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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL IN ANTWERP VILLAGE

You are Hereby Notified that a Special Meeting of Council has been called for the purpose of:

1. 2nd reading of following Ordinances: 2007-13, 2007-14, 2007-15 and Resolution R2007-09.

2. Approval of Ordinance for lift station financing.

3. Approval of Resolution to increase appropriation for street fund.

4. Sewer land appropriation.

Such Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 25th day of June, 2007 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. at the place of holding regular meetings.

—Margaret Womack,
Mayor

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MONTHLY MEETING

The Paulding County Board of Elections July monthly board meeting will be held on Friday, June 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Board of Elections' office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding.

STATEMENT FROM REP. GILLMOR ON THE DEATH OF 180TH FIGHTER WING PILOT MAJOR KEVIN SONNENBERG

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) released the following statement after confirming that an F-16 piloted by 180th Fighter Wing Major Kevin Sonnenberg of McClure, Ohio had crashed near Balad, Iraq:

"I join with all of my constituents to offer condolences to the Sonnenberg family during their time of grief. It pains me to imagine the sorrow Kevin's family is feeling at this moment. But the Sonnenbergs do not grieve alone, as our entire community remembers the life of a brave hero.

Our military is the best in the world, and while our men and women in uniform are safer than ever before, nothing can prepare you for a loss such as this. Kevin gave the ultimate sacrifice to make America safer and we owe him a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid.

As we grieve for the loss of our fallen warrior of freedom, we take solace in Christ's words, 'blessed are those who

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GROUND BREAKING FOR FORT TO PORT AT ANTWERP



Edward Staley - P.C. Commissioner - Martin Harmon, P.C. Commissioner - Tim Burkepile, ODOT District 1 Deputy Director; James Beasley, ODOT Director - Tony Burkley, P.C. Commissioner.

By: Sue Knapp

On June 14, 10:30 a.m., around 250 gathered to watch as ODOT officials and town and county officials broke ground for the expansion of US 24. Representatives from Indiana's News Center channel 21 and Channel 15 out of Ft. Wayne along with Paulding Progress, Defiance Crescent and West Bend News were there to cover the event.

ODOT officials Jim Beasley, Jamie Black and Tim Burkepile along with Senator Steve Buherer spoke on the project and what it will mean to Paulding County in the future. Some also saw first hand the hazardous traffic conditions the citizens in this area have tolerated.

US 24 has become a critical shipping route, with trucks representing a third of the overall traffic. This expansion should alleviate safety concerns about the mixture of truck traffic and residential travel along the

current two-lane rural highway.

"Even more than improving safety and mobility, ODOT's highway projects contribute to economic development and job creation," Beasley said. "Projects like the Fort to Port Corridor have the potential to generate the long-term, high value jobs our state must support, as we work together to turn-around Ohio."

Work has started Between Defiance and Napoleon and from US 127 to SR 424. Construction on the segment from the Indiana line to US 127 in Paulding County is scheduled to begin June 18.

"With several miles of construction underway at once, this is truly a unique time in transportation history for this region," said Burkepile. "A four-lane US 24 will transform our highway system in northwest Ohio and open this area for countless opportunities."

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INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS AWARD SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents Association, Inc. has once again awarded \$500 scholarships to seven Paulding County high school graduates headed for college. The scholarship program is one way the PCIAA has given back to the community since 1987.

Each year applications are accepted from Paulding County seniors, and scholarships are awarded based on their current GPA, which must be a B average or higher, Community Outreach an Extracurricular activities. Each year there are many applications submitted and the committee is amazed at the number of wonderful young men and women we have in our community and are proud to be able to assist some as they pursue their college education.

This year the \$500 scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Ashley Clark, who is a graduate of Paulding High School, and the daughter of Jeff and Brenda Clark. Ashley will attend the University of Saint Francis to study Radiology.

Tyler Dunham, who is a graduate of Wayne Trace High School, and the son of Byron and Jody Dunham. Tyler will attend Defiance College this Fall to pursue further education.

Mark Herber, who is a graduate of Antwerp High School, and the son of Mi-

chael and Darlene Herber. Mark will attend the Ohio State University to study Civil Engineering.

Chelsea Holtsberry, who is a graduate of Wayne Trace High School, and the daughter of Mark and Lisa Holtsberry. Chelsea will attend the University of Saint Francis to study Physical Therapy.

Andrea Nuest, who is a home school graduate, and the daughter of Lee and Paula Nuest. Andrea will attend the University of Findlay to study Nuclear Medicine.

Kenneth Skeldon, who is a home school graduate, and the son of William and Janice Skeldon. Kenneth will attend Kettering University to study Electrical Engineering.

Danielle Stoller, who is a graduate of Wayne Trace High School, and the daughter of Kirk and Eileen Stoller. Danielle will attend the Ohio State University to study Biology, Pre-Medicine and Spanish.

The Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents Association Inc. membership includes principals and associates from Antwerp Insurance Agency, Foltz Insurance Agency, Hornish Financial & Insurance Services, Inc.

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Welcoming New Patients

Hazel G. Sierer, 81, of Paulding died June 13 at Harborside Healthcare, Defiance.

She was born March 8, 1926 in Brown Township, Paulding County, the daughter of Durl and Blanche (Burt) Horner. On February 24, 1953 she married Richard Sierer, who preceded her in death on April 1, 1994. She was member of United Methodist Church, Melrose.

She is survived by two sons: Ron (Diana) Sierer of Paulding and Steve (Sharon) Sierer of Oakwood; seven sisters: Leota (Chester) Bemiss of Zephyrhills, FL, Helen Johnson of Melrose, Lois (Jack) Schweigel and Joan (Harlan) Bowman both of Fort Wayne, IN, Ruby (Ivan) Buckmaster of Ashley, IN, Jeanette (Carl) Dimock of Defiance, and Nancy (Darrell) Noffsinger of Paulding; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister, Carolyn Heare; and a brother, Bill Horner.

Funeral services were June 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Bob Parker officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care.

William E. Harshman, 47, of Grover Hill died June 8

at his residence.

He was born April 24, 1960 in Defiance, the son of Paul and Flora (Frale) Harshman. On June 11, 1995 he married Fredia Bolenbaugh, who survives in Van Wert. He was previously employed by Haviland Tile Co.

He is survived by his wife, Fredia Harshman of Van Wert; his mother, Flora Harshman of Oakwood; a son, Josh Harshman; a daughter, Sarah Harshman; and a step-son, Philip Bolenbaugh all of Van Wert; six brothers: Ronald Harshman of Fort Wayne, David Harshman, Nelson Harshman and Warren all of Oakwood, John Harshman of Grover Hill and Peter Harshman of Van Wert; four sisters: Bertha Harshman of Oakwood, Brenda Harshman of Grover Hill; Bonnie Harshman and Grace Harshman both of Florida.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul E. Harshman; and sister, Darlene Wheeler.

