

## US 24 GROUNDBREAKING SET

LIMA—The Ohio Department of Transportation is holding a ceremonial ground-breaking event to begin construction of US 24 in Paulding, Defiance and Henry counties.

The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 14 at Antwerp Local School, 303 South Harrmann Road, Antwerp. ODOT officials, including Director James G. Beasley, will be in attendance. The public is also encouraged to attend. Adequate parking and rest room facilities will be available at the event.

The ceremony is in recognition of the beginning of construction of new, four-lane US 24 throughout Paulding, Defiance and Henry counties.

Construction on a 2.2 mile section of US 24 from Ohio 424 to just east of Ohio 15 west of Defiance is in its second year. A ground breaking for that project was held last May.

Work began earlier this spring on the sections between Defiance and Napoleon in Defiance and Henry counties, and from US 127 to Ohio 424 in Paulding and Defiance counties. Construction on the segment from the Indiana line to US 127 in Paulding County is

scheduled to begin June 18.

The projects are four of eight which have been termed the Fort to Port projects which will expand US 24 to a four-lane highway from Fort Wayne, IN to Toledo. Construction on the four remaining US 24 projects from Napoleon to Toledo are currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008 and 2009.

"The beginning of construction on this last section of US 24 in Paulding County marks the end of waiting for the communities here which have hoped for this project for some time," said Tim Burkepile, ODOT District I deputy director. "We recognize this as a special time in transportation history for northwest Ohio. We're happy to begin in this area a much needed and important improvement in the safety and efficiency of US 24 which will eventually extend into the communities to the east," he said.

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## FRED THOMPSON WINS NORTHWEST OHIO STRAW POLL

Bowling Green, Ohio—Northwest Ohio Republicans made Presidential waves tonight. At the Fifth District Lincoln-Hayes Banquet hosted annually by Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin), guests were given one vote in a straw poll for their choice of 2008 Republican nominees for President. With nearly 250 guests in attendance, most of whom are active Republicans from the Northwest Ohio district, former Senator Fred Thompson emerged victorious.

Results of the Fifth District Straw Poll are as follows:

1. Fred Thompson\*, 32.5%
2. Rudy Giuliani, 18.1%
3. Mitt Romney, 18.1%
4. John McCain, 11.4%
5. Newt Gingrich\*, 10.8%

The following candidates failed to receive more than 5% of the vote: Michael Bloomberg\*, Sam Brownback, Jim Gilmore, Chuck Hagel\*, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, George Pataki\*, Ron Paul, Tom Tancredo, Tommy Thompson

\*Not an announced candidate for President

"Iowa and New Hampshire had better be ready because the Fifth District of Ohio has already voted. I was happy to give Republicans in my district a meaningful way to express their choice for our Presidential nominee," said Fifth District Congressman Paul Gillmor. "Republicans have the right values for our communities, the right policies for Ohio and the right message for America. I think this straw poll shows that Republicans have a very strong field of candidates with great support in our communities. Ohio will continue to play a key role in the Presidential election and with seventeen months left until November 2008, this is still a wide open race," Gillmor said.

The Fifth District Lincoln-Hayes Banquet is a low-cost, grassroots event hosted annually by Congressman Paul Gillmor.

## WAYNE TRACE RECEIVES "LEARN AND SERVE" GRANT



The Wayne Trace School District received a "Learn and Serve Grant" to help the community around them. Through the hard work of WT students and a planning committee, the school received the grant to use through the 2008 school year. This grant is a renewable grant based on the community service that is provided through out the year.

A committee of five people, including the Wayne Trace Superintendent, Brian Gerber and Wayne Trace high school principal, Kevin Wilson, and student organizations met to come up with ideas to use the grant to help the students, staff, school and community as a whole. Many ideas were introduced and put to the test to see if they fit this grant's ideals and purpose. Every idea that is put into action ends with the students reflecting on the community service that they performed during the exercise. After all the reflections are done, then the students discuss what they learned and what they can do better or more efficient the next time.

During the year, many different ideas were transformed from the paperwork stage to community action. First, the senior class was the recipient of a "Senior Day". This day was designed by students and the committee for differ-

ent community members to come and share with the class different roads that were traveled after high school. The day gave the seniors a chance to see what is ahead of them and how important it is to have a direction once they graduate. Students went from session to session picking up tidbits of information that they can use when they leave high school. The day ended with the seniors developing their own portfolio and starting an individual resume'. In the spring, this grant sponsored three more community service related items. The first was put together with the help of the WT student council and the Relay for Life. Students spent the day raising money to fight cancer with a mini-relay from

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The community was invited to be part of this walk. The event raised over 6000.00 dollars for Relay for Life and brought the community a little closer as students helped community members walk the track and furnished water to all as needed. The second event was put on by the students in the Freshman class. They put on a Big Brothers, Big Sisters money drive that raised over 1500.00 dollars for the community program. At the end of the drive, students reflected on their experience and what they had learned about their community partner, the purpose of the program and what volunteering they can do to make the program better.

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If you'd like more information or can't make the audition dates, please call Jen Hurni at 419-542-0008 or e-mail HicksvilleVPs@hotmail.com.

**OBITUARIES**

Former Payne resident, **Bernardine M. Koch**, 90, died June 5 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

She was born in Fort Wayne, IN on April 18, 1917 the daughter of Florence H. and Theresa M. (Genth) Nix. On January 8, 1949 she married John W. Koch, who preceded her in death on March 31, 2007. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne and was previously employed by the former Sims Cab of Payne.

She is survived by two sons: Brendan (Peggy) Koch of Parma, OH and Jerome (Marlene) Koch of Huntsville, AL; a daughter, Rita (Phillips) of Costa Mesa, CA; three brothers: Kenneth (Helen) Nix of Davenport, IA, Zeno (Helen) Nix and Eugene (Joan) Nix both of Fort Wayne, IN; four sisters: Annette Imm of College Station, TX, Armella (Frank) Scott of Olympia, WA, Catherine (Don) Scharlach of Hendersonville, NC, and Pauline (Don) Baker of Fort Wayne, IN; sister-in-law, Barbara Linsky of Fort Wayne, IN; six grandchildren; 24 nephews; and 19 nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Timothy Nix; and sister and brother-in-law, Lorena and Ade Bugbee; brother-in-law, Joseph Imm; and nephew, Adrian Bugbee.

Funeral services were held June 12 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Harold E. Starry**, 81, of rural Bryan, died June 6, 2007 in Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Bryan.

He was born February 5, 1926 near Antwerp, the son of Earl and Pearl (Hoover) Starry. In 1985, he married Kay Beerbower, who survives. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II serving in the South Pacific. He retired in 1988 as a machinist with ARO Corp., Bryan, after more than 30 years.

Also surviving are two brothers: Richard and Donald of Antwerp; and a sister, Marjorie Proxmire of Paulding.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Helen Oller.

Graveside services were June 11 in Shiffler Cemetery, rural Bryan, with Pastor Mike Kelly officiating.

Handling arrangements were Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to Grace Community Church or Bryan Senior Center.

**John J. Deevers**, of Scotts, MI (Long Lake), formerly of Antwerp, passed away on March 22, 2007 at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. John was born on September 2, 1964 in Chicago, IL. He was the son of Ollie Rex Deevers and Sharon Ann (Bercaw) Deevers.

John graduated from Gull Lake High School. He loved living on Long Lake, where he had resided for many years prior to his death. He also was very fond of fishing. John had been a chemical operator for the Upjohn Company (now Pfizer) in Kalamazoo for approximately ten years, and was most recently employed by Stryker in Kalamazoo. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and by an uncle, Charles Deevers. He is survived by a sister, Lisa Deevers of Kalamazoo; a niece, Danielle; several nephews; an uncle, Keith Bercaw of Cecil; an aunt, Linda (Don-

ald) Teusch of Fort Wayne, IN; an aunt, Beverly Bercaw of Paulding; an aunt, Joanne Dean of Bull Head City, AZ; an uncle, Dale (Alta) Deevers of Orlando, FL; an aunt, Barbara (Bill) Benedict of Atlanta, GA; a great-uncle, Robert (Virginia) Zedaker of Stryker, OH; several cousins; and special friends, Richard and Nancy Culp of Kalamazoo. John will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Paulding, OH on June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**Doris M. Bruckart**, 86, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Cecil, passed away June 4, 2007 at Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Springfield, Ohio on December 5, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Perry and May Ida (Kopp) Bruckart.

