

## CHARITY BASKETBALL MARATHON TURNS HUGE SUCCESS

The 29th annual 24-hour basketball marathon for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults took place over this past Easter weekend. This year the marathon had 104 basketball teams entered in seven different divisions. This was the largest marathon in the past six years. The marathon also played host to a new exhibition game among the Fort Wayne Roller Derby Girls.

The first and second place awards were as follows: Mini-tots division, first place - Dallas Lamb Foundation; second place - Treece Electric. Tots division, first place - Pleasant Valley Golf Course; second place - Housa Pizza. Mini-youth division, first place - Holly, Wood & Vine; second place - Dr. Underwood. Youth division, first place - Oasis Bar & Grill; second place Michael Thompson, DDS. Co-Ed division, first place - R.E.O. Legacy; second place - Slattery Oil Co. Women's division, first place - Williamson Insurance;

second place - SAC Attack. Men's division, first place - Antwerp Exchange Bank; second place - Greve Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep. The awards were donated by Fessel Jewelers. The traveling plaque was given to Mark Holtsberry for his involvement with several teams and referee duty for over two decades of basketball marathons.

Last year the Crippled Children & Adults Society were able to help 74 people largely due to the money raised by the 24-hour charity basketball marathon. This year profits were up by \$1478.24 for a net profit of \$8,658.84, that number includes a \$1,000.00 supplemental donation from the Paulding-Defiance Chapter of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that we have received the last two years. This will permit the Society to help even more crippled Paulding County residents with medications, transportation, and equipment. The money is limited, so there is an application process to go through. The easiest way to

receive an application is to contact the Health Department at 399-3921.

During the past few years we have lost several committee members due to changes in their schedules and some that have moved away for college. This year we were able to recruit five new members which made this marathon run much smoother than last years. However, we are still looking for new committee members. If you are interested, or if you lost an item at the marathon please contact Chad Benschneider at 263-2277 or 769-4708.

## ODOT'S US 24 INFORMATIONAL MEETING ANSWERS MANY QUESTIONS

By: Sue Knapp

On April 9 at 5:30 p.m., ODOT held an informational meeting with the public about the progress on the US 24 project.

The second phase of the project will be completed from April 2007-October 2008. This includes two additional lanes to be constructed in the westbound direction.

The existing lanes will become the eastbound lanes of the new four-lane divided expressway.

Two and a half miles of the existing lanes on the west end will be reconstructed and the remainder will be widened and resurfaced.

An interchange will be constructed at Ohio 281/Domersville Road.

An overhead bridge taking Carpenter Road over US 24 will be constructed.

The Ohio 281 bridge over the Maumee River will be rehabilitated which involves removal and replacement of the existing deck.

The intersection of SR 281 and US 24 and the bridge over the Maumee River will be closed at the same time beginning April 16 for 75 days.

Maintenance of traffic, temporary signals and temporary intersections will remain open until a perma-

## OAKWOOD FIRE HOUSE PRESENTS OPEN HOUSE



By: Sue Knapp

The Oakwood Fire Department, EMT, EMS, Mayor and public officials proudly dedicated the new Fire Department building with a ribbon cutting and Open House on April 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Speaking was Bud Henke, Mayor; Bill Duerck, General Contractor; Paul Gillmor, Congressman; Lynn Wachtmann, State Representa-

tive; Marty Harmon, Paulding County Commissioner; Greg Landers, Fire Chief; Kenny Thomas, Assistant Chief; and Ron Eakins, EMS Coordinator.

They all gave appreciation to the citizens for all the help in financing the new building. They also commended Ron Eakins for his help in coordinating and completing the grants for the project. The building was erected

with no tax monies.

Also commended was the Cooper Family Foundation for their help and support and Gary Frederick, who has 37 years in as a volunteer fireman and with unselfish dedication helped to complete the project.

The project took six months to complete and was moved into on December 8,

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## The Paulding County Agricultural Society is seeking feedback regarding the PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

Schedule for 2008.

It has been suggested that the fair be moved to a later date. The date currently available is August 4-11, 2008. Please help us in deciding the dates of your county fair. Check the box below indicating your date preference.

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**Penny Marlene Bell**, 46, of Antwerp, passed away April 13, 2007 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance.

Born in Hicksville, on November 1, 1960, she was the daughter of Harold and Eunice (Rister) Bell of Antwerp. She was a cashier at Scott's Foods, Fort Wayne, where she was recognized for her friendly, courteous service to customers. Penny previously worked at Antwerp Pharmacy and McDonald's in Defiance.

She was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp. Penny was fond of her cats and always had a friendly smile for everyone.

She will be sadly missed by her parents; sister, Patricia Bell; brother, Randy (Cindy) Bell; and companion, Robert Clifford all of Antwerp.

Her funeral service were at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp April 17th, with Reverend William E.D. Barlow officiating.

She was laid to rest at Mamee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In her memory contributions may be made to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

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

**Harry F. Shrider**, 78, of Paulding died April 7 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born in Harlan, IN on October 1, 1928 the son of Ralph and Mable Edith (Gray) Shrider. On July 1, 1961 he married Rose Marie Foust, who survives. He was employed by Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp for 37 years retiring in 1989. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne; a life member of the DAV, Columbus, OH; and the Yankee Motorcycle Club of Defiance.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Shrider of Paulding; a son, Dean Shrider of Stryker, OH; and three grandchildren: Thomas, Christine, and Jacob of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Harvey "Ed" and William "Bruce" Shrider; and a sister, Jean Shrider.

Funeral services were held April 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding County.

A memorial service will be held for the late Harry F. Shrider on April 21, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Payne.

**Melroy E. "Roy" Poorker**, 71, of Payne, died April 8, 2007 at his residence.

He was born in Milaca, Minnesota, on October 2, 1935 the son of George and Hilda (Howe) Poorker. On March 16, 1957 he married Audrey Campbell, who survives. He was owner/operator of Roy's Refrigeration, Payne retiring in 2002. He was previously employed by Beloit Foundry, South Beloit, Illinois for 35 years. He loved hunting, fishing, and the Green Bay Packers.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Poorker of Payne; a son, Roy (Suzanne) Poorker of Woodbridge, Virginia; a daughter, LaVerne (Ray) Craft of Gandeeville, West Virginia; four grandchildren: Audrey-Lynn Tesch, Roy, Scott, and Christopher Poorker; and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Blevis.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Louis Gossick and James Poorker; and a sister, Pauline Cummings.

Funeral services were held April 13 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Kay D. Bailey**, 67, of Hicksville, died at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville on April 8, 2007.

She was born on August 13, 1939 in Noblesville, IN the daughter of Delmar and Vera (Taylor) Anderson.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1957. She married Thomas Bailey on July 27, 1957. He survives.

She was a lifelong homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville.

She is survived by her husband and a son, Craig Bailey of Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service was April 11 at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville with Deacon Walter Conkle officiating.

Preferred memorials to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

**Robert Gage Gillespie**, 68, of Hicksville died at his home on April 10, 2007.

He was born on May 27, 1938 in Hicksville, the son of Morris and Beulah (Kline) Gillespie.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1956. He married Barb Kahlke in November 1967. She survives.

He was an U.S. Air Force veteran serving in Vietnam as a Senior Master Sergeant. He also served in the Air Force Reserves. He was an electrician at Nucor Corporation for 17 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville; a former member of American Legion Post 223 and Eagles Aerie 5665, Hicksville; he was a member of and enjoyed golf and bowling leagues.

He is survived by his wife, Barb; three sons: Robert II of Kendallville, IN, Cuyler (Brenda) and Tony both of Hicksville; a daughter: Debbie (Brent) Minic of Delaware Bend, OH; ten grandchildren: Jessica, Adriene, Allicia, Austin, Gabrielle, Elizabeth, Riley, Clayton, Morgan and Weston; two great-grandchildren: Gage and Paige; a brother, Raymond of Antwerp.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife: Linda Faye Gordon; and stepfather: Frances Gordon.

Funeral services were April 13 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Pastor Jerry Lewis officiating.

Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmer Township with military honors by American Legion Post 223, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance.

(Continued from Page 1) passes to carry new US 24 over railroads just east of CR 11 and the Lafarge railroad spur just east of CR 105.

The Indiana section of US 24 is currently scheduled to be opened to traffic in fall of 2009 to coincide with the completion of the Ohio sections.

Completion dates are from June 2007-October 2009.

US 24 traffic will be maintained at all times with Ohio 49 being detoured for approximately seven months during construction of the interchange.

Jerry Zeilke attended the meeting also and sent us this report:

The projects are on schedule and the selling of the R127 to Indiana line will be at the end of April as planned. The question was asked about the Indiana section. Indiana will be accepting bids sometime this year for the section from the Ohio line to SR 101 north of Woodburn and it should be complete when the Ohio sections are opened in 2009. This avoids them having to put in an additional road to old 24. We will start to see a lot of activity in the next couple of months.

Also attending the meeting were some of our county officials and residents.

