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## 2007 WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING BANQUET



The Wayne Trace wrestling club held its yearly awards banquet on 5/4/07 in Payne. There were 51 wrestlers with approximately 100 parents, grandparents and fans in attendance.

Over 120 plaques and trophies were given out. The awards were received as follows:

**Most Wins** - 6-U Hunter Showalter; 7&8 George Clemens IV; 9&10 Shayna Temple; 11&12 Sawyer Temple; 13&14 Kameran Clemens

**Most Pins** - 6&U Hunter Showalter; 7&8 George Clemens IV; 9&10 Tyler Showalter;

11&12 Myranda Stahl; 13&14 Tyler Arnett

**Most Improved** - Kameron Bevis, Austin Smith, Arin Canfield, James Coyne, Mike Now, Kenzie Clemens, Tanner Church, Shane Stahl, Reese Etzler, Worth Clark, Max Rassman, Anthony Rooks, Austin Young, Justin Pierce, Lyndsay Mathews, Jacob Roop, and Jordan Offerle. And Tanner Church

**Tournament of Champions Participants** - George Clemens IV, Kameran Clemens, Tyler Showalter

**Most Outstanding** - Hunter Showalter, George

Clemens IV, Nick Blair, Shane Stahl, Aaron Miller, Danny Rolf, Jacob Dingus, Aaron Haris, Robbie Long, Shayna Temple, Sawyer Temple, Trent Church, Levi Noggle, Zaine Cotterman, Zack Cotterman, Tyler Arnett, Nate Showalter, Brendan Dingus, Kenny Mansfield, Tyler Showalter, Lindsay Mathews, Kameran Clemens, Jordan Offerle, Max Rassman, Henry Meriman, Myranda Stahl, Tyler Arnett, Reese Etzler, Austin Young, Jacob Blair, Jacob Roop, Joe Stahl, Worth Clark, Anthony Rooks, Justin Pierce, Zack Wesley, Tim West, Lukas Dull, and Cody Stahl

The most outstanding award is awarded to wrestlers, based on their performance at each tournament.

The tournaments compet-

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### THANK YOU

I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all the people who helped and encouraged me these last two years while I went through Respiratory School.

Especially my loving husband, Terry, and wonderful children, Matt, Jaimie, Steve and Leslie. Without your support and patience it would not have been possible. Also, to Father Oedy of St. Mary's. Thanks for the spiritual help in my times of doubt.

Last, but definitely not least to my twin sister Pam for letting me vent, and understanding; and watching my youngest, Leslie. You were a godsend.

These wonderful people, as well as all the others that encouraged me, helped me maintain a 4.0 GPA through the whole program.

Thank you all,  
—Tam Pollock

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Dana Price & wife, Sam Smith, and Danny Baker, of the Antwerp EMS for their kindness in transporting me Friday night.

—Tannie Rothgeb

### CORRECTION

In the Shrider - Greve engagement announcement in last week's paper, a mistake was made in the bride-to-be's parent's names. Heather Shrider's parents' names are Bruce and Marie Shrider.

We at West Bend News apologize for this oversight.

—WB editors

### MANY FUND RAISERS ON THE GO FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Paulding County Hospital's Relay for Life team will be holding several fund-raisers for the upcoming Paulding County Relay for Life. The Hospital will be selling hope ribbons for display in their outpatient lobby for those who would like to sign their name in support of the fight for the cure for cancer.

Also there will be a Mother's Day Bake/Craft sale in the outpatient lobby on May 10 from 7:30 a.m. until the items donated are sold out.

Two more fund-raisers will be held in conjunction with Family Health Day on June 23 at the hospital. The first involves a raffle for gift baskets featuring a Vera Bradley bag, and a shopping trip to Holmes County donated by Sue Beck and pottery donated by Brandon Knott. Both drawings will be held on June 23. Lastly, there will be a breakfast sponsored by the hospital on June 23 for the community with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society for Relay for Life. Any questions can be answered by Gary Adkins at 419-399-1103.

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Or maybe you said a special prayer,

for what we were going through.

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—Kevin and Nancy

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**OBITUARIES**

**Nina "Margaret" Friess**, 78, of Sylvania, OH, died on April 29, 2007 in the Lake Park Comfort Care under Hospice care.

She loved many things including her family, serving God as a jack-of-all-trades at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, contributing to various organizations, recycling, and being a nurse.

Mrs. Friess, ne. Bidlack, was born to Lawrence and Alice (Gettal) Bidlack grew up on a farm in Oakwood and graduated, as Valedictorian in 1947 from Oakwood High School. She became a registered nurse with the 1951 class of the Lima Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and worked in Lima Memorial Hospital, Northwest Hospital of Amarillo, Texas, and Toledo Hospital in the Maternity Ward until late 1954 when she had her first child. N. Margaret continued to serve others by volunteering for several church projects and at the elementary school, including conducting eye tests and serving as President of the Mother's Club. She returned to nursing in 1968 through 1996, as a private duty nurse working with residents of Crestview Club Apartments, Sylvania.

One of her hobbies was canning fresh fruits and vegetables that her husband, of 53 years, Frederick Friess grew in his garden. They were married on June 27, 1953.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick Friess; her daughters: Susan K. (Mario) Runco and Cindy F. (Loren) Sengstock; sister, Jean Winners; brother, William Bidlack; and three grandchildren: Matthew Sengstock, Maria Runco and Carl Runco.

Funeral services were May 5 at Reeb Funeral Home, 5712 N. Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio. Internment followed in Association Cemetery, Sylvania.

The family suggests tributes to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 7715 W. Bancroft St. Toledo, Ohio 43617.

Online condolences may be offered at reebfuneral-home.com

**Rollin W. "Biddy" Bidlack**, 82, of Oakwood, died May 3 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born on March 8, 1925 in Oakwood to the late Earl and Bessie (Sherman) Bidlack. On April 10, 1948 he married Gertrude L. (Schatz) Bidlack.

He retired from the former Grizzly plant in Paulding and a farmer. He was a life member of D.A.V. in Defiance and a WWII Army Veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude L. Bidlack of Oakwood; one son, Joe (Janet) Bidlack of Celina; two daughters: Judi (Larry) McClure of Findlay and Jan (Jeff) Keipper of Van Wert; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Louise Spencer and Hulda Sawyer.

Funeral services were held May 7 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Oakwood with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating.

Burial was in Sherman Cemetery in Oakwood with military rites by Oakwood American Legion.

Memorials to Defiance Area Diabetic Club. Condolences may be sent to www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Have you been to Defiance lately? What about Lima or Van Wert? Barricades and workers everywhere. How about Oakwood? Yes, more barricades and workers can be seen. Only the work in Oakwood is not on the roads.

The Oakwood Library Association is working hard to renovate the old Cooper buildings downtown. It is a huge project and will be a great addition to the community. The Oakwood Library Association provides the building for the public library. Oakwood is a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

The money to build has not come from tax dollars. WE have had two Chocolate Extravaganzas, two Spring Teas, a Luau, sold ice cream, had dinners in the park and for two years sold baked potatoes at Flat Rock. We also have had donations of money from generous people and organizations.

The project cost is over \$300,000. The funds raised thus far have been around \$200,000. We still need \$100,000-\$150,000. We have more fund-raisers planned and will be back at Flat Rock with baked potatoes!

What we would like is to open the new library debt-free this summer. To reach that goal, we are asking if you can help. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of donation money is applied to build this library. Donations can be sent to Oakwood Library Association, PO Box 43, Oakwood, OH 45873.

This library provides a variety of activities for all ages. Some of the favorite events have been Story Time, Summer Reading Program, Girl's Night Only, Teen Night, Monday Night Movies, Thursday Night Owl Book Club and Poetry Club. The library also has computer access, CD's, movies, magazines, newspapers along with an up-to-date collection of fiction and non-fiction reading material for the entire family.

The Oakwood Library Association invites you to drive by and see the building progress and would appreciate any financial help.