Doris was a 1939 Antwerp High School graduate. She retired from Magnavox in 1986. She was a member of Cecil Presbyterian Church, Quarter Century Club at Magnavox and Cecil Community Grange.

She will be sadly missed by her sister, Lois of Fort Wayne. Her brother, Don, passed away in 2003.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on June 8 with Reverend David Meriwether officiating.

She was laid to rest at Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Memorials are to the church or American Diabetes Association. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**LeAnn R. Colley**, 67, died June 8, 2007 at her residence.

She was born in Paulding Co., OH, on July 11, 1939 the daughter of Ray H. and Florence A. (Myers) Bashore. On December 6, 1958 she married Richard L. Colley, who survives. She was a member and former choir director of Paulding United Methodist Church, Paulding. She was a former president of Paulding County Fair Board, a former member of Ohio Rabbit Breeders Association, a former 4-H advisor, and former Paulding High School band mother. She was formerly employed by Lincoln Life and as a cook at the former Riverside Restaurant of Antwerp.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Colley of Paulding; stepmother, Mildred Bashore of Paulding; three sons: Terry L. (Sharon) Colley of Hicksville, Jerry (Gayle) Colley of Antwerp, and Larry Colley of Paulding; a daughter, Kathy (Mike) Meyer of Cecil; two half-sisters, Charlene (Jerry) Shrider of Cecil, and Bonnie (Roger)

Sherland of Uniondale, IN; and seven grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and half-brother, Kenneth Ray Bashore.

Funeral services were June 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

**Caroline E. Sevey**, 91, formerly of Antwerp, died Monday June 4, 2007 at Cloverdale. She was a resident of Cloverdale and formerly of Greenwood. She was born November 13, 1915 in Antwerp. Her parents were Frederick N. Hertel Sr. and Abbie (Carr) Hertel. She married Lewis Sevey in 1943. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia (F. James) Steele of Cloverdale; two brothers: Basil R., Frederick Hertel Jr. both of Antwerp; four grandchildren: Jackie (James) Dean, Donna (Ron) Parker, J.B. (Julie) Steele, Debora Steele; and six great-grandchildren: Ryan, Kevin, Cheryl Dean, Jacob and Aaron Parker, Ashley Bazik. She was employed for 20 years by Brown & Pratt Co. as a Bookkeeper, having retired in 1976. She was a member of Greenwood Presbyterian having served two terms as a deaconess.

Pastor Cheryl Montgomery conducted a service June 8 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel: 481 W. Main St. Greenwood, IN. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

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The other event is sponsored by the FFA and the Industrial Technology departments of Wayne Trace. Both departments, along with their community partner, Davis Ace Hardware, put together a program to help the members of the community get ready for the upcoming summer mowing season and for winter storage. They are sharpening blades, doing mower tune-ups, changing oil and getting your summer equipment ready for the summer months and also at the end of the year when it comes time to put the equipment away for the winter. This is an on-going event and will run throughout the 2007-2008 school year. Contact Rich Miller or Lori Heiby to bring in your equipment for a tune-up.

As the school year wound down, the spirit of the grant has spilled out in the halls of WT. Many of the students found out just how great it is to be part of a community-oriented program that help others. The students, staff, and whole school community is looking forward to next year and many more events that will continue to foster that community spirit that is alive and well in the Wayne Trace School District.

**SINGLES GROUP TO MEET IN ANTWERP**

If you are widowed, divorced, or single, and desire fun, food and fellowship, visit our singles group June 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Antwerp. For more information call 419-506-0485.

**"FUN IN THE PARK" COMING TO ANTWERP**

The First Baptist Church WMU in Antwerp is sponsoring a "Fun in the Park" day on June 14 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

There will be a story, craft, and snack. Everything is free, so bring a friend.

**ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND'S SPRING CONCERT SET FOR FLAG DAY**

The Antwerp Community Band will present its annual spring concert on Thursday, June 14, 2007 (Flag Day) at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local School. On the program: The Star Spangled Banner, Sibelius' *Finlandia*, selections from Brahms' *German Requiem* and from the movie *Dr. Zhivago*, some Count Basie, a Sousa march and more!

**WAYNE TRACE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS**

The Inaugural Wayne Trace Alumni banquet will be held on August 11 at the Wayne Trace High School. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. provided by Grant's Catering. The evening will conclude with a short business meeting and entertainment. Reservations can be made by contacting Mike Brady at 419-263-2262 or by e-mail at [mbrady@hotmail.com](mailto:mbrady@hotmail.com) or



**LOCAL 4-H MEMBER COMPETES IN HORSE SHOW**

Eric Priest holds our Nation's flag at the recent horse show held at the Paulding Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 2nd, where local horse enthusiasts competed in their first Open Show of the season.

Eric went on later to win a first place in an English riding event. There will be more equine action at the Paulding County Fair where 4-H members vie for a chance to compete at the State Fair.

by sending address information and the appropriate fee to: Mike Brady, 3382 Road 17, Payne, OH 45880

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**JEFF ROBISON (HEYMAN) UPDATE**

First of all, without all of the assistance of individuals, organizations, which continue to share their support, thoughts, and prayers, he would not be able to receive the weekly chemotherapy treatments at The Arthur James Cancer Institute, in Columbus, OH.

Doctors at the Cleveland Clinic diagnosed Jeff with malignant melanoma that has spread to his fatty tissue in his abdominal area. There is currently no cure for this type of cancer. Currently, Melanoma is one of the deadliest cancers known to man.

In May, Jeff was accepted into a study to receive three different types of chemotherapy weekly, with hopes that this therapy would stop the spread of the cancer. Jeff's cancer will always be present in his system and he will require many medical procedures throughout his life. Now Jeff appears to be adjusting well to his chemotherapy. He has both good and bad days. He continues to be as active as possible and he still enjoys helping others when he is able to do so. Jeff was able to attend his son Jeremy's graduation from Northside High School in Fort Wayne, IN last week. This was a very proud day in Jeff's life. If anyone would like to contact Jeff please,

call him at 419-258-7605. He looks forward to receiving phone calls, letters, prayers and visits from his friends and relatives.

The chemotherapy, medications, travel and other related costs are very expensive. All of the money raised at the benefit in March has helped to cover some of the cost to date.

Another benefit is being held for Jeff at the Southside Bar and Grill in Defiance on June 23. Planned events include: a poker run, raffles, live music, an auction, and Alverado's Taco Wagon will provide food. If anyone is interested in donating items for the auction, please contact Terri at 419-258-7605 before June 20. Donations are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.

In addition, Country Times Market owner Chris Ann is planning to sponsor an event for Jeff in July. We will keep everyone updated when more information is available. We greatly appreciate all those who care; we need your moral support and donations to make Jeff's struggle with cancer an easier one.

A benefit account is located at the Antwerp Exchange Bank, 305 South Main St., Antwerp, OH 45813 for anyone who would like to make a financial contribution.

—The Jeff Robison Committee

**JEAN WAPPES EARNS DEGREE FROM QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE**



Jean Wappes, daughter of John and Barb Wappes, granddaughter of Rosalie Koenn and the late Virgil Koenn and the late Lawrence Ruth Wappes and the late Irene Wappes, earned her degree of Bachelor of

Arts with a Major in Business Marketing with a Corporate Communication Minor from Queens University of Charlotte (Charlotte, NC) on May 5.

She was a 2003 graduate of Antwerp High School.

**ALEXANDRIA DAUTEN COMPETES IN NATIONAL AMERICAN MISS PAGEANT**



Miss Alexandria Dauten, age 4, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Ohio Pageant to be held July 22 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OH. The pageant is held for girls ages 4 through 6.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland® in California. Pageants are held for girls ages four to eighteen, in five age groups.

