

“SAFETY BUG” VISITS ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL



By: Sue Knapp

If you happened to go by Antwerp High School and saw a yellow Volkswagon Beetle zipping around the parking lot, that happened to be the Lookin' Out Safety Bug. Erie Insurance Group has partnered with the Pennsylvania DUI Association to educate the kids on the dangers of driving under the influence.

Antwerp High School was the first school in Ohio to participate in this program, with Crestview and Van Wert participating later in the week. Erie Insurance Agent Advisor, Krista Sch-

lemmer of the Leland Smith Insurance Services coordinated these activities. Local agent, Dan Fowler, was there to help. State Trooper, Rick Reaver, was on hand to educate the students on the effects of alcohol and driving. The 'Safety Bug' is custom engineered to allow the student to have a real life experience of driving while impaired. Jordan Geisler from Pennsylvania DUI Association rode shotgun to control the vehicle. By controlling the two foot pedals and brake on his side of the car he was able to create the

impaired.

Jared Delong and Lisa Smith were two of the drivers, while Demi Hatlevig, Travis Woodarp, Erica Hammond and McKinsey Addis were some of the back seat passengers. Andrew Marlin made the comment that he did feel the jerk and it was scary. Most of the kids did hit the cones that were set up.

For more information about Erie's Lookin' Out Program, log on to <http://www.erieinsurance.com/LookinOut/index.html> or call Erie Insurance at 814-870-2285

PAULDING AREA VISITING NURSES OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

This is the 18th year that the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Paulding County residents who are pursuing registered nurse training or are now registered nurses working to earn a degree in a specialized medical field.

Applications may be picked up at the VNA office, 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding. Reference letters from two people acquainted with the applicants are required. The deadline is July 1, 2007.

Two Paulding County residents will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION



Grand Marshall of John Paulding Days, Wayne Lothamer with Chamber President Clip Clippinger

By: Sue Knapp

The Paulding Chamber hosted a breakfast (catered by Grant's Catering) and held a graduation recognition for the Paulding County Leadership in Action Class of 2006-2007. Leadership in Action is a group of people, picked by their employers, who create projects for the betterment of the community.

Broken down into three groups, the groups met once a month for nine months going to different businesses or listening to a variety of speakers.

The groups included: Jeff Rhonehouse, Jennifer Wiswell, Andrew Klopfenstein, Sue Thomas, Samantha Bauman, Tiffany Beckman, James Manz, Marvin Manz, Lisa Recker, Dixie Miller and Philip Recker.

The first group put together a calendar of events for Paulding County, brochures and post cards. Dwight Stoller took most of the pictures for

this project.

The second group created a binder including cd's for the chamber to use as a marketing tool for future leadership.

The third group formed a committee called the Paulding Chamber Development Committee. Patterned after Antwerp's ACDC, different committees from each community will help with clean up around the county. They are talking about signage promoting Paulding County as the most affordable county.

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Congratulations!

Colin

Nathan

2 of our Grandsons are graduating this year. We wish you happiness and good luck.

Love, Grandma & Grandpa Gross

KING/QUEEN & PRINCE/PRINCESS OF RELAY FOR LIFE TO BE CROWNED

King/Queen and Prince/Princess of Relay for Life June 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Again this year there will be two categories with children ages 3-5 and 6-9 years old. Children will be asked a few simple questions and then judged by their answer and appearance.

Donated prizes will be awarded to the King, Queen, Prince, Princess and 1st runners up. All participants will receive a gift from Marathon Moms. The fee to enter \$10 which will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Registration Forms may be picked up at your local library, Red Owl or the Village Apothecary.

—Jayme Landers

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of West Bend News the Hanes Lanes ad for bowling Sundays should be 2:00 p.m. not 7:00 p.m. We apologize for any confusion.

—WB editors

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS AND PATRONS OF THE WEST BEND NEWS

Due to rising expenses, the West Bend News is being forced to raise their advertising rates starting July 5 issue 27.

Keep watch in upcoming issues of the West Bend News for more information.

DATE CHANGE FOR WBN

The next issue of the West Bend News will be in mail boxes on Thursday, May 31 next week because of the Memorial Day holiday.

—WB editors

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Willis L. Messman, 81, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away on May 18, 2007 at Residency Place, Fort Wayne.

Born in Allen County, Indiana on May 8, 1926, he was the son of the late Edward and Mary (Ward) Messman.

On June 27, 1949 Willis married Norma Gustin, who survives.

Willis worked at Falstaff Brewery and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn.

He will be sadly missed by his wife; daughters: Kathleen (Tom) Kemmerer of Hicksville, Denise (Guy) Hoag of Antwerp, Diane (Dan) Miller of Harlan, Brenda (Mike) Stuckey of Leo; brother, James of Huntertown; 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a great-granddaughter; sisters: Willowdean Korte, Ester Nahrwald and Glenna Tracey; and brothers: Howard, Edwin, Frank, Louis, Glen and Elwood.

Funeral service was at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn on May 22 with Reverend Don Henry officiating. He was laid to rest at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

In his memory contributions may be made to Woodburn EMS or the church.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Helen S. Hook, 89, of Payne died May 15, 2007 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Payne, on February 3, 1918 the daughter of Homer and Minnie (Overmyer) Zartman. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

She is survived by a son, Danny (Lana) Hook of Edon; a daughter, Bonnie Jean (George) Schooley of Glasgow, KY; a sister, Beulah (Norman) Eschbach of Payne; seventeen grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Paul Hook and Don Kelley; a son, Thomas; daughter, Carolyn Speicher; and infant daughter, Patricia; two grandsons; and many sisters and brothers.

Funeral services was May 18 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, with Rev. Amy Haines officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS "WATER WORKS PARK" VBS



Children in picture from left to right are Fletcher Cook, Emilee Williams, Hayley Dominique, Cameron Strahley and Kalyn Strahley.

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be holding their "Water Works Park" VBS on June 4th through June 8th from 9:00 'til 11:30 a.m.

Ages 4 years through 5th grade are invited to attend. Contact 419-399-3547 to register.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's Tuesday Night League

1. Easy Street Café 4-0
2. Bud Select/Red Owl 4-0
3. AW Root Beer 2-1
4. Guilford's R.E. 2-1
5. Sydney's 2-2
6. Bucks/E.D. Jones 2-3
7. Calling A Chef/Bud Lt.

Men's Thursday Night League

1. River Rats 5-0
2. Miller Lawn Care 4-0
3. Atwood 3-2
4. La Roofing 2-3
5. Barney's 2-3
6. Lake Recycling 1-3
7. Red Owl/Coors Lt. 1-3
8. Uncle Fudd's 0-4

Wednesday Night Women's League

1. Carpet Wholesalers 4-0
2. Jay Dangler Excavating 3-1
3. Red Owl/Budweiser 2-2
4. V.F.W. 1-3
5. Sinner's Bar 0-4

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Each person was recognized and presented with a certificate.

Wayne Lothamer was announced as The Grand Marshall for John Paulding Days.

Wayne was born in Van Wert County, after which his parents moved to rural Payne. He grew up the oldest of nine children. When he was old enough, he started helping his father on the farm working it until his father retired.

Wayne attended St. John's Parochial School for his first eight years then he finished up his last four years at Payne



KEVIN SMITH, ANTWERP NATIVE, TO SPEAK AT ANTWERP CHURCH OF CHRIST

On Sunday, May 27, a native of the town of Antwerp, Kevin Smith, will be returning to his hometown to lead Sunday morning worship and preach the Message at Antwerp Church of Christ. Morning services start at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School begins at 9:30. Antwerp Church of Christ is located north of Antwerp on the corner of SR 49 and Rd 192.

Kevin graduated from Antwerp in 1975. He earned a B.S. in Music and Counseling in 1979. He worked in Music and Adult Education with churches from 1979 through 1996 in Tennessee, Iowa, and Illinois.