Sincerely,  
—Shelly Roughton,  
Oakwood Library Association Board Member

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The lead agency in the state of Ohio charged with the responsibility of enforcing litter laws, particularly stream litter, is the Ohio Division of Wildlife. While county sheriff's departments have the same authority, their focus and time is rightly directed at dealing with other crime. When investigating a complaint of litter, Wildlife Officers look for evidence hoping to link discarded refuse with a suspect. Sometimes addressed and dated mail, newspapers, bank statements, or phone bills are found. Unfortunately, at times there is no such evidence. When an offender can be identified that

person will be charged and required to clean-up and properly dispose of the refuse. I estimate that I have investigated and filed charges in about two hundred litter related cases. In my 27+ years of dealing with litter violations there has never been a case when criminal or civil prosecution did not occur where probable cause to charge an offender existed. The offices of the Paulding County Prosecutor and the County Sheriff provided valuable assistance and support in many of these cases.

I enjoyed reading Kirk Hopkins' comments of May 2 regarding some of the negative press about Paulding County. I thought Kirk's comments were well-written, refreshing and accurate. I'd only add that suggestions made by others that the Paulding County Commissioners close a section of County Road 192 which traverses the county farm in Crane Township due to litter are not warranted. The Commissioners have for many years participated in the Division of Wildlife's Cooperative Hunting Program graciously granting many people permission to hunt and fish at the county farm. Wildlife Officers routinely patrol the area and conduct special enforcement projects. Efforts to address litter and other violations there and elsewhere in the county have met with success and will continue.

—Duane Bailey,  
Wildlife Officer  
Cecil, OH

**PAULDING LIBRARY TO HOST MOTHER'S DAY SCRAPBOOKING EVENT**

Mothers and their sons and/or daughters, (ages 8 and up) are invited to attend a Mother's Day Scrapbooking program on Saturday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite photos to include in a mini-scrapbook. Space is limited, so preregistration is required. There is no charge for this program. To register call the youth services department of the library at 419-399-2032.

(Continued from Page 1) ed in this year were Wauseon, Napoleon, Bergmania, Ottawa, Arnold Swartzenager National, Ayersville, Elementary Districts, Elementary State, Jr High Districts, Jr High State, Archbold, Wayne Trace, Paulding, Bluffton, Rocky Mountain National, and Tournament of Champions.

Special plaques were prepared and given later to the Wayne Trace High School Custodians—Mary Comer, Paul Ludwig, Kenny Spiece, and Arlette Lopshire—thanking them for all of there time and dedication.

**BENEFIT AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR NEW PLAYGROUND IN SHERWOOD**

Our local group from Sherwood, Ohio "Sherwood Community Playground Committee" has found that our children need a new place to play, laugh and have fun.

We have partnered with Play Mart Playgrounds to draw up plans for a wonderful new community playground for our neighborhood. We are happy to announce our town has donated land for this park and all we need to do is raise the money for the playground equipment.

We have fund-raising events lined up on May 19, 2007. A benefit auction starts at 9:30 a.m. at the old school grounds and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 3:00 p.m. at Moats Park. For more information and a list of auction items, go to www.sherwoodohio.com.

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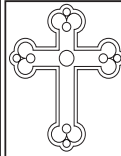
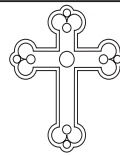
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**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSIONS, AND DISMISSALS**

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/9 THROUGH 5/15**

**Births:**  
 5/1 - Dovie Neer, Paulding, daughter, 12:34 p.m., 7lb 6oz  
 5/4 - Jay & Andrea Klopfenstein, Paulding, daughter, 7:17 a.m., 6lb. 11 oz.  
 5/6 - Jay & Beth Dachenhaus, Paulding, daughter, 6:16 p.m., 6lb. 13 oz.  
**Admissions:**  
 4/30 - Paul Ringler, Paulding  
 5/2 - Lois Greninger, Payne; Katherine Clemens, Paulding  
 5/3 - Andrea Klopfenstein, Paulding  
 5/5 - Helen Hook, Payne  
 5/6 - Beth Dachenhaus, Paulding  
**Dismissals:**  
 4/30 - Paul Ringler, Paulding, transferred to Lutheran  
 5/3 - Dovie Neer & daughter, Paulding; Katherine Clemens, Paulding  
 5/4 - Lois Greninger, Payne  
 5/5 - Andrea Klopfenstein & daughter, Paulding

**Breakfast:**  
 5/9 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk  
 5/10 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
 5/11 - Turnover, milk  
 5/14 - Pizza, milk  
 5/15 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk  
**Lunch:**  
 5/9 - Pizza, tossed salad, peanut butter fudge, peaches, milk  
 5/10 - Cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk  
 5/11 - Corn dog, seasoned fries, pears, milk WT: BBQ sandwich  
 5/14 - Rotini/meat, corn, cheese stick, garlic toast, applesauce, milk  
 5/15 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, peaches, milk

**WHO'S AT THE DOG HOUSE WHO, WHO, WHO: THE DOGHOUSE DINER**



**By: Sue Knapp**  
 You'll have to come to Antwerp to experience the dog of your choice at the newly opened Doghouse Diner.

For example, you can pick the "Mutt" with ketchup, mustard, relish and onions, or the "Wallker" with coleslaw, for not the faint of heart. You can order the "Mexican Hairless" which has chili, jalapeno peppers, tabasco, onions and cheese. This is just a few of the "dogs" you can choose from.

They also make their own hamburger patties from fresh ground beef along with a variety of sandwiches. Frost Top Rootbeer is the featured beverage along with different flavors of gourmet pop, one of which tastes like a 'dreamsicle' ice cream bar. They will

have cappuccino and lemonade, and iced or hot tea. Coffee can be purchased by the cup or a 'bottomless' cup.

The manager, Victor Ledbetter, from Defiance, and waitress, Christina Rodriguez, from Oakwood, want to provide a place where you come in and feel comfortable. Enjoy playing a video game, a game of pool or play the CD jukebox while dining. It's a relaxing place to spend your time visiting with friends or catching up on the local papers. If you want to play chess or checkers that's the place to be.

The decor is eclectic with old and new memorabilia alike. The Doghouse Diner is a bright, cheerful place for people of all ages.

**OHIO CONGRESSMAN OBJECTS TO CUTTING \$25 MILLION FROM OHIO TRANSPORTATION**

WASHINGTON, DC—Northwest Ohio Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) is asking why Democrats in Congress attempted to cut \$25 million from transportation projects in the State of Ohio. Gillmor is referring to the emergency funding bill written by Democratic leaders to fund the War in Iraq. The transportation funds were cut to offset more than \$21 billion in non-emergency funding included in the bill which also included timelines for troop withdrawal from Iraq. The bill was vetoed by President Bush and his veto was upheld in a vote yesterday by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The question is simple, why would a bill to fund the troops fighting the War on Terror also cut \$25 million from the State of Ohio? It was bad enough that Democrats were willing to use the emergency war funding bill to fund \$21 billion in extra pork projects such as asbestos clean-up in the U.S. Capitol power plant," Gillmor said. "But now we learn that their pork barrel projects came at the cost of Ohio's transportation system."

On Tuesday, President Bush vetoed the war funding bill which would set time-

lines for withdrawing combat troops from Iraq beginning as early as July 1, 2007. The bill also cut \$682,942,000 in transportation funding including \$24,845,282 from transportation funds which were directed to Ohio in the 2005 Highway Bill. The rescissions would have cut nearly \$25 million from Ohio funds which have not yet been used by the state. However, Gillmor contends that the money is still needed and the cuts penalize Ohio for taking an efficient approach to spending their highway funds.

"Any Ohioan who has driven outside of our state knows that we have one of the best road systems in America. But how many votes were bought for the Democrat's pork and surrender bill at the expense of Ohio's roadways?" Gillmor asked. "I voted to uphold the President's veto of the Iraq funding bill because it includes arbitrary deadlines for the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq and because it included \$21 billion in non-emergency funding to buy the votes of members who would have otherwise opposed the bill."