The information in this article was taken from the handouts given at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the projects you may contact:

[www.buckeyetraffic.org](http://www.buckeyetraffic.org)

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

*Admissions:*

- 4/11 - William Huff, Oakwood
- 4/12 - Richard Gerber, Melrose; Lucio Flores, Grover Hill
- 4/13 - Elizabeth Dasher, Paulding
- 4/15 - Ilean McClain, Paulding
- 4/16 - Elizabeth Konopka, Paulding

*Dismissals:*

- 4/10 - John H. Kausser, Paulding; Katherine Dohoney, Paulding
- 4/11 - William Huff, Oakwood
- 4/12 - Ruth Hitchcock, Paulding
- 4/13 - Elizabeth Dasher, Paulding; Albert Walters, Grover Hill
- 4/14 - Richard Gerber, Melrose; Franklin Warner, Paulding

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4/20 - Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk  
4/23 - French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit cup, milk  
4/24 - Sloppy joe on a bun, tator tots, fruit cup, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*  
4/18 - Popcorn chicken, corn, blueberry muffin, fruit, milk  
4/19 - Walking taco, lettuce & cheese, fruit cup, milk  
4/20 - Cheese filled breadstick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
4/23 - Hot dog on a bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk  
4/24 - Chicken wrap w/lettuce, corn, fruit, milk

*Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast*  
4/18 - Bacon, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
4/19 - Waffle stix, sausage, juice, milk  
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4/23 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
4/24 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage, juice, milk

*Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch*  
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**A VISIT FROM THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THE WORLD**



**By: Angel Steiner**

The Antwerp Church of Christ was blessed abundantly by a visit from the Rutsa family on April 15, 2007. Tseibu Rutsa explained his mission to his homeland of Nagaland to the congregation during Sunday School. He then delivered a powerful message of faith illustrated through the story of Noah when God called him to build an ark. His message inspired all who heard.

Tseibu, his wife and three children now live in Grabill, IN and are rallying support for their mission field of Nagaland.

The State of Nagaland was formally inaugurated on December 1, 1963, as the 16th State of the Indian Union. It is bounded by Assam in the West, Myanmar (Burma) on the east, Arunachal Pradesh and part of Assam on the North and Manipur in the South. The State consists of seven Administrative Districts, inhabited by 16 major tribes along with other sub-tribes. Each tribe is distinct in character from the other in terms of customs, language and dress.



It is a land of folklore passed down the generations through word of mouth. Here, music is an integral part of life; folk songs eulogizing ancestors, the brave deeds of warriors and traditional heroes; poetic love songs immortalizing ancient tragic love stories; Gospel songs that touch your soul (should you have a religious bend of mind) or the modern tunes rendered exquisitely to set your feet tapping.

Each of the 16 odd tribes and sub-tribes that dwell in this exotic hill State can easily be distinguished by

the colorful and intricately designed costumes, jewelry and beads that they adorn. The present generation of Nagas have ventured into fashion designing in a big way, reproducing fabrics that represent the ancestral motifs blended with modern appeal. Indeed, it is a beautiful mix of the past with the present... a paradise for those who are into fashion designing. This is an affluent fashion station of the East.

Tseibu Rutsa is the president of Leaders For Christ International which is an organization that enlightens the leaders of foreign countries to follow Christ. Mr. Rutsa's goal in America has five main areas which include:

1. Radio station: obtain old radio station equipment to take to Nagaland, so they can build a radio station to preach the True Gospel of Jesus Christ to Burma, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Tibet, China, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.
2. Finances for a Printer and Print Shop: Funds are being raised to provide the proper printing equipment in order to print doctrinal materials as well as American books, and tracts for these nations in their own language.
3. Finances needed for Building A Training Center: They would like to build a training center for all of South Asians based in Nagaland.
4. Monthly Support For the Rutsa Family Until Money needed for Mission Projects is Obtained: The Rutsa Family plan to return to their home country of Nagaland as soon as the needed money is raised for these three mission projects. Until then they depend upon the faithful Christian people in the area to help support their effort.

You may contact Tseibu Rutsa about Leaders for Christ International at [leadersglobal@verizon.net](mailto:leadersglobal@verizon.net)



**SIDNEY SALINAS TAKES  
FOURTH AT USGWA WRESTLING COMPETITION**

Sidney Salinas, who is ten years old and a fifth grader at PauldingElementary, recently competed in the United States Girls Wrestling Association (USGWA) Nationals competition in Livonia, Michigan. She took fourth place in the 84 lb elementary division.

She is the daughter of Matt and Beckie Salinas and the granddaughter of Sid and Mary McMillan. Sidney finishes her wrestling season this year with a 21-7 record with a total of 17 pins. She could not have accomplished all this without the help of the generous people who either donated money or bought candles or raffle tickets from her. Especially Tom Diaz, her coach, for traveling to Michigan with her and her family to coach her.

—Submitted by Beckie Salinas

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The scholarship shall be used in the 2007-2008 academic year to further the applicant's education and will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or vocational school of the applicant's choice and will be returned if applicant does not attend school during the 2007-2008 year.

Members interested in more information or obtaining application forms can contact Chris Taylor at the Grover Hill Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 2873 by calling 587-3400. Deadline for entries is June 1, 2007.

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<http://www.financialsense.com/stormwatch/geo/pastanalysis/2007/0309.html>

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# INTRODUCING PAULDING'S NEW JAIL



**By: Sue Knapp**

On April 14 the new Paulding County Jail held an open house. The old jail has served Paulding County since 1876. Because of negative inspections, the Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) recommended a planning committee to discuss the building of a new facility.

been used for maintenance of the building and staffing expenses for the new facility. As of now, women and an overflow of men inmates have to be farmed out to other facilities. The new jail can house 52 inmates including women with room for overflow. The new jail also has laundry facilities and two gas tanks so fuel can be bought in bulk. These are just a few of the ways of many that will save the county money. The

jail has a state of the art security system, a control room to monitor the inmates, stainless steel kitchen, and visitors room. 911 calls will also be taken and processed through the new jail. It houses a med. room and an inside basketball court, plus everything it needs to be run properly. The projection date for the operation of the new facility is the first full week of May.

## ANTWERP'S APRIL COUNCIL MEETING: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

**By: Sue Knapp**

DeWayne and Tammy Price from Antwerp EMS expressed concerns about lack of money and of communication between the EMS and the Council. The EMS is to go to Council before any large purchases. Training for EMT's is canceled until further notice. The EMS was authorized to go ahead and purchase everyday items needed to keep it running. Dick Gordon expressed a need for a truck route through the Village noting all the truck traffic going down Wentworth Street. This has been discussed before with concerns that businesses will be able to receive shipments along with accommodating the US 24 project.

enhancement funds for the depot project and authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into any and all necessary contracts regarding the depot project and declaring the same in emergency. Resolution 2007-09 concerning putting cameras on the 49/24 traffic light was tabled due to questioning to be done in June by the Ohio Supreme Court concerning the civil penalties. Also involved are many state and federal judges along with class action suits challenging that these types of ordinances add statutes. Ordinance 2007-10 authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the sanitary pump station contract and declaring the same an emergency. This is for the Colony. Village Administrator, Sara Keeran, informed the council that the new water tower is half full and is being chlorinated and tested. Complaints about Ernie Foster's property on East Canal's property on East Canal was discussed. The property has been used as a dump.

to be certified by an engineer before the Fire Marshall becomes involved. Bad checks for utility payments was discussed and the State Auditor will be questioned on what the Council can do about this problem. The existing sidewalks in town were discussed and a sidewalk committee will be looking at the ways to oversee the sidewalks and create ordinances to inform the public of their part in repairing the sidewalks in front of their property. Notices will be coming out about tall grass, weeds and vehicles as the weather gets nicer. Sara Keeran announced that a bidder for the new US 24 approached her and informed her that he would need 100,000 gallons of water a day and 12-15 truckloads of sand for a year to complete the project. This will bring in some revenue to the Village. He also stated that he would build a temporary cement plant on 49S. Aimee Lichty will take over the duties of utility billing clerk the first of May.

