers were armed with muskets and 2,000 rounds of ammunition, and Gatlin guns with 45,000 rounds of ammunition. These guns were mounted on the banks of the reservoir to rake the north and east banks if found necessary, but nothing happened. They tried to repair the damage previously done but without success.

Soldiers doing guard duty on the reservoir bank sighted no enemy—there was only the rushing of the water.

Suddenly, apparently out of nowhere, raised the dynamiters, surrounded and captured the guards on duty, other guards fared similarly, though no harm befell them.

Previously, these Dynamiters had quietly left town (Antwerp) and had boarded the East bound train to Knoxdale, and from there walked to the reservoir.

In getting this group of men (back) on board the train (with their captured guards), John Pocock (who was a member of the dynamiters) who was agent for the Wabash at that time, informed the conductor of the train to pay no attention to them—just collect their tickets and put them off at their destination.

But it also required his efforts to quiet the passengers on the train, as this group entered all masked and armed with shotguns, rifles and revolvers.

Among this group was Worden Sperry and although masked as the others in the group, he exposed a gold tooth (which at that time which was rather uncommon). As Worden was one of the ring leaders he was recognized by one of the captured guards.

He was later arrested, taken to Paulding and placed under bond. The bond was insufficient in size to hold all the names of citizens from this community who went to Paulding to place their names on the bond for this release, and he was promptly released.

One of the dynamiters who was present through the text was: "The sword of Gov. Foraker be upon us and the roaring of mighty waters is heard throughout the land and groans and lamentations riseth up from the city of Defiance."

The soldiers stayed on duty at the reservoir one week. They had been treated with every respect by the people from this vicinity and made many friends during their stay. They had one casualty, one of the soldiers accidentally shot himself on their arrival at Cecil.

The state sent detectives to try and locate the guilty parties and during the time these detectives were supposed to be present, several of our citizens decided to visit friends over in some other state.

However, one of these detectives, whose coming

had been tipped off, was met when he was sighted from the train by a reception committee composed by "Dynamiters" and headed by O.S. Applegate. Upon being told that his business was known, he was asked to go get what he came for and leave town.

Looking into the grim and determined faces of the group, and upon a coil of rope with a noose dangling down from the arm of Warner Ryel, he exclaimed, "Alright gentlemen, alright, if that's the way you feel about it, I'll bid you good-day." He then promptly started walking toward Hicksville for the benefit of his health.

About a month later Gov. Foraker made a personal visit to Antwerp. He was met by a group of citizens and escorted to the scenes of the late destruction where he saw the dilapidated condition of the reservoir and the canal and the swampy condition of the surrounding country.

During this visit he made a speech in which he promised that he would do all in his power to remedy these conditions, which he did.

In May 1888, a second bill was passed by both houses which then became a law—and the final chapter of the reservoir and canal.

Here are the names of some of the men from the locality who took an active part in the dynamiting—there are a number of others who names have escaped the memory of those persons the author of this book interviewed for his historical material. cz

Six Mile Reservoir Dynamiters:

(partial list)

O.S. Applegate - ring-leader, Worden Sperry - ringleader (gold tooth), Bob Perry, Asa Boland, Chas. Boland, Ezra Beams, Mr. Hardy, Warner Ryel (handed dynamite; met detective with noose hanging over his arm.)

Others who stood guard or assisted with the digging and such other duties as were assigned to them were:

Jack Graves, Chas. Graves, Joe Champion, Sr., Mr. Shaw, Henry Harris, Jess Bond, Wesley Johnson, H.H. Gordon, Lew Gordon, John B. Zuber, John Pocock, E.M. Sunday, Geo. Munson, Eli Munson, Francis Zuber, Nick Harrman, Frank Lamb, Frank Leamon, Simon Nedrow, Al Marlin, H.A. Overmyer, E.L. Overmyer, Geo. Overmyer, Wm Smith, Andy Smith.

There were many others from the surrounding towns and communities who helped or furnished money for explosives and other necessities. None of these men were punished and Gov. Foraker extended his hand to Worden Sperry and asked him to forget the part incidents.

Note: The above historical information was taken from "1841 - A Century of Progress - 1941" by O.E. Ehrhart. Much of his information was taken from actual interviews and Antwerp town records. Please send your information (county history and genealogical) to: Caroline Zimmerman, 7292 Co. Rd. 176, Antwerp, OH 45813.

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The 2006 HomeCare Elite is the first performance recognition of its kind in the home health care industry. The award is presented by OCS, Inc., the leading provider of healthcare information and Decision Health, publisher of home care's most

respected independent newsletter, Home Health Line. The data used for this analysis was compiled from publicly available information.

"We are excited to receive this national recognition," said Donna Grimm, Pres./CEO of Community Health Professionals. "Being named as one of the top 25% best performing home health agencies in the nation is a reflection of the dedication, quality and compassion of our nursing and administrative staff."

Community Health Professionals, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that operates nine branch locations serving 15 counties in northwest Ohio with a wide range of home health and related community services.