The Democrat Iraq Funding Bill was vetoed by President Bush on May 1st and required a 2/3 votes of both the U.S. House and the Senate for passage. The House vote on Wednesday was 222 to 203 and therefore did not meet the 2/3 threshold.

**GILLMOR VOTES TO UPHOLD PRESIDENT'S VETO OF IRAQ SURRENDER BILL**

WASHINGTON, DC—Today, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) voted to uphold President Bush's veto of legislation which would bind any funding for operations in the War in Iraq with timelines to withdraw all combat troops. Nearly three months ago, the President requested \$103 billion for emergency funding for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as Katrina reconstruction efforts. The bill agreed to in a conference committee by the House and Senate provided \$124.2 billion in funding including many extraneous projects which Gillmor said were needed to "buy votes."

"I voted to uphold the President's veto of the Iraq funding bill for two reasons: first, the bill includes several arbitrary deadlines for the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq and second, the Democrat leadership added \$21 billion in non-emergency funding to buy the votes of members who would have otherwise opposed the bill," Gillmor said. Gillmor noted that the bill originally passed by a narrow vote of 51% in the U.S. House and 53% in the Senate.

The Democrat Iraq funding bill would have required troops to begin leaving Iraq as early as July 1, 2007 with the removal of all combat forces completed by April 1, 2008.

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**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL SENDS TWO QUARTETS TO DISTRICT CONTEST**

The Johnny Appleseed District held its International preliminary Contest and College and High School Quartet Contests the weekend of April 20-21 at Valley Forge High School in Independence, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland). Paulding High School sent two quartets: The Divas of Dissonance - Brittni Bechtol, Lead; Kim Cline, tenor; Amanda Gerschütz, Baritone; and A.J. Wolford, Bass; Take A Risk - Ryan Jone, Tenor; Kamaron Owens, lead; Jonathan Ross, bass; and Spencer Wilhelm, Baritone.

There were thirteen quartets in the competition from Ohio and Pennsylvania. The contest was judged by experienced barbershop quartet members, barbershop chorus directors and certified barbershop quartet music, and presentation judges. The quartets performed two

songs and were given a point total based on their performance believability, singing intonation, blend, balance, rhythmic accuracy, barbershop style, and overall performance.

The girls quartet, The Divas of Dissonance, were awarded third place in the very competitive girls division which awards each of the members half of their tuition paid to attend the Singing Buckeyes Harmony Camp at Ohio State University Tuesday, August 14 through Friday, August 17.

Mr. Clapsaddle says he is very proud of the quartets and is especially pleased that the girls in their first barbershop competition were able to win third place. They have worked very diligently to improve and consistently have been very open to suggestions given them to help improve their performance and overall sound. This quartet is very talented and also very entertaining.



**MY ADVENTURES IN YOOPER LAND**

By: Sue Knapp

Don't you just love adventures? New places to explore, new things to see, new foods to eat. That's exactly what I did two weeks ago.

Troy and Eshell along with their six kids (it will be seven in December) decided to move to the Upper Peninsula in Michigan. Troy will be starting his new job in Marquette on May 7. That meant that Eshell, I and the kids went up to the U.P. last week to find them a house, and a house was found. Troy came up later in the week to see the house, he liked it and names were signed. Never mind that my heart is broken and it's 10 hours to get there with bathroom breaks included, and my husband he won't let me drive it myself—I'll see them again, I know I will.

Now, about the U.P. It is beautiful. You have, of course, trees, mountains and water everywhere. Marquette is on Lake Superior and the company where Troy will be working sets on the lake. Marquette reminds me of Defiance, the way it's laid out and the traffic, well, a lot of traffic. It has some beautiful old houses and part of the main street is on an incline so they put a handrail up on the buildings for easier walking. There are trails everywhere for walking and riding bicycle and the city features playground areas for the kids. The Superior Dome is huge, it's made totally of wood. It also has a huge hospital and Northern Michigan University. There were a lot of people out and about with the temperature ranging between 55 and 70 degrees—it was beautiful. Marquette's population is 20,000 with the whole U.P.'s population around 315,000.

We did road trips and traveled west towards the Wisconsin border. The towns were small with individual buildings instead of one building with different stores. Each town boasted a restaurant and drinking establishment. We went through one town with the name of the restaurant being UPChucks Diner. You know U. P. Chuck's? Wal-Marts were few and far between, I was having withdrawal systems.

Marquette did have a Wal-Mart though. There were sea gulls flying around the parking lot so while Eshell and Ross were in the store, I told the kids to find food on the floor of the van (we did snack all the way up, you know, and with six kids, you're going to have food on the floor) and they fed the sea gulls—it was fun.

We stopped at a State Park that had a trail. The sign said that it was a ten minute walk to see a waterfall. I think the sign read 10 miles. So we went on the trail (my doctor would be so proud) and it was beautiful, I can't even describe it.

Eshell was bound and determined to see a moose. The U.S. trades wild turkeys with Canada for moose. They're people who have lived up there all their lives and have never seen a moose. Eshell saw a moose. A female moose. She was so excited. I just saw something, I didn't get a good look at it.

One of the favorite foods in the U.P. is called Pasty (pronounced Pass-tee). I had to have one. It is a meat pie that was originated in England. They are considered a finger food so that made it very convenient for the miners to take them for lunch. The original consists of beef, rutabaga and onion in a pastry shell. You can eat them with ketchup or gravy. Being from the Midwest, I'm used to more flavor, so I would have to doctor mine up. They are very filling and nutritious though.

In the yards, instead of deer you see moose, bear and buffalo yard ornaments. All the side roads seem to be dirt, which the dirt up there is sand.

We stayed in a lovely town house in Marquette while there. Across from the town house was some trees, and one of the kids saw deer over in the trees. The deer jumped on a car and ran off. That's how it is there.

The water is blue, I mean blue, it changes from turquoise to dark blue. It is crisp and clear. It also is very, very cold.

The further west we went the least populated it was and I'm not sure what people out of Marquette do for a living.

Now about Yoopers. Well, that's what the people from the Upper Peninsula call themselves, and they also end a lot of sentences with, eh. I wanted to hear someone say, eh, but it wasn't to be, not this time anyway. But I will, someday, I know I will.

That was my adventure; now I'm ready for the next one, eh.



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"Setting arbitrary deadlines to retreat from Iraq would have been like giving our enemies a clock counting down from today. We must leave the administration of war to the generals on the ground and not the politicians in Congress. The policy of setting surrender dates is as foolish as it is dangerous and I am glad the House upheld the President's veto," Gillmor said.

Gillmor referred to comments from Army General David Petraeus, the Commander of Multinational Force-Iraq who said that prematurely withdrawing troops from Iraq would lead to "an increase in sectarian violence."

In addition to surrender dates, the Democrat Iraq funding bill added more than \$21 billion in non-emergency projects such as:

- \$50 million for asbestos clean-up in the U.S. Capitol power plant
- \$37.5 million for salaries and expenses for the Farm

Service Agency  
—\$60.4 million for fisheries disaster relief  
—\$12 million for the National Forest System  
—\$20 million for dairy production losses

"Maybe some of these projects can be justified but they are certainly not emergency spending for the troops. Apparently, Democrats thought it was more important to prove to the liberal wing of their party that they had a plan for retreat on the Global War on Terror. This is not how the majority of Americans, and certainly the vast majority of my constituents, want Congress to act. Now that Democrats have made their political point, it is time to get back to work so we can fund the troops," Gillmor said.

The Democrat Iraq Funding Bill was vetoed by President Bush yesterday and required a 2/3 votes of both the U.S. House and the Senate for passage. The House voted was 222 to 203 and therefore did not meet the 2/3 threshold.

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**VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE**

by Brad Dysinger

Opinion Column

**PLAY BALL !!!!!!!**



Baseball has always been my favorite team sport. I've been a Cleveland Indian's fan all my life. (Thank God I wasn't born a Chicago Cub's fan). I like the team aspect of baseball with the teams' wins and losses but also inside the team are the individual player's statistics. I like to judge the individual player's performance and then compare them against other teams' players.

