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## US 24 IN PAULDING COUNTY STALLED AGAIN?

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland is questioning the decision of the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) and former Governor Taft for the construction of a 4-lane US 24 highway through Paulding County. This project may be stopped, causing great danger to the citizens of Paulding County and economic development disadvantage to all of NW Ohio. I cannot believe we are in the position to again to win the decision of this much needed improvement, but we are. I was just notified that there will be hearings in Columbus next week, concern-

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## ANNUAL MEETING FOR UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of the United Way of Paulding County on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

We will be reviewing the past year and looking forward to this year. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will be held Monday March 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Paulding Senior Center located at 401 East Jackson Street in Paulding. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP is requested but not required.

Please RSVP to Nancy Hessler at 419-399-5300 or email at [pcuw@paulding-net.com](mailto:pcuw@paulding-net.com) by Friday, March 9.

We hope to see you Monday at 5:30!

—Nancy Hessler, Executive Director, United Way of Paulding County

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REGIONAL FREE THROW CONTEST CHAMPS



Two local athletes from Paulding County (L-R) Derrick Pease, Paulding and Corbin Linder, Wayne Trace whom competed on Sunday, February 25th at Ottawa-Glandorf High School. They both were champions in their age division and will compete at the state level on Saturday, March 17th in Columbus.

## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT "OKLAHOMA"

The Paulding High School Drama Department is proudly presenting Rodgers and Hammerstein's popular musical "Oklahoma!" March 23-25. The musical, based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs, tells of the unrest between the cowmen and the farmers settling the Oklahoma territory at the turn of the century. Realizing they must join together to officially become a state, the tale is one of new love and community spirit.

This classic family musical includes such familiar tunes as "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning", "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top", "People Will Say We're in Love", and "Oklahoma!".

The cast includes the following PHS students: Spencer Wilhelm as Curly; Brittini Bechtol as Laurey; Andrew White as Will Parker; Stacy Gallegos as Ado Annie; Rae Smallwood as Aunt Eller; Isaac Porter as Ali Hakim; Tyler Lucas as Jud Fry; James Hayner as Andrew Carnes; Lucas Keegan as Cord Elam; Jacy Carter as Gertie Cum-

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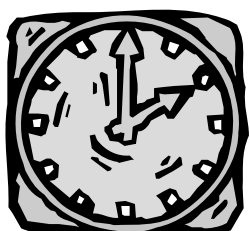
## "THE PHANTOM OF THE SOAP OPERA" COMES TO ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL

The Antwerp High School Drama students will present the musical "The Phantom of the Soap Opera" on March 23rd, 24th, and 25th in the High School Auditoria. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased from any cast member or by calling the music department at Antwerp High School - 419-258-5421 ext 2113. All seats are reserved for the production.

Starring in the production are Audra Woodcox (Regina Brooks), Jen Womack (Daphne Davis), Victoria Zuber (Lily Ponds), Caleb Lee (Addison Meriwether), Millicent Crump (Christina Girardot), Katie Feichter (Theodora Osborn), Jake Neace (Teddy Burnett), Erin Hughes (Blythe Evans), Bo Hawley (Quentin Harris), Andrew Jones (Noah Cane), Dan Hughes (Sam), Dusty Woodcox (Harlan Gaspar), Christy Goudy (Nellie Starr), Justin Johnson (Digby Wright), Maria Overmyer (Eve Potter) and Rikki Berry (Emily Parrish).

The musical is directed by Jack and Roberta Schmidt.

**Time changes Sunday, March 11th Spring Ahead**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In a recent issue of the West Bend News, my daughter, Sue, wrote an article entitled, "My Mother's Briefcase". Well, it was quite an honor to know that my briefcase with a span of 30 years in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Florida is now in the hands of my daughter back in Ohio, doing the same thing that I did. It made me proud of my daughter and the fact that she is selling advertisement in a newspaper really make me proud. The memories the briefcase is now beginning a brand new journey. Thank you for printing the article.

—Lee Hiser, mother of Sue Knapp

## CORRECTION

After going to press last week there was a schedule change for the "Hoop Day". It was originally set for March 10 and is now changed to March 31.

Again, for more information or to register your team please contact: Cindy Crosby at 419-263-2267 or [ccrosby@saa.net](mailto:ccrosby@saa.net).

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

**Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.**

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**Other prizes include:**

27" television, Vera Bradley Bags, Indiana Pacers Tickets, portable DVD player, many gift certificates,... and much, much more. The Catered dinner will include the choice of Chicken breast or beef, 2 sides, dessert, and soft drinks.

Tickets are available at the Antwerp Bank or at the Antwerp School.

All proceeds go to the Antwerp All-Weather Track Project

**OBITUARIES**

**Ralph W. Scott**, 81, of Edgerton, IN died March 2, 2007 at the Harborside Health Care Center, New Haven, IN.

He was born in Edgerton, IN on September 21, 1925 the son of Hugh M. and Bessie I. (Nuttle) Scott. On February 20, 1953 he married Lena M. (Ramsey) Scott, who died April 11, 1994. He retired in 1987 from Dana Spicer Axel Division of Fort Wayne, IN after 30 years of service.

Surviving are two sons: Robert Scott of Fort Wayne, IN and David (Laurie) Scott of Grover Hill; one daughter, Judy (David) Scott of Saint Mary's, OH; one sister, Charlotte Beck of Wilcox, AZ; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lena; two brothers: Delbert and Norman Scott; and two sisters: Juanita Hohenberger and Marvel Harris.

Funeral services were March 6, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Memorial to the donor's choice.

**Charles William Strayer**, 68, of Antwerp, passed away February 26, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 29, 1938, he was the son of the late John and Arlette (Carr) Strayer.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. On November 8, 1959 Charles married Carol McCurdy, who survives.

He worked at Taylor Made Glass, Payne and previously at his family's market, Strayer's IGA, in Payne.

He was always interested in cars and enjoyed camping.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Carol; son, Jerry of Antwerp; and brother, John of Westerville, OH.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on March 2, with Reverend David Mathews officiating. He was laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

In his memory contributions may be made to Woodburn United Methodist Church.

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

**CHANGING TIME CHANGE**

I'm reminding you today that time change is Sunday, March 11 (in 4 days) instead of the first Sunday in April and it's at 2:00 a.m. so don't forget!

We could probably debate the effectiveness of time change altogether, that would be for another time and another day. What I don't understand is how moving Daylight Savings Time (DST) up by three weeks in the spring and one week later in the fall is going to do much for the people. Oh wait, it's not. It's supposed to help the economy by \$50 billion. Really? How? We still have only 24 hours in a day.

But that's not the big problem. The big problem is all of the devices that are programmed to change automatically for April 1st this year - and that's no joke! We thought the Y2K was going to be a mess, but it ended up not much at all, but this could be. Most of us have computers, DVD player/recorders, TVs, cable boxes or satellites, microwave ovens, mp3 players, stereos, cell phones, and even clocks (imagine that). When these devices were manufactured they were programmed to change on the 1st Sunday of April not the second Sunday of March. For three weeks these devices are going to be wrong (cable, satellite and cell phone may be able to change because they are "connected"). You'll either have to change them now and change them again April 1st (they'll jump an hour then) or just forget about it and try to keep all of it straight in your mind. Your computer will need an update for this too ... if your operating system is new enough to warrant updates. Medical devices? I would say many rely on time.

But how about other countries? Most of them that honor DST, change on the first Sunday in April. Now you'll have to remember that they don't change until later, not like last year in which we all changed at the same time.

I think the \$50 billion dollars they were talking about is what we will have to spend on updating and buy new merchandise to replace the devices that we purchased last year. They'll probably change it back in another few years so we have to do this all over again.

It sounds like a mess to me. Oh well, I guess I'll just deal with it. I just don't believe it was a very smart move. For a month I'll have a good excuse to be late.

—Bryce Steiner

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES "EATING FOR LIFE" PRESENTATION**

It has been said that the typical American is overweight, unhealthy, exhausted, in pain, living in a fog, or all of the above. The statistics are staggering: two out of every three Americans are overweight, with the obesity rate in American children growing from 5% to a staggering 15% from 1976 to the present. The American Cancer Society estimates that 1,444,920 people will be diagnosed with cancer and 559,650 will be expected to die in 2007 from cancer. Coronary heart disease takes the lives of more than 500,000 women each year and is the No. 1 killer of women over the age of 25. Between 1996 and 2003, the number of adult diabetes patients soared from 9.9 million to 13.7 million, and their individual annual spending on prescription drugs jumped almost 86 percent, from \$476 to \$883. While most of us know the majority of these conditions are related to our eating and living habits, few of us know where to begin to make changes to what has become our way of life.

Those who want to make changes in their eating habits are quickly overwhelmed by the information that is available about food choices. Words and phrases such as calories, fats, trans-fats, organic, whole-grain, and low carb have crept into our modern language, but few Americans fully grasp the meaning of these words or have the time to try to learn about them. Clever marketing strategies by the food industry have only added to the confusion over "health food."

