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Welcome to J.P. Days

51ST JOHN PAULDING DAYS 2007—JUNE 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH

The theme this year is "Through the Years". The three day event begins at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, with touring available at the old jail. If you have not been inside, check it out before it's gone! Kiwanis will also be hosting their chicken BBQ; brats will be served at the Methodist church, while the First Presbyterian church will be serving homemade ice cream. The parade, being led by Grand Marshal WAŸNE LÓTHAM-ER, begins at 7:00 p.m. Line up begins at Parc Lane at 6:00 p.m. In the chamber tent will be Paulding's own Reunion Band immediately after the parade. Sponsored by Arend, Laukhuf, & Stoller, Paulding County Progress, and Foltz Insurance. Don't miss the hotdog eating contest in the gazebo at 9:00 p.m. being sponsored by Bubba J's. Of course, the rides and games will be going on until 11:00

Friday starts with the Methodist brats and First Presbyterian homemade ice cream. Mr. B will be hosting karaoke in the chamber tent at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to song birds of all ages! Sponsored by the Paulding Eagles. On the corner of S. Main and 127 S. will be a car and bike show. (Stykemain's lot) This event, sponsored by St. John Tires, will offer food, prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds will go to Friends of the Paulding Dog Shelter. AND, we can't forget the LA-SER LIGHT SHOW!!! Bring your chair to the square and enjoy this awesome showing of lights at 10:00 p.m.

The last and biggest day, starts with breakfast at the Paulding Senior Center. This will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Praise and Worship singing groups will arrive at 10:00 a.m. on the courthouse square. They will include Antwerp Community Church, Harvest Life, Family Christian Center, Rock Church, First Baptist Church, Victory Barn, SURGE Youth

Worship Team ily Christian Center, and last but not least, E.D.G.E. Youth Worship Team w/First Church of God. Also starting at 10:00 a.m. is the registration for our first RIB COOK OFF! Bring your team and show your stuff! Ribs included in registration fee. Judging will take place at 4:00 p.m. If you hear the motorcycles, but don't see them, they will be leaving from the back of the red owl inn, for the 4th annual charity bike run at 1:00 p.m. In front of the Red Owl will be a corn hole tournament with registration beginning at 12:30. This is open to genders of all ages. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Pauding Boys Basketball Association. Back on the courthouse lawn will be the 2nd annual Money Hunt. Registration begins at 12:30 at the gazebo. This is open to the first 75 kids 12 and under. Sponsored by First Federal, DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding VFW, and Defiance Clinic. At 7:00

Paulding local group. They will be playing in the chamber tent and are sponsored by Village Apothecary, and DenHerder Funeral Home. All raffle prize winners will be announced at 9:00 p.m. also in the chamber tent. If you missed the light show on Friday, come back to the square and enjoy the second show at 10:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see this breathtaking show. Bert, "the face painting

lady" returns, along with the kids favorite Jail and Bail. The 24 hour Coed Softball Tournament returns to the reservoir parks.

If the weather is good, then this years John Paulding Days will be great!

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-Betsy Daniels, mother of Gage, Little Prince

NOTICE TO VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

The Antwerp Village Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 11,

-Margaret Womack, Mayor of Village of

OAKWOOD MAYOR PASSES PROCLAMATION FOR FLAG DAY



patriotic WHEREAS, values have long been recognized by fraternalists who have made significant gains promoting such values in our country; and

WHEREAS, the National Flag Day Foundation has developed a ceremony called Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance, which Transcends age, race, religion, national origin, political and geographic differences by encouraging Americans across the nation to pause and recite the Pledge of Allegiance; and

WHEREAS, fraternal benefit societies throughout the nation support the efforts to encourage national patriotism;

NOW, BEIT RESOLVED, the National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of its 76 member societies and 32 state fraternal congresses to promote the celebration of National Flag Day in an effort to spread patriotic ideals and pride in our country to all fraternal benefit society members in every corner of this land of "liberty and justice for all."

NOW, THEREFORE, I Erhard "Bud" Henke, Mayor of Oakwood, OH, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2007 as National Flag Day and call upon citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation for the contributions made by fraternal benefit societies and their

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Paulding died June 1, 2007 at

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his home.

He was born in Paulding County on January 9, 1942 the son of Melvern and Ruby (Taylor) Miller. On October 29, 1966 he married Janice T. Wisda who survives. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in 1982 from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Captain. He retired in 2003 from Johns Manville, Defiance as a machine chief after 44 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Miller of Paulding; five children: Mark (Ginny) Lawson of Defiance, John (Mindy) Miller of Wolcottville, IN, Keith (Mandi) Miller of Toledo, Nick Miller of Paulding, and Chris (Amy) Miller of Van Wert; a brother, Arthur (Rosalee) Miller of Defiance; and seven grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Leonard Miller.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. June 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. Herman Scherger officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Donations may be made to Masses; Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice; or donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Carol A. Strayer, 65, of Antwerp, passed away on

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June 3, 2007 at her residence. Born in Payne on August Wayne F. Miller, 65, of 25, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Ronald and Thelma (Wren) McCurdy. On November 8, 1959, Carol married Charles William Strayer, who passed away

February 26, 2007. Carol had worked at Lincoln Life, was a homemaker and a member of Woodburn United Methodist Church. She enjoyed camping, trav-

eling and animals, especially dogs.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Jerry of Antwerp; and sister, Donna Lentz of

You are invited to participate in her funeral service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, with Reverend David Mathews offici-

You may call Wednesday at 10 am. She will be laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

In her memory contributions may be made to the

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

Paul R. Ringler, 82, of Paulding, died June 2, 2007 at Mercy Hospital of Defiance.

He was born June 26, 1924 in LaGrange County Indiana the son of Francis W. and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler. On September 25, 1948 he married B. Isabelle (Rager) Ringler who survives. He re-

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tired in 1987 from the General Portland (LaFarge) Cement Company of Paulding as a yard foreman after 35 years of service. He was a member and a former elder of the First Christian Church of Paulding. He was a former reserve officer for both the Paulding Police Department and the Paulding County Sheriff De-

Surviving are his wife, Isabelle Ringler; one daughter, Sandra (Ken) Oyler; two sons: Edward (Mari Beth) Ringler and Richard (Lynda) Ringler all of Paulding; seven grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren; one brother, Donald (Evelyn) Ringler of Wolcottville, İN; four sisters: Helen Busk of Reed City, MI, Laura Bowdish of Sturgis, MI, Nila Burkey of South Bend, IN and JoAnn Rossman of Coldwater, MI.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Lynn Ringler; five brothers: Harold, Homer, Carl, Warren, and Chancey; two sisters: Violet Wood and Elna Miller.