In baseball the pitchers have wins and losses, hitters have batting averages, home runs, runs batted in, stolen bases, plus many other statistics. In fielding there are errors, assists, put outs, just about anything that a stat can be kept on or about is kept in baseball. You can dissect a team by their individual players records position by position, plus the team as a whole with their won and lost record and then you can see their standing in the league.

Fans of the home team set around and talk baseball, many live, breath, and eat baseball. Fans call radio stations and write letters to the editor. Fans talk about getting a new pitcher or about getting rid of the manager. This happens with different frequency in different cities but one thing that any pro baseball team knows is "without fans there is no team." Fans don't spend all this time talking and obsessing about the players and manager because they dislike the team, they just want to see their team win.

Since baseball fans can't trade for players, or manage the team, they do what they can. They complain, they try to get the manager fired, or a new pitcher brought to the team, or the owner to pay for a free agent, or in frustration they quit caring at which point their not a fan of the team any more.

Financially successful pro baseball teams know if the fans loose interest and don't care anymore they'll quit buying tickets to the games and the team will go broke, (except maybe the Cubs who have been so inept for so long that their fans don't expect to win, even my Indians made two World Series in the 90's and I think they just might fool some people this year.)

If you are wondering what any of this has to do with Paulding County just say I'm a fan of the team. Some baseball fans pick their team and some are born to theirs, but any true fan wants their team to be a winner.

In fact it's a fans duty to voice his opinion about the direction the team is headed. If a fan doesn't think he's getting his moneys worth for his season ticket a fan will point it out, or loose interest. I'd rather point it out.

As a fan of the Paulding County team I'm unhappy with us not living up to our potential as the place to live and raise our family that we should be. Paulding County did it in the past when I was a kid and we should be able to do it today. A Chicago Cub's fans' motto of wait till next year wears a little thin with me after hearing it year after year. Just as statistics in baseball tell the story, statistics for a county does too.

Just once I'd like to see one county wide tax increase discussed with some real discussion, both pro and con, instead of always being told how important it is that it passes and what the catastrophic consequences will be if it doesn't. This is true whether it's a new tax for the jail or one for something else. I'm not trying to be an alarmist but out here in the cheap seats some of the fans are getting restless.

If talk was action the county would be a blur, but it's not. For too many years we've been told to wait for next year, this tax is needed, it'll save us money in the future. The future from the year 2002 is today, are we better off today than then? Why or will the county be better off five years from today than it is today? What does the manager think? As a fan I'd like to know what the game plan is.

Just like in baseball where statistics tell a story statistics for the county have a story to tell too. I down loaded some stats on the computer from the Ohio Department of Development, Ohio County Profiles and anyone wishing to can check these and many other interesting facts out at {www.odod.state.oh.us/reasearch}. I'm not going to give you all the stats just some important ones.

In 1960 Paulding County had a population of 16,792 and by 1970 the county population had climbed to 19,329. In 1980 the county population peaked at 21,302 but by the year 2000 it had fallen to 20,293. The last year in this report that an estimate was made was 2004 and Paulding County Population had fallen once again to 19,486. This is an estimate as the next official count won't be until 2010. The projected population for the year 2030 is 18,883, showing a steady decline in county population for as far into the future as the study estimates.

In this report you can also trace the decline in Paulding County towns and townships populations. No town or township listed in the report is immune to the disease with all loosing population. Unless something magical happens in the future it is apparent there will continue to be less and less of us to pay more and more in taxes.

Additional stats on this list show one obvious reason houses are so cheap in the county. One half of all Paulding County homes were built before 1964 making them at least 43 years old, and 25.3 percent were built before 1939 or before World War II. I don't know if this report means stick homes only or if it includes mobile homes too.

*Continued next week*

**RELAY FOR LIFE FEAR FACTOR CONTEST**

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Fear Factor is scheduled for June 1 at the Paulding County Relay For Life at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

See the ad on this page for more details.

**RELAY FOR LIFE AMERICAN IDOL CONTEST**

On June 1 at the Paulding County Relay For Life an American Idol Contest will be held.

The Kids contest will be held before the Luminaria ceremony and the Adult contest will be held afterwards.

See the ad on this page for more information about entry.

**REPRESENTATIVE WACHTMANN ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF STATE BUDGET**

COLUMBUS — State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R- Napoleon) today announced the Ohio House of Representatives approved House Bill 119, the two-year, \$52 billion state operating budget. The bill includes funding for primary, secondary, and higher education and a variety of other state-supported services.

The House once again provided record funding to Ohio's schools while ensuring no school district receives less funding than in the previous year. House Bill 119 also includes a provision to provide additional funding to school districts that receive an "excellent" rating by the Ohio Department of Education. Members of the House also maintained their commitment to school choice by ensuring that parents will continue to have the ability to choose schools that best meet the needs of their children.

"Education is one of the best investments we can make in our children's future," Wachtmann said. "Through our efforts in the budget in funding school districts as well as initiatives such as academic intervention, we can ensure that students have the skills they need to succeed in college and in the workforce."

House Bill 119 also provides an additional \$250,000 per year for the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program and includes funding increases for a number of home and community-based services, such as PASSPORT, that allow seniors to receive care in their homes rather than a nursing home. Members of the House also worked to restore \$1 million over the biennium for abstinence education programs. Additionally, Wachtmann was successful in having language inserted to repeal the household sewage regulations that were recently promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health.

House Bill 119 was approved by a unanimous vote. The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

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The Adult American Idol contest will begin after the Luminaria Ceremony concludes (around 10:30 - 11:00 p.m.) and will run until the contestants are finished. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to enter. It is free for the public to watch and there will be a \$1.00 charge to cast your vote when the contestants are done singing. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

This picture was taken in 1924 at the Bethel or Forders School. After studying this photo for awhile, I realize that I knew quite a few of them.

I talked to Paula Bissell Lichty about her uncles and aunts in this picture. I think Harold Bissell was the oldest of the children. I don't remember him, but the two older girls, Zella and Rose, I remember them. Zella married a man named Mull and lived around the Woodburn area. Rose married a Lester Anthony and lived around St. Joe, Indiana. It also lists a Warren Bissell, but that has to be a mistake. All these Bissell children are Elmer Bissell family and his son Warren was born in 1921 and graduated from Antwerp in 1939. So he was only three at that time. If I remember correctly, there was two more boys older than Warren, John and Roy. I think that picture must

be of John. If you look with your magnifying glass, you will agree that he is a Bissell boy, 'cause they all resembled each other. Another daughter, Virginia, graduated from AHS in 1942 with me and she resembled that boy in the picture. If you will remember, John later served as Paulding County Treasurer for a number of years. Warren was the manager and owner of The Payne Market for many years. After Virginia, there was a boy named Paul. I guess, I don't think there was anymore. I think Roy lived around St. Joe. Paul lived around Antwerp all his life.

All the Bissell boys played football for AHS, and I want to tell you an incident about Roy. He was about 6ft 2in or more and a good lineman. I was standing by the Antwerp bench and a big pile of players ended up right in the area, the other team had the ball. It took awhile to get the arms and legs untangled, and when Roy got up, the Referee thumbed him off the field, along with a 15 yard penalty. The "ref" told Mr. Horney, the coach, that boy is out of the game. Mr. Horney said to Roy, "What did you do?" Roy said, "I hit him!" Mr. Horney asked, "Why did you do that?" Roy said, "He hit me!"

I think the Elmer Bissell family was Harold, Zella, Rose, John, Roy, Warren, Virginia and Paul. That might not be right, but it is close. I thank Paula for all her help. Paula is Paul's



The students of Mr. Ed Lucas at the Bethel School assembled for a school picture on October 10, 1924. The school was located just up the hill from Forder's Bridge in Paulding County, about 1/4 mile north of U.S. 24. Students pictured are, left to right, third row, Estel Salisbury, Wayne Jump, Harold Bissell, Jasper Mills, Ed Lucas (teacher), Vera

daughter.