On March 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1275 Emerald Road, Paulding, will be offering a presentation called "Eating for Life," which will help consumers understand the link between their eating habits and their health and give them practical suggestions for how to make positive lifestyle changes in the real world of busy schedules and realistic grocery budgets. The speakers for "Eating for Life" will be Elizabeth Hogan, wife of Dr. Timothy Hogan and nutritional counselor at "Healthy Care," their family medical practice devoted to functional medicine, health, and prevention; and Stephani Stewart, a working mother with a background in Culinary Arts who was motivated by a family history of cancer to change her lifestyle and eating habits.

The "Eating for Life" presentation will include a discussion of common misconceptions about healthy eating; how to properly read and understand food labels, including buzz words to look for while shopping and hidden unhealthy ingredients in many of our favorite foods;

and will give suggestions for implementing simple changes to your family's diet while you continue to research and learn about food and lifestyle choices that constitute healthy living.

The "Eating for Life" presentation is not a fad diet or a quick fix. Instead, it is a presentation of information and personal testimonies of how positive changes in eating habits can improve health and increase the quality of life. The presentation is free of charge, but registration is required no later than March 9. Registration may be made by calling the church at (419) 399-5061 or online at [www.ebc-paulding.org](http://www.ebc-paulding.org).

Elizabeth Hogan has a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is a home educator who works part-time with her husband, Dr. Timothy Hogan, in their Family Medicine practice called "Healthy Care" in Defiance. In addition to implementing the principles of healthy eating and living in her own home, Elizabeth has seen these principles improve the health of hundreds of medical patients. Dr. and Mrs. Hogan reside in Defiance and have seven children.

Stephani Stewart has a degree in Culinary Arts and (Continued on Page 3)

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Dancer/chorus members include: Joy Nice, Audrey Nice, Samantha Bauman, Tysha Baxter, Reta Beckman, Liz Bradford, Jessica Celli, Caci Craig, Megan Gonzales, Samantha Habern, Katie Harmon, Courtney Highwarden, Sierra Kennedy, and Rachael Manz.

Cast members are selling raffle tickets for three prizes to be drawn during the intermission of the Sunday show. Prizes are the complete set of Knowles collector plates of the "Oklahoma!" Series, a handpainted ostrich egg, and a DVD of the Broadway version of "Oklahoma!" starring Hugh Jackman. Winners need not be present to win.

The musical is directed by Ruby Crossland, Jayne Smiley and Sandy Dobbelaere with Jeanne LeMieux as accompanist.

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**THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SERVICES FOR CORNERSTONE U.M. CHURCH**

Lenten Services will be held Tuesday evening March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone U.M. Church in Oakwood. The speaker will be Terry Porter of the Dupont Church of the Brethren. Everyone welcome. Nursery will be provided and a children's service will be held.

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I hope you have saved last week's paper with the picture of the 1941 Chamber of Commerce. We are starting with the fourth man from the left in the second row and he is H.K. Harris, better known as "Pat". He was the local banker. The Antwerp Exchange Bank was the first building north of the Oasis. Pat was the bank president and May Moore was a cashier. Later, she married Ernie Kenney. She served the public for over 40 years. Thelma Lichty also worked there for years. The bank had then and does now have good friendly employees who are always glad to see you and help you. Mr. Harris lived on the northwest corner of North Main and West Woodcox. Pat and his wife had three girls, Harriet, who married William Horney, Ruth, who married Mr. Medaugh and lived in Paulding, Ruth just recently passed away. She was over 90 years of age. Dorothy married Jim Hooker and lived in Payne.

The next man is Doctor William Caine. There are a lot of people in the area between 35 and 70 years old who were brought into this world by Doctor Caine. He was an old time physician who made house calls, didn't overcharge, if he got paid at all, and the only thing he cared about was the patient or new baby. They don't make doctors like that anymore. Doc Caine was a household name as common as an old shoe and would come at your beck and call. He came to our house a number of times and I know of one time for me. I

was about 8 years old and I think he called it bronchitis. But, the thing is, he cared and he could be all business and he could joke around. Sometimes if he was in the neighborhood he would just drop in. Keith West tells me that he would stop in at Charlie & Leila Donat's, get himself a cup of coffee, fill in half full and the rest was sugar. He didn't stir much, that's the way he liked it. He and Charlie were WW I Veterans and had something in common. Lula Donat was a great cook and baker and you can bet he had a big piece of pie with that coffee. Just today I received a nice two page letter from Martha Tracy Smith. A lot of it was about her old neighbor, Doc. Caine, so we will have another column on Doc. A little later.

The last man in the middle row is Robert Schilb. He was one of the Schilb brothers: Bud, Thomas, Andy and Robert. He and his wife, Mary, for awhile, had a mortuary in Woodburn. They also worked in Antwerp at the funeral home and the furniture store. I remember Bob playing baseball on the old diamond at the end of East Daggett Street. He was a good player and a long ball hitter. Well, the coming of the 1930's men's league baseball in Antwerp was dying out. Fast pitch softball was coming on and I don't remember Bob playing fast pitch. Bob and Mary had two boys. Richard "Dick" who lives here in Antwerp and Bobby, I think he lives in the Woodburn area.

I understand he was the first man in this area to kill a deer with a bow and arrow, that was back in the late 1940's.

Ed Bickhard is the first man in the last row. Ed came from Markle, Indiana with all his family. This was back in 1914. Ed was a veteran of WW I. While he was gone his father, D.C. and Ed's sister, Edith, operated the Bee-Argus. With much hard work and long hours, that paper has progressed very much. Ed was one of the townspeo-

ple who was always trying to make the town better. Ed passed away in 1964.

The second man in the last row was Howard Thomas. In 1937, T.G. Foster opened a clothing store in a big house on the very east end of Kammeyer's parking lot. Mr. Thomas came to Antwerp and he and his wife lived in the house and sold men's clothing in the front rooms. They had very good merchandise and very good and friendly service. I got my graduation suit there in the summer of 1941. A good three piecer for nine dollars. During WWII, Mr. Foster closed the store and I don't believe that I ever saw any of them anymore. Charlie VanHorn then lived in the house for years.

The next man is Pete Schmunk. He was the manager at The People's Elevator. He took care of the elevator just like Susan Arend takes care of it now. They both make things click. I'm not going to say much more about the elevator because I'm a fixin' to do a column on it on down the road. Pete and Lillie lived on the east side of North Main Street and raised a fine family: Helen, Richard, Tom, Dorothy and Jen. Pete passed away in 1969.

The next man is A.O. Bell, called "Archie", by all the kids who went through A.H.S. Mr. Bell was the principal and later on he was the Superintendent. Everyone had the utmost respect and admiration for Mr. Bell. He and his brother, Anson, who was the County Superintendent, hailed from Grover Hill. Archie and Exie had two children: Richard is gone now, daughter Peggy Brown lives in Paducah, Kentucky. The people from West Bend News hear from her once in a while. I'm not going to say anymore about Mr. Bell. As John Wayne would say, "he's a top hand".

The next man is Tom Schilb. He was associated with Andy, Bob and Budd in the Funeral Home and furniture business. Tom was a pusher for Antwerp in many ways. He was instrumental in getting fast pitch softball started in Antwerp. He sponsored a good team with uniforms. Then he helped with getting lights for the diamond. Now everyone helped with this, but Tom's team was the nucleus. If I close my eyes, I can see Max Lichty, Bob Johnson, Bud Lichty pitching, Jim Jordan catching, Hargraves, Gloor, Adcock, Billman, Kaiser and the other guys scooping up a fast grounder. I am as proud of our baseball complex as I am of our beautiful Memorial park and our new school systems. Tommy and Ruth had two children, Walter and Mary. Ruth is over 91 now and doing pretty good. Tom is gone now. I would like to say that his legacy lives on.

The next two men are father and son, Warren and Delmar Seslar. Along with their neighbor, L. Smith & Son. All those folks were top notch citizens and their character and demeanor reflected on the town. Those people were glad to see you come in and they thanked you for your business. Warren started with a garage years ago where the Masonic Temple now sits. Then in 1912, he built the new building just south of the L. Smith building. He had an oil deal-

ership, sold Texaco gasoline, delivered fuel oil, owned the Park Station, and a gas station on the corner of U.S. 127 and St. Rt. 613. They had a number of drivers for their business. I can remember Delmar, Bob, Murphy, Harold Wann, Rex Overmeyer and others. Warren and Pearl had one son, Delmar. Delmar and Ruth had a son Tom and a daughter Diane. Warren passed away in 1960 and Delmer lived from 1884 to 1993. All of these men were certainly a part of Antwerp History.

The men above were all pioneers and leaders in building the city of Antwerp, that's for sure. But I want to tell you about some ladies who were pioneers and builders of Antwerp. These are all ladies from the Antwerp area and they are all over 90 years old. Now this list might not be up to date and I might miss a year or two, I'm just proud to be telling you about them.

Mrs. Ruth Zuber (Garrett), 100 years old; Mrs. Donna Hahn (Gilbert), 97 years old; Mrs. Dorothy Hobeck (Dale), 96 years old; Mrs. Ann Clinton (Russell), 95 years old; Mrs. Goldie Getrost (Budd), 94 years old; Mrs. Rena Quisno (Clarence), 94 years old; Mrs. Clarabelle Banks (Ray), 94 years old; Mrs. Regina Donnell (Arlie), 94 years old; Mrs. Lucile Seslar (Gerald), 93 years old; Mrs. Bertie Zuber (Lavon), 91 years old; Mrs. Hope Smith (Max), 91 years old; Mrs. Ruth Neely (Earnie), 90 years old; Mrs. Ruth Schilb (Thomas), 91 years old; Mrs. Rhuehama Klender (Raymond), 90 years old; Mrs. Fern Rath (Wade), 90 years old; Mrs. Esther Stiner (Harry), age 90; Mrs. Isabelle Koelinger (Arthur), 90 years old - just recently deceased; Mrs. Helen Barker (Joseph), 93 years old.