Funeral services were June 5 at the First Christian Church, Paulding. Jim Stinehelfer, Jr. officiated. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorials to First Christian Church Building Fund or American Heart Association.

Peter J. Yoder, 89, of Hicksville died at his home in Hicksville on June 1, 2007.

He was born in Washington, IN on March 18, 1918 the son of Noah and Susan (Ashliman) Yoder.

He married Leah Miller on May 10, 1941 celebrating 66 years of marriage.

He was the owner of Pete Yoder Sales & Service, a Wheelhorse Dealership in Hicksville for many years and

He was a member of Hicksville Mennonite Church.

He is survived by his wife, Leah; two daughters: Margaret (Harvey) Steckly and Deloris (Rick) Miller both of

Hicksville; four sons: Noah (Joyce) of Hicksville, Kenneth (Lora) of Hamilton, IN, Gerald (Debbie) and Dale (Pam) both of Hicksville; 19 grandchildren; 15 greatgrandchildren; a great-greatgrandchild; a sister, Mary (Ray) Morhart of Elida, OH; a sister-in-law, Barbara Yoder of Hicksville. He was preceded in death

by a son, Jerry; five brothers; and a sister. Funeral services were June

4 at the Hicksville Mennonite Church. Burial was in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill, IN.

Memorial contributions to Hospice—Defiance and Mennonite Church Building Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is han-

Richard Ellis Farling, 65, of Toledo died June 2 at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee,

dling arrangements.

He was born in Franklin County Ohio on December 23, 1940 the son of Dr. Doyt and Rose M. (Atwood) Farling. He was a union steward for International Harvester and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

He is survived by a daughter, Kim (Monte) Brenneman of Gulfport, MS; four grandchildren: Samantha, Joshua, Shaina, and Sophia Brenneman all of Gulfport, MS; and a sister, Ellen (William) Commack of Fort Wayne, IN.

He is preceded in death by

his parents. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. June 7 at Woodburn Missionary Church, Woodburn, IN with Pastor Joel Deselm officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Church Cemetery, Cecil, OH.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Donations may be made to Hope Crisis Response Network, Elkhart, IN.

LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system welcomes people of all ages to enjoy their local library this summer, but reminds patrons of the unattended child policy approved by the Board of Trustees. The library is not a baby-sitting service. The staff cannot watch your child. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Teenage baby-sitters are welcome to bring their young charges to the library as long as they stay with the children at all times. It only takes a second for a child to be lost. The library is a public building with tens

of thousands of visitors each year. Many library patrons are strangers. The library staff wants to continue to provide excellent library service to your entire family while at the same time, keeping your child and family safe. If you have any questions about the library or the unattended child policy, please contact us

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By: Angel Steiner

Every spring the Antwerp Church of Christ youth embark in a fun event that we have dubbed Balloon Ascension. It was started way before my time, so it has been a living tradition for many years. This year's Balloon Ascension took place on April 25 at the Church of Christ field on the corner of Rd 192 and SR 49.

Here is what is done for a Balloon Ascension: First, we order a bunch of helium-filled balloons from Marilyn's Petals & Vines in Antwerp. Then Nellie Beerbower and Tianne Pendergrast attach waterproofed name and address cards to each balloon. When all the kids get to church on the designated Wednesday

night (this year on April 25) they go to their rooms and grab their balloons. The older kids take a younger one just to make sure they don't let loose of their balloons early—or pry it out of their hands when it is time. Teachers and children then trek across the parking lot to the big field that the church owns. We stand and wait for the signal-RED! All the red balloons float and bounce on the wind currents and carry them away. We call out each color separately because it looks just like a rainbow being blown away.

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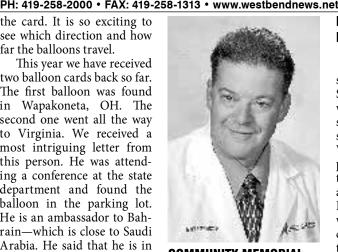
far the balloons travel. This year we have received two balloon cards back so far. The first balloon was found in Wapakoneta, OH. The second one went all the way to Virginia. We received a most intriguing letter from this person. He was attending a conference at the state department and found the balloon in the parking lot. He is an ambassador to Bahrain—which is close to Saudi Arabia. He said that he is in the process of being transferred to Germany.

We encourage the kids to write back and thank the people who found and returned their balloon cards. It is a good way for the kids to be involved in the lives of another and let their light shine



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EDITOR TO THE LETTER PART II

I guess I didn't make myself quite clear the first time. Several issues ago I described what a letter to the editor should be about and that you should be nice. We here at the West Bend News have been praised for many of the letters to the editor and we have also received flak for it too. First, I want to tell you that we should receive neither considering we didn't write

I don't want to take a completely hands off approach, as we are the ones printing it, but you could say that we are the 'protectors of free speech". I may not agree with what is printed, but I do believe that you and everyone else have the right to their opinions. A small number of people,

specifically from local government entities, have asked us to censor some letters which they deem to be inappropriate. In other words, ban free speech. The reason that we are given is it makes Paulding County look bad. Usually, but not always, what makes Paulding County "look bad" isn't the letter but the actions that prompted the letter. I suppose it would be better to sweep these issues under the rug? Don't let the common man speak because he is not as "smart" and doesn't know the issues? Don't forget friends, that it was these very people who pay the taxes which pay your check! Use free speech to communicate with your constituents so they can be a more informed block of voters.

Ban free speech? Hardly! If we do, what would happen? Think of the Soviet Union, Nazi Germany, and all the people who have died in genocides. Stalin killed so many of his own countrymen that he made Hitler look like a saint. Yet, it took place at the same time. Most people of the world or even outside the Ukraine had no idea this was going on-why? Because free speech was banned in every one of these areas!! When certain letters are censored. soon there will only be one voice left-and that will be the ones with the power.

Many dominating, oppower-hungry, pressing, individuals would do their best to ban all sorts of free speech. Remember Jesus and his apostles and disciples? They were beaten and killed and told not to speak of such things, because they were proclaiming a freedom that was threatening the power of the group known as the Pharisees.

If you were to enroll with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) you would quickly realize that you cannot fix your problems if you cannot admit to them. "Hello, my name is John Doe, and I am an alcoholic." Expanding the breadth of knowledge of both pros and cons in Paulding County can only help the entire county work to make it the best place to live.

If we decided to suddenly stop printing certain letters to the editors, we would not only be violating basic rights, but we would also be violating the law! Our constitutional amendments guarantees this and I'm not about to take away the rights to the foundation to a great country that many in Paulding Coun-

ty have fought and died for.

For those of you who are writing, please consider who or what you are writing to and about. Remember to consider that these are your words and this will be reflected upon you. Please remember to "do unto others as you would have them to unto you." Paulding County is a fan-

tastic place to live and work. You will see that free speech does not hurt Paulding County in any way, but gets people involved, and isn't that what we all really want?