Funeral services were June 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Family of William Harshman in care of Den Herder Funeral Home.

John L. "Jack" Smith, 70 of Hicksville, died June 10 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance.

He was born in Paulding, on February 10, 1937 the son of John Paul and Mary (Win-

terhalter) Smith.

He was a 1956 graduate of Paulding High School. He married Nancy Hurley on October 6, 1962 in Castalia, OH. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired in 1998 from Johns Manville, Defiance as a supervisor in shipping/receiving after 42 years.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville; was an assistant coach for the Eagles little league baseball team; was a collector of toy tractors and an avid Cleveland Indians fan.

He is survived by his wife Nancy of Hicksville; his mother, Mary of Paulding; a daughter, Sally Smith of Newark, OH; two sons: John (Liz) of Bucyrus, OH and Greg (Amy) of Kalamazoo, MI; six grandchildren: Brant, David, Kevin, Emily, Ethan, and Anna Smith; a brother, Jerry (Robin) of Perrysburg, OH; a mother-in-law, Ruth Hurley of Lima, OH; and nine nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Paul Smith.

Funeral services were on June 13 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastors Jack Teeple and Jerry Lewis officiated. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.



Augusta M. Rodman, 97, of Haviland, died June 11, 2007 at her residence.

She was born in Paulding County on August 8, 1909 the daughter of Theodore and Iva (Hubert) Humbarger. On December 4, 1931 she married Leo Rodman, who preceded her in death on April 14, 2005. She was a member of Country Chapel United Methodist Church, Haviland. She was previously employed as a telephone operator for Scott and as a beautician for many years. She was a Gray Lady for the Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by two sons: Charles (Bonnie) Rodman of Haviland and Robert (Jerri) Rodman of Woodburn, IN; a brother, Wayne Humbarger of Antwerp; five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-

great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister, Alveria McIntosh; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor Bob Parker officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Scott EMS; Country Chapel United Methodist Church; or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Betty A. Manz, 75, of Defiance, died June 12, 2007 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

She was born June 13, 1931 in Paulding County the daughter of John W. and Maude F. (Davis) Slane. She married John P. Rose Sr., who preceded her in death. On October 3, 1959 she married Alvin H. Manz Sr. She was a member of Apostolic Christian Church, Junction.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin H. Manz Sr. of Defiance; four sons: John (Patricia) P. Rose Jr. and Joseph H. (Gina) Rose both of Oakwood, Alvin H. "Bud" Manz Jr. of Defiance and Robert J. (Donna) Manz Sr. of Cecil; foster son, James J. Parker of Hicksville; a brother, Floyd L. (Darlene) Slane of Eufaula, OK; two sisters: Inez I. Rose of Paulding and Mildred M. (Edward) Elston of Payne; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband, John P. Rose Sr.; a brother, Samuel M. Slane; a sister, Naoma F. Slane; and a grandchild, Alicia Anne Rose.

Funeral services were June 15 at Apostolic Christian Church, Junction. Burial was in Dotterer Cemetery, Junction.

Donations may be made to the Apostolic Christian Church, Junction or Gateway Woods Children's Home, Leo, Indiana.

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mourn, for they will be comforted.' (Matthew 5:4). Kevin's integrity, courage, and sense of duty have brought honor to his family and our community. Now it is our time to honor him."

Congressman Gillmor was a United States Air Force veteran who attained the rank of Captain while on active duty. Mr. Gillmor served as an Air Force Judge Advocate during the Vietnam Conflict from 1965-1966. He was present in April for the send-off ceremony for the 180th Fighter Wing at Toledo's Air National Guard Base.

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Saturday, June 16, 2007 at about 2:00 p.m. a dead female body was located near the intersection of County Roads 87 and 180, in Crane Township, Paulding County, Ohio. The location was about 3 miles west of SR 127 and 3 miles south of US 24. The body was clothed only in a

light green halter top and a silver necklace. No other clothing or identification was located. It is believed that the body is that of a white female between 30 and 50 years of age. The body is 5'2" to 5'4" tall, weighing about 150 pounds, with brown shoulder length curly hair and brown or gray eyes. The body had no upper teeth and one gold capped lower left tooth. The subject had also delivered at least one child naturally.

The body has been taken to Lucas County Coroner's Office for an autopsy and better description. The subject died from a gun shot wound and is believed to have been killed where she was found. No other details are being released at this early stage of the investigation.

If anyone has any information on the identity of the body or other information please contact the Paulding County Sheriff's office at 419-399-3791.

—David I. Harrow, Sheriff

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BIKER SUNDAY SCHEDULED AT GROVER HILL

Have you heard words like Biker Sunday, Blessing of the Bikes or Poker Run and wondered just what they meant? Two youth of the Middle Creek/Roselms Youth Fellowship, Aryn Denny and Nathan Tumblin, had heard these terms a few times because they have parents who are bikers. The two youth thought it would be fun to invite the motorcycle community to Grover Hill to enjoy a day of good clean fun while raising money for their mission trip in late July. Well because of their hard work all of these events will be coming to Grover Hill, Ohio on June 24, 2007 as the people of the Middle Creek United Methodist Church and the Black Swamp Cruiser Club 06 begin the day by joining hands in worship at the first annual Bikers Sunday Service at the Middle Creek Church. Middle Creek United Methodist Church is located one mile south and one and a quarter mile east of Grover Hill, Ohio on CR 24. The worship service will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be led by Pastor Sherry as God is glorified in word and music. Tom Ahl from Lima and others will be present to give

their personal testimonies and related experiences.

Following the morning service the bikers and friends will gather at Welcome Park just outside Grover Hill for lunch and the Blessing of the Bikes. The bikes and riders are blessed while asking that God watch over their activities and keep them safe on their rides. The bike blessing will begin about 11:30 a.m.. Everyone is welcome to come and join the celebration, enjoy a good lunch and friendly fellowship.

The main events of the afternoon will begin with a Poker Run with the first bike out at 12 noon and the last bike out at 1:00 p.m. Bikers will ride about an hour to predetermined places and end up back at Welcome Park. They will be dealt a poker hand upon returning and the best poker hand will win a prize. Harmonica John and Nancy will provide music and entertainment as the Grover Hill Lions serve homemade ice cream and strawberries. Proceeds for the day will go toward the youth mission trip to McDowell County, West Virginia.

—Submitted by Rev. William Sherry - Minister at Middle Creek UMC just outside Grover Hill, Ohio

OAKWOOD CELEBRATES FLAG DAY



By: Sue Knapp

June 14 was proclaimed by Mayor Bud Henke as "National Flag Day" and called upon citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation for the contributions made by fraternal benefit societies and their members".

It was decided that Oakwood would celebrate the Flag. The celebration started out with an ice cream social, a gathering for food and fellowship after which people

Company recognized two Oakwood citizens for their outstanding community service. The Outstanding Adult Recognition went to Richard Parrish and the Outstanding Youth Recognition went to Justin Holbrooks. These two citizens were commended for their unselfish community service and time spent volunteering where needed. Both received a nice gift.