We have another lady from Antwerp who is 95. Lelah Laisure. She married Bernard Wolfe and has lived in Sherwood for many years. She is as sharp as a tack and a mighty handsome lady. I see her once in a while at the Vagabond Restaurant.

I am mighty proud to tell you about these ladies and for the fact that I know everyone of them.

See, Ya!

**SPIRITUAL DAY APART TO BE CELEBRATED AT WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Northwest Plains United Methodist Women will be celebrating the annual Spiritual Day Apart at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Van Wert, OH. Wesley UMC is located on the corner of Blaine and Center Street.

The Northwest Plains District is a newly formed district of the Defiance, Lima and a portion of the Findlay district of the West Ohio United Methodist Conference.

The day will begin with training of the different offices within the United Methodist Women. Those who have taken on a new office and might have questions are urged to attend.

For those who do not have an office, we will be rolling bandages to be sent to the Congo, or you can make bookmarks which will also be sent to the Congo via Sharon Crowe a retired UM missionary who spent several years there with her husband.

The afternoon session will include a speaker from the team, Eileen Kochensparger, who will be speaking on the topic "Here am I, Send Me" and special music by Penny Duer.

We hope you will join us for the day. It is a new beginning to a new district and we look forward to meeting each of you and sharing this time of spiritual renewal.

Reservations should be sent to Amy Sellers at 6725 Lincoln Highway, Convoy, OH 45832 by March 17. There is a cost that includes the meal and a registration at the door. For more information on this event you can also call Amy at 419-749-2530.

**BAKE SALE SPONSORED BY HAWTHORN COURT AUXILIARY**

The Hawthorn Court Nursing Home Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale in the lobby of the home on Tuesday, March 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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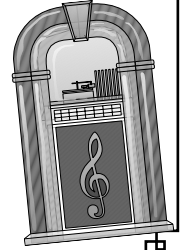
formerly worked in the restaurant and catering industry. Although she has hung up her professional chef hat, she enjoys organic gardening and cooking at home. She works at her family-owned business, Defiance Water Recreation Pools and Spas, and identifies with working moms who desire healthy, yet quick and affordable meals for their families. Stephani and her husband Kirk reside in rural Defiance with their two daughters.

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ing the US 24 construction through Paulding County. Paulding County Commissioners Burkley, Harmon and Straley; Randy Derck, President of the Antwerp CIC; and I will be attending these meetings.

I am asking you to send a letter of support that the US 24 project proceed in Paulding County. Letters should be mailed to:

Governor Ted Strickland Riffe Center, 30th Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-6108

E-mail contact is: governor.office.ohio

Or you may fax your letter to the governor at: Fax 614-466-9354

—Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director, 419-399-8282

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all of you for the continuing support you have shown for Terrill and our family. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who planned, donated and attended Terrill's benefit. Words cannot express our appreciation and thank you cannot be said enough. Again we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and may God bless all of you.

Thank you, Terrill Landers and family

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Because of everyone who donated door prizes, food, money or time to the charity event which was held on February 24, 2007 it was a big success. Your generous contributions raised over \$15,000 for the Terrill Landers Benefit Fund. The purpose of the benefit was to assist with the large medical expenses Terrill has incurred since being diagnosed with cancer.

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**PROMOTION OF PAULDING COUNTY MEETING PLANNED**

With recent news that Progressive Farmer magazine has determined Paulding County to be the "most affordable" county to live in the United States, Paulding County Economic Development is scheduling a public meeting for all county chambers of commerce, community development organizations, newspapers, radio, civic leaders, mayors, councils, trustees, commissioners, schools, service organizations, and retail businesses. This "most affordable" designation is something that we can use to promote Paulding County with letterheads, commercial advertisements, business cards, welcome signs, etc. The meeting will be held at the OSU Extension Building, PC Fairgrounds, Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m., everyone is welcome.

For any questions, call Tony Langham, Director, Paulding County Economic Development, 419-399-8282

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/7 THROUGH 3/13**

*Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast*

- 3/7 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
- 3/8 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
- 3/9 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 3/12 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 3/13 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

*Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch*

- 3/7 - Chicken fajita, lettuce, cinnamon churro, milk
- 3/8 - Chili soup w/crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/9 - Chicken bacon ranch sandwich, spiral potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/12 - Popcorn chicken or sandwich, roll, broccoli & cheese, carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
- 3/13 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Lunch*

- 3/7 - French toast, sausage, hash browns, fruit cup, milk
- 3/8 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
- 3/9 - Peanut butter & jelly sandwich or creamed turkey on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, cake, milk
- 3/12 - Ham 'n cheese hot pocket, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
- 3/13 - Bar-b-cue chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*

- 3/7 - Popcorn chicken, bread, whipped potatoes/gravy, fruit, milk
- 3/8 - Soft shell taco, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk
- 3/9 - Cheese filled breadstick, corn, fruit, milk
- 3/12 - Corn dog, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
- 3/13 - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, bread, mini carrots, fruit, milk



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

My name is Todd Grubaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grubaugh. I am a 16 year old sophomore at Crestview High School. I was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Europe this summer. The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among American youth. The 20-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students my age, educational activities and home stays with host families.

I am currently seeking financial sponsors to help me with tuition, and hope I can count on your support. In case you haven't heard of People to People, please allow me to share some facts with you. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, then eventually so would countries. Since its founding, People to People has launched many international programs, including Sister Cities and Project HOPE.

Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance. They are selected for their academic achievements. They have to be selected by former student ambassadors or school officials who feel that the student is capable of such an experience. As a Student Ambassador, I can also receive high school and college credits because of the educational events and experiences.

The program tuition includes all transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. I am asking local businesses, neighbors, and other people to help me reach my tuition. Would it be possible for you to assist me by making a contribution? Any amount of contribution would be greatly appreciated.

I will be accepting donations, or contributions can be made at U.S Bank in Van Wert, 818 South Shannon, Van Wert, OH 45891. I am also collecting aluminum cans. If you would like to assist in this way, I will pick them up when it is convenient for you. Please contact me at the phone number below.

My program tuition is due May 1, 2007.

Please feel free to contact me at 419-622-3171 if you need more information. Your generous contribution will enable me to share a part of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,  
Todd Grubaugh,  
Student Ambassador

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I felt compelled to write in support of Mr. Dysinger's column of last week. Good leadership in an active community should expect to be criticized and debated. The problem is that leadership has grown quite used to an apathetic community that mindlessly accepts the edicts of leadership without question. This is not the American way.

Leadership involves presenting ideas, hearing and debating contrary ideas, and accepting input from the people who the ideas will affect most. It is only the flaccid or weak community that lacks the spine or will to question the authority and motives of the leadership. Through this process of offering ideas, debating various angles and hearing the positions of all affected, the best decisions for communities can be made.

I encourage everyone to be good citizens and spend time looking at the policies and decisions of governmental bodies, that may not always have the best interests of the people that they serve in mind, and acting in criticism as necessary. This is the way of liberty. I see many "freedom isn't free" bumper stickers these days, but what most people do not take into account is that freedom requires keeping informed of happenings at all levels of government and offering criticism as necessary.

—Gregg Harpel,  
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**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/7 THROUGH 3/13**

(this menu includes the schools of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School, Payne Elementary, Grover Hill Elementary, and St. John's Catholic School)

Breakfast:

- 3/7 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
- 3/8 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
- 3/9 - turnover, milk
- 3/12 - Pizza, milk
- 3/13 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:

- 3/7 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, peaches, milk
- 3/8 - Sloppy joes sandwich, scalloped potatoes, fruit crisp, milk
- 3/9 - Cheese or chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, milk
- 3/12 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, green beans, peaches, milk
- 3/13 - Chicken nuggets, fries, cookie, applesauce, milk

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Plans are being made for Paulding counties greatest charity event. This will be the 29th annual Paulding County Crippled Children and Adults Society Charity Basketball Marathon. The annual fund raiser provides the society with over 50% of its yearly budget, and helps on a average between 50 and 60 area crippled children and adults per year. The funds are used to supply them with medical equipment, medications, handicap ramps, and many other items that otherwise applicants would not be able to afford for themselves. The society is 100% volunteer based and has no paid employees so all of the net proceeds from the marathon will go to the people who need it the most and only those who live in Paulding County.

This year's basketball marathon will be held in its home of 26 years, the Payne Elementary gym, April 6 and 7. During the past few years the marathon has rotated its home due to various school construction projects, while we appreciate the Paulding and Antwerp school systems for allowing us to use their facilities we have found that a long term home is in the best interest of this wonderful event. When we had first rotated the event we lost over 30 teams and have been slowly building that number back up to where we would like it to be, which is over 100 teams. Last year, we once again broke the 100 team mark in our second year back at the Payne School. We are asking everyone that has participated in this great charity event to please help us reach this year's 100 plus team goal. This would help to keep the marathon a sustainable charity event.