—Bryce Steiner, Editor, West Bend News

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This year marks the 58th anniversary of the Act of Congress proclaiming June 14 as National Flag Day. Citizens across this country will pause to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag on this day, including members of Gleaner Life Insurance Society, who are among the 10 million Americans affiliated with the National Fraternal Congress of America. Fraternal beneficiary societies serve as a major force for good throughout America.

National Flag Day honors the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our National Flag by the Continental Congress, 230 years ago. A national Flag Day was the dream of Bernard J. Cigrand, a 19 year old school teacher at Fredonia, WS. In 1885, in a windswept school atop a glacier-formed hill overlooking rolling farmland, Cigrand celebrated the first Flag Day by placing a small flag in a bottle on his desk. Cigrand taught his students about the history of the flag and recited a ceremonial pledge. His efforts over the next 31 years led to a national observance honoring the flag.

You may ask, "Why should I observe this day?" Quite simply, our flag is more than a patchwork of cloth. It is a silent sentinel of our freedom. It is a constant reminder of the courage required to maintain our freedom, the liberty we enjoy in being selfgoverned, and the loyalty and trust which unites us despite our individual differences.

On this National Flag Day, we encourage you to talk to your children, grandchildren and friends about what the flag means to you. Because others have given their fortunes and their very lives to secure our freedom, we have the freedom NOT to participate in this national observance. However, it is good that we pause to honor our nation's flag, for this act helps remind each of us that we are most blessed to be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And that, fellow citizens, is something worth celebrating.

Fraternally,

—Dale Spitnale, Gleaner's, Oakwood Arbor President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Paulding County Board of MR/DD offers a variety of services to individuals with disabilities including supports to individuals in residential settings. People in Paulding County can be very proud of the accomplishments of the PARC Lane Training Center and PC Workshop.

Jane Gray said, "It has been a privilege and an honor to be a part of this system for almost eleven (11) years. However, I have reached a crossroads in my life and it is time for me to move on in my career path. I will always have a special place in my heart for the people who are a part of the PCBMR/DD system. It is a wonderful system!"

—Jane A. Gray

CELEBRATING NATIONAL FLAG DAY IN OAKWOOD

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The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life Insurance will be celebrating National Flag Day on Thursday, June 14, 2007. This event will be held in the Memorial Park, Oakwood following a homemade ice cream social starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Arbor will be providing a patriotic program starting at 5:45 p.m. in the gazebo area. Bring your lawn chair and join us for community service recognition and the Oakwood Alumni Band.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cline of Hicksville are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dick Cline and Mary Jane

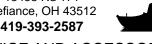
Morhart were married June 7, 1957 by Rev. Joseph Turner. They have six children: Cindy Spryn, Pat Derck, Darlene Zielke, Rick Cline, Joyce Hootman, and Susan Bowmen. They have 20 grandchildren and one great-grand-

They will celebrate with a party given by their children at the home of Gary and Pat

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3.50-3.99 Samantha Bauman, Jaclyn Buchman, Danny Carlisle, Jacy Carter, Brittany Chaney, Heather Chaney, Caci Craig, Katie Dirr, Ashley Donaldson, Ty-Anna Erford, Amanda Gerschutz, Kandice Kelly, James Manz, Scott Meyer, Joy Nice, Alex Phlipot, Ashley Tope, Andy White

3.0-3.49 - Elizabeth Bogart, Janel Dasher, Lynette Davis, Andrea Ganter, Courtney Highwarden, Amanda Hopkins, Niki Hornish, Jeremy Johnson, Audrey Kline, Samantha Kohorst, Lindsey Mansfield, Jerica Proxmire, Thomas Reyes, Christina Sa-

 $\overline{4.0}$ – Tiffany Anderson, Gage Evans, Kayla Gawronski, Julie Koenn, Kevin Mumma, Tiffany Rosenhan, Jon Ross, Chelsi Sherry, Megan Simpson, Logan Sunday 3.50-3.99 – Justis Barron,

LaReta Beckman, Jessica Carnahan, Kim Cline, Michelle Colley, Alisha Crutchfield, Amber Dohoney, Amber Gebers, Abby Gross, Shannon Hankinson, Ryan Jones, Kassi Kadesch, Jerrod Knodel, Derek Koch,

Autumn Leininger, Amber Manson, Jordan Phlipot, Kristen Porter, Tiffany Razo, Staci Smalley, Jessica Strable, Kara Suffel, Sarah Tracy, Paul Webb

3.0-3.49 - Chris Britt, Tyler Crutchfield, David Fickel, Stacy Gallegos, Beth Gottke, Sierra Kennedy, Brooke Mehring, Kameron Owens, Jacob Perl, Chris Phlipot, Jarod Riley, Alfonso Rocha, Brandon Schang, Caleb Schlatter, Shelby Smith, Zach Stallkamp, Troy Vance, Jessica Varner, Emily Weller, Tiffany Westendorf

Sophomores:

4.0 - Kelsie Carnahan, Allison Clevenger, Josh Duslak, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Staci Gunderman, Morgan Hammon, Heather Hemker, Britney King, Dale Ladd, Brenda Manz, Lillian Manz, Audrey Nice, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Selena Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm, AJ Wolford

3.50-3.99 - Estee Arend, Peter Brown, Megan Butler, Kari Gibson, Katherine Harmon, Cassie Kauser, Mara Kesler, Ashley Koenn, Eve Kohart, Amanda Korney, Shelby McMichael, Jessica Miller, Andrew Mott, Jennifer Nafziger, Brian Porter, Isaac Porter, Mercedes Rios, Briana Ripke, Melinda Slatt-

3.0-3.49 - Tyler Arend, Eric Beck, Caitlin Blair, Nathan Edwards, Tyler Fenter, Sarah Flynn, Rachel Hemker, Jessica Johnson, Amber Jones, Katie Keeran, Chris Rohrs, Zak Shafer, Dalton Stallkamp, Garrett Stoller, Tyler Thomas, Remy Tope

Freshmen:

4.0 - Maycee Adams, Chase Burnett, Jaclyn Carr, Gary DeVault, Stephanie Donaldson, Angela Manz, Bryant Sheppard

3.50-3.99 – Jesse Bollenbacher, Elizabeth Bradford, Iamie Buchman, Ashley Fisher, Danielle Grindstaff, Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern, Nathan Hancock, Taylor Hatcher, Staci Manz, Shabrie Moyer, Amanda Porter, Tyler Rohrs, Derek Schlatter, Audrey Smiley, Dakota Vogel, Haley Vorlicky, Ali Wayne, William Wilhelm, Rachelle Woodring