Anna Lee Adams read "I Am A Flag". Boy Scout

The ceremony was a reminder to us what the Flag and our country stand for. We need these ceremonies to remind us that we live in the greatest country in the world that was based on Godly principles and that our forefathers were able to come in the pursuit of freedom.

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.



congregated outside for the ceremony.

After the Flag was displayed by the VFW Color Guard, Ron Cooper led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ryan Lumpkins then sang our National Anthem. Mayor Bud Henke then thanked the citizens for their support of Flag Day.

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Troop #19 showed how to fold a Flag correctly while Eagle Scout, Joshua Nicholson explained what each fold stands for.

The ceremony ended with Ron Cooper speaking about destroying old tattered flags with a special way of burning. As the flags burned, the smoke rose and Taps was played.



CALLING ALL SCRABOOKERS!

The Oakwood Community Scrapbookers will be meeting on Saturday, June 23, 10:00-4:00 and invite all scrapbookers. This is a fun day of sharing ideas and learning from others. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share for our potluck lunch and your own drink.

It will be held at the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (formerly Cornerstone Church). If you have any questions, please contact Sue Thomas at the Oakwood branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library at 419-594-3337.

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U.S. 24 GROUNDBREAKING...*FINALLY!!!*

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"This project has taken 7 years of planning, with Waterville holding the first meetings and other counties following, this project was borne out of lost loved ones."

Tim Burkepile recognized Mayor Margaret Womack, former Mayor, Louise Miller, the Paulding County Commissioners and property owners for the help in getting this project started. He is thankful for the public participation in the meetings.

Construction on a 2.2 mile section of US 24 from SR 424 to just east of State Rd. 15 west of Defiance is in its second year and is scheduled to be complete in 2008.

Construction on the four remaining US 254 projects from Napoleon to Toledo is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008 and 2009.

This projects location is south of existing US 24 from the Indiana line to US 127. The cost is \$72.8 million dollars. Beaver Excavating, Canton and Mosser Construction, Inc., Freemont are the contractors, Miller Brothers Construction is doing the excavating. The construction schedule is from June 2007 to October 2009.

They'll be an interchange at Ohio 49, overpasses over County Road 11 and County Road 105. Construction of overheads to carry T.R. 43 and CR 176 over new U.S. 24,



Future US24 seen under construction from aerial shot viewing west.

construction of overpasses to carry new US 24 over railroads just east of CR 11 and the Lafarge railroad spur just east of CR 105. The Indiana section of US 24 is currently scheduled to be opened to traffic in fall of 2009 to coincide with the completion of the Ohio sections. This is subject to change.

Traffic of US 24 will be maintained at all times during construction and Ohio

49 will be detoured for a period of approximately seven months during construction of an interchange.

—Some of this information taken from ODOT press releases

History of new U.S. 24

(taken from ODOT web site)

The proposed US 24 project represents a long-standing commitment of over 30 years by the states of Ohio and Indiana, local governments, regional planning commissions and citizens to improve US 24 between Fort Wayne, IN and Toledo, Ohio. Studies on improvements to US 24 were initiated in the 1960's and have continued off and on through the 1990's.

During the 1960's, the Bureau of Location and Design of the Ohio Department of Highways, a forerunner to the Ohio Department of Transportation conducted a study of US 24 between Maumee and Napoleon, Ohio. The study proposed new and improved alignment between the two cities. The initial plans to construct a new roadway were defeated shortly after the proposal was presented to the public, largely due to farming interests who were opposed to the appropriation of the land for the new roadway.

Additional efforts by the Ohio Department of Highways to improve US 24 occurred in the mid-1960's. The Ohio Department of Highways planned a new four-lane alignment between Defiance and Napoleon. The highway was designed and right-of-way was purchased for a four-lane facility. However, due to financial reasons, only two lanes of the align-

ment were constructed.

In the 1970's, interest improving US 24 arose when US 24 widened between I-475 and Dutch Road in the Toledo area. Circumstances, including financial shortcomings, prevented the development of a comprehensive US 24 project.

In the 1980's "grass roots" efforts to alleviate problems associated with US 24 were initiated after a series of accidents in the Village of Waterville, Ohio. Between 1983 and 1984, a committee to study traffic and congestion problems associated with US 24 was formed in the Village. In cooperation with the Village Engineer and ODOT, the committee analyzed traffic patterns and volumes mainly related to Waterville.

As the study progressed,

the neighboring communities of Napoleon and Defiance became involved in the efforts. As a result of the Waterville Study, it was determined that the problems associated with US 24 were regional in scope and not limited to Waterville and its neighboring communities. The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments was asked to assist in forming a larger regional group to study the corridor from Toledo to Defiance.

Also during the 1980's, citizens in the Fort Wayne, IN area held a series of meetings to investigate transportation problems associated with US 24 in the Fort Wayne/New Haven area. In 1989, citizens concerned about US 24 from both Indiana and Ohio met in Wood-

burn, IN. As a result of this meeting, the Fort to Port Improvement Organization was formed. The focus of the group's efforts has been on improving US 24 in its entirety from a safety, mobility and economic development standpoint.

In the 1990's, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 identified 21 High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System. Among these corridors is the US 24 roadway facility from Fort Wayne, IN to Toledo, Ohio. The purpose of the NHS is to identify priority transportation corridors that are important from an intermodal efficiency, economic growth and/or user safety standpoint and to target these facilities for strategic improvements.

In response to ISTEA, ODOT completed a statewide transportation study and strategic plan, Access Ohio, October 1993, which identified "Transportation Efficiency and Economic Advancement Corridors" also known as "macro-corridors" throughout the State of Ohio. The US 24 corridor was included in the list of macro-corridors.

To facilitate the goals and objectives articulated in Access Ohio, additional studies have been conducted in the US 24 corridor. Those studies include the US 24 improvement Feasibility Study prepared by Mannik and Smith, Inc., in 1994 and the Origin-Destination Survey on US 24/Ohio Turnpike Corridor at Ohio/Indiana State Line conducted in 1997 by ODOT Division of Multimodal Planning and Programs - Office of Technical Services. The data provided by these and prior studies have provided the factual basis to develop the US 24 project.

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ment were constructed.

In the 1970's, interest improving US 24 arose when US 24 widened between I-475 and Dutch Road in the Toledo area. Circumstances, including financial shortcomings, prevented the development of a comprehensive US 24 project.

In the 1980's "grass roots" efforts to alleviate problems associated with US 24 were initiated after a series of accidents in the Village of Waterville, Ohio. Between 1983 and 1984, a committee to study traffic and congestion problems associated with US 24 was formed in the Village. In cooperation with the Village Engineer and ODOT, the committee analyzed traffic patterns and volumes mainly related to Waterville.