The marathon has been one of those great events that

no matter if you are young or old, you are able to enjoy the great sports action of the basketball marathon. We are open to all ages and both sexes as well as co-ed competition. The marathon has a wide variety of skill levels that range from someone that only plays basketball on occasion to those that are so talented they take your breath away with their incredible basketball skills.

For the entry fee you will receive 10 high quality t-shirts with the marathon logo on the front and back and your team name also on the back of the shirts. You can ask for a sponsorship from a local business or other organization or you can just get a group of players to chip in for the cost of the entry fee. The entry fee has not increased in the past nine years. This is due to the committee keeping a tight grip on the cost of the marathon expenses.

This year's trophies are again being donated by Fessel Jewelers, which has donated the awards the past several years. The marathon would not be possible without such great businesses and people that give to our great charity even year in and year out.

The deadline for team entries is March 21 so please submit your entries as soon as possible to allow for t-shirts to be ordered and team schedules prepared, as well as scheduling clock workers and referees. You may pick up an entry form at Payne and Paulding Mara Marts, Vogel Barber Shop, H&H Cleaners in Antwerp, there is also an entry form in today's paper, or you may contact me, Chad Benschneider at 419-769-4708 or 263-2277. The basketball committee and the Crippled Children and Adults Society thanks you for your past and future support of this great charity event.

**PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TRUSTEE CANDIDATE PROFILES**

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Please plan to attend so you will know which of the following candidates will represent your district as a trustee of Paulding Putnam Electric.

Trustee candidate profiles:  
*District 2 - All Van Wert County members*

**RONALD NEISWANDER** - Incumbent, 5668 Mentzer Rd., Convoy, OH 45823.

Ronald Neiswander has resided in Tully Township, Van Wert County for the past 25 years. He is married to Fran and they have two daughters. Ron is a farmer and member of Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert. He currently is a Trustee of Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative. He has obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification. He is president of the Board of Youth for Christ in Van Wert and is a past trustee of Edgewood Park, Convoy. Neiswander has served the past 12 years on the Crestview School Board. Ron is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

**RICHARD LEHMAN**, 21617 Feasby Wisener Rd., Grover Hill, OH 45849.

Richard Lehman has resided for the past 38 years in Jackson Township, Van Wert County. Richard is retired and attends Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ottoville. Lehman graduated from Ottoville High School in 1958. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves, active duty. Mr. Lehman worked for Dinner Bell Foods for 20 years. Richard retired from Teleflex Automotive in Van Wert after 27 years as a maintenance group lad. Richard is married to Patricia (Price) Lehman. They have four sons: Robert, Michael, Charles and William. They also have nine grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

*District 4 - All members in Emerald, Jackson and Paulding townships, Paulding county, and members in Delaware Township, Defiance County*

**KARL (BUD) KOENIG** - Incumbent, 11432 St Rte 500, Paulding, OH 45879.

Bud Koenig resides in Paulding Township, Paulding County. He and his wife, Cindy (Perl), have two daughters: Candice and Kristen. Koenig is the facilities maintenance manager for Cooper Farms. He and his family attend the First Presbyterian Church, Paulding. He obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification and currently serves as Paulding-Putnam electric Cooperative's vice president. Koenig states: "Serving my fellow Paulding-Putnam members on the Board the last six years has been an enjoyable challenge. I would like to be able to put

what I've learned to work for them for another term."

**GREGORY ADKINS**, 17151 Road 202, Cecil, OH 45821

Gregory Adkins resides in Emerald Township, Paulding County. He and his wife, Kathleen (Mericle), have three children: Craig, Matthew and Laura. Adkins graduated from Auglaize-Brown Local School. Greg has an associate's degree in business management from Northwest Community College. Adkins presently is retired. He served during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Army. He is a life member of the V.F.W. and AMVETS and is a member of the Paulding county Farm Bureau. Adkins says, "The reason I am running for this position is to ensure that members continue to receive good service at reasonable rates."

*District 5 - All members who reside in Benton, Blue Creek and Latty townships, Paulding County*

**REX FEASBY** - Incumbent, 1607 St Rte 114, Payne, OH 45880.

Rex Feasby resides in Benton Township, Paulding County. He is a farmer and attends Payne church of the Nazarene. He is married to Laurie and has two daughters, Sara and Brenda. Rex has been a Trustee for Paulding-Putnam Electric since 2001 and currently is serving as secretary/treasurer. Feasby has obtained his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification. He is a member of many civic organizations such as Paulding county Farm Bureau and Farmers Union. He is a member of both the American Quarter Horse Association and Ohio Quarter Horse Association. Feasby is a member of Federation of Independent Business as well as the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (state and national).

**TIMOTHY (TIM) BAUMLE**, 6094 Road 80, Payne, OH 45880

Tim Baumle resides in Benton Township, Paulding County on the farm where he was born and raised. He is married to Sally (Zielke) and has three children, four step-children and three grandchildren. Tim is an industrial electrician and has been employed at Uniroyal Goodrich for 44½ years. Tim has served on and is a member of many organizations such as Village of Payne Town Council, American Legion Post 297, Knights of Columbus, AMVETS, Voiture 40-8 Van Wert, Disabled Veterans of America, Ohio Farm Union and Ohio Farm Bureau. Mr. Baumle states, "I would appreciate having the opportunity to serve this Cooperative."

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves 12,800 member/consumers in Northwest Ohio and part of Indiana.

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD EASTER CRAFT FAIR TO BE HELD AT PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL**



The Planning Committee for the Olympiad Science Craft Show. Lori Wilhelm, Tereasa Bush, Lori Strable, Kellie Snyder.

Paulding's Junior High and High School Science Olympiad Team are busy preparing for an Easter Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, March 24, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It will be held in the Paulding High School Gymnasium.

A Cookie Walk will be held by the Olympiad team of all of your favorite cookies for Easter. Raffle tickets will be on sale with four different prizes. First prize is \$100 cash; second prize is \$30 gift certificate from Red Owl; third prize is \$25 in gas from Mara Mart and fourth prize is a wine rack made by Mike Strable. Lunch will be served from 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Reserve your table space if interested in setting up a booth by calling 419-399-3727.

The Science Olympiad Team was first formed in 1984 by Ellie Barnes and Mark Wooten, both Science teachers at the Middle School then.

Ellie and Mark both had heard about this group being formed and went to Columbus to help write the rules. They both thought this would be something the Paulding students interested in Science should have. It would give their students the opportunity to express themselves and to encourage creativity and problem solving skills. When first started, it consisted of around 15 students in the Middle School. The first year they qualified for State and came home with a third place and very proud of themselves. Two of the teams qualified in their events for National but was unable to attend. The second year they qualified for State and came home with a second place.

For more than 20 years the Science Olympiad Teams have qualified for State at Regional competition. Each year the

teams have place at Regional and at State. Commented from Mr. Wooten, "We are the only school in our participating area of schools to make it to State competition every year since joining."

This year's teams consists of over 31 students. Many of the students that participated through out the years at Paulding have went on to college and become scientists, engineers, and teachers.

Ellie Barnes has retired from teaching but eager to help out students if needed. Mark Wooten now teaches Biology at the High School.

The Science Olympiad Team is now under the great supervision of Angel Perry, Crissy Williams, both teachers at the Paulding High School, plus Marilyn and William Gangwar. The teachers put in many extra hours beyond their own classroom time with students after school and on weekends as they near competitions. The students have tryouts for the team and then find a project that interests them. Many, many hours of preparations go into the projects before they are ready for judging.

The teams fund-raisers during the school year and the monies collected from the Easter Craft Show will go toward expenses for supplies needed for projects, rooms and food at Regional and State competitions.

So if you're interested in beautiful crafts, Easter cookies come join us Saturday, March 24 at the Paulding High School Gymnasium. Our students will be working at the Craft Show and would like to tell you of their events they are planning to compete in.

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—Paulding Science Olympiad Boosters

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**DOG SHELTER NEWS**

The 3rd annual Pet Picture Day with Santa raised \$1,100. This most successful and popular event has now assisted the medical care needs and pull fees for the Paulding County shelter dogs. This money has been sent out as credits on accounts at two local vets offices, one spay and neuter clinic and of course, the dog shelter to pay for pull fees. We purchased 50 parvo - distemper vaccines, 50 bordetella vaccines, wormer, syringes and some other highly used miscellaneous dog care items. Hosted by Lynne Mansfield and SylviaS County Portraits. A fun-filled day full of dogs, kids and, of course Santa. All in support of helping the Paulding County canine orphans!



gestures have made many dogs very healthy, happy and onto a new life! We ended 2006 with pulling 76 dogs out of the shelter from May - December and sent to rescue groups. Together we can make a difference, one dog at a time!



The pictures listed are just a SMALL example of the dogs we helped with our fundraiser money. We had the emaciated greyhound who needed her tail amputated. The young labra-doodle pup, golden mix pup, chihuahua and boxer mix pups were all wormed, vaccinated, and sent off to rescue very healthy! A special thanks to our foster homes for the care they give these dogs. Without Ronnie Landfair and Mandy Lichty we could not move as many dogs as we have been.