3.0-3.49 - Sydni Antoine, Brittany Bail, J Brown, Jared Deatrick, Hailey Early, Brandi Kline, Travis McPherson, Trisha Manson, Blake Mehring, Zachary Miller, Cassandra Sherry, Danielle Thompson, Nina Woodruff

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pot, Mesa Pracht, Anna Rick-

els, Derek Shrider, Amber Simpson, Rebecca Wilhelm **Grade 8:**

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cole Gebers, Elise Hartzell,

April Manz, Alex Mott, Jared

Ross, Danielle Smith, Wesley

Aldrich, Trenton Bradford,

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lan, Shauna Darrigo, Jacob

Gideon, Kassandra Hammon,

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Combs, Kaleigh Young

PHYSICALS TO BE GIVEN AT PAULDING HIGH **SCHOOL**

Physicals for boys and girls will be given on June 12, 2007 at the High School by Dr. Joseph Kuhn. If you pay by check, make checks payable to Dr. Joseph Kuhn. The schedule for the physicals are as follows: High School boys, 8:00-

High School and Jr. High

boys, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. High School girls, 12:30-

1:30 p.m.

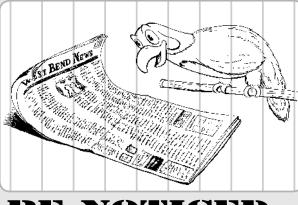
Junior High girls, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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- Dr. Hendrickson office, Paulding
- Dr. Kreit's office, Oakwood
- Dr. Kuhn's office, Payne
- Dr. Fishbaugh's office, Paulding
- Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill

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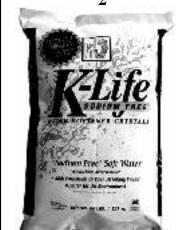
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By: Sue Knapp

Rain. notwithstanding, didn't affect Relay for Life this year. The parking lot was full of cars and the events went on as planned. A good time was had by all who attended this event.

The total monies this year from donations and contributions this year totaled over ??

One of the last events was held Saturday—the Prince/ Princess & King/Queen Pageant. Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and various family members and friends watched with pride as the contestants were asked questions.

There was a tie for Princess Runner-up ending up with both girls sharing the

Winners are: King Runner-up - William Eisler; King – Carson Shull; Queen Runner-up – Chantal Monier; Queen - Taylor March; Prince Runner-up – Hunter Kauser, Prince - Gage Daniels; Princess Runner-up -Zoe Kochel and Sadie Estle; Princess - Baylee March.

COMMUNITY MEMO-RIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES EXCELLENT COMMENTS DURING OB SURVEY

Community Memorial Hospital underwent its annual Obstetrics Department survey by the Ohio Department of Health on May 30 and 31. This annual inspection is to ensure that CMH is adhering to the highest possible standards for patient care.

The surveyors were impressed with our facility, the care the patients received by the nurses and the physicians, and the accuracy of the documentation. There were no recommendations for improvement.

Community Memorial Hospital's new facility includes beautiful, homey LDRP rooms, where patients labor, deliver, and recover in the same room. Other enhancements included direct access to the operating rooms should a cesarean delivery be necessary, lactation room and Huggs infant security system.

So, you like reading the West Bend News? Call or Stop on in and let us know.

WALK-A-THON RAISES MONEY FOR ANTWERP'S ALL-WEATHER TRACK

Antwerp—Elementary students raised \$2,326.54 for the All-Weather Track Project through a Walk-A-Thon conducted on May 23. The students walked for

one hour around the track to earn pledges for the project," explained Antwerp high school principal Steve Arnold, who is also a member of the project committee. "The event was sponsored by the elementary student council and the idea came from one of our teachers, Patti Kammeyer. The committee would like to thank all those involved for making this such a successful fund raiser."

The funds will be used to help construct an all-weather track at the local high school to replace the existing stone track. The new track will be open to both students and the community as well.

Second grader Evan Hilton, son of Jon and Shelia Hilton, was the top fund raiser as his hard work earned the project \$325. Evan's contribution helped the second grade top the other classes by raising a total of \$783.25. The first grade brought in \$463 to rank second in the event.

Construction plans for the track are progressing, but a significant amount of funding still needs to be raised before the project can become a reality.

In an upcoming fund raising event the project committee is sponsoring a golf scramble June 30 at Pond-A-River Golf Club. For more information about this event contact Steve Arnold, Cindy Schlatter or Cord Eh-

The next project meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on June 13 in the Antwerp School board meeting room. Anyone wishing to get involved in the project is welcome to attend.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the project can send a check made out to the "Antwerp Athletic Boosters" and mailed to: Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign, PO Box 615, Antwerp, OH 45813.

OAKWOOD BRANCH LI-BRARY GETTING READY TO KICK OFF SUMMER READ-ING PROGRAM

Get a Clue @ Your Library summer reading program will be starting June 6 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Park. All children ages 3 years old through the completion of third grade are invited to be a part of this special summer program at the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

Boys and Girls who have completed grades 4th through 5th grades are invited to join us at the Oakwood Branch Library for "Fun Fridays" during the month of June. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Pack a lunch and come over!

Stop in at the library to register or call Sue Thomas at 419-594-3337 for more de-

-Sue Thomas, Branch Manager Oakwood Branch Library

PAGE 5 - WEST BEND NEWS - JUNE 6, 2007 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BE HOSTED BY PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER



Paulding County Senior Center is hosting a community breakfast on Saturday, June 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Bring the family and enjoy your day at the John Paulding Days Celebration. A free will donation is

appreciated with all proceeds going toward their active Van Campaign. The Senior Center is located at 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding. Shown in the picture are volunteers Janet Bendele (left) and Josephine Reyes (right).



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By: Stan Jordan

This picture of South Main Street in Antwerp was loaned to me by Kathy Smith Wilson of Paulding. Her mother, Lavon Bissell Smith, was a 1942 graduate of AHS with me. I was certainly glad to get this picture as I had never seen it before. It brings a lot of questions, and answers some

The first building on the left is the G.W. "Then the

Barber Busby Shop. George H & H Cleaners started the shop in 1872. Then he was erected by built the building you see now, I think he built it named Rife from around the turn Paulding about of the century. He retired in 1921 and his son, Harry, took over the business. Harry

was owner and proprietor for nearly another half a century. Other men have barbered

there and some of them are: Julius Horn, Ed Smith, Joe Koenn, Jerry Snyder, Jack Panico—and I'm sure I missed some.

In the late 1900's that building became the law office of Attorney Floyd Ramsier. His Secretary, Lisa Hahn, is helping me to see if we can find some old dates and history of the place.