As the study progressed, the neighboring communities of Napoleon and Defiance became involved in the efforts. As a result of the Waterville Study, it was determined that the problems associated with US 24 were regional in scope and not limited to Waterville and its neighboring communities. The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments was asked to assist in forming a larger regional group to study the corridor from Toledo to Defiance.



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Louise Miller, former Antwerp Village mayor, Melinda Krick of the Paulding Progress and Jim Hooker of Payne. Ground-breaking pictures provided by Paulding County Economic Development Office of which we are thankful.

MASONIC LODGE #478 PLAN "GOING DARK" PARTY

Worshipful Brother Walter Schilb opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentice and the Pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Stan Applegate June 25, Garold Cook June 22, John Gordon June 28, Stan Jordan June 27, Jim Kline June 30, Marlin Miller June 25, and Richard Todd June 19.

The 50-Year members included Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Charles Carey, Derrill Kline, Fred Shaffer, Elmer Woodcox, Doyle Johnson, Lowell Applegate, Wayne Carr, and John Mason of Concord Lodge in Spencer-ville Indiana. Making up the other 24 members were Terry Derck, Russell St. John, Fred Leavell, Grover Blalock, George Underwood, Randy Brooks Sr., John Gordon, Walter Schilb, Gerry Shidler, Norm Byers, Ron Farnsworth, Lee Kallsen, David Fisher, and Bill Metz. Other visitors included John Hickman, Chuck Rosenberg, Tommy Powell, Glenn Billman, Walter Miller, and Richard Lentz all of Concord Lodge #556 in Spencer-ville Indiana.

Thank You cards were sent to Hicksville Bank, Hicksville Building & Loan, and Jim Schmidt for their continued support of our Chicken Bar-B-Q.

The Lodge Roof was the main topic of concern. Bro Grover Blalock made a motion to give the Temple Board full authority to fix/repair or replace this before it becomes a major problem. A motion was made by Norm Byers to give Walter Schilb and Dick Savage authority to purchase food for the "Going Dark" Party to be held on June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Tim Betts' house. The special meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge and then transfer to the Betts residence on Jericho.

With no further business, Walter Schilb closed the Lodge in due form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

—Bill Metz

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to Bryce's letter two weeks ago and to Brad Dysinger's 'Views From The Outside' column. I have to say, I am appalled that our freedom of speech has even come under scrutiny as of late.

However, it does not surprise me in this day and age. I sure hope Brad doesn't run for any office next time around. We need his voice the way it is. If he gets elected, they'll shut him up for sure! And, I applauded the West Bend News for protecting our Freedom of Speech! I think it is time America wakes up and starts defending our civil liberties and freedoms. This country was founded with freedoms for all. Does anybody, besides a few, realize what actually is going on in this country? I challenge each and every one of you to turn off American Idol, Dancing with the Stars, and any other reality TV garbage and start researching the REAL problems with this country. Don't get your info from any mainstream media either. They only give half the story and it is biased for their beliefs. Find CREDITABLE news sources online, or go to your public library and research some books on FACTS. The problem is, we watch Fox news, or CNN, and believe what we hear. It is purposely done this way to gain viewers.

AM radio does the same. It is all garbage. They are what I call "ratings whores." Our country has been divided right down the middle—either we are on the left, or we are on the right. The left watches CNN, and the right watches Fox. Both networks feed on viewers to keep their ratings. Plain and simple.

Okay, if anyone must know, I used to be a Republican until I joined a union and started to vote the way the

union brainwashed me to believe. I will no longer be either or. I voted for more Republicans this last election than I did Democrats and I was a registered Democrat.

This two party system has destroyed this country and it will get even worse before America finally puts its foot down. I'm sure our forefathers had no idea things would get this bad. Don't get too used to this freedom of speech thing. It will soon be a thing of the past and will be monitored by our government.

They want to tax internet usage and e-mails. They also want to revamp the internet, so THEY control it.

Don't believe me? Research it for yourself.

—Tim Dauten, Paulding County

ANTWERP TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp
There was a regular Town Council meeting for the Village of Antwerp on June 11, 2007. These are some of the items discussed:

Matt McDougall was questioned about when a new EMS Coordinator was to be appointed. Meetings will be set up to address this issue. It was also noted that Laura Bond has finished her EMT classes and is waiting to be tested.

Police Chief Clemens reported 236 calls and 23 citations for the month. Bill Lyons has been hired full time as of June 1.

A ball park traffic problem was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make handicap parking available along the ball diamonds.

Visitor Tony Langham was present to talk about CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) for Antwerp Equity Exchange. The Equity has plans to put up another grain bin

on Railroad Street. They have applied for a 100% tax abatement over ten years time. The Village would be paid 40% of the taxes which would bring in \$5,000 annually for the next ten years.

Other items discussed were: transfer \$20,000 from general fund to police fund; the old water tower being capped and torn down; the well farmers use for bulk water use needs \$3,000 worth of repairs. It was suggested that a hydrant at the end of Water Plant Drive be used; a truck route through town was discussed again; three properties on Oswald Street are viewed as health hazards; the owner will be given 14 days to clean up the property or the matter will be turned over to the prosecutors office; the problem with renters leaving town without paying utility bills.

Resolution # R2007-08-A: resolution authorizing the Mayor of the village of Antwerp, Ohio, to enter into any and all necessary agreements related to the community reinvestment area program application of Antwerp Equity Exchange Company; and declaring the same an emergency

Resolution 2007-09: declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation

Ordinance #2007-13: an ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the police fund in the amount of \$20,000 and declare the same to be an emergency

Ordinance #2007-14: an ordinance to prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on public streets within the village of Antwerp

Ordinance #2007-15: An ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to let bids for the collection and removal of garbage, rubbish, refuse and bulky waste from the village of Antwerp, and the same an emergency.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

If you remember in last week's column we showed a picture of Railroad Street and the Peoples Elevator, taken some time before 1927. Because it showed a mud street, and all the streets were paved by 1927, that picture had to be taken long before that, probably by 1912 or so. Anyhow, it showed the old elevator with the covered scale area and the elevator that I remember in the 1930's. That picture was loaned to us by Nancy Cromly Lichty. Her grandfather, Pete Schmuck, was the elevator manager for many years. Now that is the

"The Antwerp Equity Exchange is the biggest and oldest business in town."

position that is filled by Susan Arend, except the business has increased many times over.

I had a fine interview with Susan and then I was escorted into Steve Fast's office. Steve is the C.E.O. of the Antwerp Equity Exchange and we had a nice interview.

Steve was born in the Paulding area in 1958. He graduated from Wayne Trace High School in 1977. He graduated from Ohio State in 1981 with a degree in Economics. He lives with his family, his wife and three boys in the Haviland area. He came to the Antwerp Equity Exchange in 1993 and things have been moving ahead ever since then.

Steve realized that they couldn't handle those big farmer crops unless the elevator became more modern.