There is a number of Gordons in this picture. I called Wayne and he helped me with this report. Don Gordon was the one everyone called "Timer". I never found out why, but they did, Doris Gordon became a school teacher at The Antwerp School. Edwin or

Eddie was the oldest of the children. I asked Wayne about Ivan Gordon pictured here and he said he was an uncle to all those Gordons. I think the rest of the Ol' Gordon family was Helen, Dorothy, Edith, and Wayne. I might have missed one, but I don't think so. Helen lives over in the Monroeville, IN area. I know they farm some, 'cause I talked to her last fall. She said she reads the West Bend News. I don't know much about Dorothy. She graduated in 1939. Edith graduated in 1943 and married her school teacher, Ed Cook. Wayne is still going strong down on the home place, east of the Bethel Church.

There are two Jump boys in this picture, Wayne and Wendell. I knew all of Wendell's family. They lived on the old home place. Wendell and Bessie had two children, Larry and Janice. She married Louie Rex and lived in Hicksville. Larry Jump married Sue Tracy and still lived in that area, Rd. 315.

There are two Vail boys in this picture. Leonard went to High School and played football for AHS. He was the boy they called "Annie". Howard moved to Sherwood and was a mechanic for Decker Tractor Sales. Larry Joe Vail tells me that he don't think Howard ever married, but always lived in the Sherwood area.

Vera Breininger lived on the home place for many years. I don't think she ever married.

Roy Miller, there in the front row, is a person everyone knew. He had to walk 11/2 miles each way to school. He lived one mile north to the Henpeck Road, and then 1/2 mile west. They moved to town and Roy played football and finished school. He married Rose Outland and they had five children, Larry James, Toby, David and Beth. Roy passed away in 1990.

There are two Schaffer boys, Joe and Gerald. Gerald was better known as Nifty. (Continued on Page 7)

Breininger, Bessie Miller, Hazel Salisbury, Zella Bissell, Gladys Shaffer. Second row, Don Gordon, Joe Shaffer, Gerald Shaffer, Bessie Shaffer, Rose Bissell, Doris Gordon, Lucile Mills, Pauline Brown, Paul Brown, Warren Bissell, Gerald Miller. Seated, Andrew Mills, Howard Vail, Wendell Jump, Roy Miller, Leonard Vail, Ivan Gordon and Edwin Gordon. The picture was submitted by Pauline (Brown) Bissell.

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He retired from Weather-head and drove a school bus for years.

Here is a letter that I received from Kay Bromagen, it brings us some more of the news and history of Antwerp's busiest corner, Main and River Street.

"Dear Stan,  
"I read your article each week and enjoy and learn from them. My sister, Sue, saves the paper for her son, Todd in Warsaw, IN so he can read your articles too.

"About the Langham building, when Isabelle and the bakery went out of business I had to find a new place for my flower shop since the building was being torn down. To begin with though, I bought the flower shop from Joy Brown (not Bob) he returned to the Defiance area but is now deceased. I moved the shop to the building on the east side of Main Street where Mike Hertel had a jewelry store, then after Bob Battershell died his wife Helen went out of business so I moved over where she vacated and had run a dime store. Margaret Womack worked for me and in 1972 bought the store from me. She stayed in that building several years where the Subway is now. She eventually moved to where Marilyn's Petals & Vines is located now.

"Before it was Marilyn's, Linda Kennedy had bought the shop from Margaret.

"Keep writing, we enjoy! Kay Bromagen"

Thank you, Kay.  
See ya!

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/9 THROUGH 5/15**

*Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast*

- 5/9 - Ham, egg, & cheese croissant, juice, milk
- 5/10 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk
- 5/11 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
- 5/14 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- 5/15 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

*Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch*

- 5/9 - Pepperoni pizza or grilled chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
- 5/10 - Mini corn dogs, carrots & celery w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
- 5/11 - Turkey club sandwich, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
- 5/14 - Chicken fajita, lettuce, torilla chips or ham chef salad, roll, assorted fruit, milk
- 5/15 - Cavatini, green beans, cheese bread stix, assorted fruit, milk

*Paulding Elementary - Lunch*

- 5/9 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
- 5/10 - French toast, sausage, potatoes, fruit cup, milk
- 5/11 - Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk
- 5/14 - Hamburger on a bun, potatoes, fruit cup, milk
- 5/15 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*

- 5/9 - Toasted cheese, tossed salad, fruit, milk
- 5/10 - Popcorn chicken, bread, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
- 5/11 - Cheese breadstick, marinara sauce, corn, fruit, milk
- 5/14 - French toast, mini sausage, fruit cup, juice, milk
- 5/15 - Breaded mozzarella sticks, pizza sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

**AHS**  
*Angle*



**By: Chelsea Vail**

Two more Fridays, and that's all, folks! Yes, there are really only two more Fridays remaining in the 2006-2007 school year. With the end of school comes oodles of recognition in all shapes and sizes, acknowledgments of students and teachers alike, most of which is packed into this week.

This Tuesday is National Teacher Day, which coincides with National Teacher Week. The NHS and Student Council have once again collaborated on the task of showing our teachers that we appreciate all they do for us. We have provided the student body with preprinted thank-you cards, and have a few other surprises in the works for our valued educators.

Like I said, teachers aren't the only ones being applauded for a job well done this school year; the annual Academic Awards Program is set for next Monday evening at 7:30. Additionally, the Academic Boosters has set up the Pride Card trip to Cedar Point for the following Wednesday. Yahoo! All y'all are the best...

Pride Card kids aren't the only ones headed off to Cedar Point. The Pride of AHS will be performing there this Saturday. Their final concert of the year will be held the auditing Tuesday in the auditoria at 7:30 p.m. Rock on!

They will rock you with their awesome skills if you watch...

JH Track & Field: Tuesday, May 15, 4:00, @ Hicksville (GMCs)

JV Baseball: Thursday, May 10, 4:30, @ Hicksville; Friday, May 11, 4:30, Archbold; Monday, May 14, 4:00, JV Tournament (Antwerp)

Varsity Softball: Thursday, May 10, 4:30, @ Bryan; Friday, May 11, 4:30, Woodlan

Varsity Track & Field: Friday, May 11, 5:00, @ Ayersville (GMCs); Monday, May 14, 4:30, @ Paulding/Wayne Trace

Word of the Week: Somniferous \som-NIF-uhr-uhs \ adjective

1. Causing or inducing sleep

Example: "I hope that reading this column wasn't a particularly somniferous experience for you, though I myself yawned after reviewing it thus far."

Really, I hope it didn't. Did it? That was rhetorical.

**US 24 PROJECT BIDS ANNOUNCED**

COLUMBUS—Four bids were submitted for the construction of four-lane US 24 from the Ohio and Indiana line to US 127 in Paulding County, said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District I deputy director.

The bids were disclosed today at the Ohio Department of Transportation central office in Columbus.

Those bidding on the project and their bid amounts are as follows:

Mosser Construction, Inc., Freemont, Ohio; and Beaver Excavating, Canton, Ohio (joint venture) - \$72.8 million

Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Valley View, Ohio; and E.S. Wagner Co., Oregon, Ohio (joint venture) - \$74.7 million

Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., Troy, Michigan - \$75.1 million

E&B Paving, Inc., Anderson, IN - \$81.8 million

The 12.3 mile project will construct a four-lane highway on a new location south of the existing two-lane highway. The project also includes construction of an interchange at Ohio 49, construction of overpass to carry new US 24 over County Road 11 and County Road 105, construction of overheads to carry Township Road 43 and County Road 176 over new US 24, and construction of overpass to carry new US 24 over railroads just east of County Road 11 and the La-farge railroad spur just east of County Road 105.

Construction is expected to begin in June. Estimated completion is fall of 2009.

A 2.2 mile project which will expand US 24 around Defiance to a four-lane highway is in its second year of

construction and is expected to be completed summer of 2008. Construction on a section of US 24 between Defiance and Napoleon began in April and is also expected to be completed in 2008. Construction of new US 24 from US 127 to Ohio 424 will begin in June and will be completed in 2009.