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portance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Dauten's activities include poise and presentation, personal introduction, community involvement, art contest, and completing an official resume. She also enjoys jazz and tap dance, playing t-ball, riding her bike, reading, swimming, gardening, and watching wildlife.

Miss Dauten's sponsors include Dad and Mom, church family, friends, Dana Baird Insurance Agency, Dr. William Bricker DDS, and First Federal Bank.

**THE NINE LIVES OF BRUTUS**

By: Rose Keever

About three years ago, in the late fall, my friend Cass's barn cat had some babies. We had gotten quite a cold snap, which was probably one of the Nor'easters that drop down from Canada. Well, these kittens were about 6-8 weeks old when she called me about them.

Her hubby had went out to the burn barrel to put some trash in, and he saw a very stiff kitten. Poor thing had froze to death. But, underneath that one, he saw something moving. He moved the dead one and there was another kitten! Poor thing was barely alive, so he brought it into the house. Cass wrapped it in a towel trying to warm it up. She wasn't having much success, so she called me and asked if I knew of any way to warm it up. I told her to try laying it on a heating pad, but she didn't have one, so she brought it to me.

We kept him in the towel and laid him on the heating pad, massaging his little body and tried to feed him some warm milk with an eyedropper. He didn't want any part of that, so we waited awhile and tried again.

While he was warming up, we decided to go play around on my computer, so we left him on the footstool, and since he wasn't moving around at all, we didn't worry about him for a little while.

After we were done on the computer, we decided to have some chips and salsa. Offering some to the kitten, I said, "Here, kitty, ya' want some of this?" To our surprise, he jumped at my hand and scared "7" lives

out of me! He devoured the salsa! We thought for sure it would make him sicker than he already was, so I got a can of my cats' food and he ate half of it, practically in one big gulp! (it was just a little can, not the big one.)

All of this life-saving process took about three or four hours so we put him in a box with the heating pad on low heat, his towel and the rest of the food. She left him here overnight.

When I got up the next morning, he was meowing and wanted me to pick him up. I called Cass and she came to get him later, and said she'd guess that she would have to keep him in the house. I told her, he would probably be super sensitive to the cold now, so she should. Now, Cass is not the animal lover that I am. She likes them as long as they're outside, so it was a break-through that she agreed to keep him inside, and take care of him. As I said, she doesn't hate animals, she just doesn't like them indoors!

One day, her daughter and grandkids came to see the kitty, and the kids talked their mom into taking it home. You know how kids can promise to take care of animals until the world ends? Well, I guess that happened, so Mom caved and they now have the "little Brutus" at their house.

Their mom took him to the vet and had him checked out real well and got his shots. The veterinarian said he was one lucky kitten to have been saved by two caring old ladies! He goes to the vet regularly and is very healthy, and all grown up. However, he is afraid to go outside and he doesn't like the snow or the cold at all!

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**VANTAGE BOARD HOLDS JUNE MEETING**

The Vantage Career Center Board of Education met for the regular June meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

The Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the tentative agreement between the Board and the Vantage Teacher's Organization.

The Board received a letter from Warren Reed indicating that he would be retiring and would no longer be providing Farm Business Planning Analysis services for Vantage.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the May 10, 2007 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of April, 2007. The board also approved resolutions to amend the FY07 appropriations and to enroll in the Ohio Schools Boards Association Workers Compensation Group Rating program for 2008. The Board provided an opportunity for the public to be heard regarding the re-tire/rehire request made by Dave Young, Maintenance Supervisor.

During the meeting, Director Bob Vennekotter gave

the director's update, which included information about OGT results and bus inspections. Principal Keith Rydell reported that academic and Trade and Industrial check-out is completed and that summer maintenance is underway. Interviews are being scheduled for the science position that is open. Adult Workforce Education director Jim Grant provided the board with information on the Paulding One Stop and the biennial state budget.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of the following employees: Maureen Teman, Cosmetology instructor; Steven Carlisle and Kevin Klinger, summer technology helpers;

—Approved new salary increases for the following positions: Principal, Technology Coordinator, Cafeteria Manager, Student Services Supervisor, Career-Tech Director, Maintenance Supervisor, In-School Suspension Monitor;

—Approved the non-certified staff fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010;

—Approved employee salary schedules for the following positions: Custodial/Maintenance/Warehouse,

Teacher Aide, Cafeteria personnel, Secretarial, Computer Technician, EMIS/Asst. Treasurer/Superintendent Secretary, Supervisor;

—Approved extended service contracts for the following: Ben Winans and Jean Minnig;

—Approved stipends for curriculum development to Linda Morris, Tammy Deitsch and Ben Winans;

—Authorized payment of stipend to Jean Minnig as Academic Lead Teacher for 2007-2008;

—Approved supplemental contracts for Mary Ann Hall and Vicki Smith, adult banquet workers and Jo Mohr, T & I/FBPA Readiness;

—Authorized payment of stipends for the following individuals for HSTW Committee Stipends for 2006-2007: Jean Minnig, Tony Francis, Mel White, Mary Ann Hall, Kent Taylor, Linda McKitterick, Theresa Mengerink, Linda Bales, Theresa Ratliff-Dotterer, Linda Morris, Jim Fisher, Adam Lee, Pat Winicker, Robin Burns, Nancy Moore, Duane Sheets, Kelly Hilvers, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, Cindy Krizan, Ben Winans, Steve Peters, Alisha Coplin, John Keuneke, Reesa Rohrs, Tammy Deitsch, Roger Ruen, Kari Druckemiller, Rachel Harpel, Toby Bidlack, Laura Stocksdale, Susan Farr, Kevin Van Oss, Marcia Osenga, Jeff Duncan, Larry Ray, Jerry Robinson, Peg Bollenbacher, Bob Hall, Barb Huber, Amy Grothouse, Mary Ann Falk, Kristy Bidlack, Dee Howell, Jennifer Waltz, Mike Klutka, Romaine Whetstone, Shirley Jarvis, Marty Bisham;

—Authorized payment of stipends for the following individuals for Teachers Helping Teachers program for 2006-2007: Jean Minnig, Alisha Coplin, Kelly Hilvers, Robin Burns, John Keuneke, Mary Ann Hall, Rachel Harpel, Larry Ray;

—Authorized payment of stipends for the following individuals for participating in the Articulation meetings for Art Prep: Bob Hall and Linda Bales;

—Approved employment of the following Adult Education instructors for the 2006-2007 school year, as needed, as scheduled: Kathleen Marable and Samantha Stewart, Health Careers;

—Employed the following list of Adult Education instructors for the 2007-2008 school year, as needed, as scheduled: Paul May III, Patrick Elking, David Kiel,

Terrence Dietsch, Jeffrey Hammons, Matthew Grunden, Virginia Hammons, Edward Klausing, Douglas Weigle, Robert Miller, Stephen Richardson, Michael Kirkendall, Bruce Showalter, all Vantage Police Academy; Michael Friemth, CNC Machining; Larry Ray, Precision Machining; Richard Arney, Margie Hubert, Nancy Potter, all Computers; Kevin Gehres, EMT; James Steele and Brian Ankney, Fire Protection; Patricia Winicker, Math & English; LaDonna Allenbaugh, Jennifer Moody, Shirley Jarvis, Shirley May, Barbara Verhoff, all Health Careers; Melinda McCormack and Jean Steele, Medical Office; Clarence Beach, Industrial Wiring; Michael DeMoss, Truck Driving; Richard Potter, Transitions/Job Readiness;

—Approved submission of equipment list to the Rothacker/Lampe bequest handled by the Van Wert County Foundation;

—Approved contract with NOACSC for internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008;

—Accepted the resignation of Alisha Coplin, Science instructor at the end of the 2006-2007 school year;

—Held the first reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies;

—Accepted with thanks a \$200 donation from the Van Wert Service Club to the Senior Industrial Mechanics program and a \$100 donation from the Psi Iota Xi Beta Delta Chapter to the Media Center;

—Approved the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 collective bargaining agreement between the Vantage Teacher's Organization and the Vantage Career Center Board of Education.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage science room.