They added new dryers, new 70 foot scales, a new computer system and bigger and faster lags to move the grain. They have improved and updated pretty regularly since then.

The Co-op is represented by a board of five directors and Steve. These people are constantly thinking of the future and realize they must keep in step with the times.

They have four facilities under their care. The Sherwood Elevator is a busy full time business, The Paulding Elevator is used for storage only as is our (Antwerp's) north facility formally the Jr. Snook Storage Bins.

See that big shiny storage bin on the south side of Railroad Street? I don't know the technical name of that but the government would call it "a big shiny grain storage bin" MIAI! That bin will hold 354,000 bushels of corn. That is the equivalent of 100 railroad grain cars. You see, when the corn harvest is going strong, you must have a place for the grain on those two trucks and the next two and on and on until closing time. Sometimes the harvest window is shortened by bad weather and

we've got to move the grain as it comes in. So far, with the updated machinery we are keeping pace, but we must continue to do so. The price of beans and corn have gone up and I think they might go a little higher. I know there is more acres of corn planted for this year and we must be ready for it.

The Antwerp Equity Exchange is the biggest and oldest business in town. In 2006, we handled 2½ million bushels of corn, 1 million bushels of beans and 600,000 bushels of wheat. I don't know the exact amount of cash that was paid to the area farmers, but I know it was a little under \$11,000,000 because that is what Steve's sales totaled. Now that should shake you a little because nearly all of that goes into Antwerp's economy.

Steve tells me that they



represent about 350 farmers in the Co-op. The Board of Directors have an annual meeting where they tell all of their decisions and the good news and the bad news, if any and all of the plans for the future.

They are contemplating adding one more bin just to the east of the present one.

By adding another bin, that will just about double the storage space. You won't see any grain lying on the ground like some of the

neighboring cities do.

I asked Steve if he sold any corn to the ethanol plants in Indiana. He said in 2006 he sent two shipments of corn to the plant in South Bend. Then he told me something that floored me. He said most of the corn grown in this area goes into dog food. Yes, dog food!! He said the grains of corn grown around here is full of high grade nutrients needed for dog food. How does that grab you?

Then I asked how he ordered in a certain number of railroad cars. He said he doesn't do that. He sells to a broker and the broker takes care of the shipping.

I talked to Susan about the big storage bin. She explained, you drop your grain as usual and it is dried and then lifted up and over into the metal bin. Later on, it can be loaded onto trucks and shipped out or it can be lifted onto a lag and run back over to the elevator and then into some railroad cars. Whenever they can, they use the lags that they already have.

I understand the next new bin will sit to the east and

will be pretty much the same as this one. I understand they will move the grain about like it is done now.

The Antwerp Equity is spending a lot of money to keep abreast of the farm harvest. I congratulate these people for all of their foresight and you are seeing "history" being made everyday!

See, Ya!

P.S. In last week's column we talked about the four houses that sit on the south side of Railroad Street where the big shiny storage bin is now. I didn't mention anyone in the first big white house because I wasn't sure. Well, Cara Lou Lichty Handy called me and said that

she and her brother, Budd, was born there in the late 1920's.

As I understand, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Busby owned that house and lived there. They lost a baby and Mabel died in 1924. Then I think Harry sold that place and moved in with his mother, Celia, on Daggett Street. Harry died in 1959. Then later on that house was moved down on Erie Street at the west end of East Washington Street.

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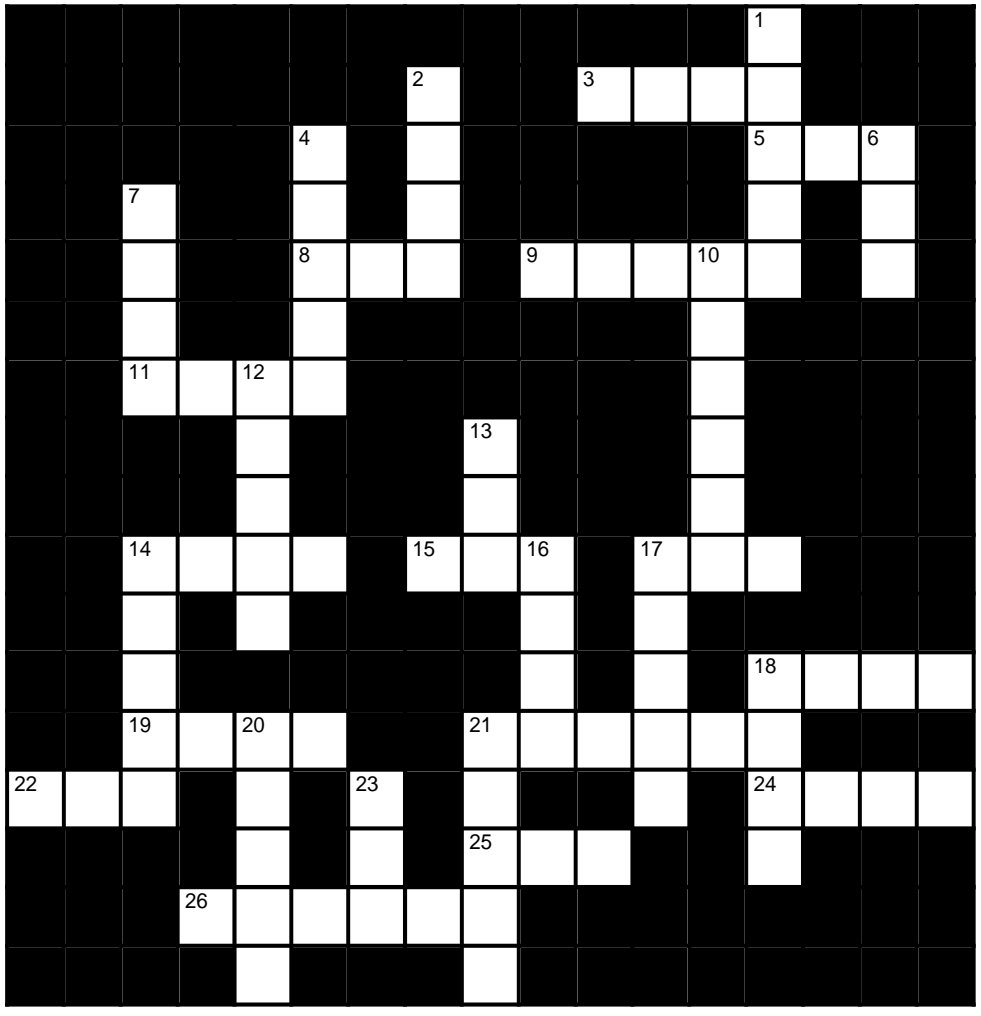
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- 3. A sub-adult wild turkey.
 - 5. A male cat.
 - 8. Elastic bandage.
 - 9. Popular name for an orange and black Cichlid (fish) often kept in an aquarium.
 - 11. To notch; to make a small cut.
 - 14. A device for raising a car.
 - 15. To move up and down in the water.
 - 17. A fishing pole.
 - 18. A bird's beak.
 - 19. To grade, as papers for school.
 - 21. A pursuer of game.
 - 22. A colorful (usually blue) and noisy bird of the crow family.
 - 24. You can do it.
 - 25. A shaft of sunlight.
 - 26. He won the prize.
- 1. To gradually come to an end, to give out.
 - 2. Abbreviation for an instrument used to transmit sound.
 - 4. Truthful.
 - 6. Take it all the way.
 - 7. A secluded valley.
 - 10. A spaceship.
 - 12. Another word for toss.
 - 13. Name of a lion.
 - 14. To break open, as in a safe.
 - 16. A boyfriend.
 - 17. Caroded bucket.
 - 18. A thin wire nail with a barrel-shaped or projecting head.
 - 20. This bird rocks.
 - 21. To harass; to move by harrassment; to worry.
 - 23. A small square of butter.