"As performance improvement, both clinical and financial, continues to be a critical metric for home care agencies, it's wonderful that we now have an award that recognizes our industry's highest achievers," said Tonya Nevin, Executive Publisher of DecisionHealth. "We congratulate Community Health Professionals on being one of the top home care agencies in the country."

The entire list of the 2006 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed at [www.ocsys.com](http://www.ocsys.com). More information about Community Health Professionals may be obtained by visiting [www.comhealthpro.org](http://www.comhealthpro.org).

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Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast

- 1/4 - Bacon, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
- 1/5 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk
- 1/8 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 1/9 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage links, juice, milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch

- 1/4 - Chili soup, toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/5 - Chicken fajita, cross-trax potatoes, warm apple dessert, milk
- 1/8 - Idaho nachos or fish square on a bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 1/9 - Chicken chef salad,

bread stick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch

- 1/4 - Breaded Chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
- 1/5 - Beef taquitas, refried beans, cinnamon chips, fruit cup, milk
- 1/8 - Cheeseburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
- 1/9 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

- 1/4 - Chicken nuggets, bread, whipped potatoes, gravy, fruit, milk
- 1/5 - Hot dog or chili dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk
- 1/8 - Breaded chicken on bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
- 1/9 - Ravioli, bread, lettuce salad, fruit, milk

**Cold Prevention Pointers**

**No Coughing Matter: Tips To Kill The Cough This Cold Season**

(NAPSA)—A cough associated with the common cold is more than just a nuisance. Coughs are the number-one reason people visit the doctor in the United States, and they have a serious impact on our lives.



**Eighty-one percent of Americans do not want to be around someone who keeps coughing.**

In the workplace, the costs of coughing are high. According to a recent survey conducted by the makers of Halls cough drops, two-thirds of Americans say coughing makes them less productive. The same survey found 68 percent of Americans think people with a cough should not come to work. It is hard to imagine coughs affecting the economy, but they do: Colds and coughs cost the American economy more than \$40 billion per year.

Coughing carries high personal costs as well. Almost half of Americans surveyed agree that people who are out in public and keep coughing are inconsiderate or rude. Coughing can even impact our love lives. When it comes to courtship, half of those surveyed would have a negative impression of someone who kept coughing on a first date.

One possible source of the nation's aversion to coughing? Germs. Two-thirds of people said they feel embarrassed having a cough because they are spreading germs to others.

"It's clear that Americans do not like coughing—neither doing it nor being around it," said Dr. Brian Levine, medical director of The Cough Center in Orange County, Calif., the only independent clinic in the nation dedicated to the treatment of cough. "Some coughs are quite serious and people should see a doctor. For many other types

of coughs, there are a number of things people can do to help relieve their symptoms."

Here are some of Dr. Levine's tips for killing the cough this cold season:

• **Don't spice it up:** Avoid spicy and fatty foods, which can increase mucus production and contribute to coughs.

• **Take one and pass one:** Use and share cough drops with menthol and advanced vapor action, like Halls, to stop coughs fast.

• **Chew, drink and breathe merry:** Chew sugarless gum, drink plenty of water and breathe steam from a pan or vaporizer to soothe and hydrate the airways and loosen phlegm.

"We all know how unpleasant coughing is. What is surprising is the extent of its social impact as shown by this survey," said Dr. Levine. "Fortunately, with proper care and treatment, many coughs can be addressed."

**HEALTHY IDEAS**

(NAPSA)—For ideas about what people with type 2 diabetes can do to help control their blood sugar, visit [HowIDoDiabetes.com](http://HowIDoDiabetes.com) or call (877) 352-2560. The site features information people can use to create their own diabetes management game plan.



visit [www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/](http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/).

According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, the right medication is vital to ensure that a child's asthma stays well controlled throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.everydaykidz.com](http://www.everydaykidz.com) or [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org).

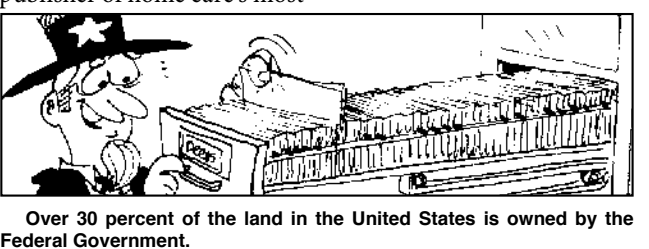
To reduce the risk of vision loss from diabetes, the National Eye Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health, encourages people to have a dilated eye exam at least once a year. To learn more,

People with diabetes and their families can use the Internet to purchase prescriptions and supplies online, often at a discounted rate, from companies such as Better Living Now. For more information, call toll-free (877-238-5486) or visit [www.betterlivingnow.com](http://www.betterlivingnow.com).

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**SHSN LOUIS PRICE ON LEAVE FROM NAVY**



Louis "Louie, Lou" is a 2005 graduate of Antwerp. He enlisted in the Navy and completed his Basic Training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois in November of 2005. He was then sent to Mississippi for further training before being deployed to Japan, where he has been for a year.