The Council was asked about the Village trash pick up. They are still collecting surveys and are planning to make a decision at the May Council meeting. Everyone in the Village would be included in this plan which also allows for large item pick-up. This plan does not include businesses. Police Chief Clemens announced for the month of March there were 146 calls and 9 citations. The Village is now down to two officers. Resolution #R2007-04 requesting the county auditor to certify to the Village of Antwerp the total current tax calculation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 1 mill for replacement levy for fire protection and emergency medical services and declaring the same an emergency. Resolution 2007-05 a resolution authorizing the village administrator to prepare and execute applications for transportation

Storm water improvement on the Hall & Green's property on North Main has been done. The VFW water leak has been fixed. There is four buildings on the same line. It was discussed how each building needs it's own meter. Signs in the park welcoming people to Antwerp was discussed. Oley McMichael's plans for water and sewer, etc. were approved for his subdivision by the sub-division committee. Bidding for the storm water projects are ready to be accepted. The plans for a new fire escape at the town hall need

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK: FAIRVIEW VS. WAYNE TRACE**  
On Tuesday, April 10, the track teams from Fairview and Wayne Trace ran for victory in their track meet. Final team score for the afternoon was Fairview 109, Wayne Trace 33.  
Results for events:  
3200 Relay - Wayne Trace 12:33  
110 Hurdles - Alvarez (F) 16.8, Schulz (F) 17.4, Fitch (F) 21.9  
100 Dash - Priest (WT) 11.3, Baksa 12.2, Doan (F) 12.5  
800 Relay - Fairview 1:42  
1600 Run - Perkins (F) 4:49, Alvarez (F) 5:03, Reese



**Bruce Merry from ODOT leads the informational meeting on the new US 24**

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## PET OWNERS CAN HELP WILDLIFE

Humans become very attached to their pets, and sometimes don't realize how domesticated animals can harm wild animals. Dogs are carnivorous, and their instincts compel them to chase and harass suitable prey. Domestic cats are one of the major killers of small wild birds and mammals in cities and suburbs. Pets released into the wild by owners who have tired of them often starve to death. Others become serious pests by out-competing native animals for food and other resources.  
**What You Can Do:**  
—Keep your cats and dogs under close surveillance during the nesting season (April through July), when wild birds and mammals are especially susceptible to disturbance.  
—Put a bell on your cat's collar. The bell will alert songbirds and other small animals of the approaching predator. Keep confirmed bird and small mammal hunters indoors during the nesting season.  
—Leash your dog. Wildlife species look just like dinner or a playmate to chase.  
—Spay or neuter your pet and keep vaccinations up to date to protect your pet and local wildlife from rabies and other communicable diseases.  
—Find a good home for unwanted pets or take them to the animal shelter. Releasing nonnative animals into the wild is unethical, cruel and against the law.  
—Choose captive-bred animals for pets instead of wild ones. If you buy an animal from a pet dealer, make sure it has not been imported or taken from the wild.

## MASON'S PLAN CHICKEN BAR-B-Q FOR JUNE

WM Walter Schilb opened a Lodge of Master Mason's and the pledge was given. Four 50-year members stood up and were recognized. These included Gene McClellan, Doyle Johnson, Estel Cottrell and Charles Carey. There were 12 Past Masters among the 50-year members and Tim Betts Russell St. Johns, Dick Savage, Jim Kline, Lee Kallsen, Randy Brooks Sr., Scott Ruppert, Ron Farnsworth, Gerry Shidler, Norm Byers, Walter Schilb and Bill Metz, who were present. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Chuck Crow, Dean Phillips, Lowell Applegate and Bill Wright.  
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## TURN ON THE LIGHT FOR CRIME VICTIMS

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 22-28, 2007; this year's theme is Every Victim, Every Time. If you ask Americans how our nation treats crime victims they are likely to say, "very well." In most ways, they would be right. Every state has victims' rights laws. We have more than 10,000 victim assistance programs throughout the country, and every state has a crime victim compensation fund. Powerful federal laws, such as Crime Victims' Rights Act, protect victims and fund needed services. As we observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we have much to celebrate.

However, many crime victims have not experienced the promise of such progress. Despite all our progress in supporting victims, we still have much work to do. Only a fraction of crime victims actually participate in the criminal justice system. Victims' rights vary from state to state. Services aren't always available to meet all victims' needs. Populations with special vulnerabilities such as the elderly, victims with disabilities, children, teens, ethnic and racial minorities, or residents of rural areas, may not receive the support they need to rebuild their lives. If we are to serve "Every Victim, Every Time", ALL Americans must do their part.

So, how can the average person help our nation reach this goal? First, we can open our eyes to the "hidden" victims around us. Are you paying enough attention to your elderly parents, family members, friends and neighbors? Did you know there are many ways in which these valued members of our community can be abused, neglected or scammed? Check in with your elderly friend or neighbor who may be vulnerable to exploitation or abuse. Be alert to the teens in your life whose behavior may have suddenly changed, they may be experiencing dating violence or abuse at home. Recognize that the increasingly isolated young wife who seems afraid of her husband may be a victim of domestic violence—and may fear that reporting the crime will intensify the abuse or endanger her children. Thousands of such victims remain "under the radar", outside the criminal justice system and the victim services designed to help them.

The Paulding County Court Victims Assistance Unit is asking the community members to turn on their porch light from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during this special week in order to honor crime victims. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and crime victim services, please contact the Paulding County Court Victims Assistance Unit at 419-399-4476 or visit www.pauldingcountycourt.com.

—Angel Pease, Victims Assistance Specialist



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2006. After the dedication ceremony, there were refreshments and a moonwalk for the kids to enjoy.

### Paulding County Hospital offers CPR Classes

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After five great years, the "Rainbow Café" is closing shop.

For those of you who do not know about the "Rainbow Café" and where it was located, let me tell you. The "Rainbow Café" was a temporary food stand located in one of the stationary buildings at the Paulding Co. Fairgrounds. It was operated as an extension of the Mt. Zion UMC located on Co. Rd. 151, 2 1/4 miles outside of Grover Hill.

Six years ago our little church was pondering on how to raise funds for some much needed church renovation, community food baskets, and financial assistance to some in need. At that time, it was brought to our attention by Lonnie Miller that the church in Payne would no longer be running their food stand. He asked if we might be interested in putting a bid in for it. Yes, we certainly were! It seemed to be an answer to our prayers.

After purchasing some of the basic equipment from the Payne church, we began to setup shop. We cleaned, painted, built counters and did many other necessary repairs. We purchased several large pop coolers, a huge commercial freezer, an upright freezer, new hot water heater, chairs, and a few extra tables among many other items.

Now we needed a name for our outdoor eating establishment. Lorna Jewell had seen a glorious rainbow just prior to opening. She suggested we name it the "Rainbow Café". How appropriate! First of all, the rainbow in the sky was God's promise to us that he would never destroy the world with another flood. Second of all, there is always a big thunderstorm and heavy rains at fair time. Isn't it so?

As of today, our church has been restored to a beautiful place of worship. We have provided grocery supplies to over a hundred families each year. We have given financial assistance to some with special needs. We have provided relief assistance to the tornado-struck residents of our county, along with the victims of hurricane Katrina. All of this is due to the profit we received by selling our food and drinks.

We, as Christians, live by God's promises and the blessings are fantastic.

All of this being said, you may be wondering why we are choosing to close. The answer is rather simplistic. Most all of us who have worked the cafe have reached an age of maturity and ill health that won't allow us to continue at the pace it takes to operate such an establishment. The "Rainbow Café" will continue to offer soup and sandwich suppers in our church fellowship hall from time to time.

At this time, we would like to express our gratitude to the fair board for allowing us the privilege of contracting their building all these years. We give a special recognition to Lonnie Miller for his part in helping us to acquire the building. Again to Bill Vance for permitting us to set up a food tent at Flat Rock Festival two years prior to contracting with the fair board.

We will miss all of the people of Paulding and surrounding counties for patronizing the "Rainbow Café". Last of all, we hope that the future tenants will have as prosperous and rewarding an experience as ours has been.

Any further questions should be directed to Tony Zartman, president of the fair board.

—Judy Moore, and The "Rainbow Café" committee

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Freedom to Choose

I will bow down to any man or woman and humbly proclaim, "I am no better than you." I will then rise and say, "Yet, you are no better than me." Whether you choose to believe in a Supreme Being (in one form or another), Nature's Selection, or nothing at all the human race is only but one. We live with and alongside each other so it's imperative that peace be maintained by way of fairness and equality.

Openly I admit that I was wrong about the true nature of the Colonialists. They were Puritans (one who regards pleasure or luxury as sinful) who sought freedom from the Church of England seeking religious and social uniformity ruled by civil law to enforce religious behavior. Much of this time period in American history was challenging but productive and the colonies were led by their religious beliefs fueled by fear and superstitions. Anything that wasn't understood was most certainly the deeds of the devil which mistakenly took thousands of innocent lives. Exploitation of witch hunts, stake burnings, torturous interrogations, chained to trees and starved to death, placed upon a wheel and shot to death, all were public and common practice with little provocation.

It would be over 160 years later that the Founding Fathers rallied, fought and won our independence that they realized the significance of freedom. After careful consideration and examination of human rights "freedom" became and continues to be one of the fundamental rights for Americans. Each Founder George Washington, George Mason, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson prior to death or in their wills all proclaimed, "Freedom and Independence."

So if someone says our country was fundamentally built on religion—they're right. But, when someone says our country was built on fundamental human rights—they too are correct. The bottom line is that the First Amendment clearly states: "Congress shall make no law respecting and establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the freedom of press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and the petition the government for a redress of grievances."

In a nutshell, it means that our government is not allowed to form a national religion or preference one religion over another, or religion over non-religion; Americans can choose to believe in a religion or choose not to; speak freely as can the press; we can also rally peacefully and demand accountability from our government. These rights are "Absolute". However, these rights are not guaranteed when they infringe upon the rights of others—Absolute becomes Obsolete.