**FINANCES MAIN TOPIC AT PCH BOARD MEETING**

Chief executive officer Gary Adkins informed the PCH board of trustees the Medicare receipts for 2007 are lower than anticipated. "Our estimate is that losses will be \$440,000 through April of this year," Adkins told the board.

Adkins also reported the results of an analysis of the hospital's OB-maternity unit. "We only expect 62 deliveries to take place at our hospital this year," Adkins said. The most recent statistics from the Ohio Department of Health (for 2005) show that only five hospitals in the state have fewer than 150 births annually. Adkins expects that PCH will be the lowest in 2006 and 2007.

"Although possibilities for relief for rural OB facilities are being discussed at the state level, it is unlikely that any of them would have significant enough of an impact in our operations to change the financial picture," Adkins added.

The board agreed to administration's proposal to submit a plan at next month's board meeting on how to best move forward with the OB department considering the anticipated significant financial losses.

**CHUCK WIEDMAN BENEFIT CRUISE IN**

What was just a thought among some of Chuck's car cousin' friends, has turned out to be, what could become a huge event.

Chuck was seriously injured in a lawn mowing accident on May 10, and was life flighted to Parkview Hospital. He suffered a collapsed lung, among other injuries, and has been on a respirator, and in ICU ever since. It will be a long recovery period, and we just want to help the family with the extra expenses.

We decided to have a cruise in, because Chuck and Ann went all over the Tri State area, to car shows and cruise in's, supporting their causes and charities. He also put on a number of car shows in the town of Antwerp over the past years, and always supported the community.

The benefit cruise in will be on June 29, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in downtown Antwerp, OH. Rex Shaner will be providing his DJ services, and we are getting some nice offers for raffles, and door prizes. T-shirts are being printed up by Farnsworth Silkscreening, and are on sale now at H & W in Antwerp. Thousands of flyers are being posted around town, and passed out at car shows, etc.

I know the car cruisin' folks will be here for Chuck. Let's show the Wiedman family how much we appreciate what he has done for this community all these years.

So many people have been so supportive, and have gone above and beyond, to print flyers, offer their help, and have done anything asked of them.

Donations jars have been placed around the town of Antwerp or donations can be mailed to: Chuck Wiedman Benefit Fund, Antwerp Exchange Bank, PO Box 727, Antwerp, OH 45813 and will also be taken the evening of the event. Come out and enjoy the evening and support the cause.

—Joyce Copsey, Benefit Organizer

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I would like to remind the graduates and their families of the Grover Hill School, that the composite pictures that hung on the walls for many years at the school are on display at the John Paulding Historical Society.

The pictures had been stored in the attic of the Grover Hill United Methodist Church, so with the help of a couple gentlemen from the Historical Society, Royce Smith and Joe DeMuth, the composites were brought to the Historical Society and Mr. A.E. (Doc) Allensworth took a picture of each one and put them on display for everyone to enjoy.

This happened quite a few years ago and was done at the request of the officers and alumni of the Grover Hill school at that time. The large pictures were then put on display at the next alumni meeting and it was decided that they would be advertised and the first class member of each class who contacted me would receive the picture. If I remember right we asked a small donation for each picture.

If you happen to be at the Historical Society on a day that they are open, which is every Tuesday from 10:00-4:00 stop in and check out the pictures.

If your school still has your pictures stuck away somewhere, where no one can enjoy them, you might want to do what Grover Hill did and have your pictures donated in smaller format to the historical society. Several of the area schools have done just that. What a way to protect the history of our schools.

The younger children are fascinated by the pictures when their grandparents pick out their graduating class and bring back memories of the good old days.

I was from the graduating class of 1961 and was the secretary at that time of the alumni.

—Eileen Kochensparger



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**VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE**

by Brad Dysinger

*Opinion Column*

**FREE SPEECH vs. GOVERNMENT CONTROL**

Being one of the crack-pot Paulding County residents that periodically write in the West Bend News I want to personally give a hardy "well done" to Editor Bryce Steiner for his "Editor to the Letter" in last week's paper. Bryce you said it better than I ever could have.

Freedom of the press and an armed populace are what keeps a society free. Rights, that here in the United States, citizens are ensured to in the Constitution. The Freedom of the press and the right to bear arms are the two most important freedoms we enjoy and the rights that make all other freedoms possible.

It is personally sad to me that any elected official would try and usurp the Constitution, but to have one of our own Paulding County residents, no matter private or elected, to try and spin the news for their own gain just proves how bankrupt of position they hold.

An elected official, city, county, state, or national, already holds the power. Only they can tax us, spend our money on almost whatever they want, hire whomever they wish for a government job, and interpret what they think is best for the citizens. On the other hand the only recourse a citizen holds is the power to vote, and the freedom of the press to express views, views both pro and con to get the elector's attention.

As people often do, I suspect the complainers want the credit for any good results that happen in the county without any of the blame that comes with the bad. Although it's probably not fair in either case, the blame has to come with the praise if voters are to take their leaders seriously.

More specific seems to be "the line" coming from those complainers of the West Bend's "constitutionally correct free speech position" that negative talk is bad. "Sweep it under the rug" has too often been the official response to a problem and now that the rug can't hide the dirt anymore it's become "Let's not allow any talking and maybe no one will notice."

Shut-up is not an answer that will work anymore. It may have worked in the past when there was a limited amount of news outlets but today is different. Along with this "shut-up and take it" attitude too often our county politics is driven by favoritism, nepotism, and wishful thinking.

Also way too often I've read glowing reports on what is being accomplished by our leaders, and the back slapping and praise that follows amongst themselves, when the reality I see is another business, such as Stoller's Honey, heading to another county. Why is it that if everything is so peachy we continue to lose jobs, lose population, and see more and more of our cheap homes for sale?

There is one final thing I want you to think about. Now that we know that some county officials have tried to censor the "Letters to the editor" in the West Bend News I think we can rightly assume it is a tactic they've used in the past successfully, don't you? How many other times has an issue been spun for their own benefit? We know it happens on the national level but it now appears to happen locally also. What can we believe?

Lately I've been reading and hearing jail this and jail that. Everywhere it seems we are being told how much we need the new jail. Right up front I'm going to tell you that I don't support the new jail, I think it was and is a big waste of money, money that Paulding County doesn't have. This is my personal opinion. I'm sure the jail supporters will say I don't know the facts, that we have to have this jail because the state says so, our county's hands are tied. This may or may not be true but how do we know? All we know is what we hear or read in the paper, can we be sure of what we've been told, today or in the past is true?

I hope that all elected officials of our county are as personally offended as I am that anyone would try and stomp on the Freedom of the Press. I hope they will join me in publicly condemning this act. This act of repression is much more hurtful to our counties image than any perceived negative talk could ever be. I don't believe anyone should be in government that is so callous or self-righteous that they think they know it all, or are better than anyone else and make no mistake that is what this attempted control of the press is truly about.

Brad Dysinger  
419 587 3557

If you want to hear more from Brad catch him four times a day on WPAU 1620 AM radio or listen on the web at [www.wpaulive.com](http://www.wpaulive.com)

*Edited for clarification*

**HOMELESS SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED JUNE 20, 2007**

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition will be conducting a "point-in-time count" on Wednesday, June 20. The goal is to identify a realistic count of the number of individuals in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties that are currently homeless or are at immediate risk of homelessness on a given day. These statistics will assist service providers in improving services to the homeless in our community. The survey information is anonymous and confidential.

Because homelessness is hidden in our rural counties, we need to broaden the definition and our scope of possible types of locations. The "point-in-time-count" will include three groups of homeless persons: unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and at-risk homeless. Unsheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in parks, streets, alleys, tents, campers, vehicles, abandoned buildings, stairwells, under bridges, roadways, farm out-buildings, or 24 hr. laundromats, restaurants or stores. Sheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, or any hotel/motel/apt paid by arrangements from a public/private agency. At-risk of homelessness include adults, youth or families at risk of being homeless within three months, presently residing in substandard housing, temporary housing, or with family/friends.