Kevin returned to school in 1999 and received an Associate Degree to become

an Occupational Therapist Assistant in 2001 and has worked in Acute Care, Rehabilitation Units, Schools and Long Term Skilled Nursing Facilities. He is currently employed with Rehab Care Group, Inc.

Kevin has been married to his wife, Debbie for 26 years and have three daughters, one granddaughter and one grandson. They have lived in Champaign, IL since 1986 where he ministered for 12 years before returning to school.

Kevin has been highly involved with music since starting college in 1979 and he loves being able to express himself through singing. In Kevin's own words, "I have a great passion for the arts and am grateful to be able to share this passion with others."

To all his former neighbors, long lost friends or acquaintances: if you would like to catch up with Kevin Smith, plan to attend Antwerp Church of Christ on Memorial Day weekend.

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UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY WILL HOST THE WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Memorial Day 2007

Who should attend:

Any 501 (c)(3) non-profit or church concerned about hunger in our community.

What: Presentation by and discussion with the West Ohio Food Bank

Including: How to become a part of the Food Bank Network; How do the Food Pantries and Food Bank work together; Food Pantry Procedures; Mobile Food Pantry; Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for seniors 60+; Ohio Works First Program; National Hunger Awareness Day, June 5.

When: Wednesday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: St. Paul United Methodist Church, 312 South Main Street, Payne, OH 45880

Why: To understand how we can address the hunger problem in our community and learn of new programs available to seniors and those in need.

How: Registration is requested but not required. Please contact us with the number attending and the name of the organization. Registration information should be provided to:

Nancy Hessler, Executive Director, United Way of Paulding County, 419-399-5300

Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day, was born in Waterloo, New York in 1866. Henry Wells, a local drugstore owner suggested that all businesses close for one day to honor, in a solemn and patriotic manner, the fallen soldiers who lost their lives during the Civil War. A group of Confederate widows placed wildflowers on fresh graves, townspeople made wreaths and crosses to place upon the headstones, flags waved proudly at half-staff, and an American tradition was born.

Today, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary ask that you join us in celebrating the lives of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the good of this great nation. Sacred and hallowed ground at Arlington and in the cemeteries at places like the Ardennes, Normandy, Pearl Harbor and Manila are a testament to the price to achieve and maintain freedom around the globe.

The lives of our fallen soldiers, our fathers, our mothers, our brothers, our sisters, our comrades, were lives not lost in vain or anguish, for each life lost has contributed to the evolution of America as we know it today - a free nation, a strong nation, a nation that stands the tallest when we stand together.

As we stand together to-

day on this 141st anniversary of Memorial Day, we are reminded that the costs of freedom comes with a high price in human terms. As we as a nation mourn the lives lost, we celebrate the lives lived and are forever grateful.

The courage possessed by the men and women that we are honoring today is something that cannot be taught. It is something that is felt. The willingness to die for their country truly makes America the home of the brave. Our service men and women leave the life that they have grown accustomed to and thrust themselves into unfamiliar and dangerous territories, eager to succeed in their endeavors.

No matter how different these soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coastguardsmen are from one another, one thing remains the same—from the white pine forests of Maine to the white sandy beaches of Washington, this is the land of the free, and the home of the brave, and no matter their fate, America will always be their home, and a home worth dying for.

Today, as you go about your celebrations with your families and friends, please stop a moment to give thought to the families and friends who have lost their loved ones in the line of duty. We must encourage the preservation of their spirit, dreams and sacrifices.

As we stand united as a nation under Old Glory - the silent sentinel of freedom that you have defended - we will forever see your faces embedded in our symbol of red, white, and blue. We dedicate this day to you and devote this day to the preservation of your memory. For it is you, our fallen, who have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving us a past, as well as hope and memories that will propel us into the future.

God bless all of our departed heroes, their families, and God bless America!

—Christine Taylor, President, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2873, Grover Hill, Ohio

GOOD TV, CRABS, AND TAKING RISKS (ALL ARE RARE, BUT VERY VALUABLE WHEN FOUND)

By: Rich Phelan, Pastor, Living Water Ministries, Payne

Let's face it, you've got to sift through a lot of garbage on TV today before you find something worthwhile. Most of the time all you're rewarded with is that you come away "smelly!" But, do no despair. There is one show that has offered me some hope, and truth be told, I'm absolutely hooked! That show is Deadliest Catch on the Discovery Channel. If you haven't watched it, you need too, at least once. It's about the men who fish for King crab on Alaska's Bering Sea. This show is almost addictive, and I'm not really sure why that is. I watch the show with what I'd call a perplexed wonder. These men work 16, 18, or 20 hour days or more baiting and "setting" the 900 pound crab pots that they drop to the sea bottom. After dropping a hundred or more pots they then have the "pleasure" of pulling them all back up again, all the while praying they are full of crab.

The work is relentless, exhausting, and painful. I often wonder why these men would endure all that hardship and toil. It all comes down to the bottom line. Money. If a boat and crew has had a good season each deck hand can pocket over \$30,000 dollars! And that's for a season that lasts only a few weeks, or until the fleet has caught the state and federally regulated quota.

But, they don't call the show Deadliest Catch for nothing. During the very short season it's expected that at least one crew member within the 100 plus boat fleet will die seeking this financial windfall. In the season that just ended three fishermen died when their ship sank, the fourth crew members only hope for rescue lay with a Rescue Swimmer of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The TV crew that filmed this episode accompanied the Coast Guard chopper as it searched miles of open frigid water looking for any signs of the crew. My wife and I sat at the edge of our seats in the warmth of our living room, hoping and praying that they'd be found alive. The whole time I sat amazed that these fishermen put their lives at risk fishing for crab, I am more in awe of those who patrol these same seas, with one main purpose. To save those who are in peril.

When the crew in the chopper spotted the lone crewman floating atop the waves in his survival suit they "burst into action". The pilot dropped to 10 feet or so above the swelling waves, the crew chief opened the side door, the rescue swimmer put on his mask and fins and descended the rope to the floating crewman. The swimmer actually dropped into the frigid water to "wrestle" the lone survivor into the rescue basket. Because hypothermia had set in, he was immobilized by the 28 degree water. There would have been a 4th funeral held, a 4th widow that would have to live without her husband and a 4th family who's lives would have been shattered had that chopper crew and Rescue Swimmer from the Coast Guard

not placed themselves in harm's way to save "the one". With little thanks, with no brass band hailing their daring rescue, these crew members simply dropped off their charge at a local hospital and returned to base to be ready the next time they were needed. I know that when that call came, long after the TV crew had gone back to their nice warm hotel, they'd get up, and do it all over again. They'd put themselves in harm's way, going where they were needed to save the many or the one.

I find great inspiration in the bravery of those men who rescued that fisherman. My wife and I watched as they pulled this man from a sure death, tears welling up in our eyes. They risked their own lives, they risked making their own wives widows, their own children fatherless to rescue someone they'd never met. That is truly uncommon valor.

Another thought came to mind as I watched that episode of Deadliest Catch. Jesus calls His church to a similar vocation. He has called and equipped us to be that "life support" system for a world that is drowning "at sea". All around us there are people drowning in a world in which they are separated from God because of sin. The problem is, most people don't know that. And they don't know that Jesus has already paid the price for them, and that

He offers them life right now. I sure didn't know that and I grew up going to church every Sunday. I was even president of my Sr. High youth group. I went to church camps (to meet girls) and did everything that I thought I was supposed to. Yet I didn't "get" the concept of being separate from God. I was drowning and didn't know it.