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. EDGERTON**

Wayne Trace suffered its second loss of the GMC conference, pushing them out of a possible tie for the conference crown. The Raiders were defeated by Edgerton by the score of 3-2. Raiders pushed two across in the first inning and were unable to score again. Edgerton scored in their half of the first inning, and again in the sixth tying the score at two a piece. Cannadyk hit a home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal

the win for Edgerton. Leading hitters for the Raiders was Sophomore Sara Priest, going 2-3 with a single and double. Sophomores Renee Bidlack and Leah Ross each had a hit for the Lady Raiders. Leading hitters for Edgerton were Cannadyk going 1-3 with a HR, RBI and run scored. Pettit went 1-3 with a single and run scored. Frechette went 1-3 with a single, run scored and stolen base.

Winning pitcher: Fitzcharles going seven innings, giving up four hits, four walks, three strikeouts and two earned runs.

Losing pitcher Marcie McDougle going seven innings, giving up three hits, two walks fanning 12 with one earned run.

Score by inning:  
Wayne Trace - 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; with 2 runs, 4 hits, and 2 errors.

Edgerton - 1 0 0 0 0 1 1; with 3 runs, 3 hits, and 1 error.

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**PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR EARN SUPERIOR AND EXCELLENT AT STATE CHOIR AND BAND CONTEST**

The Paulding High School Concert Choir, under the direction of David Clapsaddle and accompanist Annette Hoverman, competed in the Ohio Music Educators State Choir and Band Contest April 27 at Gateway Middle School in Maumee, Ohio. The Choir sang three selections: Jabula Jesu- by Stephen Hatfield; For The Beauty of the Earth- by John Rutter; and Erev Shel Shoshanim by Jack Klebanow. They were rated by three experienced judges. The Choir then went into a separate room and sang a song which they had never seen before as per the sight-reading requirement. The judges gave the choir a rating from I to V—the I rating being Superior and the V being a Poor rating. The judges gave the Paulding choir a Superior in sight

reading, and two Superiors for their performance of the three songs and one of the Judges gave the Choir an Excellent Rating II which is a composite Superior rating.

For their performance the choir will receive a State plaque. This is the seventh time in the last eight years that the choir has qualified for the state competition and the first time that they have received a Superior in Class B—they have previously received state Superiors in Class C in 2002 and 2003.

None of this could have been possible without the support of the administration, Mr. Shugars and the large number of parents who drove to Maumee to support the choir in their performance. I am very proud of all the members of the choir for their hard work and determination to make the fine adjustments that enabled them to achieve this rating.

**OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE 90TH BIRTHDAY**



The family of Caroline Davis and her husband Leo will host an open house on Saturday the 19th of May, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate Caroline's 90th birthday. This celebration will be held at the Fellowship Hall of St. James Lutheran Church W Town

line St. Payne. Contributions to the Paulding County Historical Society will be gladly accepted. No gifts please.

**TERRY'S BUZZARDS**

By: Rose Kever

It's been three years since we were carriers for the Defiance Crescent, and boy, oh boy, are there stories in that experience.

Most of the people on our routes were very friendly. Maybe one or two were complainers. Some were what we liked to call "characters", some were "elite", some just "plain folks", but most were the friendliest people you'd ever want to meet. Oh yeah, I forgot about the few who were a little on the eccentric side. There is quite an array of persons to deal with. We enjoyed every one of them, too!

This is a story about one of the "characters". Actually, we had thought he would make a great candidate for a Rockwell painting.

In the back of the "new addition" it's very woody, and Terry and his wife live right on the edge of it. We were just coming into Spring, and Terry was standing in his driveway looking towards the top of the trees. We asked him what he was looking for, and he said the buzzards were back. We both looked at him like he was crazy. I thought, "Oh no, he has totally lost his mind! Buzzards—boy is this guy flaky or what?!" He said to us, "Look up at the top of those trees." We did as he said, and sure 'nough, there they were. A whole flock of buzzards nesting in the tree-tops. We were truly amazed. They were flying around and looked very much at home in their habitat. Terry said they come back every year, just like clock work. From then on, we always referred to them as "Terry's buzzards."

You know, buzzards are really not that bad (if you get to know them). They're not *that* ugly and they try to beat the "Clampett clan" to the road kill! Of course, I wouldn't get too close to one—Gary says they'll puke on ya!!

**BROWN TOWNSHIP HISTORY**

Brown Township is the 12th and final township to be featured in the series of Paulding County townships and flags. Some of the townships do not have flags, but later on, if they decide to create one, we will have an article updating their history with a picture and the concept of what the flag represents.

Trustees and fiscal officer for Brown Township are: Craig Dobbelaere, John Kesler and Daniel Thomas, and Cheryl Halter, respectively.

The third township to organize in the county (1830), Brown Township received its name from "Fort Brown", site of the first post office, with the "fort" being a small stockade built at the confluence of the Big Auglaize and the Little Auglaize Rivers in 1812; and which was occupied for a short time by a detachment of Gen. Harrison's army commanded by Col. Brown. When first organized, the township included Auglaize, Washington, Latty, Jackson and Blue Creek townships.

Christian Shroufe (who settled in 1826) was the first settler, and his cabin was about one mile South of Oakwood (Litchenberg farm). The first election was held at Fort Brown in 1830. It wasn't until 1834 that the first Grist Mill came, near the mouth of the Little Auglaize; but it was soon washed away by high water, along with the attached sawmill.

J. J. Hill, a Methodist Episcopal preacher, gave the first sermon in 1830.

In 1834, school was taught in an abandoned cabin on D.C. Carey's farm located near Charloe. In 1835, a school was built in Charloe.

In 1849-1850, another sawmill was built a few rods above the former site on the same stream; and for many years remained the only flouring mill in the township. Also in the 1849-1850 period, the township saw its largest immigration.

In the period 1855-1860, an extensive stone quarry operat-

ed one mile South of Charloe. A stone mill for sawing stone was located at Canalport. The first steam sawmill in all of Paulding County was erected in 1852 in the township. By 1892, there were 10 schools in Brown Township, with the largest being a 2-story brick structure in Oakwood at a cost of \$2,600.00.

"Canalport", the location of a stone mill as previously stated, was also known as "Exchange Bridge" because the tow path changed sides of the Canal at this point. Charloe is the oldest village in the township, and was the second county seat of Paulding County; and the last Indian Reservation was located there, known as "Oquanoxa's Reserve."

In 1854, the Tiffin & Ft. Wayne Railroad was being built, but later collapsed. In 1872, the town of Oakwood was laid out; and in 1881, the Nickel Plate R.R. re-opened the line. Census information shows 1880 population of 1,459 in the township, which swelled to 2,418 by 1890.

"I hope most of you have enjoyed the series on the Paulding County Townships, as doing the series has been very interesting for me. I have learned much just gleaning the information from the 1892 Paulding County Atlas, and interviewing the township personnel and photographing the flags.

It has taken me two years to finish the project from start to finish, but what a ride it has been! I feel, as I hope the reader does, that it has been a very worthwhile project."

All information has been taken from the 1892 Atlas; and, if the reader wants to learn more, copies are available for purchase or for reading at all county libraries and schools. An Atlas may be purchased at your Museum (John Paulding Historical Society) located on Fairground Drive in Paulding, Ohio, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each Tuesday, and from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. the first Saturday of the month.

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**GRABILL'S SAVE A LOT: WORKING TOGETHER IN A SMALL TOWN**



By: Sue Knapp  
The small town of Grabill, IN is populated with both Amish and English folks. The people work together, it's a way of life.

When the grocery store in Grabill closed, the town was concerned about what to do. The big stores were available on U.S. 37, but to run up there for a gallon of milk, a loaf of bread or an emergency item was inconvenient to say the least.

The building was purchased by Gordon Leichty with intentions of another grocery store. The building needed extensive remodeling and he couldn't do it alone, he needed help. He wanted it to be a community project. So, he met with some community people, the town officials and Save A Lot. They decided to complete the project in six different phases.