And of course, at the end of my articles I always print this:

Anytime there is an article in the paper concerning the great things at our shelter, I always like to remind



people of this. Please don't leave your dog at the shelter thinking I am going to save it. I can't and don't save them all. Purebred labs and lab mixes are the number one



dog left at the shelter. Unfortunately, due to the over population of them, they are one of the hardest dogs to send to rescue groups. All lab rescue groups are full in the surrounding states. Jack Russels, Siberian Huskeys and Golden Retrievers are not too far behind! Please spay and neuter your dog.

Thank you,  
—Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming & Boarding, SylviaS Country Portraits

**WACHTMANN INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT STATE UNIVERSITIES FROM OFFERING OR SPONSORING ABORTION COVERAGE**

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) yesterday introduced House Bill 86, legislation to clarify existing law by mandating that no state agency or organization may offer, sponsor or endorse any health insurance policy that covers non-therapeutic abortions.

Wachtmann noted that the reason for the bill is the publicity surrounding BGSU's plan last year to require students to obtain student health insurance if they were not covered under other plans. The health plan the University planned to originally offer included coverage for non-therapeutic abortions. Due to the public outcry, BGSU changed their position; however, other state funded higher education institutions have such policies.

"Currently, Ohio law prohibits the use of state funds to pay for health care insurance benefits to cover non-therapeutic abortions," Wachtmann said. "However, they are hiding behind a technicality in saying that they're only offering, sponsoring and endorsing these plans. They've used their staff and resources, which are funded by the state, to negotiate and offset these plans. To me, that's your tax dollars paying for the abortion coverage." Wachtmann continued.

House Bill 86 is the re-introduction of legislation introduced by then State Senator Wachtmann late in the General Assembly last year. The bill died at the end of the General Assembly when it adjourned.

The bill is now awaiting assignment to a House Standing Committee for further review and action.

**AHS**  
*Angle*



**By: Chelsea Vail**

The groovy Petula Clark once told the world, "If you color my world, just paint it with your love." Well, Petula, the AHS Yearbook staff is coloring Antwerp's world, and we're doing it with lots of love. For the first time in Antwerp history, the yearbook will be printed completely in color. Order forms are available now. Don't miss your chance to be dazzled by the fabulous combination of color and theme, "A Blockbuster Year".

Speaking of being dazzled, don't forget about all the prizes up for grabs at the Athletic Boosters sponsored reverse raffle. There is a grand prize of \$1,000, possibly with your name on it. Support the all-weather track effort and try your odds this Saturday at the dinner and entertainment event.

The Quiz Bowl team will be at Northwest State Community College this Friday to compete in the GMC tournament, and will head to Wright State later this month for non-conference matches. I have a good feeling about both pending bouts, and no, not just because I'm on the team. Promise.

Finally, before we get on to the best part of this, the Word of the Week, I'll remind you that this Sunday we "spring forward" and lose two hours of sleep. Not exactly thrilling information. I'm sure you'll hear this enough on the radio and such, so 'nuff said about that.

Word of the Week:  
Grok \GROCK\ verb  
1. To understand profoundly and intuitively. Example: "Though it may be difficult to grok the reasoning behind choosing some of the words I pick for this column, you can't deny that they're always rather interesting."

Often times the words have wacky origins as well, and that's no less true of this one. Grok is actually derived from Martian. Yes, as in "Marvin the Martian". Robert A. Heinlein coined the term in his 1961 Sci-Fi work, "Stranger in a Strange Land". I'd say grok is the stranger here, but let's try to welcome it into Antwerp. Get it? Grok it? Good.

**GIRL SCOUTING IS CELEBRATING 95 YEARS**

**By: Ellen Townley**

2007 marks the 95th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States of America. On March 12, 1912 the very first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia, thus the beginning of the nations pre-eminent organization serving America's young ladies was born. From its humble beginnings in Georgia where girls learned how to sew and keep house to growing the foods that they cooked to today where they are encouraged to look into the sciences and mathematics of the world around them.

Girl Scouting has been an important if not vital part of the lives of many girls from Paulding County. Way back in the dark ages when I was a girl, we thought the older Scouts in Mrs. Larsen's troop were god-like. They had been scouts for years and had done everything and anything that you could think of.

Over the years there have been a number of women in the County that have taken time from their busy schedules to help mold and guide the minds of our County's daughters. My mind travels back to the days when Mrs. Martha Waver, Mrs. Phyllis Hoffman, Mrs. Judy Robinson, Mrs. Mae Tressler, Mrs. Betty Gunderman, Mrs. Richard Larson, Mrs. Fran Baumle, Mrs. Kay Rex and the infamous Birdie Taylor, were the guiding forces in the lives of their girls. Please keep in mind that the afore mentioned ladies are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to leaders in this County. These are the ladies I recall as a girl beginning a life of Girl Scouting.

As a girl joining Scouts, I recall many a night pitching a tent, building a fire, learning new songs, how to fold an American Flag, being able to cook over an open fire, didn't matter that it rained, or even snowed on us, we were having fun!!!! We learned to tie knots, how to lash a stand together to sit a wash basin

on. How to string a clothesline between the trees to hang wet towels and dishes from. From a leader's backyard to Larson's woods to good old Camp Unilayi. Oh my those were the days.

Things have changed over the last 95 years but yet they have stayed the same, while girls can no longer earn a badge by knowing how to do laundry, they can earn a badge about Breast Cancer. Once you needed to be in second grade to become a scout today, you only need to be 5 years old to become a Daisy Scout. In my 31 years as a registered Girl Scout, I have witnessed many changes most of them for the good. Today's Girl Scouts have more opportunities than ever to be all that they can be, learn all that they desire and are considerably more better equipped to deal with the world they live in.

While I know everyone thinks that Girl Scouting is all about those wonderful Cookies, that only come around once a year. Not everyone may know that in Paulding County alone we have three young ladies that have earned their Silver and Gold Awards the two highest honors a Girl Scout can achieve.

21 years ago I began my role as Girl Scout leader, and although some may think I'm crazy for still being there after all these years, I truly find that this has been one of the most rewarding times in my life. It ranks right up there with being a Granny. Each week when I walk into my meeting I receive no fewer than 10 hugs and have 28 girls trying to tell me all about their week at the same time. To this day when I walk into a store a young lady will walk up to me and say, "Ellie do you remember me from summer camp in 1989?" Sure I do.

Over the years many a leader has told the girls in her troop, if you ever need me no matter how old you are, just pick up the phone and call and I will do whatever I can

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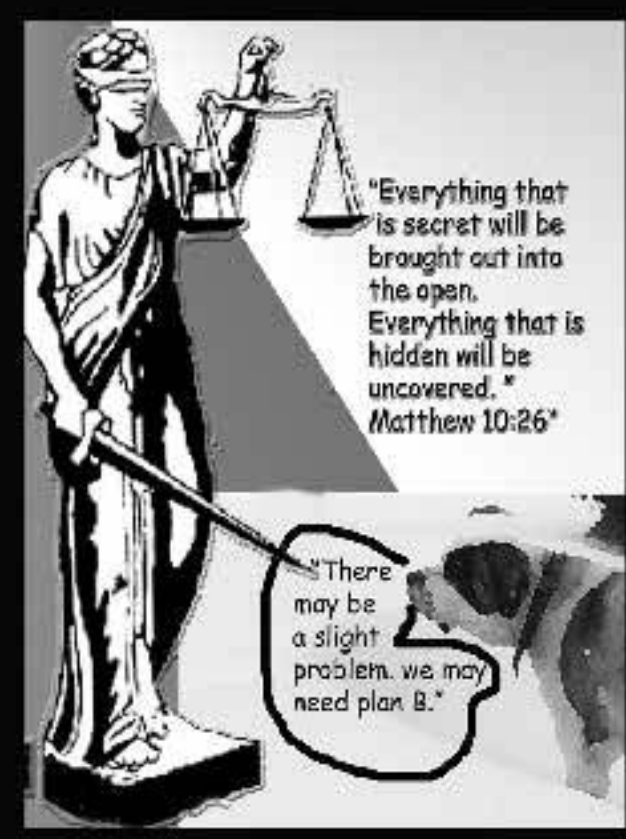


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Bleed Justice by Karen Sierer

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

We, the residents of Paulding County, have the duty of making our county a better place for our children and grandchildren to live. A place where, if God wills, they can find employment, build homes and raise their children.

A place where the cost of living is affordable with a low crime rate, of course we who live in Paulding County have no real gauge to judge our crime rate now do we? How could we when it is such a deep dark secret?

Please ask why? It appears the Sheriff holds on to our records as if they were his private personal gold stash.

Our forefathers proudly fought and died so that we may have freedom from tyranny that we may have equal rights under the law. Should we disgrace their memory by quietly allowing our rights to be striped from us by certain elected officials that what to hide behind their badges and play keep away with our information? God forbid!

State law is what I am talk-

ing about not some deep dark hidden agenda to destroy our county. Far from it, a county to be truly proud of is what I'm looking for. One that our neighboring county residents don't ask why would you want to live there, or as my lawyer says, why don't you move?

Paulding County could become one my grandchildren could proudly speak about because of its honor and integrity, maybe even decent public restrooms at Flat Rock.