That, my friends, is the challenge. The church has been called and equipped to go to where those who need rescuing are. It won't do us a lot of good as the church to wait for them to come to us or our church buildings. That would be like the Coast Guard cutter staying tied up to the dock, and the helicopter staying in the hangar, while the crew waved to those drowning to swim in to them. Those who need rescue are "out there;" if they could swim to the ship then they wouldn't need rescuing. That's the same way with the church doing our job. If we as the church are waiting for those who are drowning at sea to come to where we are, two things are going to happen. One, we're going to be real disappointed; two, tragically there will be a whole lot more people die at sea. We have to go to where they are, and they're "drowning" on land, at sea, everywhere. If we in the church are going to do our part we'll have to be like that rescue swimmer,

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- Births:**
- 5/16 - Cassidy Shull, Paulding, daughter, 11:07 a.m., 7lb. 11oz.; JT & Amy McCavit, Sherwood, son, 4:55 p.m., 7lb. 12oz.
 - 5/19 - Doug & Heidi Schlatter, Defiance, daughter, 5:03 p.m., 7lb. 13 oz.
- Admissions:**
- 5/14 - Nancy Mosier, Paulding
 - 5/15 - Eleanor Hoover, Haviland
 - 5/16 - Cassidy Shull, Paulding; Amy McCavit, Sherwood
 - 5/17 - Nelson Harshman, Oakwood
 - 5/18 - Roma Frey, Paulding; Margery Hutchins, Payne; Heidi Schlatter, Defiance
- Dismissals:**
- 5/15 - Reba Herman, Defiance
 - 5/17 - Eleanor Hoover, Haviland; Nancy Mosier, Paulding
 - 5/18 - Nelson Harshman, Oakwood, transferred to Bryan Hospital; Cassidy Shull & daughter, Paulding; Amy McCavit & son, Sherwood.

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WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) issued the following statement regarding the announcement of a Senate agreement on a comprehensive immigration reform package:

"For several years now, I have called for a comprehensive immigration plan which meets five goals: strengthening border security, enforcing laws against hiring illegal immigrants, enhancing a limited temporary worker program, opposing amnesty, and prioritizing the entry of highly skilled immigrants. The plan announced by members of the U.S. Senate does indeed meet four of my five points however; it falls very flat on the merits of opposing amnesty."

"Two years before I entered the House, Congress concluded what was then considered the final chapter of our immigration crisis when it approved the Simpson-Mazzoli Act. At the time, our nation had 3 million illegal immigrants who were given amnesty with a promise to the American people that strong border security would ensure the influx of illegal immigrants came to an end. Today, with an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants inside the United States, clearly am-

nesty is the wrong policy for our country."

"For the past two years, the immigration legislation passed by the U.S. House has fallen into a deep abyss in the Senate. While I am encouraged that the Senate is taking a leadership role on this issue, I look forward to the opportunity for the House to debate the future of our immigration policy and return some sense to this debate."

Gillmor's Five Principles on Immigration as:

—Strengthen border security by increasing resources to federal and state authorities to assist border patrol efforts;

—Enforce our laws banning the hiring of illegal immigrants;

—Design a limited temporary worker program to allow temporary workers to live in the country legally for a fixed, but limited period of time;

—Oppose amnesty for those who have broken our laws;

—Change the focus of legal immigration to make it easier for our country to accept legal immigrants with higher skills or education such as doctors and scientists.

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**WESTERN BUCKEYE
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CENTER MAY MEETING**

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board met for their regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Van Wert WBESC.

The May Board meeting was called to order and the April minutes and monthly expenditures were approved.

Superintendent Kevin Dangler discussed with the Governing Board the following items:

—Changing the June Meeting Date to June 28, 2007

—The Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner to be held on June 5, 2007 @ Grant's Banquet Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

In Consent Items the Board Approved:

—The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) to implement an E-mail Archiving Fee of \$2.00 per mailbox per year to be billed to the district once archiving has occurred for that district.

—NOACSC's commitment with SSDT to develop additional modules for the current HR System at a cost of \$8,500.

—A 3% increase for all salary schedules of the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative.

—A continuing contract, effective July 1, 2007, to Michael Ridinger, contingent upon INFOhio funding.

—A continuing contract for Rebecca Nininger, effective July 1, 2007, contingent upon DASL Funding.

—A two (2) year contracts for Jaime Best, Jennifer Sudhoff, and Elizabeth Myers, effective July 1, 2007.

—Two (2) year contracts for Chad Findley and Sarah Burden, effective July 1, 2007, contingent upon DASL Funding.

—A one (1) year Administrative contract for Jeff Adkins, effective July 1, 2007, contingent upon DASL Funding.

—A two (2) year Administrative contract for Deborah Barbee, effective July 1, 2007, contingent upon DASL Funding.

—A three (3) year Administrative contract for Ray Burden, effective July 1, 2007.

—Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative's implementation of a reduction in force for the positions of DASL Developer and DASL Quality Assurance due to reduced DASL funding.

—Supplemental contracts for FY 2008 to Terri Shutt, Assistant Director of Library Service and Kevin Hellman, Lead Network Support for NOACSC, and to increase the current amounts by the same percentage increase as approved for the salary schedules.

—The NOACSC 2007-2008 employee calendars.

—Any necessary appropriation, budget or revenue modifications needed to close out the 2007 fiscal year for NOACSC and Western Buckeye ESC.

—A contract with Teisha DaFoe to rewrite the CCIP Alternative School Grant for FY08 for a fee of \$350.00.

—A budget revision to the FY07 Competitive Application of the CCIP (Alternative School Grant).

—The FY08 Competitive Application of the CCIP.

—The 2007-08 Ace Academy and Western Buckeye ESC Office Calendars.

—Teacher salary increase of 2.5% (base of \$28,339) for the 2007-2008 school year.

—The 2 year Associate Degree salary increase of 2.5% (base of \$13,724) for the 2007-08 school year.

—The Non-Certified 12 month Secretary salary increase of 2.5% (base of \$19,553), effective July 1, 2007.

—The SBH/Alternative School Paraprofessional salary increase of 2.5% (base of \$13,036) for the 2007-08 school year.

—The Classroom Paraprofessional salary schedule (base of \$11,523) for the 2007-08 school year.

—A 2.5% salary increase for School Health Coordinators, Staff OT's, COTA's, PT's, PTA's and Attendance Officers for the 2007-08 school year.

—A 2.5% salary increase for Assistant Treasurers' Gary Ginter and Kristine Stuart, effective July 1, 2007.

—A 2.5% salary increase for School Psychologist, Rod Dudgeon effective August 1, 2007.

—A 2.5% salary increase for Director of Business and Administrative Services, Paul Clark, effective August 1, 2007.

—A 2.5% salary increase for Technology Specialist, Matt Krites, effective July 1, 2007.

—A 2.5% salary increase for Director of Student Services, George Dougal for the 2007-08 school year.

—Extended School Year and Summer 2007 contracts as needed.

—FY07 PT/PTA and COTA Contracts as follows:

1. Paula Lugibihl, PT Services - 300 hours effective August 1, 2007-July 31, 2008 and ongoing.

2. Heather Matthews, PTA Services - 1400 hours - A 2 year contract effective August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2009

3. Lisa Knoch, PTA Services - 640 hours - A 2 year contract effective August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2009

4. Brenda Ward, COTA Services - 936 hours - A 1 year contract effective August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008

5. Kristina Figgins, COTA Services - 702 hours - A 1 year contract effective August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008

—A salary increase for Laura Priest, COTA for the period August 15, 2007 - July 31, 2008.

—Additional OT/COTA and PT/PTA hours as needed to complete the 2006-07 school year.

—The FY Service Contracts with Antwerp Local Schools, Crestview Local Schools, Lincolnview Local Schools, Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Van Wert City Schools, Wayne Trace Local Schools, Parc Lane Training Center, and Thomas Edison Center.

—The Governing Board also accepted the retirement resignation of Barbara Snider, Director of Student Services, effective June 8, 2007 and commended her for 28 years of service with the Western Buckeye ESC.

The next regular meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Buckeye ESC, Van Wert, Ohio.