I would be amiss if I didn't say a few words about how popular this place was to all the boys who grew up in An-

There was a card and pool room in the back and it was a favorite hang out for the male gender for at least 50 years. When you went to town, you iust naturally stopped and talked a bit. If there was six or seven men in there that means there was six or seven experts on something. It sure was a gathering spot. That place certainly brings back memories, but we had better move on.

One of the questions this picture brings up is, that two story building right next door to the barber shop. When I was growing up from 1930 on, that was a vacant lot. I can't find anyone who remembers that business being there.

Lucile Seslar says it was torn down before her time. She used to go with her father to the barber shop and that was just a vacant lot. I can't find out anything about it except I don't think it was a grocery store.

It had a wide double door in the front like a hardware or machine shop or leather shop. I know it was gone by 1915. Then the H & H Cleaners was erected by some people named Rife from Paulding about 1948 or '49.

It has always been a good going business although it has changed hands a couple of times.

Crossing Stone Street to along. I think they had one the south is The Continental girl and two boys. Restaurant. Alverda Johnson

told me a few years ago that

that building was built by Jack

Place for an aunt of Mr. John-

son. That corner has been a

restaurant by many propri-

etors for 100 years. I know

it was managed by Frank

Knight in 1912. Mr. Knight,

sometime later, operated a

saloon across the street called

the Oak. In the mid 1930's it

was moved across the railroad

and became the Oasis, oper-

ated by Albert Guysinger. Let

me add here that some local

boys trained for the Golden

Gloves in those years in the

basement of the building.

Some were darn good scrap-

pers: Willard Ewing, Millard

Jones, Dan Sudlow, Kid Rice,

Mike Mendez—and probably

Continental Restaurant, I'm

going to have to fast forward

a little till the 1920's when it

became Tiny's Lunch. Well, he was C.J. Delong and he

worked next door in Yagers'

Restaurant from 1911 until

he enlisted in WWI. After he

came back from overseas, he

purchased the corner build-

ing and called it Tiny's Lunch,

and to people my age it was

almost a sacred institution.

Kids were always welcome as

well as adults. He retired and Ray Putman managed it for

years. He sold it to Harold Se-

crist, but it retained the name

of Ray's Restaurant for many

years. Later, Frankie Lichty

was the manager and it has

changed hands a couple of

Going on past Yager's Res-

taurant, right next door, was

the Harry Wolf Bakery. I'm

not sure, but I think they were

But going back over to The

Then that complete section was torn out and the L. Smith and Son building was built, this was in 1927. Along with Carl Smith and his boy Max and Budd, that was a very big part of the city of Antwerp. It was a prosperous store until they all retired, I guess back in the 1980's.

Waren Seslar had a good garage business there next in that picture. His nice new building was finished in 1912. They had a Texaco service Station and an oil dealership. I have mentioned before how much that entire Seslar family helped in Antwerp's prog-

Joseph Carr had a grocery on that corner of South Main and East Daggett. A couple of other men owned it and then Mr. Fred Kammeyer took it over and after a few years he moved to the location on U.S.

On south across East Daggett Street is the tall building of Papa Oley's Pizza. There has been many endeavors on that corner over the years. At one time in the 20's, 30's and 40's, there was a town pump right there by the sidewalk. That was where you got a cool drink on a hot summer

The other building in that twosome was the Opera House. The Masonic Lodge took it over for a Temple sometime after 1861.

If you take your magnifying glass, you will see a small empty space, there was a small wooden shed like affair. That was Dave Johnson's Blacksmith Shop. The last tall building you see was a two story Used Furniture Store.

proprietor and owner. That place caught fire and burned down about 1937 or '38. That is about where Sam Smith's Bear's Den is.

If you come back up to where the coal car sits on the railroad track, you can see that lot was vacant as there is no sidewalk leading off to the right. Sometime later, a Cream Station was in operation there, ran by Bill and Dema Miller. The Cream Station was in business at that location for a long time.

The big sign on that two story building to the south says C.A. Bissel Land. Well, Mr. Bissel, in 1930, became Mayor of Antwerp and it was a very busy time as a lot of improvements were made in that ten years, 1930 to 1940.

But where that building is is a lot of history by itself.

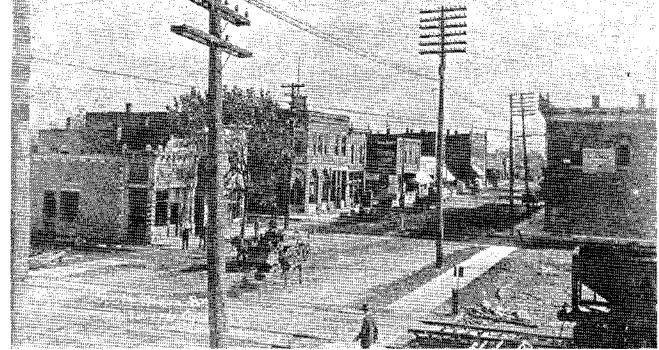
destroyed by fire. The City Council then passed a law, no more wooden business buildings would be built. In 1891, the Pocock Brothers built that three section store that stands there now. It has seen many businesses over the one hundred and twenty-five years. Grocery stores, saloon, dentist office, Land Office, another grocery store, drug store, theater, a Kroger store, then

Crete Corp. Down the road I'm going to do a column on Mr. C.A. Bissel. I knew the man and even delivered his newspapers in 1936. If you have time, look this section of Antwerp over pretty well 'cause nostalgia and history runs 'hip

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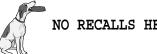
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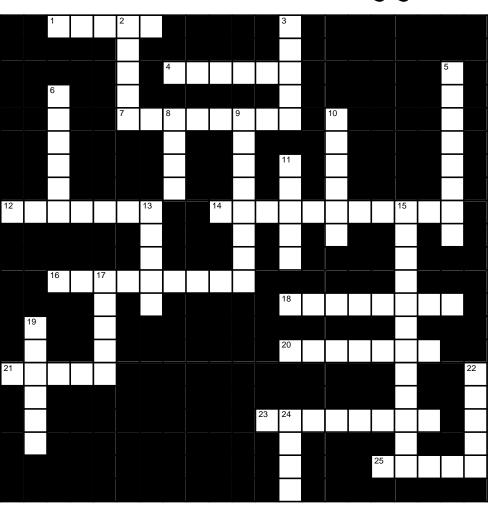
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- Bananas are the number one fruit for the World WHAT?
- **12.** This part of the banana plant is also edible.
- **14.** There are more than THIS MANY varieties of bananas.
- **16.** Banana leaves can be used as these.
- **18.** Bananas will help the swelling and irritation of WHAT kind of bites.
- **20.** The riper the banana the WHAT it tastes.
- 21. How often are bananas harvested?
- 23. This banana company was introduced in 1944. 15. Don't store bananas in here.
- **25.** Use banana peels as food WHAT?