My issue is the bombardment of religion everywhere I go, it's inescapable. From school personnel quoting scriptures to government officials reminding us about Jesus' sacrifices. Enough! Take a moment to ponder just how many religions there are in

the United States? How many are in the world? According to Wikipedia there are 22 major religions worldwide. That's nearly 7 billion people and of those 1 billion do not adhere to religious approaches (Humanism, Atheism, Rationalism, and Agnosticism).

Who are we to say that one is above all else? We shouldn't! That's the glory of freedom, you and I can choose to believe in any religion or non-religion. The very foundation of this country is "Freedom," yet to sustain the very essence of freedom we must not be swayed from the very paths that led us initially.

If any religion (no matter the intent) impose it's beliefs or values into a law or the common lives of U.S. citizens, it is no better than to be ruled by a dictator(ship); there would be no freedom other servitude.

Clearly I do not believe as you nor you do I, but if your religious belief(s) prevents you from anything that is lawful and goes against your religion such as: having an abortion or using birth control, being gay, assisted suicide, serving in the military, euthanizing animals, etc... That is your choice! That is your freedom! That is your right! What are not yours are

my choices, my freedoms, and my rights. Quite frankly, to think that your religious views are superior to mine or anyone else's is foolish, vain, and respectfully—plain ignorant.

"Society and laws governing it should be established by good and bad moral behavioral benefiting all of society, anything beyond that should be done in the sectors of one's church."

For myself, I will continue to TTG (Think. Thank God), "Think" of God everyday and "Thank" Him for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me, but more importantly, I will always extend the same in all my prayers, "Please Grace the world with patience, tolerance, and everlasting peace. Amen."

For those who feel the need to exploit their religion, with all due respect, I swallow enough pills on a daily basis please don't add to the mix. And a small reminder to those who hold office or a government position, you hold office to serve all the people not your church; A leaders character is not judged by his faith, but rather by faith in a leader.

—Most Humbly,  
Christina L. West,  
Oakwood, Ohio

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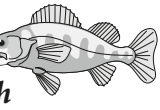


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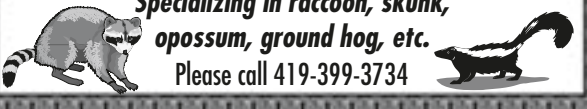
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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The white house in this picture has a lot of history for me. I was born in this house in 1924. This was called the Doc Murphy house. If you go up US 24 and turn left at the A & W stand and as soon as you cross the railroad tracks this house sits on your right side. Nick and Karen Banks moved the Dave Johnson house on that lot and with the landscaping, it is a beautiful home site. There was a fence on your right and then the Wabash tracks. That is my mom and dad sitting on the steps.

We moved out of the house to down on East Canal Street in 1929. I was four but I can remember quite a bit about being there. I used to hang on the fence where the trains went by and waved at the trainmen. They nearly always waved back.

Directly across the street to the east was the home of Harry and May Leaman. They had a number of children, but one of them was named Thelma. She was a good friend of ours for 70 years.

She married Cecil Billman and they had two boys, Max and Ray. The latter is better

known as "Pinky".

I remember that we moved out of there in May of 1929. Dad hired Tart Wilson to move us because he had a team and wagon.

I was allowed to sit on the seat with Tart Wilson and my Aunt Dicia.

Later on, I think, the Wilber Green family lived there for awhile. After WWII, Lavon Miller bought that house and had it moved over on West Washington St. And it was still there. If you will recall a few months ago my friend, Rose Keever, wrote a story about moving that house because she grew up in that house. In those years, somewhere after 1924, Mr. Fred Dunderman purchased that ground and Lavon bought the house from Fred. I suppose it was an estate because Doc died in 1924.

In the picture of the three boys, that is Jack, Jim and myself. In those years as soon as school was out for the summer, Dad would cut our hair off right down to the scalp, but lots of parents did that. By the first Tuesday after Labor Day our hair would be grown back out and that was the first day of school again.

If you look in the background, that was Canal Street and it was a stone road. Right behind that road was the canal. When it rained, water stood in there and we did a lot



of wading at those times.

That south canal bank led into Mrs. Waters pasture field and we played a lot of ball there. Usually at least one of the bases was a dried cow pie. Sometimes they hadn't dried enough.

If you look deep in the background of that picture, you will see the area that many years later became the

Antwerp High School Football Stadium. Since those days, a lot of water has gone under the river bridge. Nearly all those times have been good ones. I consider myself lucky and fortunate to have lived the 82 years that I have. One of the top things that I am thankful for is the multitude of friends that we have amassed.



The picture of the boy laying down might be me and the family cat. The other pictures were taken by Mr. Ehrhart at his studio and were one cent each. I think I was a sophomore at AHS when these were taken. I'm going to show you a lot of these pictures later on in May.

See, Ya!

**HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. ANTWERP**

On April 10, Wayne Trace and Antwerp met up for varsity softball action. The final score for the evening was Wayne Trace 1, Antwerp 0.

Winning Pitcher - Marcie McDougale (8 innings, 8 strikeouts, 0 walks, 2 hits)

Losing Pitcher - Bryn Schlatter (8 innings, 4 hits, 13 strikeouts, 5 walks)

Leading Hitters: Wayne Trace - Chelsea Holtsberry (triple), Alaina Ross (single, RBI), Becky Ruble (single), Renee Bidlack (single)

Score by Innings: Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 0 0 1. Wayne Trace had 1 run, 4 hits, and 3 errors.

Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. Antwerp had 0 runs, 2 hits, and 2 errors.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK: FAIRVIEW VS. WAYNE TRACE**

On Tuesday, April 10, the girls of Fairview and Wayne Trace faced off in a track meet. The final team score for the afternoon was Fairview 69, Wayne Trace 63.

3200 Relay - Wayne Trace 12:33

100 Hurdles - Schroeder (F) 19.1, Gause (F) 19.8, Dobbelaere (WT) 20.3

100 Dash - Schroeder (F) 13.3, Hicks (WT) 14.1, Ruggles (F) 15.0

800 Relay - Fairview 2:03

1600 Run - Stoller (WT) 6:00, Miller (F) 7:13, Chittenden (F) 7:19

400 Relay - Wayne Trace 57.9

400 Dash - Clinker (F) 1:11, Akkerman (WT) 1:15, Core (F) 1:16

300 Hurdles - Flint (WT) 56.48, Schroeder (F) 56.63, Gause (F) 1:02

800 Run - Stoller (WT) 2:56, Lautow (WT) 3:28, Graham (F) 3:28

200 Dash - Hicks (WT) 28.95, Schroeder (F) 30.05, Ruggles (F) 31.85

3200 Run - Hill (WT) 14:47, Miller (F) 16:29, Chittenden (F) 16:56

1600 Relay - Wayne Trace 5:13

Shot Put - Lusk (F) 27-9, Grinnell (F) 25-11-1/2, Jewell (WT) 25-11

Discus - Akkerman (WT) 86-1, Lusk (F) 74-3, Grinnell (F) 72-9

Long Jump - Schroeder (F) 13-7-1/2, Clemens (WT) 13-2, Dobbelaere (WT) 10-3

High Jump - Schroeder (F) 4-8, Ehresman (WT) 4-4

Pole Vault - Clinker (F) 8-4

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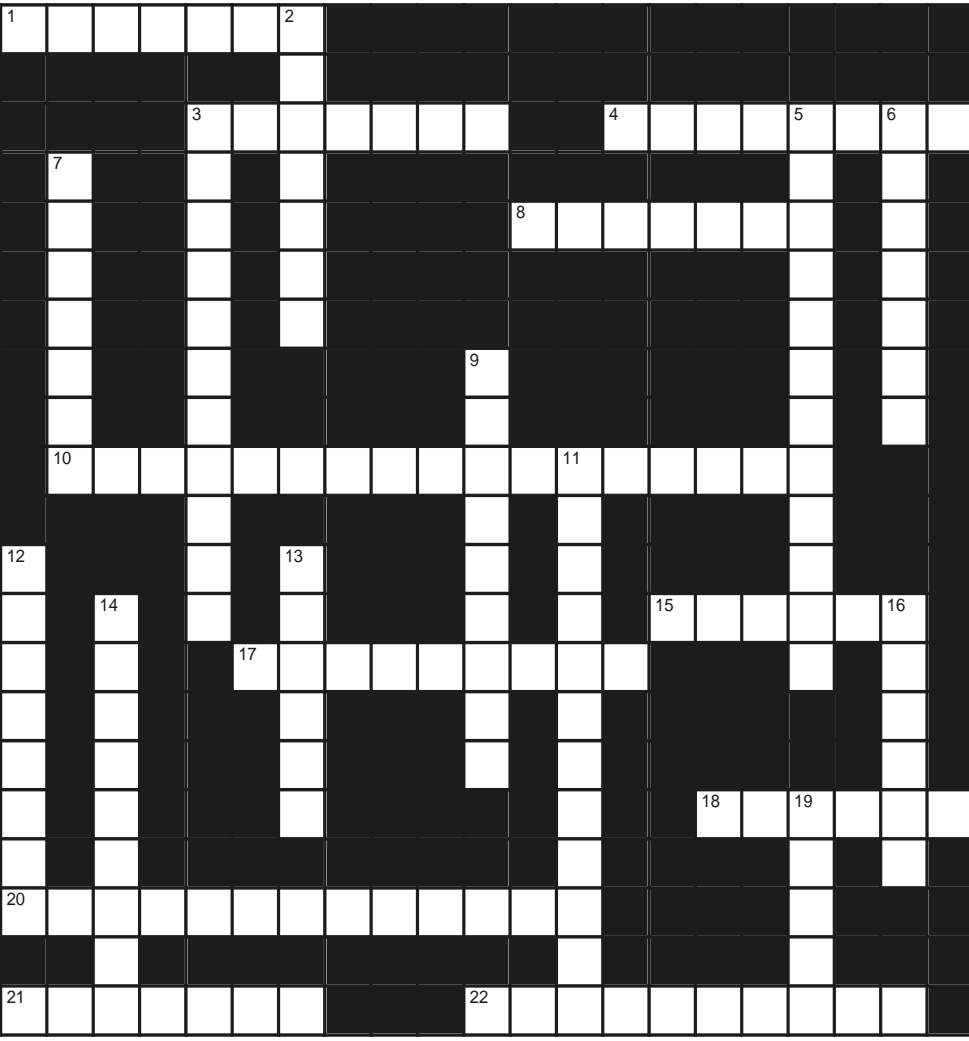
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