**GILLMOR STATEMENT ON
CERBERUS PURCHASE OF
CHRYSLER**

Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Tiffin) released the following statement after the announcement that Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity investment firm, would purchase Chrysler for \$7.4 billion:

"Today's announcement of the sale of Chrysler to Cerberus ushers in a new sense of hope for the ailing automaker. I look forward to working with representatives from Cerberus to ensure that the Chrysler brand continues to remain a symbol of American automotive excellence." With regards to Chrysler's future in Northwest Ohio, Rep. Gillmor said, "Although it

is uncertain as to what will ultimately happen as the company attempts to regain in global competitive edge, it is important to note that the UAW has supported this deal to ensure the best future for all of its member employees. After touring the Perrysburg facility in 2005 with then Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, Al Frink, I am convinced that the dedication and workmanship of the Perrysburg employees are second to none, and will work to ensure that the company's new leadership is made aware of the facilities importance to the 5th District. Chrysler has been a major force in the Fifth District and I look forward to ensuring their legacy continues."

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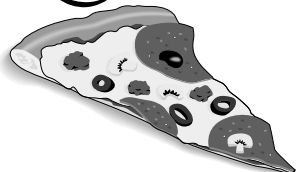
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This is a picture of the Gilbert and Donna Hahn family taken about 1948. We had an interview with Mrs. Hahn the other day and she is very sharp, a good memory and very interesting. She only has to ask her daughter Kathy on a couple of occasions about dates or times. She is 96 years old, but her memory of the past is first rate. The Hahn's have 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

She was born Donna E. Werling in 1909 just a couple miles southeast of New Haven, Indiana. Her great-grandfather came over from Germany in 1847. He had twelve children. Donna can still speak a little German.

There was nine altogether in Donna's family. She had three brothers and three sisters. Her father had 80 acres of good ground. She remem-

bers a lot of those days on the farm growing up. Especially harvest time, when the threshing ring would come and she helped with the big noon meal of 14 or 15 men to feed. It was Mr. Parker's steam engine and he lived over on what is now US 24. His farm is about one mile east of the 469 bypass, and I have seen on some maps that was called Parkerville.

She went to school eight years at St. Paul's Gar Creek school. It had eight grades and a total of 60 kids for one teacher.

She went to Nurses School at Beaver Dam, WS and graduated as a Deaconess Nurse. She became the supervisor at the Indianapolis School for Boys. This is where she met her future husband Gilbert Hahn. They lived for a while in Boswell, Indiana. Over the years they had six children.

They lived in Fauler, Indiana and then back to the New Haven area. They lived in the Antwerp area for a short while in 1941. Gilbert's brother Earl lived with them and he attended high school and played on the 1941 and 42 basketball team. Then they moved to the New Haven area until 1948. Then they moved out on road 144 almost where that Nine Morning Dairy is. Some people call that road, the R.E.A. Road. It was here where all the children grew up and finished school. This was in 1972 and Gilbert and Donna moved to Sedalia, MO and farmed there for

about 15 years.

Ruth is the oldest of the children. She married Cy Savage. He taught school in Coral, Michigan they had three children. Yvonne, Matt and Luke. I always like to talk to Luke. He lives in Eugene, Oregon now.

Jim married Carol Griffiths and they both majored in Music. They had Kevin, David, Kristen, Rachel, Steven, Michael and Emily. Jim is gone now, but his music legacy lives on in the Antwerp Community Band.

Kenneth married Jan Rhinehart and they had three boys, Jeff, Dan and Tony. They have settled in the Antwerp area. Kenny has a big farming operation. Tony is gone now.

Virginia married Robert Schoeneke. They have two sons Jon and Louis and live in Warrenton, VA.

Chuck had four children,

graduated from the St. Joe School of Nursing.

Gilbert passed away in 1995. He had slowed down alot with breathing problems.

We certainly enjoyed our visit with Donna and Kathy. Donna is 96 now, and very sharp of mind and memory.

I am sorry to report that we had our interview with Donna on Thursday and on Friday she fell and broke her arm in two places.

When it was a busy time on the farm, Jim would help Kenny out alot. So I drank alot of coffee with Jim and told alot of stories. There was one story he liked very well and he told me he used it on three occasions and got a good laugh out of it. I will tell you Jim's favorite story and maybe you will enjoy it also.

This man had a big cattle spread out west in the Big Sky country. They had just finished bringing in their hay

bought 20 more acres of hay. Now this time they had hay all over. In the mow, in the aisles under the overhang, and all of the outbuildings. The farmer had a big successful cattle operation and he had to have room for the cattle to be inside if an extended blizzard comes. It has been known to do that and freeze and starve the cattle. He figured he was in pretty good shape now for most any type of winter. So he sent his son out to see the Chief again. The old Chief said it would be a long hard cold winter. The son returned and told his dad what the old Indian said about this upcoming winter—it would be a long hard cold winter.

The father said, "Son, please go saddle my horse and we'll both ride over and talk to the chief."

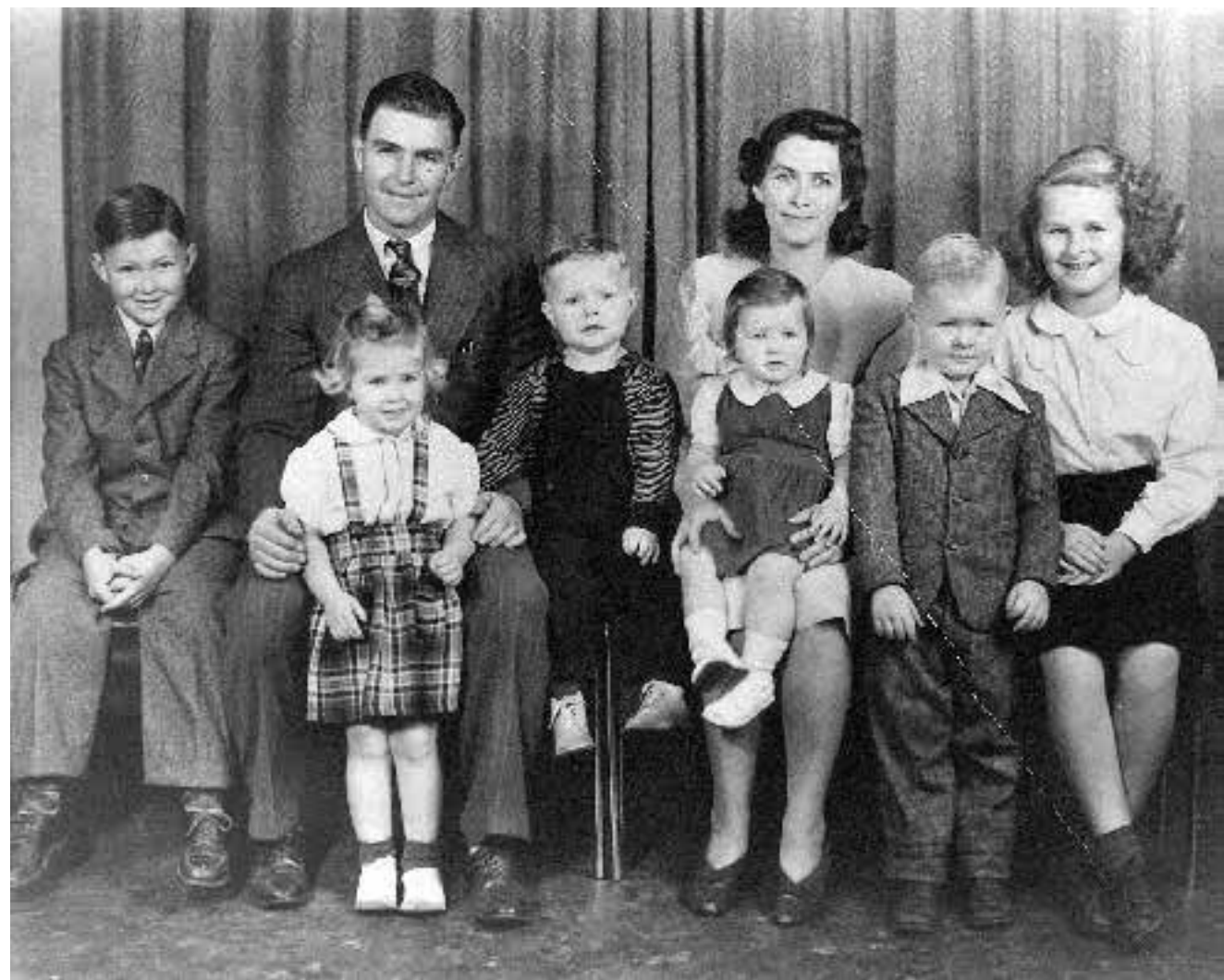
As they rode along, the father was telling the son, "The Indian used all of nature's

elements in his weather forecasts. The moon, the sun, the stars and the winds. The father's ahead of them passed the abilities down from one generation age to another, sort of the lore of a legend."