- 2. This country is the largest producer of
- **3.** Banana peels can be used to treat these.
- The average American consumes how much bananas a year.
- **6.** You can cook a banana just like one of these.
- The Chiquita sticker is put on by WHAT?
- Harvested banana shoots may be used in making WHAT?
- **10.** Bananas have no fat, cholestrol, or WHAT?
- 11. Banana harvest starts while the bananas are still what color?
- 13. You can shine these with the inside of a banana skin.
- 17. The banana is also called a WHAT?
- 19. Bananas grow ON these.
- **22.** Banana plants grow from these.
- **24.** Bananas are in this family.

PRESIDENTIAL IMPOR-TANCE TO GILLMOR'S LINCOLN-HAYES BANQUET

Tiffin, Ohio-The annual Fifth District Lincoln-Hayes Banquet sponsored by Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) next week will feature more than speeches by Gillmor and special guest Rob Portman. Gillmor's banquet will have Presidential significance as every attendee that evening will be given one vote in a straw poll for their choice of 2008 Republican nominees for President. The results of the straw poll will be announced at the banquet which is being held on the campus of Bowling Green State Univer-

sity on Friday, June 8, 2007. "We are nine months from Ohio's primary election and the race for President of the United States is in full swing.

The meaning of a straw poll is to gauge which way the wind blows. With nearly a dozen very qualified candidates including several front runners, a straw poll of Northwest Ohio could be very telling," Gillmor said. "If the adage is true that as goes Ohio, so goes the nation, and since no Republican has ever been elected President without winning Ohio, attendees at this Lincoln Day will have a chance to be part of more than just dinner and speeches. Our Lincoln-Hayes Banquet has always been one of the largest annual Republican gatherings and the results of our straw poll could be very interesting.

The Fifth District Lincoln-Haves Banquet is a low-cost, grassroots event hosted annually by Congressman Paul Gillmor. The banquet will be held at Bowling Green State University's Bowen-Thompson Student Union on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and feature an address by keynote speaker the Honorable Rob Portman, currently the highest ranking Ohioan in the

White House. For many years, Gillmor's Lincoln-Hayes Banquet has been one of the largest Republican events in Ohio bringing together conservatives from each of the sixteen counties in Gillmor's Northwest Ohio district. The event honors one of the most prominent Republicans in our nation's history, President Abraham Lincoln, along with one of Ohio's favorite sons, President Rutherford B. Hayes. Tickets may be obtained through your local Republican Party organization. For more information, www.gillmorforcongress.com.

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Antwerp, OH, Jan. 4— The following letter was written by Cecil Billman, an Antwerp boy, among the number of Ohio boys that took part in the terrific work of the A.E.F. "over there" to his mother. Mrs. Frank Billman and family at this place. He also mentions being with the American infantrymen in their parade at Brussels, Belgium, which was viewed by King Albert and his queen, and who saluted the Stars and Stripes as our boys proudly passed in review:

Sendelede, Belgium, Nov. 28, 1918.

Dear Mother and All: I will try and write you a few lines today. We get today off, the first day for quite a while. Well this leaves me feeling fine and hope it finds all of you the same. I got one of your letters the other day dated October 29 and I was sure glad to hear from you again. I suppose you would like to hear from me often but it is a hard matter to get writing paper. We have been on the move so much that it is hard to keep a Y.M.C.A close to us. We are stationed at a lit-

tle town in Belgium called

Sendelede. There are some of the funniest names over here, you can't remember them fifteen minutes. The Belgian people were certainly celebrating here the other night. They sure think a lot of the American soldiers. They can't do enough for them. Well, I think that it is just a question of time before they start sending the troops home now. There is a rumor out that the thirty-seventh is one of the divisions picked to do parading back in the states. I certainly hope, so anyway. The thirty-seventh is recognized as shock troops, and we get a pin to wear on our shoulder. We sure have been on the move since we have been over here. We have been on five fronts and there drives in less than five months. There was about two hundred men picked out of each regiment of this division to parade in Brussels, and I was one of the lucky ones. We sure had some time while we were there. We got through parading about two o'clock and then we were free to go any place 'till seven the next morning. The people there sure did treat us fine while we were there. Lacy Traylor was there also, we were the only two I seen from around home. It is certainly a nasty day here today, it has been raining all day and is pretty chilly outside. I think we will move again soon. They think we will go to a place about fifty miles from the coast. Well they can't move me too much when they start us for home. We did not have a very big Thanksgiving dinner, but we can be mighty thankful that we are able to eat any sort o' grub. Well, I can't think of much more to write this time, so guess I will stop, with love to all, from your son,

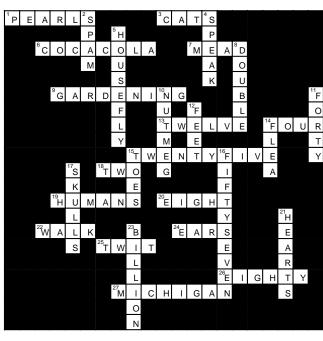
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PAULDING COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular sessions during the week of May 21 and May 28. The Courthouse and all county offices were closed on Monday, May 28 in recognition of Memorial Day.

Ohio's programs for seniors include the popular annual farmers market coupons for fresh food to be used at area business. The coupons will be mailed out on June 7 to eligible participants. Eligibility includes being age 60 or older and income limits of \$18,889 for a one-person household and \$25,327 for a two-person household. Individuals who may be eligible may contact the Paulding County Senior Center for further information. Commissioner Ed Straley represents the county on the Ohio Office of Aging governing board supervising this food program.

Another senior program is called Passport and helps cit-



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izens stay at home as opposed to nursing facilities. Passport provides funding for eligible citizens to purchase home care services. Interested citizens may again call the Paulding County Senior Center for more information.

A third program, again available through the Paulding County Senior Center, provides a box of shelf stable foods for eligible individuals. Eligibility is determined by incomes. The Commissioners com-

mented on signs of the coming U.S. 24 construction showing on the planned right of way. Machinery and some supply stockpiles are being put in place for the large project. The Paulding County

Board of Revision held their annual meeting during the month of May. All eightyeight Ohio counties have this board to hear appeals of property valuations following the filing of a complaint. The Board of Revision is composed of the Chairman of the County Commissioners, the County Auditor and the County Treasurer. The task involves hearing the appeal and visiting the property in question. It was noted that a successful appeal must be based on factual information that allows a comparison of like property or an error in the valuation. Appeals are filed in the County Auditor's

The Commissioners accepted an invitation from Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor, to observe parts of recent demonstrations on new real estate software. The meetings were held on two different days in the Marshall Memorial Foundation Building conference room. The software is used to keep track of taxable property values of all types, assessments such as for ditches, and the ability to print the actual tax bills. The Auditor's office is planning ahead for the need for new Corey Walker, Director of

the Paulding County Job and Family Services office, met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, May 30. Walker reported that recipients of Ohio Works First benefits are required to be searching for employment, attending classes to improve employment opportunities and performing public work activities to accumulate employment skills. Walker reported that his agency will be implementing a program to assign roadside and ditch trash pick-up duties for Ohio Works First participants.