The Northwest Housing Coalition will be contacting homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, substance abuse treatment programs, community parks and campgrounds, sheriff and police departments, churches, social service and faith-based agencies that provide emergency and supportive services, job placement and temp. agencies, mental health providers, hospitals, emergency rooms, and stress centers, small hotels, veterans organizations, MR/DD programs, 24 hour coffee shops, shopping centers and restaurants, libraries, prisons and jails, public schools, foster care agencies, and bars.

If you are at risk or you have a friend or family member currently living with you and they may become homeless within the next three months, please contact the Northwest Housing Coalition. The information will be kept confidential. The only information needed is the number of men and women over eighteen and the number of children eighteen and under.

Again the Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition will be conducting their "point-in-time count" on Wednesday, June 20. The goal is to count the number of individuals in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties that are currently homeless or are at immediate risk of

being homelessness. The statistics will assist service providers in improving services to the homeless in our community. The survey information is anonymous and confidential. To report homelessness or for additional information, please contact First Call for Help at 800-468-4357.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I would like to say congratulations to the Paulding Chamber of Commerce and this year's John Paulding Days Committee! What a fun-filled, fantastic event!

I know the time and effort that goes into JPDays. My involvement with JP-Days began in 1989 and continued through 2001. Through the years we have had top-notch, talented people serve on the John Paulding Days committee who were always striving for that perfect combination of events to make JPDays a huge success.

This year's committee did it! There was something for everyone! Being downtown for the parade and all of the events throughout the week-end brought back that nostalgic feeling of what John Paulding Days used to be like when I was young!

The kids were having a blast. The young adults were having a hoot! Even the 50+ crowd brought their lawn chairs and came downtown at 10:00 p.m. to watch the laser light show! When was the last time we saw a large crowd downtown on a Saturday night?

Yeah, you brought new life to John Paulding Days! I can't wait until next year!

Sincerely,  
—Kim K. Sutton

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

This picture was loaned to me by Nancy Cromley Lichty. It shows Railroad Street with the photographers standing on Madison. It shows that Railroad Street is still mud so that means it is earlier than 1925, when Railroad Street was paved. But it also shows me that it is quite a lot earlier than that.

If you look all the way east in the picture you see the top part of the East Elevator. The East Elevator was in business until after WWII.

If you look right in front of that elevator you see that tall two story building right in the middle of the picture. Well, we talked about that building in last week's column. I said I didn't think it was a grocery store. Well, I found out that it filled in for one at onetime. The Pocock Brothers started a grocery store on the southwest corner of Main and Railroad Street in 1887. The main doors of the store faced to the north on Railroad Street. In 1888 this store and the entire block was destroyed by fire.

This is the block where the VFW now sits. As I understand, they used the big tall building beside the barber shop as a grocery store until 1881. It was then that the Pocock Brothers built that three section building on that same southwest corner.

They moved their grocery store into their new building and prospered until they retired in 1916. That whole corner has had many renters and is now owned by Solarcrete, Inc.

There was a large number of grocery stores in Antwerp at this time—how did they all exist? Well, some of the factories were still in operation and the economy was pretty good. People had to buy groceries everyday as there was no refrigeration. Later on, some people would have an ice box, but not everybody. I remember, Dad buried a long 12 inch tile in the shade of the house in the backyard. He put on an insulated lid on it and you would be surprised how cool it kept the milk and oleo. That was a substitute for butter. Well, anyhow, there was quite a number of grocery stores and meat markets around. West of the Pocock Building on Railroad Street, George Reddersen had a butcher shop. I remember him, he was German and could hardly talk any English. Then there was a hotel on the rest of that street. My good friend Lucille Seslar says she was born in that hotel in 1916. She tells me they moved to the Horn Farm when she was 5 or 6. By this time, the Cream Station on the north side of Railroad Street was in Business. That is now The Ice Cream Depot.

The block just to the south of the Antwerp Equity Exchange at that time held four houses. Going from east to west, I don't remember who lived in the first house. As early as I can remember. The second house was Floyd Bly. After Mr. Bly died, his widow married a man named Mr. Miller. The Millers lived there quite awhile. At one time in the early thirties, a man named Maurice Purcell lived in the third house. Then later

on, Mrs. Slattery lived there for years. That fourth house was the home of the Mears Family.

All of the lots were purchased by the Elevator and they installed this large metal grain storage bin.

The West Elevator was already in business in 1888. It was purchased by Bruce Ely and C.A. Bissell and were dealers in grain and livestock. I want you to think about this. The farmers had worked long and hard to clear and settle this land from 1840 to 1880s to raise enough grain for their own use and to have some to sell and to have enough money for supplies. That amazes me, those men and women were extra tough and strong.

bigger and keep pace with the farmers. She knows all the operations, accounts receivable, pay outs, payroll, taxes and could run the whole operation if needed.

I was really impressed by their operation. It is by far the biggest operation in Antwerp. They have to get bigger and have more storage space for two reasons: they must have bin space for all the grain and they must be able to move the grain fast so the next man can dump his wagons and get back to the field. Sometimes the harvest window can be awfully short. The Antwerp Equity Exchange has a top-notch reputation in the area. They have around 354 patrons as their customers.

Here is some news some of you older Antwerp people will remember these folks.

I got a lengthy call last night from Eric Jump down in Florida in a little town in the St. Augustine area. He had seen the West Bend News on the internet and saw one of my columns.

His father was George Jump and taught school in Antwerp before and after WWII. Then he married an Antwerp girl named Samantha Johnson. They had twins and soon moved to Palm Springs, California. Later on, they moved to Guam where George taught school. Along in those years, they had three more children. After a few years they moved back to

Virginia. Well, anyhow, Eric wanted to talk about the old home town. The new and the old Methodist Church. He remembers more about when the church was out on US 24. He asked about Joe Ross, The Schilbs, The Lilly's (He used to live in that house.) He is a pediatrician in Florida with a good business. His mother, Sammy, lives in Virginia and is in top shape, although she is nearing 90 years young. She is able to read and write yet. She will enjoy getting the West Bend News. Eric talked and asked a lot of questions and promised to call again.

See, ya!



All they had was an ax and saw and hammer. Not to mention, drive and desire and necessity.

Then in 1900, this business was sold and became The People's Elevator. In 1917, it became the Antwerp Exchange Equity. I got to be careful here because the A.E.E. didn't get this big overnight.

I had an interview with Susan Arend, who started at the elevator in 1987, and I learned a lot of the workings of this business. She was born in 1961 and graduated from AHS in 1979. She worked in Fort Wayne for six years before coming to the elevator. She said it was a small town operation and we grew together. She had two boys, one we lost in a car accident. She married Mr. Arend and he had five children. Most of them live on their own now, they still have one in college. She is one happy girl and when you talk to her she sort of shines.

She tells me about putting in the 70 foot scales because some farmers have semis and some pull 2-3 wagons.

She told me the best thing for the operation was when they went to a computer. They also use an automatic grain testing bin. But they still do the actual moisture test themselves. During the busy harvest time, she has seen fantastic changes in the 20 years she has been here.

Over the years, they have acquired three more facilities. The Sherwood Elevator is a full time operation. The Paulding Elevator is used for storage. They own the old Snook or Zielke storage bins and that is called the North Operation.

She said the farmers have gone to bigger wagons, trailers and trucks. The farms are bigger and they raise more grain and they just have to get

Susan loves her job, but she quickly adds, "it's the people." We have all grown together. She grins and says we are all family. They were growing boys when I started and now they are married with families.

See that chair over there, that's where Aldon Ramsier would sit sometimes. Some of the fellows would sit and eat popcorn and talk farming. I loved every bit of it. Yes, the elevator business has grown immensely, but we need to grow faster. We have to stay ahead of the farmers and that is going to be a chore.

More on the Elevator next week.

We are in the middle of a lot of Antwerp's History right now. Save this picture and next week we will have a before and after scene.