He said, "See those snow capped peaks on the mountain over there, see the wind whip that whitesnow around? Will they have learned to use all that knowledge so they will know what the weather will be like?"

After they arrival, the father asked the old Chief about how he thinks the winter will be. The chief said, "A long hard cold winter. The father said to the old Indian, "Just what is it that you base your assumptions on?" And to this the old Chief said, "The farmers are taking in a lot of hay."

See ya!



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Kathy the youngest, married John Garmley. They lived mostly in Colorado, and had two boys Jonathan and Charles. When her husband passed away. Kathy moved back to Antwerp in 1996. Kathy is an RN.

Gilbert retired from farming, and he and Donna moved back to Antwerp in 1989 and bought the house on Mervin Street from Donald and Becky Smith.

I forgot to mention that back in the 1960's Donna worked at the Paulding County Hospital in the OB ward. Along about that time in the off season, Gilbert worked at the Fruehof Trailer Co.

Donna had three brothers and three sisters. Here is a little bit about her family.

Wilbert was a missionary in China for six years. One brother worked at the Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne and made Laisle stockings.

Theofil was a pilot of a B-25 in WWII in the South Pacific with 75 missions. When he returned from the war, he farmed the home place.

Marge graduated from The Lutheran Institute in Fort Wayne and Gertrude

crop. The farmer wonders if that would be enough for the winter so he told his son to ride over onto the Reservation and ask the old Chief what kind of winter we were going to have.

The Chief told him "A Long Hard Cold Winter". The son returned and told his dad it was to be a long hard cold winter. So the father went out and bought 60 more acres of hay. He wanted to be sure to have enough for the winter.

After they had their hay put up, he wondered if he had enough to last all winter, so again he sent his son over to talk to the Chief about the severity of the winter. "Oh, it's going to be a long hard cold winter, he said. The son told his father about the Chief's answer. So to be sure he went out and bought 40 more acres of hay.

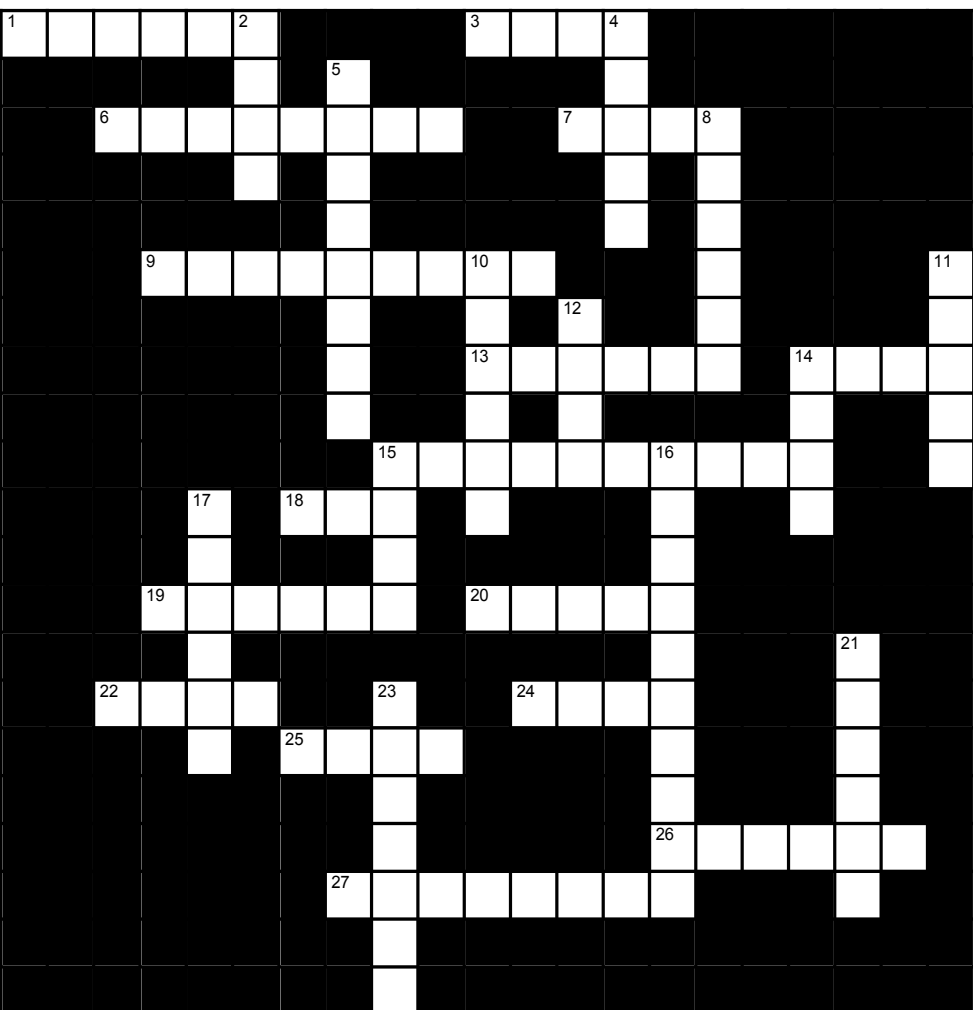
After they had their hay into the barns he wondered about the winter weather, so he sent his son over to the reservation to talk to the old Chief about the upcoming winter. Again the old Chief said it was to be a long, hard, cold winter. The boy returned and told his father the Chief's winter weather forecast—a long hard cold winter.

So the father went out and

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AHS Angle



THE AHS ANGLE

By: Chelsea Vail

There are two, count 'em, two days left! (That is, if you're reading this Wednesday afternoon.) Thursday will bring exams for periods one-four, and Friday periods five-seven. Hallelujah!

Seniors will also be back Friday morning, putting on the annual Faculty breakfast. Graduates, don't forget the food you signed up for! You may find yourselves in the midst of disgruntled teachers if the cinnamon bun supply is lacking. Then, of course, they will head to the gym to give their commencement exercises a run-through. A piece of advice for them: don't let a successful practice inflate your egos and convince you that there is no need to worry about tripping or flooding the gym when the waterworks turn on. Avoiding those episodes will take much vigilance, and is almost entirely not possible.

As for the rest of us, remember the early dismissal! Elementary, middle school, and high school students will all be released simultaneously at 1:15 on Friday, with buses running only one route.

Fast forward to Sunday. Commencement for the Class of 2007 begins at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym. To be or not to be... Is there even a question?