SCOTT'S COMMUNITY FESTIVITIES



Tiara Baker enjoys showing off artwork by Sally Geething.

By: Sue Knapp

What could be better than spending a Saturday with your friends and neighbors for a good cause.

Saturday, Scott's Community Festivities in Scott, OH helped the Fire Department with money to buy a thermal-imager. Volunteer fireman, John Doster, explained that a thermal-imager is an infra red camera that can detect heat in unseen places. The camera costs \$13,000.

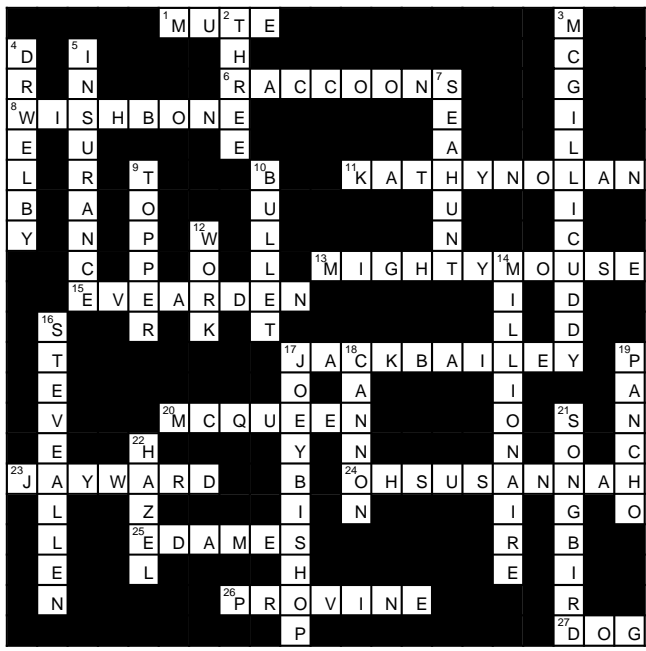
There were things going on for adults and children alike. That afternoon the band, Rustic Acres, played blue grass and polka and they also played "Wipe-Out", they were fun and very entertaining.

That evening the rock band, Red Line, played for the younger at heart. There was face painting by Sally M. Geething, who paints in oil. Kids games were going on all day and Bingo was played later in the afternoon. The restaurant had chicken dinners, hot dogs, pop and also held a bake sale.

Mark your calenders, on August 3, the Fire Department will host a hog roast to help raise money again for the much needed thermal-imager. Did I hear something about a lawn mower race included in the August 3 festivities?

The total raised from Saturday was \$440.00 and Don McOmber won the case of beef.

Answers to "TV Trivia"



ART AFFAIR ON THE SQUARE 2007

URBANA, OH—Original oil paintings by Ann Dysinger, 21750 County Road 60, Grover Hill, have been accepted for the third annual Art Affair on the Square.

The white tent, juried/invitational event will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. July 21 on Monument Square and North Main Street in downtown Urbana.

Dysinger is one of more than 50 artists from six states who will show and sell their work during Art Affair 2007.

Dysinger says she likes to paint from nature and favors wildlife in its natural environment as subject matter. She says her compositions of flora and fauna are rich in the realistic detail of both animal and plant life.

In addition to the artists' market, Art Affair will include continuous performing arts, demonstrations, exhibits, food, walking and trolley tours of historic downtown Urbana and special children's programming throughout the day.

Art Affair is a project of Monument Square District, Inc., a non-profit organization which supports and promotes Urbana's central busi-

ness district.

For information about artists' market applications, contact Cynthia Spellman, 937-653-6911, spellman@ctcn.net; Betsy Bohl, 937-653-4228, bohl@ctcn.net or Sara Kerns, 937-653-6126, sarakerns@woh.rr.com

PAULDING COUNTY CHAPTER OF OHIO RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO HOLD JULY MEETING

The Paulding County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association will hold its meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at noon at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Payne.

Don Bright, President of ORTA, will be the guest speaker. This will be a very informative meeting with an update on legislative, pension and health care issues. A silent auction will be held for education scholarships. Members are encouraged to bring an item or monetary donation for the auction. All retired and newly retired teachers are invited to attend. Contact Joan Buchman 419-399-3275 or Karen Jacobs 419-594-2138 for reservations by Tuesday, July 3.

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DAYS LIKE THAT

By: Sara Trauterman

The polaroid scene of this accidental memory Makes life have a warm feel to it.

Autumn was my favorite color in times like that, Only because it's filled with oranges and reds.

September isn't always lonely and Tuesdays aren't always colorless.

Not on days like that.

There's only twelve 23rd's in a year,

But that one felt solitary.

The colloquial words were flattering,

In your own way of speaking the truth.

Now I look back and see all the poetic justice life gives back.

To me you only live in this photograph now.

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4-H CAMP AT CAMP PALMER

Summer is here and kids will be saying "I'm bored!" Well, send them to Camp this summer! Paulding County 4-H Teens have been training to be Camp Counselors for 4-H Camp. Paulding County Camp Palmer is scheduled for July 17 - 21. This year's theme is 'Camp Palmer - It's in the Game' and campers will experience a variety of exciting non-traditional games.

If your kids have never had the summer 4-H camp experience ... now's your chance! What better place to experience camp for the first time than Camp Palmer? Located in Fayette, Ohio, 4-H Camp Palmer consists of 157 acres laced with nature trails leading to meadows, wetlands, woodlands, streams, and near Harrison Lake. For over 50 years, Camp Palmer has provided outdoor learning experiences such as: swimming, shooting sports, canoeing, outdoor living skills, crafts and environmental education.

Paulding County 4-H Camp is open to youth ages 9-14 and you DO NOT have to be a 4-H Member or live in Paulding County to participate in camp. The fee for camp includes lodging, meals, crafts, snacks, and more information on 4-H Camp, please call the OSU Extension office, at 419 399-8225.

WHAT HAPPENS IN WASHINGTON, STAYS IN WASHINGTON???