Holidays, such as Memorial Day, require the Commissioners to meet in special session on the previous Friday. These special sessions are scheduled to allow the Commissioners to conduct the routine business of reviewing and approving payment of bills and responding to correspondence and phone calls. The special Friday sessions are held at 2:00 p.m. and last until the business is com-

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

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

RACING COMES TO PAULDING COUNTY

L to R: Oley McMichael, Oley's grandson Braeden Hormann and driver Brad Baker pose in front of the RAB Racing semi-truck carrier at McMichael International Airport.

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By: Bryce Steiner

Paulding School students passing by on CR 69 probably wondered what they were looking at as they were biking. The Arca Racing team with Justin Marks, RAB's racing cars were in Paulding County staying at the McMichael International Airport (northern Paulding County). The semi-truck, trailer, and driver were there as a layover from the race in Michigan instead of traveling all the way back to North Carolina before the next weekend's race in Iowa.

The truck driver's name was Brad Baker, 33. He is part of the racing team and works full time for the team. He graciously gave a tour of the trailer and it's contents. Being that the trailer was packed tight, it was a little difficult seeing, but fascinating none the less. There are two levels with two cars and enough parts and tools to nearly make a third. Upon entering the trailer you quickly realize that the cars are on top of you. Inside to the right is a lounge for the crew and driver where they can browse the internet, watch TV or relax. Fancy,

Fancy!

The RAB team consists of very few people when compared with other racing teams, but they do a great job. Oley McMichael of Antwerp was instrumental in having the semi-truck driver, Brad Baker, stay here. Oley works as a "weekend warrior" on the pit crew traveling all over the country.

Brad's specific job is driving along with coordinating food for the crew and drivers. Brad explained that each car has about 800 horsepower and that one car has yet to be raced. It takes nine seconds to put 22 gallons of gas in the car during a 15 second pit stop. Usually three sets of tires are

used during one race. The minimum a car is to weigh is 3400 lb. The car is a Dodge Charger and, yes, the headlights really are stickers!

The cars for the ARCA series are very similar to NASCAR/NEXTEL and can be used in either with slight modifications, but quite different than the Busch cars. Robert Benton of Concord, North Carolina is the owner of the team and is also the crew chief. Each race requires much preparation and each car gets a practice, qualify, and then race (if they quali-

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Births:

6/1 – Matthew & Amanda Moore, Antwerp, daughter, 9:20 a.m., 7lb. 6oz.

6/2 - Chad & Loral Manz, Napoleon, son, 10:13 a.m., 7lb. 10oz.

Admissions:

5/28 - Helen Doster, Paulding

5/29 - Mahlon Tempel, Paulding

5/30 – Allyson Pogue, Paulding; Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance

5/31 - Gordon Stauffer, Continental

6/1 – Amanda Moore, Antwerp 6/3 - Lisa McDougle,

Paulding Dismissals:

5/31 - Helen Doster, Paulding

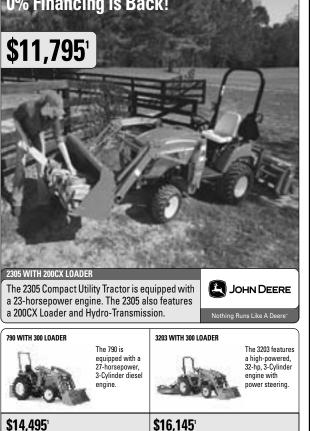
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6/2 - Amanda Moore & daughter, Antwerp

BLACK SWAMP STEAM AND GAS SHOW TAKES PLACE AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

Dave Sproul demonstrates the drop spindle, showing how wool is spun into yarn, at AuGlaize Village Farm Museum located on Krouse Road three miles west of Defiance. On Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10 the Black Swamp Steam and Gas Show and Flea Market takes place at the historic village from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tractor pulls, antique tractor displays and demonstrations, a pre-1840's encampment, train rides, a large model railroad display, steam powered sawmill, threshing demonstrations, horse drawn wagon rides, and tin-smithing will be going on each day. Spinning and weaving demonstrations are located in the newly renovated Miami and Erie Canal lockkeeper's toll house. A small admission fee is charged. AuGlaize Village is an educational restoration project of the Defiance County Historical Society.





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ATHLETES HONORED AT SPRING SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

On May 21, 2007 Antwerp High School held their Spring Sports Awards Ceremony. Pictured with Coach Tim Peffley are Antwerp High School Varsity Baseball team members receiving Green Meadows Conference recognition for their performance during the 2007 season.

Tom Derck received Honorable Mention, Mitch Fowler and Kyle Proxmire were named to the GMC 2nd Team and Josh Hahn was named to the GMC 1st team. Anthony Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player - Defense (playing first base with no errors) and Josh Hahn was awarded Most Valuable Player - Offense (batting .492 for the season). The varsity team also received recognition for defeating Delphos St. John on May 10, 2007 to become Sectional Champs for the second consecutive year.

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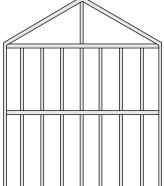
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Josh Hahn, a 2007 graduate of Antwerp High School, received the honor of participating in the District North-South All-Star game on Friday, May 25, in Bryan, Ohio. Josh played for the South team who defeated the North team 6-4 in extra innings. The South team had five hits with Josh contributing an RBI double. Josh was also named to the Van Wert All-Area starting line-up and Green Meadow Conference First Team.

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(NAPSA)—Scorching hot summers can drain even the most water-smart landscape. Here are a few "do's and don'ts" to help make the most of the water you apply to your lawn and garden and protect your landscape against heat-related stress this summer:

• Don't water for a long time. How much and how long to apply water depends on the type of soil that is being watered. Use the 4-3-1 "cycle and soak" method of watering your grass: 4 minutes per watering cycle, 3 times per day with 1-hour in-between cycles. Check to see if water is penetrating 6 to 8 inches beneath the surface of the soil. If not, then another cycle may be needed to encourage

root growth.

• **Do** raise the blade. Trim grass at a higher (2 inches or so) mower setting to shade roots from sunlight and encourage deeper growth.