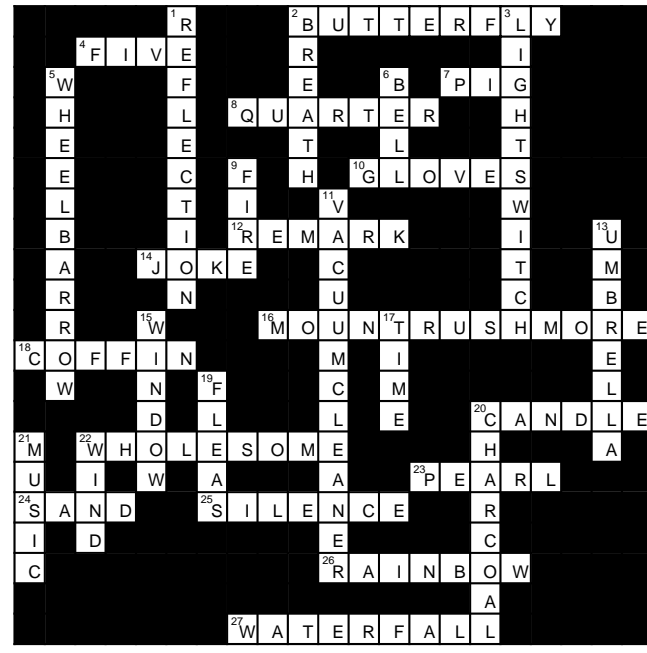
Word of the Week:
Lexophile \LEX-oh-file\ noun

1. A lover of words
Okay, so it hasn't actually yet been included in a Merriam-Webster, but like any worthy word it will have to work its way up the ranks. In the mean time, I'll have to be content with the hope that maybe I've inspired some of you to be crazy word nerds like I am. Hasta la vista, babies!

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RELAY FOR LIFE: ON THE HOME STRETCH

American Cancer Society's biggest fund raiser, Relay for Life, will be held on June 1 and 2. Paulding County is participating in this event down at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The biggest event during the Relay is the Walk-a-thon, which lasts 18 hours. The participants of each team usually walk for one hour around the fairgrounds.

The events start on Friday night at 5:15 p.m. with a Survivor Registration, with Opening Ceremonies and the Survivor Lap starting at 6:00. There are different activities going on from the Opening Ceremony until the Closing Ceremony at 11:30 a.m, Saturday. Food, games and entertainment will be going on constantly.

If you've been thinking about giving your hair to Locks of Love, Lindsey and Friends will be at the fairgrounds from 7:00 to 9:00 on Friday night. Your hair must be at least 10 inches long to use it for Locks of Love. They will also do hair braids, twists, and hand massages with all proceeds going to the Cancer Society.

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and put ourselves "at risk". It's risky doing what the Lord has called us to do, "See John 15:18-21) and the risks come in many guises.

As you are reading this article, there will have been people in parts of the world who will have died trying to reach those drowning with the life of Jesus Christ. Fortunately in this country, our lives aren't at risk for presenting the gospel, but that doesn't mean our risks are any less real. These are "dangerous" waters. Our reputations can be tattered, our jobs can be lost, affecting our ability to make a living, and people will not understand or ridicule our position, accusing us of being "close minded". Even worse, we could be cursed with a label that spells death to an American's character, we could be called "intolerant". In other words, it's risky to swim out to where drowning people are.

There are two kinds of drowning victims: those who know they are drowning and those who don't. Both are in the same place, in peril, and we need to be there for them. Especially to those who don't know they're drowning. We may just have to "paddle" around with them for awhile, talking getting to know them a little 'til they realize they're in deep. Sometimes we may jump in just as someone is realizing their true status, they'll see and hear Christ in us and grab Him with all they have. We may not even know 'til we jump in which kind of drowning victim they are. And we won't jump in until we first go out to where they are, and we won't go there until we agree to go.

Let's take a lesson from a good TV show. Doing a good work may not get you a lot of praise, adulation or recognition. We find our reward elsewhere. The one that we pull from the "sea" will know, and certainly He who equipped and sent us to go where they are will see us. And that's good enough for me. Let's learn to step out and take "risks" with our faith, let's get out of our box, untie from the dock, get our chopper out of the hangar and go to where the people who need Jesus the most are - in the water. It's worth the jump, it's worth the risk.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mayor Margaret Womack:

I am resigning my position, as Coordinator of Antwerp EMS. My resignation will be effective May 21, 2007. I will not remain a member of Antwerp EMS. At one point in time I was proud to be a member of Antwerp EMS and the coordinator but I have been pushed to the point that I don't care about the job, and if I feel this way, I shouldn't be doing the job. I believe that you and the council have had the last talk about me you will have. I am sick and tired of myself and the EMS being the red-headed step-child. By the way, when you appoint the new coordinator you may want to give them a job description because I never got one. You may also want to update it. I would like an explanation of exactly how you people deducted that I was not doing the job as EMS coordinator. I believe since I have been coordinator of the EMS we have gone from a Basic Life Support to Advance Life Support squad—the billing is not my job and it is not my fault that the billing clerks have not been doing the billing correctly. The reports you speak of without the proper information are few and far between, the run reports without names are either football game standby, fire standby or people who are flown out by helicopter that you do not bill for due to the lack of an ordinance. I believe that in April of 2005 I tried to get a new ordinance passed for the EMS billing. I also believe that you have forgotten about the FEMA grant I got for the EMS and Fire Department. With the FEMA grant the fire department bought new SCBA's, turnout gear and boots for every member. With the FEMA grant the EMS got a \$32,000 defibrillator and several other pieces of equipment. The FEMA grant was for almost \$100,000, of which the village had to put forth 10%. The EMS and Fire Department also have generators at both buildings because of the FEMA grant.

I believe if you look at the job description you gave Matt doing grants is not in there. I would also remind you of the state grant we have gotten, the MARCS radio for \$33,000 and the various state EMS grants for training and equipment. You seem to have forgotten all the things I have done for the department and the village. Another thing I would like to mention is the increase in the number of personnel and the upgrade to an advanced life support squad during my tenure as coordinator. I believe that you people have no idea how much time I devoted to my job as coordinator by working on grants, filing reports with the state, working on drug licenses, protocol for ALS runs, checking equipment and so forth. The job pays \$974.00 a year which is far less than the headache it is. If it was because of not attending the council meetings—it was not in my job description until somebody wrote it on there and gave it to Matt. If the EMS coordinator needs to attend the council meetings maybe you should update the job descriptions for the fire chief, street department, water department, and any other department heads that way you are in con-

trol of the people you want to use as puppets.

I truly believe that you have told so many lies, Margaret, that you can't keep them straight. I understand that you had a meeting with DeWayne, Tammy, Randy and Nicole so you could learn the truth, I hope you got what you wanted. I also think the least you could have done was gotten rid of me before you started offering the job to other people. I also believe that you should do it from the office of the mayor instead of at the track meet or the grocery store. In the box you will find all of the stuff I had that belongs to Antwerp EMS. If the new coordinator has any questions I am really sorry about their luck. I had to figure it out on my own so can they. I am also enclosing the payroll to date so that the members do not get screwed out of their payroll by me.

Thanks,

—Beth Derck

LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED SECOND PLACE AT STATE LEVEL OF YOUNG AMERICAN PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Christine Taylor, president of the Grover Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary 2873, is proud to announce that local high school student, Gina White, received second place standing in Ohio's competition of the Young American Patriotic Art Contest. Gina, a senior at Wayne Trace High School was the selected winner on the local level, with her art entry then being submitted for further judging against other school winners from throughout the state of Ohio.

The Young American Patriotic Art Contest was established by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in 1978 to recognize and reward high school students for expressing their patriotism visually through their art. Art entries must be of a patriotic nature, completed within the 2006-2007 school year, and meet certain criteria to be eligible. State winners then compete among the winners from all other states for national scholarships.

Ms. Taylor states that they are extremely proud of Gina's accomplishments and wish her much success in the future. Appreciation to Judi Snook, of the Wayne Trace High Art Department, was also expressed. "Judi has worked with the Ladies Auxiliary for many years in promoting the Young American Patriotic Art Contest, by encouraging her students to express themselves patriotically through their work".

Further information regarding the program for the 2007-2008 school year can be obtained by contacting Ms. Taylor through the Grover Hill VFW at 587-3223 or by accessing forms and information through the national organization at www.ladiesauxvfw.org.