He is stationed on the USS Kittyhawk, which is our Navy's only forwardly deployed aircraft carrier. He will be home on leave from January 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. He has seen many places throughout Japan, Taiwan, and Australia, just to name a few. He has advanced quickly through the ranks with his hard work, determination and dedication to his country.

His parents, Theresa Essex of Antwerp, William Price of Van Buren, Ohio, and his step-dad Bruce Essex are very proud of him, and are anxiously looking forward to his time at home.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2006.

The Commissioners participated in the annual Winter Conference of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) during the week of December 11. The annual conference, held in Columbus, allowed the Commissioners to attend information session on trends in state revenue and new state mandates. At the general session of the conference, Paulding County Commissioner Ron Lane was recognized for his twelve years of service as a Commissioner and for his service as a member of the CCAO Board of Trustees. At the Monday, December 18 meeting, Lane reported, "I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as a Commissioner for Paulding County."

Three newly elected county officials visited with the Commissioners during the Monday session. Ed Straley, Commissioner-elect; Susan Simpson, Auditor-elect; and Tiffany Beckman, County Court Judge-elect met with the Commissioners at three different times.

Final sales tax revenues were approximately \$130,000 less than 2005 figures. This final figure is in line with the lower sales tax revenues previously reported during the year. The Commissioners have

already been informed by the Ohio Department of Taxation that over \$28,000 of the shortage is due to a vendor in another county sending their sales tax to Paulding County rather than their own county. The Commissioners have sent a letter to the Department of Taxation asking for additional information about the collections and distribution of sales tax revenue.

Time was also spent reviewing progress on the new jail project. It is anticipated that the project will be complete toward the end of January. Sheriff Harrow has been training new employees for the facility. The new jail can hold up to 52 individuals, including females. Male guards are able to guard male inmates but female guards are necessary for the female population, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The requirements for the number of jailors per prisoner are mandated by the state. Also, the Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) required that the new building have a separation between the radio dispatch area and the jail supervision room.

The Monday business activity concentrated on year-end changes in several of the many funds used for county responsibilities. The county fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. The early projection of revenue and expenditure for some of the funds often needs to be changed due to new grant award revenue or changes in planned expenditures. One example is the Election Board reacting to additional dollars needed to purchase two new electronic voting machines. The Board will be able to buy the new equipment with funds not spent in other line items but the approval of the Commissioners is required before the action can be completed.

The Courthouse and other county offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 for Christmas and New Years.

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

**60-YEAR PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS MASONIC MEETING**

WM Walter Schilb and several other Hicksville Masons traveled to Hickory Creek last Wednesday to present a 60-year pin and certificate from MWM Michael Himes to Gerald Massie. Gerald joined Masonic Lodge #357 in January of 1947 and has since transferred to Hicksville Lodge #478.

After returning WM Schilb opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. Fifty-year members in attendance included Gene McClellan, Doyle Johnson, and Wayne Carr along with nine Past Masters. Others in attendance were Jim Kline, Lee Kallsen, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, George Underwood, Scott Ruppert, Russell St. Johns and guest Hanson "Curly" Lilly from Bryan #215.

Birthday cards were sent to Earl Walters December 29, Terry Ayers January 10, and Jim Wonderly January 4. Get well cards were signed and sent to Fred Leavell and Charles Carey. A letter was read from Eileen (Hampson) Snyder of Camp Hill, PA stating that her father, PM Al Hampson, is getting along better after his recent illness. Al is currently staying with his daughter and was pleased to receive all the get well cards from his friends and fellow Masons in Ohio. It was reported that PM Elmer Woodcox is on the mend.

The main topic of discussion was the roof. It has been 21 years since the roof has had much attention so the Temple Board is currently looking into maintaining and repairing certain areas. A generous donation was accepted from the Massie family and will be added to the Scholarship Fund for the 2007 school year.

WB Schilb, in closing, called for a special meeting to take place on Friday January 5th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting our 2007 Inspection. The third degree will be exemplified. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday January 10 at the regular time of 7:30 p.m. With no further business the Lodge was closed and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

**PAULDING BRANCH LIBRARY OFFERS FREE WIRELESS ACCESS**

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is pleased to announce what may be the first free wireless Internet access point in Paulding County. According to Susan Hill, library director, "We are thrilled to be able to offer this free service to our patrons. We invite patrons with laptops to bring their computers into the main library and use our free connection. The service should be available in full-force after January 2nd."

There are a few things patrons requesting this service need to know: 1. The wireless connection at the main library will only be available during normal open hours. 2. Patrons will need a Paulding County Carnegie Library

card and will be issued access information when they request the service. 3. The wireless connection will only be good in the library building. Patrons will not be able to access wireless Internet on library grounds, in the parking lot or from nearby locations. 4. Existing library policies will apply to the wireless connection. Violations of the policy may result in legal action or loss of library privileges.

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**In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness.**  
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