1. In the 2000 NFL playoffs, this team was beaten by the Giants and then advanced to the Super Bowl.
3. The last name of the driver who drove the 66 car in NASCAR in 2000.
4. In the 2002-03 season, this sport was almost called off because of a players' strike.
8. This college basketball program won the most games through to the end of the 20th century.
10. This NBA player scored the most points in his career.
15. The basketball team that Shaquille O'Neal played for in 2000.
17. The football player that has thrown the most yards in his career.
18. The sport that Manon Rheume was recognized in.
20. Michael Jordan went to this college.
21. This person was chosen as third pick in the 1986 NBA draft.
22. This is the sport that Rebecca Lobo excels in.

**Down**

2. This is the team that Mark McGuire played for in 2001.
3. This NHL player has scored the most goals and points in his career.
5. The team that Babe Ruth became an assistant manager for after he left the Yankees.
6. The last name of the driver who won the points championship in NASCAR in 2000.
7. The state that both baseball teams came from in the Subway Series.
9. This player played the most consecutive games with the New York Yankees.
11. This golfer has the most major championships in his career with the PGA.
12. Myriam Bedard excelled in this sport.
13. This country won the 1998 FIAF World Cup.
14. This baseball player hit the most home runs in his career.
16. Mia Hamm was recognized in this sport.
19. The country that the US Women's Soccer team beat when they won the Women's World Cup.

# AHS Angle



**THE AHS ANGLE**

**By: Chelsea Vail**  
 Now, the nominees for the 2006-2007 AHS Prom King and Queen are Seniors Justin Green, Nathan Cross, and Clay Franklin, and Jessica Smazenko, Summer Duncan, and Kelsey Cottrell. And the winners are... going to be announced at Prom, silly! Winners in the best supporting Juniors category are Boston Hormann, Tim Ryan, Jen Womack, and Lynn Haller. We like you! We really like you!

Did I take the whole "Hollywood" theme thing too far there? I think maybe a little.

As is customary for the final weeks of preparation for prom, SADD will once again be facilitating a "Mock Crash" event to stress the importance of being responsible prom-goers. This will take place Wednesday afternoon.

Saturday evening will feature a Night at the Arts event in the Auditoria and Auxiliary Gym, showcasing students' creative talents, while Monday evening will exhibit the vocal abilities of the Antwerp HS and JH choirs. The concert, April 23, will begin at 7:30, also being held in the Auditoria.

Next Wednesday brings the much-anticipated Hoops for Heart fundraiser. Teams of three can enter the main competition, with shooting contests open to individuals in the Auxiliary Gym. We've been broken our total funds raised amount handily in past few years; let's keep the trend going for the benefit of the American Heart Association.

My fingers are crossed for some warmer weather for y'all. I mean, I know you're supposed to chatter, but not normally with your teeth, right?

JH Track & Field: Thursday, April 19, 4:00, @ Ayersville; Monday, April 24, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace

JV Baseball: Thursday, April 19, 4:30, Hicksville; Friday, April 20, 4:30, Lincolnview; Monday, April 23, 4:30, @ Woodlan; Tuesday, April 24, 4:30, Ayersville

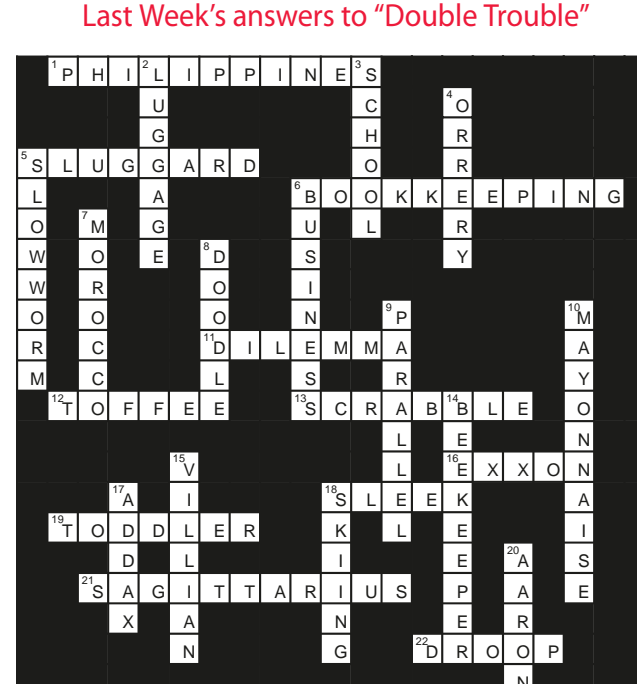
Varsity Baseball: Thursday, April 19, 4:30, @ Hicksville; Saturday, April 21, 11:00, Eastside/Montpelier; Tuesday, April 24, 4:30, Edgerton

Varsity Softball: Tuesday, April 19, 4:30, @ Hicksville; Friday, April 20, 4:30, Fayette; Tuesday, April 24, 4:30, @ Ayersville

Varsity Track & Field: Saturday, April 21, 8:30, @ Diller Invitational

Word of the Week: Refractory \rih-FRAK-tuh-ree\ adjective

1. Stubbornly disobedient; unmanageable



2. Resistant to treatment or cure  
 3. Difficult to melt or work  
 Example: "I hope that this bout of refractory weather we've received clears out soon, or I may have to make like a bird and migrate to a warmer climate."  
 Anyone want to come with me? I bet we can get a group discount on a flight! Just something to think about...

## MINI-RELAY FOR LIFE

The Wayne Trace Student Council will be hosting a Cancer Walk as part of their Relay for Life activities.

The event will take place at the Wayne Trace High School track on April 20 from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Help join the fight against cancer.

## WAYNE TRACE JV SOFTBALL VS. OTTAWA GLANDORF DOUBLE HEADER

Game One - WT 12, OG 1

Courtney Young recorded the win on the mound with nine strikeouts.

Leading Hitters - Courtney Young (single, triple), Vivian Baker (single), Kristi Wenninger (single), Natalie Snyder (single), Lindsay Ross (single)

Game Two - WT 19, OG 2  
 Brenna Dunham garnered the win on the mound.

Leading Hitters - Ashley King (two triples), Vivian Baker (double), Kristi Wenninger (double).

WT is now 2-0 on the year.

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| EMS Volunteer  | Dance Ministry            | Den Mother                 |
| Tee Ball Coach   | Soccer Coach              | YMCA Volunteer             |
| Huddle Coach   | VBS Teacher               | CMH Foundation             |
| Community Theater  | Youth Coach               | NRP Instructor             |
| Softball Coach   | Church Cleaner            | Track Assistant            |
| School Volunteer   | Garden Club               | Prom Committee             |
| Master Gardener Volunteer  | Friends of the Library    | Cub Scout Leader           |
| Junior Church Teacher  | MIMEtime Ministry         | Athletic Booster Treasurer |
| Church Mission Leader  | Christ Cupboard Volunteer | Grace Community Church     |
| Sunday School Teacher  | Deliver Meals on Wheels   | Guitarist for Folk Group   |
| Relay for Life Captain   | Mow Lawns                 |                            |
| Women's Ministry Leader  |                           |                            |
| Swim Team Parent   |                           |                            |
| Religious Ed Teacher   |                           |                            |
| 4-H Leader   |                           |                            |
| Hicksville Beautification Committee  |                           |                            |
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## VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

## In Appreciation PAULDING COUNTY

Opinion Column



I didn't have any intentions of writing anything this week for the West Bend News, but all the calls I received about last week's article has prompted me to write one. I want to personally say "thank you" to each and every caller that took the time to call. Some of you I talked to and some of you left messages, but each of you is appreciated more than I can express.