The Congressional Report
By: Congressman Paul Gillmor

You have probably heard the slogan; what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. This week there is a move afoot in the Capitol Building for a slogan of our own; what happens in Washington, stays in Washington.

Every year, the House starts the annual process of directing money to pay for all of the priorities of the federal government—from funding the War on Terror to providing for Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. The money is allocated through twelve bills which must be passed by both the House and Senate. It is the process by which these

twelve bills are designed which is creating such a conflict in the House this week.

The debate has been whether earmarks requested by Members of Congress should receive a full and open public debate, which I believe they should, or whether they should be dropped in at the last minute, with little time for scrutiny.

In past years, as the House Appropriations Committee considered the twelve individual bills and brought them up for a vote in the House, you would have found a public record of the funding requests of Members of Congress. Examples of appropriate earmarks include the \$24 million I have brought back for two dozen worthy projects in northwest Ohio such as wastewater improvements and life saving road loops. Many of these projects had been overlooked or under funded by the state and federal government and they were all very worthy of public funding.

Unfortunately, this year, Democrats in the House, led by David Obey the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, announced that earmarks would not be a part of the public appropriations bills being considered right now. Instead, the projects would be air dropped into the twelve conference committee bills later this year with no opportunity to be amended by either the House or Senate. This backroom deal would leave virtually no time for oversight and much more opportunity for abuse. In fact, only Congressman Obey and his staff would have the final say as to what projects were funded, creating in essence an "earmark czar".

After a public outcry and a united response by House Republicans, Democrats were forced to capitulate and end this plan of secretly funding earmarks. I am not going to blame the entire Democrat Party for the decisions of its leaders but in the people's House, public scrutiny should be the cornerstone of our debates. We deserve an opportunity to know which projects being funded are proper and necessary and which projects are abuses of both authority and influence.

GARDNER - MESSMAN



Ashley Anne Gardner and Harrison William Messman of Paulding would like to announce their upcoming wedding.

Miss Gardner's parents are Robert and Pamela Gardner of Paulding. She graduated from Paulding High School and IBC College in 2004. She currently works in Fort Wayne, IN at Do It Best head-

quarters. Mr. Messman's parents are Todd and Trish Messman of Paulding. Harrison graduated from Paulding High School and is currently employed by Spartech in Paulding as an operator.

They are planning to wed on July 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Defiance at the Restoration Tabernacle.

DANDELION WINE

By: Rose Kever

Gary has had my dad's recipe for Dandelion Wine for years. He's talked about trying to make it, but was afraid it wouldn't turn out, so he never went on that adventure.

I don't know where Dad got the recipe, but he had used it for years and years. I can remember when I was a kid, Dad would pluck the flower heads off the dandelions and put them in a great big pot. I think he made it out in the 'little house', so there must have been some sort of cooking stove out there at that time. I can vaguely remember a small oil stove, and a small white one that he cooked it on.

Dad wasn't a boozier, but he sure did like to make the stuff! Most of the time he'd give it away to anyone who had the will to drink it. I especially remember one time when he gave a big jug to ol' Doc Caine as payment for medicine for me and Larry which was probably a penicillin shot. For all I know Doc could have been the one who gave Dad the recipe, he was at our house a lot!

Dad not only made Dandelion wine, he made 'apple-jack', 'peach wine', 'cherry wine', and he even tried to make beer. He would also make 'grape wine' and 'raisin jack' once in a while. Dad always said raisin jack was good stuff, but really messy to

make.

I remember when the wines done fermenting, Dad and some of the other friends and relatives would have a tasting session as they were putting it in bottles. I don't remember if they capped it or put corks in the bottles.

I doubt if there are many nowadays who would venture into trying to make their own wines. Well, Gary and I tried it, and guess what? We were successful! Smelling that wine 'working' sure did bring some warm memories back of long ago.

I don't know who is going to drink this stuff, but we have three gallons of it, and it will probably still be here when we pass and the kids clean the house out. Well, maybe they'll taste it and wonder where it came from. I won't tell them, if you won't tell them!

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HB 264 SEEKS TO PROTECT VICTIMS IN SELF DEFENSE SITUATIONS

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

For years, governments have enacted laws that state one's home is a place where one should be free of prying and violent attack. Known as "Castle Laws," they are often based on English Common Law from the 1700s. However, over the years many of these laws, while acknowledging the safety and protections of the home, have placed a burden on a person to retreat before being permitted to use force to defend themselves.

In Ohio, if one is attacked in one's own home, one is not forced to flee the home before using deadly force. However, Ohio's current self-defense law places the civil and criminal burden on the victim to prove in court that they were truly acting to defend themselves from serious physical harm or death.

That is why I introduced House Bill 264 this past week, legislation that will give Ohioans the ability to better protect themselves, their families, and their homes from the threat of violence. The legislation seeks to create the presumption that a victim acted in self-defense until it is proven otherwise in a court of law. In addition, HB 264 would grant a victim civil immunity if it is proven in court that they acted in self-defense or if the local prosecutor decides not to pursue the case. Companion legislation, Senate Bill 184, has been introduced in the Senate by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta).

By creating a presumption that the victim acted in self-defense, the burden is then placed on the criminal to prove they were not there to cause the person harm. Under current law, a person has to prove in court they were acting out of fear of death or serious physical harm and show that the intruder was there to cause such harm. Additionally, since the bill also grants

a person civil immunity if there is a finding that they acted in self-defense, regardless if self defense is used outside the home, those who are forced to use self defense will not have to live in fear that they may be later sued by the perpetrator.

FBI statistics show that 1/3 of all in-home attacks result in serious injury or death. Because of these statistics, more than 20 states have passed, or are considering, legislation allowing people to stand their ground and protect their homes and families from a violent attack. It is my hope that Ohio will soon join these states by reforming our self-defense laws to give individuals greater protections when defending their loved ones. House Bill 264 has been assigned to the House Criminal Justice Committee, where hearings on the bill will begin in the coming weeks. As the bill works its way through the committee process, I will be sure to keep you updated on its progress.

Our homes are designed to be places of safety, security, and sanctuary for us and for our families. In the unfortunate event that we ever have to come face-to-face with an intruder inside our home, we should be able to defend ourselves without having to worry about being charged with a crime or being sued civilly later. I believe HB 264 is a needed, common-sense reform to our self defense law that will put this burden back on the offender and hold him liable for his actions rather than the homeowner, who is truly the victim.

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.

LOCAL STUDENT WINS OLIVE GARDEN'S PASTA TALES NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST



(l to r) Police Chief Rodney Miller, Payne Mayor Nancy Speice, and Olive Garden Area Director Chris Oliver honored Adam Nuest (second from right) for winning the sixth grade category of Pasta Tales, a national essay writing contest sponsored by the Olive Garden.

PAYNE, Ohio—"National Police Officer Day," an imaginative holiday created by Adam Nuest of Payne, was selected by judges as the best written entry by a sixth grader in Olive Garden's 11th annual Pasta Tales national essay writing contest.