We are talking information you are entitled to by state law, in this case, initial incident reports. Is that really so much to ask? Our countrymen who proudly followed our flag into battle would not think that too much.

The rule in Ohio is that public records are the people's records, and that the officials in whose custody they happen to be are merely trustees for the people; therefore anyone may inspect such records at any time, subject only to the limitation that such inspection does not endanger the safety of the record, or unreasonably interfere with

the discharge of the duties of the officer having custody of the same.

~ Patterson v. Ayers (1960), 171 Ohio St. 369, 371, 171 N.E.2d508, 509.

It is now clear that routine offense or incident reports are not covered by the confidential law enforcement investigatory records exemption.

Although these records may appear to constitute investigatory work product, the Ohio Supreme Court has held that such routine records do not satisfy the first part of the two-part test for a confidential investigatory record.

222 State ex rel. Rasul-Bey v. Onunwor (2002), 94 Ohio St.3d 119, 2002

Ohio 67, 760 N.E.2d 421 (criminal defendant's limitation to using only criminal discovery does not apply to initial incident reports, which are subject to immediate release upon request);

Exhorts from. 2006 Ohio Sunshine Law Update

Progress check up: have you seen any initial incident reports from Paulding County Sheriff's department, which are subject to immediate release upon request, in The Crescent-News or in The West Bend News for that matter?

Yes, that's right, I expect more, if you don't listen to your scanner, been a victim of crime yourself, maybe found marijuana potted growing on your own farm, or simply talked to your neighbors' at the coffee shop you can believe the greatest crime we have in Paulding County as some would like you to believe, are those like myself who call a foul.

Maybe, like myself, you want to have access to our information without a court order for each incident.

Some who still believe in the first amendment as well as the first commandment still reside in Paulding County.

Why do we need jailers when we have no law breakers?! Please! That being the case, let's find another way to spend our voted on tax money. Oh that's right we the people said no!

Much blood has flowed to give us these rights and continues to do so at this very moment. Honor those who paid the ultimate price that we may breathe the freedom they gave all for.

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if we chose it, totally your choice. Very precious blood bought our rights and freedom.

I'll not throw either away. Blood bought is the ultimate gift for which, from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you, I accept.

—Karen Sierer

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to help you. Whether it be picking you up because you had a fight with your boyfriend, to holding your hand, or giving you a shoulder to cry on. You can always count on your Leader.

The stories from over the years and the memories that keep popping into this piece could fill a book. However, back to the task at hand, if you ever find yourself in need of having a Flag Ceremony presented, or you need help in some way call your neighborhood Girl Scout Leader, I'm sure she can find a troop or a few Girls that will be more than willing to lend a helping hand.

If you are a registered Girl Scout, or a former Girl Scout, please come and join the Paulding county Girl Scouts on Sunday March 11, 2007 at the Paulding County Court House at 1:45 p.m. as we join hands to try and encircle the County Court House. You may just be surprised to see who else is there.

**GIRLS SECTIONAL DIVISION IV AT WAYNE TRACE**

These are the results of the Sectional game between Crestview and Lincolnview which occurred on February 26.

Final score: Crestview 35, Lincolnview 33.

Caitlin Bollenbacher scored on an offensive rebound basket at the buzzer for the win.

Records - Crestview 16-4, Lincolnview 11-10.

Score by Quarters:  
Lincolnview - 5 7 8 13=33  
Crestview - 8 6 11 10=35

Leading scorers:  
Lincolnview - Katie Honigford 2-5-9, Lauren Evans 2-1-5, Kendra Bilimek 3-4-10, Megan Looser 1-5-7, Brittany Katalenas 1-0-2.

Crestview - Kelsey Nelderman 5-2-12, Caitlin Bollenbacher 2-1-1-8, Jo Thompson 2-2-6, Melissa Eickholt 0-1-0-3, Sammi Smith 0-1-1, Carly Lichtensteiger 2-1-5.

Three Point Goals - Crestview Bollenbacher 1, Eickholt 1.

Crestview advanced to play Continental on Thursday, March 1 at Elida High School.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING? AT THE PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FOR THE WEEK OF 3/7 THROUGH 3/13**

3/7 - Wacky Wednesday; grocery shopping, 12:30; water exercise, 3:00 p.m.; WW meeting, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
3/8 - Line dancing, 9:00 a.m.; exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Pantry Bingo, 10:00 a.m.; Euchre, 12:15 p.m.  
3/9 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration, 11:30 a.m.; Crafts, 12:30 p.m.  
3/12 - Line dancing, 9:00 a.m.; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ Hickory Creek, 10:00 a.m.; Water exercise, 3:00 p.m.; Flower Club, evening  
3/13 - Euchre, 9:45 a.m.; Village Apothecary Presentation, 12:00 noon

**WHAT IS IN THE AIR WE BREATHE?**

By: Neil Gordon

Last week I wrote an article in this newspaper about the indoor air pollution problem.

Do you realize we spend an average of 90% of our time indoors?

When you begin to think about it, what really are we breathing in everyday?

The article last week explained about the indoor air quality problem facing this nation.

The news articles in Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report all seemed to be saying the same thing.

The air indoors can contain dust, tobacco smoke, pollen, odors, chemical odors from cleaning products.

I started to look at some of the chemical cleaners we had in our home and thought what is in this?

You know I thought about cleaning the home more but thought where does the dust go when we clean our homes?

When we cook I thought where does the gas go once we cook our food?

I began to think what would happen if we could scientifically clean the air?

What would it be like if we could copy what nature does after a lightning storm? Wouldn't that be great?

You may want to study what indoor clean air is like at this website [www.tryfreshairliving.com/win](http://www.tryfreshairliving.com/win). The password to use is the word guest. You can also call my home phone number which is 419-399-2725.



**LOCAL LADY WRESTLER PLACES FIRST**

Sidney Salinas age 10 of Paulding placed first in the U.S. Girls' Wrestling Association (USGWA) state meet in New Castle, Indiana, Sunday, February 25. She is a member of the Paulding Wrestling Club. Her parents are Matt and Beckie Salinas.

Sidney will be going to Livonia, Michigan on March 31 and April 1 to compete in the USGWA national meet. Good luck, Sidney!

**AAU BASKETBALL TRY OUTS**

The Northwest Ohio AAU basketball team will be having tryouts for boys 5-8th grade Wednesday, May 7 at Wayne Trace High School 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be separate teams for each class.

For questions contact Rob Welch 238-3620.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL AT LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

The high school boys of Ottawa Glandorf and Wayne Trace battled on the basketball court for victory on March 2. The final score for the game was Ottawa Glandorf 54, Wayne Trace 44.

Score by Quarters:  
Ottawa Glandorf (13-8) 13 14 13 14=54

Wayne Trace (14-7) 6 14 11 13=44

Leading scorers:  
Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 14, Seth Litzenberg 8.

Ottawa Glandorf - Nathan Pothast 12, Ronnie Maynard 9.

Turnovers - Wayne Trace 14, Ottawa Glandorf 11.

Ottawa Glandorf advances to play to St. Henry at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at Ohio Northern University.

**WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB NEWS**

Members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Arnold Wrestling Challenge this past weekend, which was part of the Arnold Schwarzenegger Sports Festival. The wrestling tournament was held in the Nationwide Arena, in Columbus, OH and was a national wrestling tournament.

Placing second was Zaine Cotterman, Tyler Arnett and Kameran Clemens.

Placing third was George Clemens IV and Katie Clemens.

Placing fourth was Myranda Stahl, Zack Cotterman, Cody Stahl and Jacob Dingsus.

Other members of the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club competed in the Ottawa Glandorf Open Tournament held in Ottawa, OH, but the results were not ready at press time, and will be in next week.

**PAULDING COUNTY AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS**

Paulding County has been awarded \$7,715 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of Paulding County representatives will determine how funds to Paulding County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. The Local Board will meet Wednesday, March 28 at the United Way of Paulding County office.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; 2)

have an accounting system; 3) practice nondiscrimination; 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and; 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to participate and must request an application no later than Friday March 23, 2007.

Paulding County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Center for Child and Family Advocacy, YWCA of Van Wert, St. Paul United Methodist Food Pantry, Grover Hill Food Pantry, and Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Nancy Hessler at United Way of Paulding County at 419-399-5300 or email [director@unitedway-ofpauldingcounty.org](mailto:director@unitedway-ofpauldingcounty.org) for an application. Completed applications must be received no later than Monday March 26, 2007.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSION, AND DISMISSALS**

Births:

3/4 - Chris Suffel & Natalie Genero, Paulding, daughter, 10:33 a.m., 7 lb. 11 oz.; Anthony & Amy Adams, Paulding, daughter, 4:21 p.m., 7 lb. 15 oz.

Admissions:

2/27 - Henry Hook, Payne  
3/1 - Berneta Verfaillie, Paulding  
3/3 - Lucille Overmyer, Payne  
3/4 - Natalie Genero, Paulding; Amy Adams, Paulding

Dismissals:

2/28 - Victoria Gray, Paulding  
3/2 - Berneta Verfaillie, Paulding

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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21 and Monday, February 26, 2007.