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Jane Taft congratulates Mark Herber, this year's winner of the Paulding County OSU Alumni Scholars Program Scholarship. Applicants are judged on criteria including academic performance, leadership, volunteer service, employment, and educational plans. One \$600 scholarship is awarded each year. Mark is graduating from Antwerp High School. He is enrolled at Ohio State starting fall quarter and plans to major in Civil Engineering. His parents are Mike and Darlene Herber.

GILLMOR STAFF COMING TO LIBERTY CENTER AND GILBOA

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) today announced that members of his district staff will be holding "casework office hours" in the Villages of Liberty Center and Gilboa on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

"The Fifth District is comprised of more than 600,000 people over 16 counties. With a district larger than the States of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, accessibility to constituents is extremely important," Congressman Gillmor said. "To help with that effort, members of my district staff will take the full services of the Congressional office on the road to assist constituents with any problems or questions they may have regarding federal agencies or federal issues."

Congressman Gillmor assures constituents that

his staff will be available to assist in any way they can. "My district staff has more than 50 years of combined experience working for me in Ohio and they are very familiar with the rules and procedures of the federal government," Gillmor continued.

Congressman Gillmor concluded, "If you are having trouble in dealing with a federal agency, or have questions regarding federal government issues, I encourage you to stop by and speak with my staff in Liberty Center or Gilboa. In addition, you may contact any of our district offices toll-free in Ohio at 1-800-541-6446 or visit my website at www.house.gov/glillmor."

Congressman Gillmor's Staff casework office hours are scheduled for:

—Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY AT VANTAGE



Vantage Career Center Scholarship winners. Front: Shellie Rhodes (Lincolnview), Elisha Cotrell (Lincolnview), Shawn Spicer (Kalida), Kayla Wells (Lincolnview), Richelle Hanefeld (Continental), Jason Verhoff (Ottoville). Back: Colin Harting (Crestview), Nathan Shobe (Delphos St. Johns), Mike Recker (Kalida), Brian Paige (Van Wert), Nathan Nance (Van Wert), Andrew Williamson (Crestview).

Awards of Distinction and scholarships highlighted the annual Awards Assembly at Vantage Career Center on Tuesday, May 15. The entire student body, along with staff members, home school representatives, family and friends, joined together at this event to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of students enrolled in Vantage career-technical programs.

Special guest speakers at the assembly were seniors Mike Recker, an Industrial Mechanics student from Kalida and Shellie Rhodes, a Cosmetology student from Lincolnview. Mike reminisced on events during his two years at Vantage, and thanked staff members for their guidance. He encouraged juniors to "Get Involved" in the activities at the school and in life in general. Dr. Seuss's book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go"

was the backdrop for Shellie's message about coming a long way in life and, although it hasn't always been easy, the senior class of 2007 is ready to graduate. Both student speakers thanked their classmates and teachers for their friendship and support.

Each year, career-technical teachers select outstanding students to receive an "Award of Distinction". To be eligible for this award, a student must demonstrate leadership qualities at school, have outstanding achievement in their program area, show exceptional skills in the subject area, participate as an active member of a school career-technical club and demonstrate cooperation, initiative and responsibility.

This year's "Award of Distinction" winners are: Anthony Bradtmueller, Network Systems from Antwerp, Quin-

ton Martin, Auto Body and Rick Hahn, Auto Technology, both from Delphos Jefferson, Nathan Shobe, Electricity from Delphos St. Johns, Andrea Van Oss, Cosmetology and Mike Recker, Industrial Mechanics, both from Kalida, Kayla Wells, Medical Office Management from Lincolnview, Tyler Maag, Precision Machining from Ottoville, Joseph Ankey, Welding from Paulding, Heather Pavel, Food Careers, Kayla Crider, Early Childhood Education and Chazz Roger, Interactive Media, all from Van Wert, and Carissa Holm, Health Careers from Wayne Trace.

Wert and Richelle Hanefeld from Continental.

The Joshua Ralston Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of Josh Ralston, a Vantage Ag Diesel student from Parkway. This scholarship is given to a student pursuing a career and further education in mechanics. Josh's parents, Scott and Jennifer Ralston presented this scholarship to Jason Verhoff, an Ag Diesel student from Ottoville.

This year's Black Inc.

the assembly. Business Professionals of America (BPA) national contestants were Jenna Wilson (Van Wert), Chazz Roger (Van Wert), Kayla Wells (Lincolnview) and Carlette Coppes (Wayne Trace). Kayla Crider (Van Wert) will be representing Vantage when she competes at the national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competition in July. Other students who participated in state contests were recognized,

as well as National Technical Honor Society members, students receiving academic awards, perfect attendance awards, student ambassadors and Girls and Boys State delegates.

Congratulations to the Vantage Career Center class of 2007!

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Vantage Career Center "Award of Distinction" winners - Front: Kayla Crider (Early Childhood Education), Nathan Shobe (Electricity), Carissa Holm (Health Careers), Kayla Wells (Medical Office Management), Heather Pavel (Food Careers), Anthony Bradtmueller (Network Systems). Back: Joseph Ankey (Welding), Mike Recker (Industrial Mechanics), Andrea Van Oss (Cosmetology), Rick Hahn (Auto Technology), Chazz Roger (Interactive Media), Quinton Martin (Auto Body)

Unavailable for the picture: Tyler Maag, (Precision Machining).

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Vantage Career Center 2007 Awards Assembly senior speakers were Mike Recker (Kalida) and Shellie Rhodes (Lincolnview).

Scholarship recipients were also recognized at the assembly. The Robert C. Stevens Scholarship is given by the Vantage Teacher's Organization in memory of Bob Stevens, who taught Occupational Work Experience (OWE) at Vantage from 1976 until 1984. Students who are awarded this scholarship have shown outstanding achievement in their program area, while demonstrating initiative and perseverance. This year, the Robert C. Stevens Scholarships were awarded to Mike Recker from Kalida, Nathan Nance from Van

Award was presented to Amber Thatcher from Van Wert. Lincolnview's Kayla Wells was awarded the Van Wert Rotary scholarship. Nathan Shobe from Delphos St. Johns was the recipient of the Ohio Board of Regents scholarship. Elisha Cotrell from Lincolnview received the Psi Iota XI scholarship. Colin Harting also received the Psi Iota XI scholarship and the Gerald Etzler Vocational scholarship. All Vantage scholarship recipients were recognized at the Awards Assembly.

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The Ohio FFA Association named the winners of the 2007 Proficiency Awards during the Fourth and Fifth Sessions of the 79th Annual State FFA Convention. The event was held in the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus May 3-5, 2007.

Jesse Noffsinger the son of Lynn and Vickie Noffsinger, was named the 2007 Swine Production Proficiency Award Winner. The Cooper Family Foundation sponsored the Swine Production Proficiency Award.

Noffsinger is a graduate of Wayne Trace FFA. He has attended state and national conventions and participated in the Tractor Troubleshooting CDE. Jesse's SAE includes over 4,931 hours of placement at Nutri-Plug Hog Farm as the Assistant Herdsman. He plans to graduate from Northwest State and become a millwright. Jesse's advisor is Lori Heiby.

The FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agriculture education. The Ohio FFA Association has 23,318 members.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After much consideration and thought I have decided to have my name, Gary K. Unger, removed for consideration on the list of potential appointees for the soon to be, open position, on the Paulding, Ohio Village Council. I appreciate all those that have already signed my petition for candidacy for that same position in the November election and will also be withdrawing my name and petition from the November election.

While I so very much appreciate all the local support and kind words of encouragement from those I have talked to about the position, I have been advised that since I own the Local Radio Station, WPAU 1620 AM and on the internet at wpaulive.com that some might consider my being on council and receiving information as being a conflict of interest. Our station reports City Council news and, for the most part, I am that reporter. Again I appreciate the support and confidence that many have already shown and perhaps in the future while my hands on at the WPAU are not so direct, my candidacy will again be considered.