I hit a nerve with a lot of readers, and of the three topics I wrote about, my opinion on the junk and litter at the old Children's Home was Number Uno. I quickly determined lots and lots of us, not only Paulding County residents, but also Van Wert and Defiance residents, hate trash and litter. I don't know if it was litter in general, the fact that it was on Paulding County owned property, or that people don't like the old children's home to be disrespected, but one of these factors or some personal experience prompted many of you to call.

Let me offer you a sample of the calls I received. One call came from Tom Baum. Tom, along with several of his friends, hunt deer on the Children's Home property. He and his friends volunteered their time and their pickup trucks to help and clean up, and to haul out the junk they could from along the road. What they wondered though was would the county have a place for them to dump the junk after they'd picked it up? I wish I could, but I can't answer them since I'm not an elected official. Someone at county headquarters who makes the big bucks will have to answer that question. I want to tell him in writing how proud of him and his friends I am, not only as a fellow hunter, but more importantly as a 25 year old young man who sees a problem and wants to make a difference, and this goes for his friends also. Thank you Tom and the guys.

I had a call from Ronnie Jackson, the farmer who farms the ground. He related many various horror stories from years past about crops being driven in, trash dumped, and destruction to property that he has witnessed. He was very supportive of first cleaning up the junk, and then limiting the ability of it to happen again. In fact he said he was going to attend a Township meeting and talk to the trustees about it. He told me that about 10 years or so ago he had approached the trustees about closing the road, but it didn't happen then, but he hoped it would happen now. He went on to say that I wouldn't believe all the deer poaching that goes on at night on this piece of road, and all the things he finds thrown about in the fields. He speculated to me that a lot of it came from out of county and I suspect he's right about that.

I want each of you readers to understand, poachers aren't hunters, they're crooks, thieves. True hunters are like Tom and his friends, they respect personal and public property and the animals they hunt. They are and will be the first to volunteer to make a difference.

I also talked to several Township trustees with horror stories of their own. Many farmers have also voiced their opinions and they told me, sometimes in no uncertain terms, they want to see something done about the litter problem all over the county. It was easy for me to hear in their voice that one thing they feel is frustration, almost a paralyzing effect of, "what can we do", a hopelessness that the problem of litter in Paulding County cannot be solved.

Many of the trustees say they have no luck catching and prosecuting litter bugs and that it isn't a high priority on the Sheriff's to do list. This sentiment is shared by many farmers and land owners, me included. This is one thing that I and other voters should be thinking about the next time a jail levy comes up for a vote, or when voting for a Prosecuting Attorney or Judge.

You notice that I haven't mentioned Auditor, Treasurer, Clerk of Courts, Dog Catcher, or various other elected or non-elected officials, they all have their jobs to do but I don't hold them responsible for allowing trash and litter to remain unnoticed or uncollected for the several years that I've been watching. I hold the Commissioners for not making it a high enough priority, the Sheriff for not patrolling and catching, and the Prosecutor for not going after litter bugs responsible for allowing this to go on.

I don't want to get in a hissy fit with any of these officials, but I do want to point out a problem and offer my help to clean it up. Politically, I don't see how clean roads, a clean county, or community pride can be a bad thing. I will tell you, people do care, but, if the county office holders that I mentioned think I'm being negative or just wrong about this, prove me wrong, do something about it and I will be the first one to sing your praises in this opinion column just as I criticize you in it. On the other hand, don't expect me to drop it if nothing is done to improve the situation.

I hope I'm not coming across too harsh in my thoughts on this to you, the readers, but it's because of those of you who bothered to take the time and call me that I know you want something done. Oh, sure, we could go out, organize a pick-up day and do the job and I think this will happen, by the way, but more importantly, you as an individual can do something. Do it not only for yourself, but do it for your county, do it for your children and grandchildren, do it because you know it's the right thing to do, but also, please do it for me. I'm going to ask each of you that feel passionately about litter on the old children's home, and for that matter everywhere else, do something.

First, write a letter to the editor of this or any newspaper telling how you feel. I know that many of you who call me think you'll come off foolish because you feel that you can't write well enough to make your point. From someone like me, who rambles on and on when he talks and steps on tender toes when he writes, who cares? I don't why you should if you're telling the truth. Do you think less of someone's opinion if it's not in perfect English? I suspect not.

Next, call the Commissioners, your Trustees, the Sheriff's office not only when you see litter or someone trashing our county, but to let them feel the same passion that I heard and felt in your voice this week when we talked. If you want something done about this subject as much as I do, it won't get done just talking about it between ourselves. We have to make it an issue with the proper authorities, don't be mean or negative about it just explain your position. People in politics should understand that issues are important to voters and just because we don't agree with them in what they're doing or how they're doing it doesn't mean it's a personal dislike for the official, we just think they need to look in another direction and not be so bull-headed to think they're the only ones with all the answers.

Look at this, I started out to write a simple Thank You article to tell all of you who have called, you who have volunteered, and you that have personally talked to me how uplifting you have been. I think you have answered my question, Paulding County does care. We have the right to be proud of our county, now we just need to fix a few things and we're on our way. Let's start with the baby steps, fix the small doable things and then tackle the bigger issues.

Brad Dysinger

If you want to hear more from Brad you can catch him several times a day on WPAU 1620AM radio or listen on the web at [www.wpaulive.com](http://www.wpaulive.com). Call me 419-587-3557.

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A sympathy card was sent to Bro. Raymond Gillespie in the death of his brother Robert.

Widow's Night has been finalized and invitations have been sent. This event will take place on May 12 at the Presbyterian Church in Hicksville. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with Walter Schilb's band "Revelation" providing the entertainment. Any Mason and his lady are welcome to attend. The meal will be ca-

tered by Susie Kline.

The annual Port-A-Pit Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held on Saturday June 9th this year. We will once again be in the center of town (in front of the Hicksville Bank). This is our annual fund raiser for the "Scholarship Fund" with all proceeds going to some High School Senior wishing to attend college.

The last Inspection will be Friday April 21 7:30 p.m. at Liberty Center. We are in

the running for the Traveling Trophy, but Napoleon Lodge is also and will be there in full force. If you would like to go, get in touch with Lee Kallsen.

With no further business the Lodge was closed in full form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for some of "Sue Schilb's" famous ham and bean soup served with cornbread. The next stated meeting will be April 25.

## DOG NEWS



By: Lynne Mansfield,  
Grooming & Boarding

The St. John's Payne Preschool 4-5 years old class took a field trip to Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming & Boarding. They learned about all the equipment used for dog grooming and toured the facility for boarding dogs. The kids wanted to help with the pull fee of \$25 to get each dog out of the shelter and send to rescue groups. They had a great idea to collect spare change. They arrived with one zip lock baggy and one tin "doggy" can full of change which amounted to

\$97.21. Imagine my surprise the following day when one more 4 year old showed up with \$3.00. Total fundraiser event was \$100.21 which can get us four dogs out of the shelter. What a wonderful

job to a great group of compassionate kids, teachers and parents. With your help we can save four dogs. Look for next weeks paper for more generous donations we have received.

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# PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION DINNER NEWS



PCAF members from left to right: Matt Reineck, CPA; Norman Cook, Attorney; Roy Klopfenstein, Vice President; Stan Searing, Trustee; Myrna Cook, Treasurer; Lyle Ebel, Trustee; John Saxton, President; Lori Davis, Trustee; John Aden, Trustee; Joe Woods, Secretary; Ken Hahn; Tony Langham, Director

The Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) held their Third Annual Business Meeting and Dinner on April 12, 2007. There were approximately seventy people in attendance.

President John Saxton gave recognition to the PCAF Dinner Sponsors and the 2007 Contributors to the Area Foundation.

The speaker for the evening was Attorney James Spingler. He spoke of "win-win" situations for people

working with the Paulding County Area Foundation in their estate planning. He explained how a person's estate taxes could be reduced while at the same time giving back to their community.

In other business, Matt Reineck, CPA, presented the financial report for the Area Foundation. The PCAF Trustees are elected at the annual meetings.

The Trustees are selected from the members. This year there was one position that

need to filled. Myra Cook was elected to the position of PCAF Trustee.

Paulding-Putnam Electric donated five door prizes for the evening. The winners of these door prizes were: Diane Cooper, Ginny Paulus, Judge J. David Webb, Deb Hand and Rebecca Schlatter.

If you would like more information regarding the Foundation please call us at 419-399-8282

—Tony Langham, director

## HOUSE BILL 148, THE OHIO CONSUMER HEALTH FREEDOM ACT

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Healthcare remains a top concern for many Ohioans, especially as the costs for medical care continue to rise. Over the years, people have started to take a more active role in their own healthcare, from participating in programs offering Health Savings Accounts to researching the types of treatments and programs that are best suited to their conditions. Active in-

volvement in our own health helps keep our state and nation healthy.

Many people are also using complementary or alternative health care services in addition to conventional treatments to help treat their ailments. These services can include dietary supplements or counseling, homeopathic remedies, energy therapies and aromatherapy. Unfortunately, some people are afraid to use these treatments and services since many of them are not regulated by the state. As a result, I have recently introduced House Bill 148, legislation that will help

bring greater recognition to complementary and alternative medicines.