The Wednesday session included the monthly meeting of county elected officials to review county finances and to share other information. The sales tax results for January and February were compared to receipts of prior years. It was February of 2006 that saw a large dip in sales tax receipts, partially as the State was correcting an earlier error. This year the February sales tax revenue recovered. Even so, the total for the two months of 2007 are behind the average for the two months over the past six years. The Commissioners will monitor the sales tax date monthly throughout the calendar year.

Time was also spent, at the Wednesday elected officials meeting, looking at the impact of the removal of personal property taxes and the substitution of the new Interstate Commercial Activity Tax (CAT tax). The intent of the State was to improve the tax structure to help retain and attract business and industry. However, the personal property tax was collected within the county, never sent to Columbus, and was shared by all the local governmental levels in the county. The State eliminated the personal property tax and created the CAT tax, which is collected in Columbus. That places all forms of local government in a position of not knowing if the State will replace the lost

local revenue, and if the state does, how long it will last. Data reviewed showed that to date the replacement funds from Columbus have replaced the personal property tax that was originally anticipated for the county general fund.

At the same meeting the assembled officials thanked Auditor Bill Bolenbaugh for all the information over the years. Bolenbaugh is retiring at the end of his term on March 9, 2007. Bolenbaugh and his staff prepare the financial data that is reviewed by the elected official each month.

The Wednesday session included a review of a new program offered by the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA). CORSA is composed of sixty-two Ohio counties for the purposes of purchasing insurance coverage for buildings, vehicles and liability. CORSA now offers Human Resources Hotline allowing member counties to call for sound legal advice on the specialty area of public employment law. County Commissioner Tony Burkley noted, "Paulding County government is not large enough to invest funds to create a personnel or human resources office. This offer from CORSA, at no additional cost to us, is a valuable offer."

The Monday meeting also saw Jane Gray, Superintendent of the Paulding County MRDD program, present her regular monthly report. Gray reported on a recent joint meeting of the MRDD board and the board that governs the not-for-profit PC Workshop. MRDD boards are not allowed to directly operate adult workshops so they contract with not-for-profit com-

panies to provide these important services. The MRDD board is responsible for the facility and the PC Workshop board is responsible for the activities in the building.

During the Monday session the Commissioners discussed some of the unique characteristics of county government. Each Commissioner noted how they had found it necessary at the beginning of their first term to take time to learn about the various offices, what their services are and how they relate to county government. It was noted that many agencies include the term "Paulding County" but are not directly related to the duties of the Paulding County Commissioners. One example is the Paulding County Health Department. The Health Department is charged with implementing state requirements for septic and water system design and inspection as well as immunizations and food service inspections. The governing board of the Paulding County Health Department is the Paulding County Board of Health. The members of the Board of Health are appointed following Ohio law that creates Advisory Council consisting of the township trustees, village mayors and the Commissioners. Accordingly the Board of Health responds to the Advisory Committee. The Commissioners are asked by Ohio law to provide facilities for the independent Health Department but if the Health Department wishes they may own their own property. The new home for the Health Department, located on US 127 at the south edge of Paulding, is owned by the Health Department.

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

**THANK YOU**

The family of Betty Rose Vail would like to thank the community for your outpouring of prayers and support during this time of our loss. A special thank you to Pastor Barlow, the Dooleys, Deacon Nighswander, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary 5087. Thank you to those who sent cards of encouragement, memorials, and memories of our mother. God blessed us all when he placed her in our midst. She will be greatly missed.

Thank you all.  
—Jim, Mike, Kathy, Pat, Susan, Sally, Pete, Mary and their families

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT UNCLE FUDD'S**



**By: Sue Knapp**

If you want great food, entertainment with a relaxing atmosphere on a Saturday night go to Uncle Fudd's in Melrose, OH.

When you walk into the main dining room you will immediately feel the cozy atmosphere with the relaxing sound coming from the decorative water fountain. They also have a smaller dining room just right for a more intimate meal. If you want nostalgia, you can visit the "Lost in the 50's Room" with Coca-Cola memorabilia, 45 records (you remember, the small vinyl ones with the hole in the middle!) and signs everywhere.

Uncle Fudd's host entertainers every other Saturday

night for your enjoyment. Last Saturday night, March 3, we were entertained with Christian singer and guitarist, Greg Leigh. Greg is the minister of the Convoy United Methodist Church which includes the band "Crossroads". His voice was as comfortable and welcoming as a warm spring day. He considers it a great blessing to be able to use his talents to glorify the Lord. He and Crossroads are open to entertaining you at your different functions.

Uncle Fudd's will host The Glory Gospel Group on March 17 from 6:00-8:00. Glory Gospel Group is a blue grass band.

What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday night, it is well worth the drive.

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

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Mark your calendars for the Museum's up-coming events: a "Spring Fling" to be held on April 14, 2007, and the ever-popular Dinner Theater, with this year's play entitled: "It's In the News." Watch the West Bend News for more information on these up-coming public extravaganzas.

As always, YOUR Museum is open every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month. Call 419-399-8218 to speak with a volunteer. The Museum is actively seeking volunteers and/or members to keep this vitally important historical information storehouse open for future generations. Be a part of keeping history alive in Paulding County by joining JPHS!

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**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE BLUE CHIPPERS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER**



Vantage Blue Chippers. Each quarter, Vantage Career Center recognizes students who have a 4.0 gpa and perfect attendance for the nine-week period. Congratulations to the students pictured for excellence during the second quarter of the school year. Pictured (left to right) Nathan

Arn (Van Wert), Rusty Warnecke (Ottoville), Natalie Zuber (Antwerp), Chelsea Spryn (Antwerp), Andrea Freeman (Crestview), Victoria Taylor (Continental), Katie Diment (Parkway), Brent Hoersten (Ottoville), Anthony Bradtmueller (Antwerp), Chazz Roger (Van Wert) and Melissa Figert (Paulding).

**VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS MARCH MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 in the Vantage science room. Immediately after the roll call, the board called for an Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the superintendent position. No action was taken.

After the Executive Session, the meeting continued with the treasurer's report, which included the approval of the February 1, 2007 regular board meeting minutes as well as the February 17 and February 19 special meeting minutes. The financial statements for the month of January, 2007 were also approved.

Principal Keith Rydell reviewed the successful Open House and Sophomore Visitation Day held earlier in the month, as well as the plans for the March OGT week schedule and academic activities. Director Bob Vennekotter updated the board on BPA and SkillsUSA students who will be competing at the upcoming state contests and the status of the school's make-up day due to bad weather. He also informed the board that Vantage will be hosting the Regional FCCLA competitions on Saturday, March 3 and that Vantage will have a booth at the Van Wert Home Show on Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th. Adult Education Director Jim Grant provided the board with an update of the Health programs and the spring class offerings.

In new business, the board:

\* Employed the following list of employees, as needed, as scheduled: Tom Mersman, Guidance Supervisor, Linda Clay, Cafeteria Cook, Eric Vennekotter, Computer Technician.

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

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vantage Career Center Science Room prior to the All Boards Meeting dinner.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the Paulding School Board:

I see that you are cutting more classes at the "wonderful Paulding Exempted Schools" again because you say you don't have any money. Maybe the administration should take a cut in pay to help "our students." You want everyone to help by paying more taxes.

Enough said. What I am really writing about is the cutting of the Vocational Agriculture Program. Talk about biting the hand that feeds you! Maybe the board has forgotten that about 50 percent of the taxpayers or their relatives are farmers and also that Paulding County is predominately an agriculture community! Without vocational education, where will our children learn more techniques to keep our farms alive? Much less the Future Farmers of America, an organization that goes along with the program. This organization teaches our students responsibility, skills, respect and pride, not only in themselves but for others, just to name a few things.

What is going to happen to the new green house that the FFA Alumni has worked so hard to get built for the Vo-Ag department to use? I guess it will sit idol just like other things. My family has supported the Vo-Ag program for over 30 years with both my husband and my son taking part in the program. To the school board this program may not be important, but to the people who have been involved with it, it is. Not every student makes the basketball team, the football team or other sports, or the science Olympiad team or all the "upper crust organizations" for the so-called "smart kids." Most of the Vo-Ag students are just common farm kids, looking for new experiences to better their farm life.

Take a good look at the people you have affected. These people are students, their parents, their grandparents and relatives who PAY SCHOOL TAXES. You are asking us to support tax levies. You will never get my vote to pass one. Wake up administrators and school board! Who are you supporting, our kids or your pockets?

—A former Vocational Agriculture and FFA Mother, Cheryl Germann, Oakwood, OH



**JUDGE JOHN DEMUTH ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED CRANE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER**

Kristine M. Stuart was appointed as Crane Township Fiscal Officer to fill the unexpired term of the newly elected Paulding County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson. Stuart will commence office on March 1, 2007.

Kristine is a graduate of Defiance College and holds a Bachelor Degree in Ac-

counting and is full-time employed by Western Buckeye Educational Service Center as Assistant Treasurer/Grants Manager. Kristine has also served as the Treasurer of the John Paulding Historical Society for the past five years.

Kristine is a resident of Crane Township and married to Kevin Stuart. They have two children, Michele and Michael who attends Antwerp Local School. Kristine and her family are members of the Rose Hill Church of God.

**STABLEMATES 4-H CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

On February 11 the stablemates held there February Meeting at the Nature Center in Paulding. There was 12 members present.