—Gary Unger, Paulding, Ohio

DEB BAUMERT: CANCER SURVIVOR OF THE YEAR



Deb Baumert will be honored as Cancer Survivor of the year during the Luminary Ceremony at the Relay for Life Walk-a-thon at the Paulding Fairgrounds on June 1 at 10:00 p.m.

Deb and husband, Mick have two sons and two grandchildren. Deb has worked at Taylor Made Glass for 17 years.

Deb's first bout with cancer was in 1991 when she had a mole on her back removed. It was found to be cancerous so she had more of the area tissue removed.

In 1992 she found a lump in a lymph node and went through more treatments.

In 2005, with a routine mammogram, they found a lump. She then had a lumpectomy.

She is now celebrating the fact that she remains clean from the disease. She is a believer in having regular check-ups and being aware of changes in your body.

Deb's husband, Mick, has also had health scares. Diabetic since the age of twelve, seventeen years ago his kidneys started to shut down. The next step would be dialysis. He was able to have a kidney and pancreas transplant which freed him from diabetes. Mick works for the town of Payne.

Deb and Mick's two sons grew up knowing how important health is and how to deal with helping to take care of loved ones.

Deb's outlook on life is positive. She believes when life throws you a curve you deal with it and do what you can to rectify it. She is aware of life's ups and downs, but she knows there is hope out there and she has faith. She is able to help cancer patients because she knows what they are going through. She is a great encouragement to those around her. She is very thankful for her family, friends, church family and her employers for helping her to get through these struggles.

Join Deb this year at Paulding's Relay for Life.

AUSTRALIAN GUN LAW UPDATE

Here's a thought to warm some of your hearts. This is written by an Australian Police officer named Ed Chenel. "Hi Yanks, I thought you all would like to see the real figures from the Down Under."

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our own government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than 500 million dollars.

The first year results are now in:

Australia-wide, homicides are up 6.2%; assaults are up 9.6%; armed robberies are up 44%! In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300%. (Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals did not and criminals still possess their guns!)

While figures over the 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed. There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly, while the resident is at home. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in 'successfully ridding Australian society of guns.' You won't see this on the American evening news or hear your governor or members of the State Assembly disseminating this information.

The Australian experience speaks for itself. Guns in the hands of honest citizens saves lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens.

Take note Americans, before it's too late!"

—submitted by Byron Rasey of the Antwerp Conservation Club

ANTWERP'S FISCAL OFFICER TURNS IN RESIGNATION

By: Sue Knapp

Sheila Hilton, turned in her resignation, effective June 29, stating job related stress. This along with a lot of other issues was discussed at the May Council regular session. Council member, Danny Gordon was absent.

Antwerp Equity is planning to put up another grain bin this fall that will be erected beside the one put up last fall. The Equity would like to have the new bin up by fall, so this will be passed as an emergency ordinance. Members from the Equity will be at next month's meeting and will be asking for a tax abatement.

Chief Clemens reported 164 calls with 10 citations. He also expressed interest in hiring four reserve officers and one full time officer. It was decided that Council would transfer from the General Fund \$20,000 to the Police Fund and \$10,000 a month thereafter to cover Police Department expenses.

Aimee Lichty of the Essen House and Manor House advisory committee informed council that a new name has been chosen for the complex.

LINDSEY & COMPANY GIRLS ATTEND HAIR SHOW



(l-r) Lindsey Rohrs, Jill Koenn, Lindsey Hormann, and Lisa Schooley. Not pictured but also attended show – Dawn Grant and Jacque Gremling.

The girls of Lindsey & Company Hair Studio of Paulding recently attended a hair show in Cleveland, Ohio where they learned the latest

techniques for cuts, colors, and perms. They also learned the newest techniques of self-tanning.

Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus is now the official title. Lichty also informed the council that plans are in the process to open up a fitness center in the complex that will be open to the public.

It was also announced that Aimee Lichty has taken over the duties of Water/Utilities Billing Clerk. Her hours are from 10:00-3:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sheriff Dave Harrow and Ron Lane from the Jail Levy Committee approached the Council with the financial status of the jail and the upcoming levy. In 2006, they paid \$98,078.59 for out housing prisoners. The new levy would increase an extra \$26 for a home valued at \$100,000. The money in the general fund cannot support what is needed.

Dick Gordon was present to discuss the truck traffic on Wentworth Road.

Village wide garbage pickup was discussed and a motion was made and approved to start the bidding process. The returned surveys totaled 61% for and 39% against. The main complaints were lack of choice, those who went elsewhere for the winter and for some the cost would be greater.

Under a proposed state house bill, villages with populations less than 1,600 would lose their Mayor's Court. The village would have to hire a magistrate and clerk or clerks plus provide office space for them or they could choose to send the tickets over to the municipal court which the village would receive a percentage of the fee and fines. Antwerp with a population of 1,700, would need to make a decision by January 1, 2008 if the bill passes.

Antwerp EMS financial status was discussed and wondered why there are over \$5,000 worth of monies owed

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from past runs and the fact that they may have to be written off. The Council then went into Executive Session to discuss the matter.

Some other things discussed were:

Patching and paving in the Village has been started along with hydrant flushing to begin soon with notices to be given in the paper.

The new water tower is up and operating.

Bad check policy for Utility Bill Payments was discussed.

Norma Lothamer and youth will plant flowers in Riverside Park.

-Ordinance No. 2007- 11, to retain the services of Melanie Farr.

-Resolution R2007-07 - authorizing the departments and agencies of the village to utilize the National Incident Management Systems as prescribed by the Homeland Security and authorizing the Mayor to arrange for all village departments and agencies to participate in the National Incident Management Systems training and declaring an emergency.

-Ordinance 2007- 12 - authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

The next Council meeting will be held on June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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CONTROVERSIAL HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE REGULATIONS RESCINDED IN THE HOUSE'S BUDGET

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Each day, Ohioans produce thousands of pounds of household sewage through the use of bathrooms as well as appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers. If not properly treated, this waste can cause health and environmental problems. In larger, urban areas, central sewage systems are used to collect waste and transport it to central locations for treatment. However, this is not a practical option in rural areas, so individual household sewage treatment systems, such as septic tanks, are used instead.

In January of this year, new rules went into effect regarding household sewage treatment systems. These were the first updates to the state's sewage regulations in almost 30 years. The rules require the local boards of health to approve the use of a septic system if it is not connected to a sanitary sewage system and establish standards for the location, design, installation, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of septic systems that can be used in Ohio.

While I do agree that regulations are necessary to protect the health of Ohioans, they are causing major problems in rural areas across Ohio, including Northwest Ohio. In some cases, homebuilders are having trouble obtaining the proper permits necessary to place a septic system for a new home. Additionally, the cost of septic systems that have been approved for use in Ohio is higher than anticipated. As a result, some homeowners have been unable to sell their property because installing a new septic system would be cost-prohibitive. When this happens, it drives down the value of everyone's property and hurts our local economy.

Due to the numerous concerns about the new rules, I worked during the recent budget process to include an amendment that would rescind the rules and reinstate those in effect prior to January 1. This will allow interested groups to come together and discuss how to improve the sewage treatment system rules so they protect the health of Ohioans and the environment without burdening builders, homeowners, and local governments.

The Ohio House passed the budget, also known as House Bill 119, earlier this month with a unanimous vote. As members of the Senate begin their work on the budget, I will be watching the status of my amendment and working with my Senate colleagues to ensure it remains a part of the bill. By law, the budget must be passed and signed by June 30, so I will continue to keep you updated on its progress through the Legislature in the coming weeks.

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 NEWS



Sherry Wilhelm (left), manager ER/infection control, Paulding County Hospital, accepts a check from Wendy Clemens, representing the Paulding Eagles, Aerie 2405. The Eagles donated \$200 for the hospital to use in cardiac disease education.

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