1. Collect 50% of the money, 2. Start remodeling with the help of the community donating time, 3. Complete the building, 4. Collect the remaining 50%, 5. Train employees, they sent four people down to St. Louis, MO for training, 6. Open Store. All this happened in an eleven month period.

They received the money for this project by selling shares. They wanted to sell 100 hundred shares, but they had such an outpouring of donated help that they didn't have to sell 100. This is definitely a community store. The town is very grateful for this

opportunity and the investors, which includes both Amish and English, they are very happy with the way the store is going.

The store is run with the philosophy that the customers are treated the way you would like to be treated. The traffic was so congested in front of the store that the town had to put in a 4-way stop. The Lord is given the glory for the blessings received with the store.

The store has a bagging station and offers items other Save A Lots don't have. The choice meats come in fresh and is cut there. They will also cut meats to your specifications. The store has green cheese delivered on Saturday and is usually gone by Monday. The store also has a line of hispanic foods and some bulk items. If you need something and it's not stocked, talk to supervisors and they will help you. The management makes sure the store is kept clean, including the floors.

Save A Lot is having a one year's anniversary party on May 12 to celebrate the customers. The hours are 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and will include a hog roast with free refreshments. They will also give away a \$50 gift certificate. They will have specials, one which is buy one Frito Lay Chips and get one free.

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**WAYNE TRACE CONCERT CHOIR WAS SUPERIOR AT STATE**

The Wayne Trace Concert Choir performed at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) State Adjudicated Event on Friday, April 27 at Gateway Middle School in Maumee, Ohio. After a wonderful performance, the Concert Choir received a SUPERIOR rating of straight "Y's" which is the top honor able to be received.

The last time Wayne Trace participated in the State Adjudicated Event was in 1992 which was when the now seniors were only four years old. This is the Concert Choir's first Superior rating since 1970.

The choir had much assistance along their journey to state. Mike Archinal, Director of Choral Activities at Wayne Trace High School, said, "It was definitely a wonderful experience to share with all the students. We all set goals at the beginning of the year as a group and kept them in constant view the entire year. In addition, we have had several highly trained and experienced choral directors work with our students. It's always a pleasure to bring fellow teachers to let students get

ideas and concepts from other people." David Clapsaddle, Choral Director of Paulding High School, worked with the students in February and helped the students prepare for the OMEA District Adjudication. "Mr. Clapsaddle was a real treat for our students to have. He is full of energy and has a wonderful musical intellect that the students thoroughly enjoyed. He is definitely a part of our success.", Archinal says. Another guest clinician that came to work with the students was Dr. Ann Usher, Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Choral Music Education Department at The University of Akron. Both these clinicians were a major part of our success.

Student reaction was complete shock of their rating. They had worked very hard throughout the entire year and retained everything the clinicians threw at them. "This year was quite an experience for the Wayne Trace Concert Choir. Under new direction from a new teacher, the students adapted to the new environment and worked together in different ways. In the end, the hard work paid off," said Tyler Dunham, a senior and 4-year member of the choir. Danielle Stoller, a

Senior at Wayne Trace High School said, "It was a blessing to receive so much guidance from Mr. Clapsaddle, Dr. Usher, and Mr. Archinal."

Mr. Brian Gerber, Superintendent of Wayne Trace Local Schools reaction to the State Performance was, "We are extremely proud of the music department's accomplishments. We have students and a music instructor who are excited about choir and band and this was evident at the state choir performance. All of the Wayne Trace community can be proud." Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal of Wayne Trace Jr/Sr. High School, added, "We are very proud of their hard work, discipline, and commitment to the arts. They represented our school with the utmost dignity and pride."

The Wayne Trace Concert Choir couldn't have done it without the help of all the parents, grand-parents friends, and family that supported the Music Department—especially Mr. Brian Gerber, Mr. Kevin Wilson, the faculty and staff at Wayne Trace, and the community. One final special recognition goes to Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Concert Choir accompanist.

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	<b>May 19th</b>	"Paragon" Barbershop Quartet (Findlay, Ohio) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
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The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Paulding will be on June 1 and 2. The participants of this team event raise money to combat cancer and increase awareness of the disease. The Relay For Life event, Cancer Survivors Walk and reception and Luminaria Ceremony will be held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. For more information on Relay For Life, contact your local American Cancer Society at 419-399-4080 or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

June 1 at 6:00 p.m. - Cancer Survivor Recognition: Cancer survivors from the Paulding area are invited to walk the first lap of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event to celebrate life. The event and survivors lap will be held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. There is no cost to participate, families and friends are welcome to attend.

June 1 at 10:00 p.m. - Luminaria Ceremony: The American Cancer Society will conduct the Luminaria Ceremony to recognize those touched by cancer in Paulding. Individuals or companies can make contributions in memory of those who have lost their fight with cancer and in honor of those who have survived or are still fighting. Each will be recognized by a luminaria candle, displayed at the Relay For Life event held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Luminaria contributions can be sent to Wendy Price, 12792 Road 114, Paulding, OH 45879.



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**PAULDING COUNTY PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

The "Most Affordable" meeting met at the Extension Building on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The following items were discussed:

**Artwork/Logo**—Marty Harmon indicated that he had contacted Sandy Dobbelaere at Paulding Schools relating to her providing the committee with some artwork or a logo to use for printed and/or other materials. Sandy was to be back in touch with Marty on Friday, April 20, 2007. The art teacher at Antwerp was contacted as well, but had no response by the time of the meeting. All agreed that the artwork was crucial in the committee being able to move forward in a timely manner.

**Billboards**—Tony Burkley reported that he had checked on the cost of billboards from Lamar and the cost ran from \$595.00 per month to \$2,380 per month depending on location. There is also a \$100.00 one-time set up fee per sign.

**Stickers**—Tiffany Beckman reported that Don Benschneider had made contact with a printing company that would produce labels that could be used by local businesses on their mailings to promote Paulding County as the Most Affordable County in Rural America. The cost such a project was a huge concern, as the Committee currently has no operating funds. It was offered that perhaps local businesses could add the "most affordable" logo to their already existed invoices and/or letterhead at little or no cost without having to purchase anything. Kirk Hopkins expressed concern that the areas that we really need to target to promote the growth of Paulding County are our neighboring counties, specifically Allen County, IN and Defiance and Van Wert Counties in Ohio. Tony Langham suggested generating one-page flyers with tear-offs to post at grocery stores in those area promoting Paulding County as most affordable.

**Newspaper Ads**—The committee commended Paulding Chamber of Commerce and Shisler Insurance for including the "most affordable" designation in their newspaper advertisements. Concern was voiced by Dan Lehman that Paulding is often overlooked by the media and there was agreement that we need to better market ourselves and/ or "toot our own horn" so to speak. A good deal of discussion was had relating to the committee doing press releases and contacting the Ft. Wayne news channels for coverage anytime we have something good going on.

**U.S. 24 Groundbreaking**—Much discussion took place relating to a groundbreaking ceremony which it is estimated will occur somewhere around the first week of

June 2007. All were in agreement that a big deal needs to be made of this event with as many people present as possible. Carole Gross hoped that we could have T-shirts or hats printed by that time and could have signs up at the entrances of the villages alerting travelers that Paulding County was named most affordable by Progressive Farmer magazine. ACDC is already having a sign made for the US 24 entrance into Antwerp from Fort Wayne including on the sign the "most affordable" designation.

**Structure of the Committee**—All agreed that the "most affordable" designation was something that was only temporary and therefore something that we needed to move on rapidly. All agreed that they wanted the larger "umbrella" committee, that being the Paulding County Promotional Committee, to exist for years to come. All agreed that the PCPC will operate as an umbrella committee to bring together the groups, such as ACDC in Antwerp or the Arbors in Oakwood. It was further agreed that each village would take care of their own needs as far as fund-raising and doing projects in their own communities. All were commended for their commitment to work together.