House Bill 148 would create the Ohio Consumer Health Freedom Act, which declares the public policy of the state to be that the health and welfare of Ohio residents is enhanced by the availability of complementary and alternative health care services and that it is unnecessary to regulate or license such providers. In addition, the bill also defines these services and treatments as methods of treating an individual's health condition that are alternative options from conventional methods used to treat the illness.

While the bill allows people the freedom to pursue alternative therapies, it is essential that they be protected from certain procedures that could do them serious harm. To that end, House Bill 148 includes a list of activities that can only be performed by a licensed health care professional. These include surgery or any other procedure that punctures the skin, chiropractic adjustments, procedures involving ionizing radiation, the prescribing of any drugs or medical oxygen and the counseling of any individual to disregard the instruction or advice of a licensed health care professional.

The bill also requires complementary and alternative health care service providers to present to patients a statement that declares they are not licensed as a health care professional by the state and that Ohio has not adopted any educational or training requirements for unlicensed complementary or alternative health care providers.

With more and more people making informed decisions about the health care they receive, it is important that we include complementary and alternative health care treatments as one set of options. House Bill 148 sets the stage for what I believe is a necessary discussion about alternative therapies and the rights of individuals to choose their own course of action in

treating health conditions.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760, by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SPONSORS JEWELRY SHOW

The Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary will be sponsoring a jewelry show from the Cookie Jewelry Company on April 27, 2007 in the main lobby of the Paulding County Hospital. The jewelry will be on display from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Jewelry can be purchased and taken home or can be special ordered to be picked up at the hospital on a given date.

The PCH Auxiliary is an active group of volunteers. We work on a daily basis at the gift shop along with sponsoring the jewelry show, an annual book sale and the annual hospital auxiliary bazaar on the third Saturday in November.

At the last meeting of the auxiliary we purchased over \$14,000 worth of items requested by the different departments throughout the hospital.

This is all possible because of the generosity of the community who helps to support us.

## "RUMBLE IN THE HILLS TOURNAMENT" PROVES REWARDING FOR PAULDING WRESTLING CLUB

Paulding Wrestling Club went on their annual overnight trip on April 13-15, 2007 to the "Rumble In The Hills Tournament" at Nelsonville-York High School in Nelsonville, Ohio. They spent the weekend at Burr Oak State Park with all the kids having a great time. The club took 18 wrestlers on the trip with 12 kids placing. The results are as follows:

1st place:  
Division 2 - Brandon Laney; Division 3 - Charles Thomas

2nd place:  
Division 2 - Robbie Bowers; Division 4 - Dustin Taylor; Division 3 - John Hasch; Division 2 - Riley Heater; Division 2 - Trevor Domina

3rd place:  
Division 3 - Dominic Joyner; Division 1 - Nathan Heater; Division 1 - Cierra Hasch

4th place:  
Division 2 - Logan Mudel; Division 2 - Logan Shaner

Non placing participants:  
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## BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church, Paulding will be hosting a Baked Potato Luncheon. The event is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 19, 2007.

They will be serving baked potatoes with toppings, salads, desserts and beverages. The public is invited to attend. Free will donations will be accepted.

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**DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET APRIL 23**

The next meeting of the Defiance County Genealogical Society will be Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John United Church of Christ at 950 Webster Street, Defiance. Webster St. is on the northeast side of the Defiance College Campus and the Church is next to the college gymnasium. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend and members are encouraged to bring guests.

The program for the evening will be "Roles of Women in the Civil War" by Janett Calland from Port Clinton, Ohio. Janett is President of the Lt. Jacob W. Parrott Circle #107 of Oak Harbor, a dual member with Major Daniel McCook circle #104 of Middleport OH, and recently elected as Sr. Vice President of the Department of Ohio L.G.A.R. She has written articles about Civil War Women that have been published in

the Ohio Genealogical Society News and OGS Civil War Journal. Currently Janett is researching Civil War Spies and trying to locate descendants of the Andrews Raiders of which Jacob W. Parrott was a member. She is a direct descendant of Daniel Baker who served with the Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and Wilson Pontius who served with the Squirrel Hunters and in the 188th OVI.

Visit the DCGS website [www.rootsweb.com/~ohdcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohdcgs/) for local genealogy information and links to other websites that will help with finding ancestors. A list of local publications by the DCGS is located on the website with an order form. Prices for the publications will increase on June 1, 2007. Everyone is encouraged to post queries on the website. The Chapter can be contacted at Defiance County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or via e-mail at [defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com)

**DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY RECOGNIZE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER**



Two Defiance County Genealogical Society Charter members, Caroline Longardner Zimmerman of Antwerp and Gladys Donson of Sherwood look over one of the many DCGS publications at the 30th Anniversary of the Charter meeting. Gladys Donson was the Organizing Charter President of the Defiance Society. In the first years of the State recognized organization, Caroline Longardner Zimmerman served

one term as Vice-President and two terms as President of the Defiance County Genealogical Society. She was also the Organizing Charter President of the Paulding County Genealogical Society serving the first four years as President. The charter of the Paulding County Genealogical Society can be seen in the Paulding Carnegie Library with signatures of the charter members.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4 and Monday, April 9, 2007.

Sheriff David Harrow met with the Commissioners at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday to report his plans for an open house at the new jail facility. Harrow stated that the open house would cover two days, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Harrow reported that visitors could enter the front lot off 127 or the back lot off of Klingler Road. Sheriff's Office staff members will be available to provide tours of the new facility.

Harrow noted that Bob Iler, 911 Coordinator, is now able to arrange for telephone line and the complex central dispatch radio system. This work will be going on at the same time that Gene Gribble, Jail Commander, is conducting a final review with the jail staff of the detailed policy and procedure book that controls the operation of a jail that must be open every hour of every day of the year.

The Paulding County Election Board met with the Commissioners during the Wednesday session for their monthly update. Ellen Schlegel, Chairperson of the Board of Elections, updated the Commissioners on the Diebold voting machine programming for the November, 2007 general election. This year the Election Board and staff will be performing the programming with the assistance of representatives from

Diebold. Director Jan Commers stated that this election is expected to have the greatest number of split precincts for candidates or issues so the programming will serve well for future elections. Each precinct needs many different ballots as the precinct may include two school districts, a township and a village, different fire districts and other government levels.

County Election Boards use county general fund money to operate. In years with a primary and general election the budget will logically be higher than a year with only a general election. However, state and federal mandates, especially the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) further increase the costs to run elections in all counties. The Paulding County Election Board and staff operate conservatively on the dollars available but their needs can still place stress on the general fund budget due to state and federal requirements.

County Election Boards are composed of four members, two of whom must be appointed by the Central Committee of the Republican Party and two of whom must be appointed by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party. The Election Board members govern the Election Board office in compliance with rules and regulations provided by the Ohio Secretary of State's office. The Paulding County Election Board members are Ellen Schlegel (Chairperson), Tony Langham, Stan Harmon and Ron Farnsworth. The director and deputy director are Jan Commers and Brenda Crawford.

At the Monday, April 9 session the Commissioners approved joining a ditch project that involves the 160 acre Jacob Farm. The Jacob Farm is the location of the Jacob-Eaton Children's Home and is owned by the county. Landowners with drainage into the Little Flat Rock Creek have arranged for a ditch cleaning

**CRANE TOWNSHIP HISTORY**

Paulding County's very first township to be organized was Crane Township, named for Oliver Crane, an early settler, around 1822. He was joined by E. Seeley, S. Hughes, E. Burwell, S. Jordan and D. Hughes, as first settlers.

Organization took place in 1825, but other than the record of Gen. Horatio N. Curtis being elected Justice of the Peace, no other names were preserved. Current Trustees are: Jerry Minck, Joe Sukup and Charles Simpson. Fiscal Officer is Kristine Stuart. To date, no township flag has been adopted.

The hardy pioneers arrived by way of the Maumee River, since there were no roads at that time. Many Indians were camped along the river then, but they were generally kind and peaceable to the settlers, except when under the influence of whiskey, when they became quarrelsome.

Township forests were filled with game; and fish was plentiful and easily obtained. It was reported that fish were so thick where the settlers crossed at the fords that the horses were frightened!

Cranesville was the site of the first post office, located near the site of New Rochester (north of present-day Cecil). Oliver Crane performed the first township marriage between a Miss Sherry and a Mr. Young in 1825. By 1827, school was being taught in a house two miles northeast of Cecil, and in 1836 the first school house was built.

Industry consisted of one grist mill erected on the Marie-DeLarme waterway in 1850. Early grain harvests were converted into flour and meal at a mill in Brunersburg (Defiance County), which was one of the first flouring mills built in the Maumee Valley. Until it was built in 1828-29,

the nearest one was at Waterville, about 50 miles down the Maumee. The journey there and back took several days and was one of hardship and danger. While the men were gone, the wife and children were alone at home, often with scanty fare, and anxious hearts.