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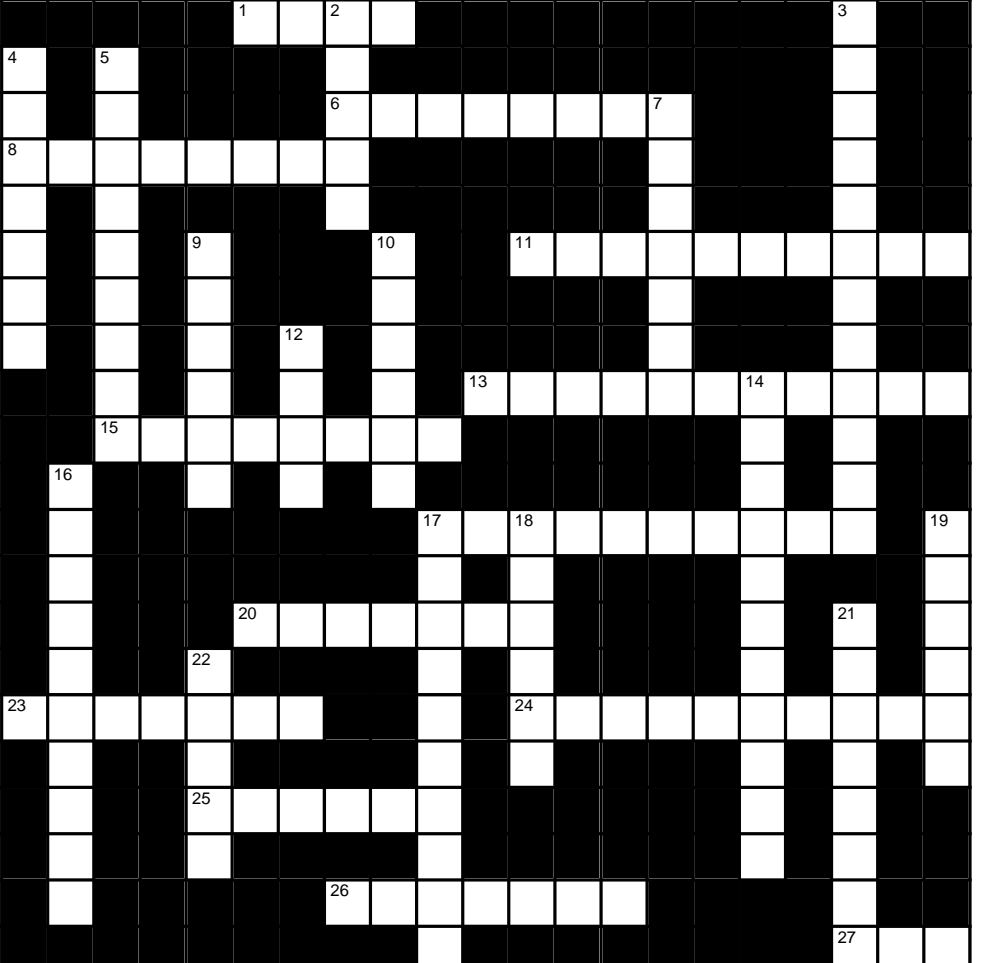
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6. The name of the lodge that Ed Worton and Ralph Kramden belonged to was the WHAT?
8. What was the name of the cook on "Raw Hide"?
11. "The Real McCoy's" female actress.
13. Who said, "Here I come to save the day!"
15. Who was "Our Miss Brooks"?
17. Who was the host of "Queen For A Day"?
20. What was the last name of the man who played in "Wanted Dead or Alive"?
23. Who created "Rocky & friends"?
24. What show did Zasu Pitts play Gale Storm's buddy?
25. Who played Fess Parker's Indian companion in "Daniel Boone"?
26. The last name of the female star of "The Roaring Twenties".
27. What was Sgt. Preston's constant companion?

**Down**

2. How many years did "Star Trek" run on NBC?
3. Lucy Ricardo's maiden name was this.
4. Lang Memorial Center is where this person practiced.
5. What did Jim Anderson sell on Father Knows Best?
7. Lloyd Bridges played on this series centered around water.
9. George Kerby played a male ghost on this series.
10. Barney Fife kept a WHAT in his shirt pocket.
12. What word always upset Maynard G. Krebs?
14. George Beresford Tipton was the WHAT?
16. Who was the first host of the Tonight Show?
17. Regis Philbin was this man's sidekick on Late Night TV.
18. This detective operated without a regular secretary or sidekick.
19. What was the name of Cisco Kid's companion?
21. What was the name of the plane on "Sky King"?
22. Shirley Booth played a maid in this series.

**STARS**

By: Sara Trauterman

Not everyone can fill in the blanks to a moment of darkness

When the stars shine even brighter than the state of happiness in the world.

No one in despair ever realizes that the stars are right in front of them and they'll never be that bright again.

They can paint a picture with an elaborate scene of beauty and curiosity that shows just how this world will always be.

But not many believe the stars,

Thinking the shine of them is just another motive of betrayal.

When you get closer you'll feel their temper get hotter,

Like the people all around them.

But that just means you know them more than the minute before

Because before they were falsely showing you that they never got impulsive,

But then you find the truth.

Maybe they didn't mean to show you how to lie,

They only wanted to show you that they have an elusive, prison-based heart

Wanting to let go to find what the stars really feel like,

Because they might find something like themselves.

Something that also has all the imperfect insecurities and something that has reasons why they think insecurities can be perfect too.

They listen to people that say "shoot for the stars" and know the truth behind the meaning right away.

They want to try but hold back thinking they'll fall in the sea of lost hope.

But then, some think that there is no way you can lose hope,

And you'll get somewhere no matter how far you shoot as long as you try to your best ability.

And that's what the stars do.

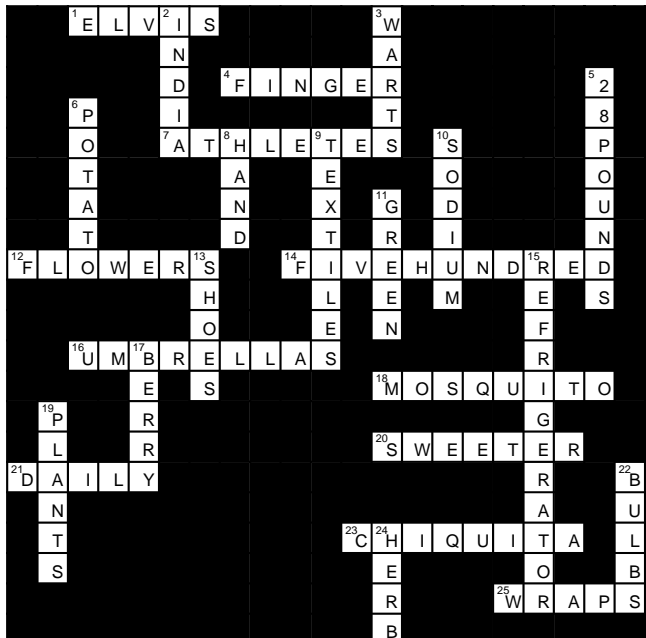
Stars shine the most in the darkest moments and with the most rain,

They stand there with a soldier's pride feeling the thunder yell at them and the lightning hit them.

They don't let go and they never lose sight of what joy feels like.

They always come out shining again.

Answers to "Let's Go Bananas!"



**PCH AUXILIARY HOSTS TLC KANVAS DESIGNS**

The Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary will be having a TLC Kanvas Designs representative at the hospital on June 28, 2007, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the lobby area.

TLC has a variety of Kanvas items that can be purchased from purses, eye glass cases, tissue pacs, cosmetic cases, tote bags, baby pacs, phone caddies, duffel bags etc.

All of these items and those not mentioned can be embroidered on with a large variety of monograms.

The auxiliary has given thousands of dollars to the hospital and are now in the process of donating approximately \$14,000 to the different departments of the hospital. Every year we ask for a wish list from each department and then we try to fill at least one wish. This year every department

will receive something that will in turn benefit not only the employees but the patients and family members who come to the hospital for whatever reason. We are very careful in our selection and choose only what we think would be beneficial to everyone.

TLC Kanvas will have a special running on the 28th. The product will be ordered and you will be given a delivery date. This is just the right time to get those things needed for the school children and the college bound students or just treat yourself.