Some of the things they discussed was their community project, they got the approval from the Senior fair board to paint the Antique Building at the Paulding fairgrounds. Membership dues were collected, and fund-raisers were discussed. They decided on suckers, that they would sell at school, and around the community.

For new business, they made calendar changes. They were: Quality Assurance on April 2 need to be changed to

the 3rd and 5th of April.

The last thing they had on their agenda was to give demonstrations. Brittany Farquhar gave a demonstration on how to pick out a harness horse, and Heather Hershberger gave her demonstration on how to clean silver. After that the meeting was closed.

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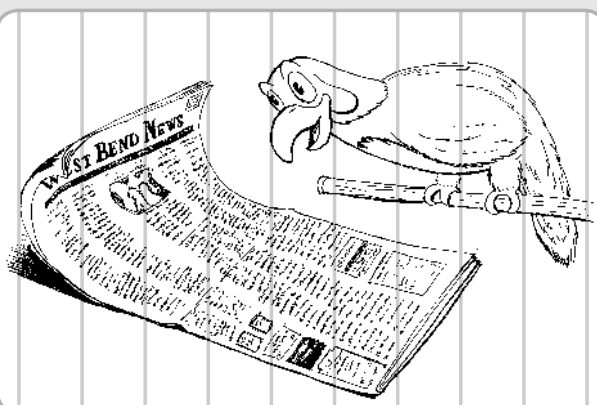
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**ANTWERP ATHLETE TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AS A PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS AMBASSADOR**

Kirsten Hickok, volleyball player and a student at Antwerp Local School in Antwerp, has been accepted into the People to People Sports Ambassador Program. In summer 2007, Hickok will train for three days in Vienna, Austria before competing as part of the Vienna Ambassador games. As part of the program she will explore Vienna with teammates throughout the United States.

In addition to building athletic skills, Hickok can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture, and history of the places she will visit. She will take part in a variety of activities such as seeing how royalty lived at Vienna's Schonbrunn Palace, walking through history at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp, and relax at the Prater Amusement Park beside the beautiful Blue Danube.

Acceptance into the Sports

Ambassador Program is an honor. The international competition and education program was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. After being invited to apply, Hickok submitted references and participated in a successful interview with program coaches and leaders. Before departing she will attend orientation meetings with a local coordinator and the coaches to prepare for the journey.

Hickok will be met overseas and accompanied by a team of experienced coaches and teacher-leaders. The athletic delegation will be escorted by a local delegation manager who coordinates the cultural and recreational excursions and is very familiar with local customs.

President Eisenhower founded People to People during his presidency with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark cards founder Joyce Hall. Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs are based in Spokane, Washington, and have been coordinating the educational travel programs for nearly 50 years.

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The Image Checker system from R2 Technologies is a computer assisted diagnostic tool that has been developed to assist radiologists in the interpretation of mammograms.

Many cancers are so subtle that they do not appear on a mammogram. The Image Checker acts as a "double check". It is very good at picking up possible "oversights" and is akin to having a second pair of eyes reviewing mammography films. The challenge in diagnosing early breast cancer is the ability to detect very subtle changes on the mammogram. Using computer assisted detection simply enhances the ability to detect these abnormalities at the earliest possible time. When you put the eyes of the radiologist together with the "eyes" of the image checker, you get the benefit of two pair of eyes instead of one.

Clinical studies have shown that 30-70% of breast cancers diagnosed at screening mammography are visible in retrospect on prior examinations and that detection errors are responsible for approximately half of missed breast cancers. Further analysis using the computer may find as many as 20% more early cancers than mammography alone.

The American Cancer Guidelines have the following recommendations:

—Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year.

—Between the ages of 20 and 39, women should have a clinical breast examination by a health professional every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health professional every year.

—Women age 20 or older should perform a breast self-examination (BSE) every month. By doing the exam regularly, you get to know how your breasts normally feel and you can more readily detect any signs or symptoms.

Questions? Call the CMH Radiology department at 419-542-5582.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Crane Township Zoning Board Commission will meet on Tuesday March 27, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Crane Township Hall in Cecil. This meeting will consist of a recommendation to the Crane Township Trustees to consider an amendment to Crane Township Zoning Law Article 18, Mobile Homes and Parks, 18.9 - specifically 18.9 (c) minimum overall size of singlewide mobile homes. Also adding 18.9 (e) specifying a maximum age for Mobile Homes. This public meeting is open to all interested parties.

Respectfully submitted, Karen M Sanders - Secretary Crane Township Zoning Commission

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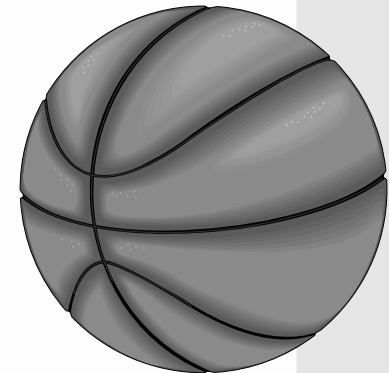
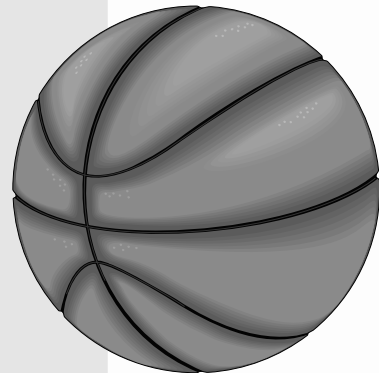
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# BASKETBALL MARATHON



## THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise monies for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. for use in providing handicapped people of all ages in Paulding County with equipment and services needed. Participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball, scoring as many points as the team can within the 24 minutes allowed for play. Sportsmanlike conduct is the rule, not the exception.

## RULES GOVERNING PLAY

The Mini-Tots Division will use the 8' basket and tiny ball. The Tots Division will use the 8' basket and women's basketball. The Mini-Youth Division will use the 10' basket and the women's basketball. All other Divisions will use the 10' basket and regulation basketball.

No foul shots are permitted. No time outs  
 Dunking the basketball **WILL NOT** be allowed  
 5 players maximum on the floor at one time. In Co-Ed competition, there must be at least 2 females on the floor at all times.  
 In Co-Ed competition, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, or shoot from the area on the floor known as the "KEY".

**Three-point shots will be counted in all divisions.**  
 Shirts may be picked up by the team captain or sponsor 30 minutes before the game.  
 Person who obtains shirts must sign them out.

**In Mini-Tots, Tots and Mini-Youth Divisions, no-full court pressing is allowed. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BEHAVE, ENJOY, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!**

## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer and supervise the athletic program for students in grades 7 thru 12. The Constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic programs below seventh grade. Anyone and everyone who is not yet enrolled in the seventh grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility.

Students in grade 7 thru 12 who are participating in or plan to participate in basketball in the future, **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MARATHON SO LONG AS NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAME JR. HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DO NOT PLAY ON THE SAME MARATHON TEAM.**

## AWARDS (Donated by Fessel Jewelers)

First and second place trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in the Mini-Youth, Youth, Men, Women and Co-Ed. Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to teams who were defeated by the most points or show the best behavior in the Marathon.

Ten individual awards for first and Ten individual awards for second place team participants will be awarded in the Mini-Tots and Tots Division.

## THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

Chad Benschneider- 419-263-2277 or 419-769-4708  
 John Claymiller - 419-399-8440  
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 Jeremy Dunderman - 419-769-0680  
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This committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you and the fans and the most profitable for the Society and the people in Paulding County who need our help. If you have questions, you may contact any of the committee members. Thanks for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County charity.

**CLIP & MAIL TODAY**

## 29<sup>th</sup> BASKETBALL MARATHON

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

The marathon begins on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, (time will be announced later), in the Payne Elementary School Gymnasium and concludes on Saturday evening at (TBA). Team pairings and time of play will appear in the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Reminder and the April 4<sup>th</sup> Paulding Progress.

### DIVISION OF PLAY

\_\_\_ MINI-TOTS (0-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) \_\_\_ TOTS (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_ MINI-YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**To make team pairings as fair as possible for the mini-tots, and mini-youth divisions, please designate:** \_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_ GIRLS \_\_\_ CO-ED  
 \_\_\_ YOUTH (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_ MEN\* \_\_\_ WOMEN\* \_\_\_ CO-ED\* \*denotes no age restrictions

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#### Select Size of Shirts

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 Small (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medium (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Large (14-16) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Adult Sizes

Small (34-36) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medium (38-40) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Large (42-44) \_\_\_\_\_  
 X-Large (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_  
 XX-Large (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_\*  
 XXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_\*

### PREFERRED TIME OF PLAY

Every effort will be made to accommodate your first, second, or third request, however, the Marathon Committee cannot make any guarantee with respect to these requests:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

### PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play \_\_\_\_\_ Can't Play \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) \$100.00  
 (players must also pay regular admission at the door)

Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8.00 X # of shirts in excess of 10)  
 Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$3.00 X # of XXL or XXXL shirts)  
 Total Amount Due with This Entry...\$ \_\_\_\_\_ make checks payable to Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. (Paulding Co. Society for C.C. & A) and send with this entry form to: The Marathon, 8602 Rd. 51, Payne, OH 45880  
 Deadline for entries is **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007.**

### TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

(of person completing this entry form)  
**RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK!**