 Don't water all areas alike. Develop a separate watering schedule for trees, shrubs and flowerbeds with drip emitters. These plants need less frequent but deeper watering, so do NOT use the cycle and soak method. Instead, set the irrigation to run less often during the week, but for a longer time dur-

ing each watering.
• **Do** watch the clock. Water in early-morning hours before sunrise to lessen the amount of water lost to evaporation and daytime

• Don't water concrete. If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure your sprinkler heads are not spraying the sidewalk, wall or driveway. Check to make sure the sprinkler heads are not obstructed by grass or other

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 Do consider drip irrigation. When it comes to watering individual trees, flowerbeds, potted containers or other nongrassy areas, you can apply water directly to the roots with low-volume drip irrigation. This will reduce water waste through evaporation or runoff and

keep weeds down.
• Don't forget routine inspections. Periodically check your sprinklers to make sure everything is working properly. A clogged head or a torn line can wreak havoc on your landscape and your water bill.

• Do be rain smart. Adjust your irrigation system as the seasons and weather change. You can also install a shutoff device that automatically detects rain or moisture. These devices are inexpensive and let you take advantage of nature's free water-

ing service.

More watering tips to help you have a lawn that makes the neighbors green with envy are available from Rain Bird at

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Spitnale of Oakwood are about to celebrate their 50th Anniver-

Dale Spitnale and Edna May Spitnale were married June 16, 1957 in Grover Hill Zion Methodist Church by Rev. Robert Kinney and Rev. William Myers.

The couple have three daughters: Mrs. April (Mark) Ferland of West Chester, Ms. Lisa Rue of Strasburg, and Mrs. Crystal (Marty) Combs of Continental. They have five grandsons: James, Christopher and Delton Combs, Thomas and Braden Rue. Three granddaughters: Alysha and Erin Ferland, Terra Rue and one granddaughterin-law, Breanna Rue.

The Spitnale's will celebrate the special occasion on Saturday, June 16 with an open house at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone U.M. Fellowship Hall, corner Main and Second Streets, Oakwood. Your love is a treasured gift, we request no other.

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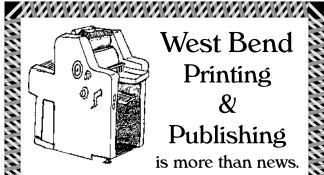
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MR. AND MRS. TERWILLEGER OBSERVED **50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



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The couple were married June 8, 1957, at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Edgerton,

They have four children: Vicki Mendez, Valerie Larimore, Daniel Terwilleger and James Terwilleger all of Antwerp. They also have 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Archie is retired from La-Farge Corp., Paulding, where he worked for 36½ years.

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MAY **MEETING**



Paulding County Retired Teachers Association held their May meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at Essen House Restaurant in Antwerp. John Jacob, Sue Follas, Helen Winchester, Erma Strahley, representatives from Manor House—Elaine Phillips and Rachel Smith, LPN, and Lillian Betz are pictured during the tour of Manor House Assisted Living at Antwerp.

The speaker was Rae Ann

Pieper who invited former teachers to the Paulding High School Alumni Reunion August 3-5.

For information regarding the July 10 meeting at 12 noon at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Payne, please contact newly elected co-presidents Sue Derck or Nancy Brown. ORTA President, Don Bright of Bowling Green will be the speaker.

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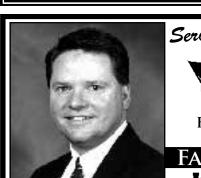
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Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wa-

TORT REFORM

chtmann As Ohio continues to transform its economy to meet the needs of the new global economy, members of the Ohio Legislature have worked to enact a number of policies that encourage new businesses and jobs to come to our state. During the last General Assembly, we enacted a massive overhaul of our tax system that put companies on a level playing field and made us competitive with other states. These changes have resulted in numerous businesses choosing to relocate or expand in Ohio since 2005.

However, companies look at much more than tax svstems and incentives when choosing where to open a

store, build a new plant, or even introduce a new product - they are also interested in how balanced the court systems are in each state. Recently, the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform released a study that rated how businesses perceived the tort system of all 50 states. States were rated in a number of areas, including: venue requirements; treatment of tort and contract litigation; treatment of class action suits and mass consolidation suits; punitive damages; non-economic damages; timeliness of judgment or dismissal; and the predictability and fairness of

When the scores were calculated, Ohio ranked 24th in the 2007 study, compared to 19th in 2006. Indiana received the highest ranking of states in the region, coming

in eighth. Michigan ranked 23rd, with Pennsylvania ranked 32nd, and Kentucky ranked 33rd. The top five states according to the study were Delaware, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Maine.

Study participants were also asked what policy makers should focus on to improve the court system in their state. The top answers were reform of punitive damages, the timeliness of decisions, general tort reform issues, the elimination of unnecessary lawsuits, and placing caps or limits on jury awards. Legislators have addressed some of these issues here in Ohio in recent years with bills that modified our court system.

During the 126th General Assembly, the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 80, which capped punitive damages, limited attorney contingency fees in connection with certain tort actions and provided immunity to companies in actions related to cumulative consumption, weight gain or obesity. Also enacted was House Bill 25, which allowed state employees involved in civil actions to participate in immunity hearings. In addition, we recently passed House Bill 89, which provides immunity from civil liability to persons or businesses who make charitable donations of

consumer goods. Members of the House understand how important fairness and balance in our court system is to our ability to remain economically competitive. During the 127th General Assembly, we will continue to look at tort reform and work to make changes to our court system that enhance its effectiveness while maintaining fairness,

ensuring that businesses will continue to call Ohio home.

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.



MOTHER DUCK CALLS GREENHOUSE EFFECT HOME

The Greenhouse Effect of Antwerp has enjoyed a visitor this year. We had a mallored duck make a nest in a flower pot. She was seen by visitors who came back to donate

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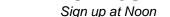
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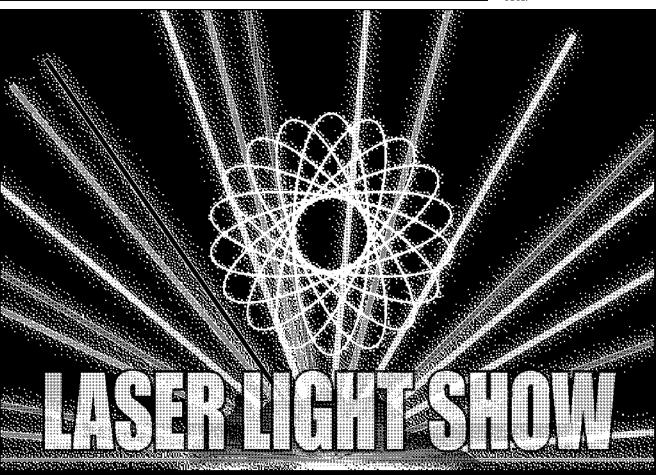
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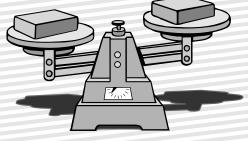
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