Auxillary officers are President Charlene Schlegel, Vice President, Eileen Kochensparger, Secretary, Pat Doster, and Treasurer, Shirley Baldwin.

The auxiliary members are responsible for the gift shop at the hospital. You will see one of us there on a daily basis throughout the month.

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 6/9 - Sue Clark, Paulding
- Dismissals:  
 6/5 - Loral Manz & son, Napoleon; Annetta Goings, Latty  
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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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 citizens 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 commented 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 eighty-eight 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 office.

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 software.

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 completed.

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.

**ALFALFA FIELD DAY COMING TO DEFIANCE**

OSU Extension is sponsoring an Alfalfa Field Day on Thursday, June 21, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Andy Helmke Farm, 07730 Egler Road, Defiance, OH. The event will feature presentations by industry and educational representatives.

Greg LaBarge, OSU Extension Educator, Fulton County will discuss the fertility and pH requirements for establishing alfalfa. Gary Wilson, OSU Extension Educator, Hancock County will discuss creating the best stand with variety selection and cultural practices.

Dr. Mark Sulc, OSU Extension Forage Specialist, will share his research and experiences on "Why the Stand Declines." It will include information about cumulative stress load, insect and diseases, and evaluating winter injury risk. Alfalfa quality will also be discussed by Dr. Sulc, as will "Taking Forage Quality Samples and Field and Storage Factors that Will Influence Quality."

A panel discussion of a farmer, industry reps and an extension educator will discuss marketing alfalfa as a cash crop to area forage markets - dehydration mills, livestock producers, horses, and others. Seventeen companies and organizations are sponsoring the event with equipment demo and displays on-site.

The cost for the Alfalfa Field Day includes lunch. Pesticide applicator credits will also be available to private and commercial license holders. The program offers CCA continuing education credits in crop management, nutrient management and pest management. Please RSVP by June 18, 2007.

Agenda and registration material can be found at: <http://defiance.osu.edu>

Questions and RSVP may be directed to the Defiance County OSU Extension office (419) 782-4771. The event is sponsored by the OSU Extension offices in Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties.

**WANTED: ENTRIES FOR A DAY IN THE PARK PARADE**

Floats, bands, sport teams, bikes, golf carts, cars, trucks, 4-wheelers, clowns, any and all who wants to join in our fun.

The American Heritage Girls Troop 2449 from Antwerp are organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual A Day in the Park Parade. The parade will be on August 11 and this year's theme will be "sports". The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. with line up starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Antwerp Football Field. Deadline for entering the parade is August 1st.

This year the parade route will start at the American Legion following 49 to 24, past Riverside Park making a right on Kroos Drive and returning back to the football field.

All who participated in the parade last year are invited to join us again this year. Let's make it a bigger and better year. Registration form is in this issue's paper.

**PCH HONORS VOLUNTEER GROUPS**



Earlier this year, Paulding County Hospital honored the volunteer groups that help improve the health of the area's residents it serves. "We are very grateful to the Aux-

iliary, Benevolent Society, Guest Greeters, and the Sewing Auxiliary for their ongoing support of the hospital," hospital CEO Gary Adkins said. "Over the years their dedication and hard work

have helped virtually every Paulding County resident's life." Approximately 55 volunteers were able to attend the hospital's thank-you luncheon.



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Children's crafts with Ann's Bright Beginnings Daycare and face painting by Sassy the clown.

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**SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO EXPLORE OHIO**

**Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann**

The school year has ended for many students, which means families across Ohio and the nation are now busy preparing their summer travel plans. With all the vacation destinations available throughout the country, it might surprise you to see the number of travel options located right here in our state. Whether you are looking for an adventure, a relaxing getaway or a unique educational and cultural experience, Ohio always has something to offer.

For a fun family adventure, visit the Fossil Park in Sylvania, where you can search through rock piles from a nearby quarry for fossils of trilobites (the official state fossil of Ohio) and brachiopods. You can also go on an African safari at the Wilds, where more than 25 species of animals such as giraffes and rhinos roam across 10,000 acres. The Wilds is located near Cambridge and is one of the world's largest wildlife conservation centers.

Exotic animals can also be found at any of our state's five world-class zoos, located in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo. While many display similar species, each zoo has its own claim to fame: Columbus and Cincinnati each have manatees, Toledo has polar bear cubs, Cleveland has a large rainforest exhibit and the Akron zoo puts visitors in close proximity to the animals. Our zoos are so popular that Ohio is one of only two states with four zoos that draw at least 900,000 people each year.

History buffs can take a road trip across Ohio on Route 40, the National Road,

and visit several historical sites along the way from Bridgeport to New Westville. At Sauder Village in Archbold, visitors can learn about life during the 19th century and try period crafts such as quilting, wreath-making and woodcarving. You can also learn about the Fort Ancient Indian culture at the Serpent Mound in Peebles, located in Adams County.

Finally, you might want to consider visiting one of Ohio's 74 state parks. Many of them offer hiking and biking trails, and you can also bring your kayak or canoe. In addition, there are also shelters available, making a park the perfect place for an afternoon picnic or a family reunion. You can call 1-866-OHI-OPARKS for more information about our state parks or to inquire about reserving a shelter. Best of all, Ohio parks have no admission or parking fees.

As you can see, Ohio has something for everyone this summer, whether it involves staying close to home for a weekend excursion or traveling across the state for a longer vacation. If you would like more information about any of the places listed in this column or want help planning your Ohio getaway, you can contact the Ohio Division of Travel and Tourism at 1-800-BUCKEYE weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekend from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can also visit their Web site at [www.DiscoverOhio.com](http://www.DiscoverOhio.com).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have questions or concerns about any state-related matter. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760, by e-mail at [district75@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:district75@ohr.state.oh.us) or by writing to me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 11th Floor, District 75, Columbus, Ohio 43215.



**JOHN PAULDING DAYS 2007**

**By: Sue Knapp**

I will start off by saying that when I go to these different functions around the county, I try to take some of my grandchildren. At any given time you might see me with Kayla, Kaycee, Cody or their two friends, Sabrina and Logan. These children are my 'posse'. I love taking them, they're good kids and they don't mind being with their embarrassing old grandma, they just act like they don't know me.

Kayla and Kaycee, started out with me to tour the old jail. Kayla had went with me to tour the new jail, so she could really see the difference. What a difference it was, no comparison. The old jail is scary looking with the girls sticking pretty close, I didn't have to worry about them wandering off there! Even though in comparison the new jail is like prison heaven, I would think twice about wanting to put up residence there.

"76 trombones in the big parade" and what a parade it was! Led by Grand Marshall, Wayne Lothamer, the parade had different community bands, high school bands, baseball teams, businesses,

floats—everything you could ask for. Struttin' their stuff was the Scarlett Strutters and Raise the Barre' Dance Studio. Next, comes the parade of John Deere tractors. If you want to try a new sport try Side Road Sailing. There was even a bandaged patient in a hospital bed squirting water on people—that's all I've got to say about that.

The float winners included: Noncommercial - 1st Antwerp VBS, 2nd PC Workshop, 3rd Ritzy Red Hatters; Commercial - 1st P&R Medical, 2nd Red Owl Inn, 3rd Frank Leinard Mfg. Homes, Antwerp.

The Raffle Winners were: Ohio State Garden Stone—Paul Cramer, donated by Town & Country; Hair Care Products—Steve Clark, donated by Adams Farms; OSU Cooler—Tom Diaz, donated by Judge Tiffany Beckman; Oak Cutting Board—Tony Gonzales, donated by Stahl-S.M.; Golf Driver—Jim Durre, donated by Chris Johnson, FSC Securities; Cobra Gold Bag—Chad Pease, donated by Bubba J's; Ladies Golf Bag—Deb Adams, donated by Time Warner Cable; OSU-NOTRE game picture—Stacy Mohr, donated by Don & Perry Furniture; 50/50—Dan Kaufman; Green Raffle Tickets—4 rounds of golf at Auglaize—Jeff Rhonehouse; \$100 gas card—Sandra Wesley; Blood Profile—Randy Robinette; 1 year subscription to Paulding County Progress—Casey Clark.