**Former signs**—It was proposed that we use the signs that are currently up which are tan and purple and say "Paulding County—where memories are made". All agreed with the idea that a quick way to get the 'most affordable' designation out there is to have signs made that would attach to those already existing signs. Tony Burkley was to contact the Paulding County Engineer to see if they could make signs such as the ones discussed.

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The day began with doubles and fifteen shooters competing for top honor, in the end Jeff Conley was crowned the winner with a score of ninety-six.

Then in the handicap, Michael Dick shot a ninety-six from the twenty-one yard line. He was crowned high gun. Merle Decker shot a score of ninety-five from the twenty-five yard line and won the long yardage group. In the short yardage group James Schroll won with a score of ninety-three from the twenty yard line.

The final event was the singles the A-class winner was Pete Donat's son Ken with a score of ninety-nine. Mike Early won the B-class honors with a score of ninety-seven. Leo Stumphy won C-class honors with a score of ninety-six. The D-class honors went to Jerry Rigenbach with a score of ninety-one. Kolt Huston won the sub-junior honors.

The final trophy was awarded to Jeff Conley for high over all, with a total score 285 over all three events. Paulding County Fish and Game Club would like to thank all of the shooters who came out to participate in the Pete Donat Memorial.

**PAULDING YOUTH BALL ORGANIZATION UPCOMING EVENTS**

Although the last summer youth ball games were played over nine months ago, the Paulding Youth Ball Organization has been working year round to gear up for the 2007 season. Since last August members have been planning, organizing and preparing to provide a quality program to Paulding area youth.

May 12 will mark the date of the Umpire Clinic. Any person interested in being an Umpire for any league will need to attend this event at 10:00 a.m. at the fields on Water Street. Those in attendance at this clinic will receive a premium from the organization at the end of the year for each game that they worked. The current rules and duties of being an umpire will be taught.

On Saturday May 19, the season will begin. To kick off the season, the organization will be having a Chicken BBQ dinner at LaFountain Park from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The dinner, cooked on the site from "I Don't Care Grille", will feature a ½ chicken, two sides, a roll and a drink. Everyone is invited to attend the event and pre-sale tickets may be purchased from any player or at TK Prints or First Federal Bank. Advance tickets are encouraged since only a limited number of meals will be available during the event.

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 and the players will be getting in their first game of the year. The Paulding Youth Ball Organization is pleased to have 29 teams sponsored by local businesses and several additional sign sponsors for the fields. The support from these sponsors helps to defray the costs of the organization and provides the players with updated equipment. The organization is also in the process of researching the idea of building a new ball complex in the near future. Annual profits from fund-raisers and donations will be used for this future project.

Anyone needing more information or interested in attending one of the many games this season can keep up to date through our website at [www.pauldinglittleleague.com](http://www.pauldinglittleleague.com).

**HAWTHORN COURT CELEBRATES NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK**

Hawthorn Court announces its planned activities for celebrating National Nursing Home Week, May 13-20. National Nursing Home Week is sponsored by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) and will be celebrated nationwide

beginning on Mother's Day, May 13, 2007.

The theme of this year's week is "Treasure our Elders" and Hawthorn Court has planned a series of activities designed to foster intergenerational relationships, collect and preserve resident's reminiscences, strengthen relationships with family members, celebrate quality and recognize all staff members and volunteers who demonstrate excellence in compassionate care giving and community service throughout the year.

The first National Nursing Home Week was celebrated in 1967 with the goal of eliminating the stereotypes associated with nursing homes and gaining awareness for the value and benefits of long-term care through education and community outreach.

Members of the community are invited to visit and participate in any of the activities at Hawthorn Court during National Nursing Home Week. According to Parsons, if you know someone who lives or works at a nursing home, now is the perfect time to take a moment to brighten their day and let them know how much you appreciate them.

Hawthorn Court is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. If you'd like to participate in National Nursing Home Week activities, or for volunteer opportunities, please call 399-4940. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.hawthorn-court.com](http://www.hawthorn-court.com)

National Nursing Home Week Planned Activities:

Monday May 14 - Resident/Staff Picnic; Celebrity Bingo

Tuesday May 15 - Senior Citizens Day at Paulding County Fairgrounds

Wednesday May 16 - Fun Band; Ice Cream Social; Bingo

Thursday May 17 - Kentucky Fried Chicken Day

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": STATE SKILLSUSA CONTESTANTS**



Vantage SkillsUSA state competitors were front row (l to r) Josh Ladd, Ryan Bickle, Timna Klopfenstein, Jordan Kimmel and Ross Warnecke. Back row (l to r) Tyler Maag, Calvin Risley, Daran Elston, Brent Hoersten, Andy Miller, Rusty Warnecke and Aaron Geckle. Unavailable for the picture was Nathan Shobe.

Thirteen Vantage trade and industrial students competed in team and individual events at the Ohio SkillsUSA contest held recently in Columbus.

Individual student competitors at the state contest were carpentry junior Rusty Warnecke (Ottoville) participating in the Cabinetmaking contest, electricity junior Ryan Bickle (Van Wert) competing in the residential wiring contest, carpentry junior Aaron Geckle (Kalida) competing in the Carpentry contest, health careers junior Timna Klopfenstein (Wayne Trace) competing in the Nurse Assistant contest and precision machining senior Tyler Maag (Ottoville) competing in the Precision Machine contest. Electricity junior Brent Hoersten (Ottoville) participated in the Job Interview competition while his classmate, junior Calvin Risley (Crestview) participated in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition.

Team participants included the Promotional Bulletin Board team of junior Daran Elston and Jordan Kimmel, both juniors from Continental in the industrial mechanics program, the Robotics/Automation team of senior electricity students Nathan Shobe (Delphos St. Johns) and Ross Warnecke (Kalida) and the industrial mechanics team of senior Andy Miller (Kalida) and junior Josh Ladd (Continental) who competed in the Mechatronics contest. Congratulations to all the state competitors!

This school year is quickly winding down. The senior awards assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons. The last day for Vantage seniors will be Friday, May 18 and the last day of school for all Vantage juniors will be Thursday, May 24.

**DIVISION III SECTIONAL SOFTBALL AT ELIDA**

Sectional Softball action took place Saturday, May 5 with Wayne Trace plated against Paulding.

Final score for the game was Paulding 6, Wayne Trace 2.

Score by Innings:  
 Paulding - 2 1 0 1 0 2 0;  
 with 6 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors

Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 1 0 1 0;  
 with 2 runs, 5 hits, 2 errors

Winning Pitcher - Kelsie Carnahan (7 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Marcie McDougale (4 innings, 5 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Shelby Critten (3 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Paulding Hitters: Kayla Gawronski (1-4, double, run); Shelby Erford (1-3, double, run, run batted in); Brooke Schlegel (2-4, two doubles); Maycee Adams (3-3, run batted in); Megan Simpson (1-4); Kelsie Carnahan (2-4, triple, home run, run, run batted in)

Wayne Trace Hitters: Sara Priest (1-3, run); Shelby Critten (1-2, run); Becky Ruble (1-3, run batted in); Morgan Lee (1-2, run batted in); Alaina Ross (1-3)

Records - Paulding 7-10, Wayne Trace 10-8

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. LINCOLNVIEW**

Wayne Trace finally clicked as a team on Friday afternoon as they traveled to Lincolnview. The Raiders were able to put together great pitching, hitting and aggressive base running. Wayne Trace was lead at the plate by Junior Becky Ruble, going 3-4 with two doubles, a triple three runs scored, two stolen bases and four RBI's. Senior Chelsea Holtsberry went 1-2 with a double

and a RBI. Junior Sara Priest continued her hitting streak, going 1-3 with two runs scored and two stolen bases. The Lancers were able to get only four hits of sophomore hurler Shelby Critten. W Fries, K Fries, L Longstretch and A Frey each had a single for Lincolnview.

Shelby Critten recorded the victory, giving up four hits, 0 walks and fanning four in six innings of play. D Bradford recorded the loss for Lincolnview.

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