Of special note was the first village of Crane Township: New Rochester, located on Section 11, and laid out in 1835. It was the first County Seat of Paulding County. Cecil was laid out in 1871, at the crossing of the Wabash and Mackinaw Railroads. By 1892, Cecil had 400 residents and a two-story brick school house (built in 1879). It also featured a two-story brick town hall, three churches, a hotel, two depots, a saw mill, tile mill, stave factory, and several smaller businesses.

Population of Crane Township in 1880 was 1,202; and by 1890, it was 1,417.

To read more about Paulding County, its townships, its villages or its early population, check out the 1892 Paulding County Atlas, available at all county library branches and all county school libraries. The Paulding County maps also list the location of all the "Ghost Towns" of the past. The Atlas is available to purchase or read at the John Paulding Historical Society Museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding. It is a handsome volume, worthy of anyone's book collection. Museum hours are: Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month (except December and January) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

—Les Weidenhamer, President, John Paulding Historical Society

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS "SPRING FLING"**



The first Spring Fling was held Saturday, April 14th at the John Paulding Historical Society Museum, Paulding, and featured a sit-down meal plus live entertainment from Paulding County. Pictured is the "State Route 111" quartet (Jared and David Griffiths, David Clapsaddle and Jace

Crossland). Other numbers were provided by the Saylor's from Payne, Mr. Brune, Chase Robinson, Ashlyn Strahley, Roseann Laker and Carol Cowell, and dancers from Raise the Barre Dance Studio. Mrs. Jane Sharp led the audience in a round of singing.

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project. The Commissioners reviewed the plans and decided to participate with the other landowners. The ditch project along the Little Flat Rock Creek also includes work on the F.B. Goyings ditch that feeds into the Little Flat Rock.

Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, reported on the recent meeting of the Executive Council of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO.) The meeting was held in Defiance on Tuesday, April 3. Harmon serves as a voting member of the Executive Council representing Paulding County. At the meeting Harmon learned that Paulding County is al-

located funding every year for programs such as housing rehabilitation and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These programs are implemented through the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC.)

As always, citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners office is available for assistance in deciding which county office to contact with questions.

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

**WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL DOUBLE HEADER AT OTTAWA GLANDORF**

Wayne Trace swept a double header at Ottawa Glandorf on Saturday, April 14 by the scores of 12-1, and 9-5.

**GAME 1:**

Leading hitters for the Raiders in the first contest were Seniors Brandi Bradtmueller going 2-2 with 2 singles and 2 RBI's, Sophomores Leah Ross went 3-4 with 3 singles and RBI and 2 stolen bases, and Cassie McDougale went 1-2 with a triple. The Titans were only able to get a hit in the bottom of the seventh inning when 3rd baseman, Bingley laid down a bunt.

Winning pitcher for the Raiders was Shelby Critten going 5 innings, 3 strikeouts, 1 hit, 0 walks and 1 run.

Losing pitcher was Hempling going 5 innings, giving up 9 hits, 2 strikeouts, 14 walks and 12 runs.

Wayne Trace - 6 0 1 2 3 0 0; with 12 runs, 9 hits, and 2 errors.

Ottawa Glandorf - 0 0 1 0

0 0 0; with 1 run, 1 hit, and 0 errors.

**GAME 2:**

Leading hitters for the Raiders were Juniors Morgan Lee going 2-4 with 2 singles and an RBI, and Becky Ruble going 2-4 with a single, double and 2 RBI's. The Titans were led at the plate by catcher, Koutman, going 2-3 with 2 doubles. Hemricle went 1-2 with a walk, single and a run scored.

Winning pitcher for the Raiders was freshman Marcie McDougale, going 7 innings, giving up 6 hits, 7 strikeouts, 2 walks and 3 earned runs.

Losing pitcher was Toulouse, going 7 innings, giving up 6 hits, 2 walks, 10 strikeouts and 9 runs.

Wayne Trace - 1 0 5 0 0 1 2; 9 runs, 6 hits, and 4 errors.

Ottawa Glandorf - 0 0 1 0 0 0 4; with 5 runs, 6 hits, and 0 errors.

Raiders return to action on Monday when they travel to Hicksville for non conference action. The Raiders now move to 6-1 on the year while the Titan fall to 2-8.

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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS



Nathan Martinez, a Vantage Auto Technology senior from Paulding, explains his senior project to a panel of community members.

Why were students waiting outside classrooms with computer components, mannequins, trailers, engines, binders, charts, and posters? On Wednesday, April 4, the hallways at Vantage were filled with anticipation as the Vantage seniors presented their Senior Capstone Projects to teachers, staff and community members.

The Senior Capstone Project is a part of the student's final year at Vantage. The project integrates the skills, concepts, and data from the student's program of study into one culminating project. This is a three-part process: a

written research paper, a project or product created outside of the normal school day, and a formal oral presentation in front of a panel of adult judges. Each student had the opportunity to demonstrate a significant personal and academic growth.

Emotions were running high—anxiety, eagerness and doubt—as the students reviewed their notes in the hallway just before the presentations began. Beth Evans, senior English teacher said, "Senior Capstone, required of all Vantage Career Center seniors, provides an opportunity for making these last two years of high school meaningful and practical. The Senior Capstone Presentation Day is the time when our seniors proudly present their culminating Senior Capstone Project. As always, this day is filled with much excitement and anticipation. For most of our seniors, this day is a positive and memorable experience... one they will never forget."

It was obvious that many

had devoted a great deal of time to their projects and were very proud of them. Here are just a few examples of the projects that were presented.

Mike Recker, an Industrial Mechanics student from Kalida refurbished a hydraulic wood log splitter. Janae Sinn, a Health Careers student from Wayne Trace made four fleece baby blankets and put other baby items in a basket and donated them to Van Wert County Hospital. Auto Body senior Dustin Bidlack from Wayne Trace demonstrated how he repaired rust damage on a 1992 GMC 2500 pickup truck. Heather Pavel, a Food Careers senior from Van Wert, gathered recipes and created a Healthy Recipe Cookbook for her senior project. Senior Auto Technology student, Brian Paige from Van Wert, re-built the automatic transmission on a 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix for his senior project.

Nicole Sargent, a Business Information Technology student from Delphos Jefferson, assisted with the logistics and helped coordinate Senior Capstone Project Presentation Day. She created different databases using Access software to assist Vantage English teachers with presentation scheduling, judge's information and room assignments. Interactive Media's Chazz Roger from Van Wert, developed and created a promotional marketing piece for the National Business Professionals of America 2008 Leadership Conference. Chazz explained how he used Macromedia Flash software to develop his piece - adding that he began working with Flash software in junior high and he really enjoyed creating the project. Drew Moore, a Van Wert Carpentry student, designed and built a beautiful wooden toy box with a sliding lid (for safety) for a young relative. David Mendoza, a Welding senior from Van Wert, built an aluminum pressure vessel in the shape of a fluted water tower. Vanessa Cuevas, an Early Childhood Education senior from Van Wert, shared information about fetal alcohol syndrome.

Network Systems seniors Ozyz Finnegan from Paulding, Anthony Bradtmueller from Antwerp and Andrew Williamson from Crestview, teamed up to design and create a role-based animated video game. Ottoville senior Jason Verhoff from the Ag Diesel Mechanics program overhauled a Farmall M tractor for his senior project. Andrea Van Oss a Cosmetology senior from Ottoville, created a video on "Botox, Self Esteem and Cosmetic Enhancements". Wayne Trace Precision Machining senior Evan Gordon, machined 10,000 electric motor dust caps for a production job.

Zach Dominique, an Industrial Mechanics senior from Lincolnview, designed and built a roll cage for a go cart. Ag Diesel senior Greg Matson from Continental refurbished a John Deere tractor for his senior project. Dusty Schnipke, a welding senior from Ottoville, built a steel pressure vessel. Zach Miller, a carpentry senior from Wayne Trace, remodeled the breezeway of his family's home.

During their formal oral presentation, all the seniors explained the processes they went through in developing



Vantage Health Careers senior, Janae Sinn from Wayne Trace, proudly displays the baby basket she assembled as part of her senior project. Janae made four fleece baby blankets and put other baby items in a basket and donated them to Van Wert County Hospital.

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their project, the expectations they had, problems or challenges that they encountered along the way, how long it took them to complete the project and what they really learned from the project.

Juniors were able to observe the seniors during their presentations this year. All the seniors had the same piece of advice to the juniors, "Start early, don't procrastinate and choose a topic that you're interested in."

In addition to Vantage staff members, nearly forty business and community members, Vantage school board members and advisory committee members took the time to observe and evaluate these seniors. This year, the Vantage Senior Capstone Projects were creative, distinctive and interesting. A special "Thank You" to all of the judges and "Congratulations" to the seniors on a job well done!

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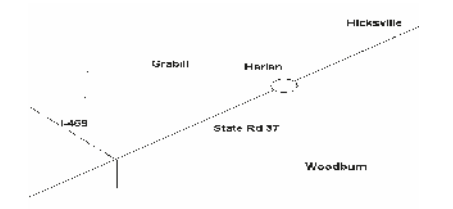
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