Durant Enterprises, Inc. provided the rides and it was a very clean operation with the workers being very polite and helpful. The kids, which by that time included Sabrina and Logan, went on some rides. Some of them looked pretty scary. There were kiddie rides with one of them being a bungee jump type of thing. The kids were harnessed to rubber bands and jumped up and down on inflatable trampolines. They didn't go very high, but for the little guys it was quite a thrill. For the older kids and adults there was a ride that went around, up and down and sideways. It looked pretty scary—there's no way—the most thrill I want is the tilt-a-whirl and that's pushing it.

Always, the enticing smell of fair food. Elephant Ears were offered. They were as big as a paper plate and covered with powdered sugar and apple filling. There was the grilled sausage links with peppers and onions (one of my favorites) Lemonade Shake-Ups and much more.

The Hot Dog Contest, sponsored by Bubba J's, was up next and it had several brave souls, including Kaycee. One contestant tried eating 2 at one time. The winner, Brad Lebandoski, ate 9 hot dogs in less than 3 minutes. He re-

ceived a trophy.

Friday night, my 'posse' and I went to the Laser Light Show. Lo and behold there was Elvis on the screen, along with the music and lights it was a sight to see. The show featured Americana songs, which was very emotional. Everyone should experience a show like this. One thing was wrong though, and that was that the show didn't last long enough.

Saturday featured gospel groups from different churches entertaining all day long. It was really neat hearing the different music, all of it praising Jesus.

Now for the Rib-Cookoff, there were five teams, one of which was a lone woman. The atmosphere was very competitive with everyone thinking their's was the best recipe.

The first team I interviewed was the Paulding Exempted Village Schools with Harold Gotke as the chief cook. This team included Diane Goings, Bill Shugars, Dave Stallkamp, Jeff Straley, Rob Giesige, Pat Ross, Jim Durre, Todd Harmon, John Gudakunst and Chris Slattery. Their comment was their ribs fall off the bone when done.

Sherwood State Bank's team consisted of Brian Miller, Allen Miller, Jeffery Dye, Rod Mobely. They said cooking ribs was all about the temperature and slow cooking. Their smoker sported a hickory handle special made and all material was recycled, the green movement, you know. The grill has been seasoned by ground hogs and turtles.

Randy and Bill's or is it Bill and Randy's Ribs get dry rubbed with magic dust

with plenty of basting while cooking. Their comment was "second place is no disgrace". Yeah, it was like that.

Bubba J's along with son Bubba coming up with the ideas and Holly and Bob as cheerleaders, they got their recipe from Holly's father.

Mama's Ribs boasted the lone woman in the competition. Pam Daeger, from Paulding, uses celery salt in her homemade sauce. She seemed to hold her own very well against all the men.

The rib judges were Bill Voirol, Don Foltz and Paulding Chief of Police, Randy Crawford. Everyone was waiting in nervous anticipation. The third place winner was Randy and Bill's or was it Bill and Randy's, the second place winner was Paulding Exempted Village Schools and the winner was, sorry guys, Mama's Ribs, Pam Daeger. First and second place winners received trophies and a cash prize.

The Corn Hole Tournament had some very serious competition. People of all ages were in the contest.

The winners were 1st place, Brandon Sherry and Nate Smith from Toledo along with Krista Gremann from Payne. 2nd place winners were Dave Stallkamp and Dan Vance. The winners received a cash prize.

Much more was going on, but I would have had to take my sleeping bag. Clip Clipping, Chamber President, is quoted as saying, "This was an unbelievably successful event. There has been no complaints and we're already planning for a bigger and better event next year."

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Volunteers this past weekend were treated to Subway sandwiches and a visit by Mr. Subway himself over the lunch

hour. The subs were donated by the Antwerp Subway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guyton will be the owners of the Habitat For Humanity house.

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County is a volunteer organization under the auspices of Habitat International. This will be the 3rd house built by the Habitat for Humanity organization.

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- Mens Tuesday Night League*
1. Easy Street Café 6-2
  2. Bud Select/Red Owl 7-0
  3. AW Root Beer 7-1
  4. Guilford's R.E. 3-5
  5. Syndney's 4-4
  6. Bucks/E.D. Jones 3-5
  7. Calling A Chef/Bud Lt. 3-5
  8. Calling A Chef/Defiance 3-6
  9. Warriors 0-8
- Mens Thursday Night League*
1. River Rats 7-2
  2. Miller Lawn Care 7-2

3. Atwood 7-2
  4. La Roofing 4-5
  5. Barney's 4-5
  6. Lake Recycling 4-5
  7. Red Owl/Coors Lt. 3-6
  8. Uncle Fudd's 0-9
- Wednesday Night Women's League*
1. Carpet Wholesalers 9-1
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**FOR SALE:** Toy tractors (John Deere) 2 bicycles, frog-stuffed, ironing board, a bowl with rooster in middle, furniture, 3 wheel bike, cooler with compartments. Call 419-399-3675, east Vagabond. p

**BUCKSKIN-CASEBEER MILLER** garage sales: Saturday, June 16, 9-4. Barn sale: some clothing, dorm refrig., fax machine, China cabinet, deco. items, etc. Joyce Yoder & Judy McCalla @ Yoder's, 2226 Buckskin, Hicksville.

**GROVER HILL COMMUNITY wide garage sales. June 14-16, 9-? Watch for signs.** p

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The theme this year was, "Camp Out at the Library". Each grade level had two sessions each morning. The sessions met for a half hour

overlap time for group camp activities.

Summer school ended with a trip to the Antwerp Branch Library, a tour of the IGA store and a picnic in the park.

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**New Listing:** Three bedroom, one story home located in Antwerp. This family home has a partial basement. New roof, central air and gas heat. Listed to sell at \$49,900. #323

Only 4 years young is this home with a full basement where there's lot of space for your family room, and a den, sewing, craft or computer rooms. Upstairs is 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, equipped kitchen, separate dining area, fireplace in the living area, and lots of storage thru out. Outside there's a storage building, wood furnace and 25 acres of land. There should be lots of possibilities for this property located in Crane township of Paulding County. #311

This 40' x 50' building was constructed in the late 90's has professional looking finished concrete floor, 240 volt electrical system, village utilities, zoned R2, and space for a home or addition to the building. Now listed at \$29,900. #345

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## I AM THE FLAG

by: Ruth Apperson Rous

I am the flag of the United States of America. I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation. I am a living symbol of my

nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are—no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.

—submitted by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2873, Grover Hill

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## PAULDING COUNTY OSU MASTER GARDENER HOTLINE CENTER

The Paulding County Master Gardeners will be staffing a Master Gardener Hotline Center at the OSU Extension Office during the summer growing season. The Hotline Center will be staffed by Master Gardeners and Interns, who will be available to answer your home horticultural questions, diagnose plant and pest problems, and answer yard and garden questions. The Hotline Center will be open on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Master Gardeners can be reached by calling the OSU Extension office at 419-399-8225 or plant samples can be brought to the Extension office located on the fairgrounds. Any questions regarding the Master Gardener program can be directed to Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent and Master Gardner program coordinator at the above number.

## BETH WATSON GRADUATES FROM NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Beth A. Watson recently graduated magna cum laude with an associate of Applied Business in Business Management Technology from Northwest State Community College. She is the recipient of the 2007 Award of Merit Business Technology Business Management.

Watson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society, and a 2005 Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges award recipient.

Watson resides near Hicksville with her husband Shanon, and their daughters Cheyenne, Aspen and Sierra. She is the daughter of Clair and Joan Kimpel, Hicksville.

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Russell R. Davis of Paulding graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Rural Sociology on May 18, 2007.

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Sun. 6/10 - Private Party  
Tues. 6/19 7 pm - Defiance Historical Society meeting  
Thurs. 6/14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - Youth Park Programs  
Sun., 6/24 - 4-H MEETING  
Sun., 6/24 - VILLAGE PLAYERS **M\*A\*S\*H**  
7/16-7/20; 23-27 - YOUTH THEATER "SHAKESPEARE FOR KIDS II"  
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