Nuest's essay was chosen from more than 10,600 entries written by students in 1st through 12th grade who were asked "If you could create a new holiday, what would you name it and how would it be celebrated?" A winner was announced in each of 12 grade categories. Each grade winner receives a \$500 savings bond and dinner with their family at their local Olive Garden.

According to judges, Nuest, who is home-schooled, wrote about a holiday that honors police officers across the country. His essay recognizes these men and women "for their commitment to the communities they protect," noted a judge. Nuest wrote, "I feel this would be important because police officers choose to serve people and communities often with little or no recognition." Nuest adds, "To celebrate, children could make and send cards to thank them. Restaurants could allow officers and families to eat for free on this day. Newspapers could publish an ad thanking

officers and put their pictures in the newspaper. Our country needs to recognize the police officers who protect our communities just like veterans are recognized for protecting our country."

Olive Garden's Pasta Tales is designed to encourage young writers to express themselves and improve their writing skills. Entries were judged on creativity, adherence to theme, organization, grammar, punctuation and spelling by Olive Garden and the Quill and Scroll Society of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Iowa.

"Adam's essay displays inventive thinking and demonstrates a whole new level of creativity," said Steve Coe, spokesperson for Olive Garden. "This year, these young writers exceeded our expectations and unleashed their imaginations. We applaud their efforts and talent." Olive Garden is the leading restaurant in the Italian dining segment with 603 restaurants, 77,000 employees and more than \$2 billion in annual sales. Olive Garden is a division of Darden Restaurants Inc. (NYSE:DRI), the world's largest casual dining company in sales and market share.

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Health NEWS & NOTES

New Treatment For Life-Threatening Disorder

(NAPSA)—Scientists have succeeded in finding a "needle in the haystack" of medical treatment that brings hope to patients desperately awaiting solutions to a life-threatening disease. The Food and Drug Administration has now approved the first treatment for a rare blood disorder: paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH).

PNH results from chronic red blood cell destruction that leads to severe anemia, disabling fatigue and recurrent pain. It develops without warning in men and women of all races, backgrounds and ages. The average length of survival is between 10 and 15 years from the time of diagnosis.

The new treatment works by selectively blocking a component of the body's immune system from attacking red blood cells, thereby reducing symptoms. Until now, patients could only manage their symptoms through blood transfusions, immunosuppressive therapy and, infrequently, bone marrow transplantations—a high-risk and painful last-resort procedure.

"The Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation [AA&MDSIF] is extremely pleased that PNH patients now have a treatment specifically for their disease. This is a tremendous step forward for all who suffer from PNH—and for anyone with bone marrow failure," said Sherrie Van Vliet, vice-



Doctors now have a way to help people with a rare but life-threatening disease.

chairperson and the mother of a child with aplastic anemia.

Alexion, the company that created the new drug, Soliris (eculizumab), has also introduced Soliris OneSource, a treatment support service for PNH patients and their health care providers. Each patient in the program gets support from a registered nurse case manager who provides information and facilitates solutions to help patients. The company's goal is that all PNH patients who can benefit from Soliris will have access to it.

You can learn more about OneSource by calling (888) SOLIRIS (888-765-4747) or visiting www.soliris.net. More information about PNH and other rare diseases is at www.rarediseases.org and www.aamds.org.

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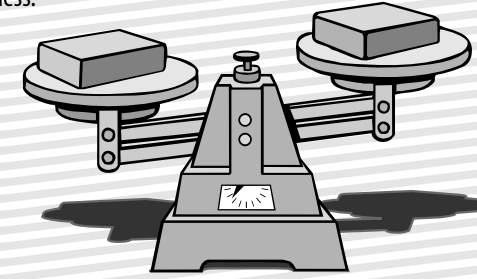
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PCH ER NURSES PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING CLASS



Paulding County Hospital ER nurses recently participated in a training class to meet "target capabilities" as defined by Federal Homeland Security directives. Participants received instruction on how to decontaminate patients exposed to hazardous materials or chemical or biological weapons. Randy Shaffer,

Paulding County's EMA director (left), helps Trish Hahn, RN, and Mona Jean Goyings, RN, (in protective suits) clean up after an exercise. Shaffer conducted the training and his daughter, Tayler, (in front with ponytail) volunteered to play the part of the contaminated patient.

HICKSVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE SET FOR JUNE 22 AND 23

The Hicksville High School track will be the site for the Hicksville Relay For Life this Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23.

The evening will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies led by Mayor Larry Haver. Honorary co-chairs Donn Snell and Victor E. Mansfield-Carr along with all cancer survivors and caregivers will be honored by rounding the track for the first laps of the 18-hour event. Throughout the night and until noon on Saturday representatives of the 21 teams participating will be walking on the track non-stop to raise money for the fight against cancer.

A carnival atmosphere will prevail at the track as each team will offer food, confections and a wide variety of items for sale with all proceeds going towards the team's RFL goal. A silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the big tent on the track infield and will run through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Co-chairmen Nicki Miller, Danna Kimpel and Kim Kimpel note that there will be some new features this year in addition to the many RFL favorites that keep people coming out each year to support the event. This year, survivors will be honored at a reception which will allow them to visit team booths for special gifts or just sit and enjoy the entertainment and fellowship Relay provides.

Entertainment will also be featured through the evening. Acts planning on appearing on the RFL stage include: inspirational singer Randy Long of Van Wert (6:30 - 7:30); the Fike Brothers Bluegrass Band (7:45 - 8:45); Community Christian Center Praise Band (8:45 - 9:45); The Wannabees (10:45 - 12:15) and Relative Insanity (12:15 - 1:30 a.m.)

The Miss Relay contestants will be introduced at 7:30 p.m. The "beauty" pageant features a male team member decked out in beauty pageant

style. The contestants raise money for their team through donations and the contestant raising the most money when the contest ends at 11:00 p.m. will wear the 2007 Miss Relay crown.

At 10:00 p.m. Relay's signature Luminaria ceremony will take place with special music provided by Brooke Schooley and Old Age Stationery (Kassi Brown and Ellen Coplin).

Throughout the night themed laps will liven up walkers and karaoke (1:30 - 3:30 a.m.) and movies for all on the big screen from 3:30 - 6:00 a.m.

At 6:00 a.m. walkers will rise and shine to reveille, big band music and exercise time. Breakfast will be available to the public in the pavilion at 8:00 a.m. preceding the live auction which begins under the big tent at 9:00 a.m.

A wide variety of antique, handmade and new items including items like a gas grill, Bradford Exchange Collector plates, Vera Bradley items, lawn ornaments, quilts, afghans and filled baskets will be up for bid. Specialty items like a dessert-of-the-month or a gallon of homemade ice cream each month for a year will also be offered to the highest bidder.

The closing ceremonies are set to begin at 11:00 a.m. with the announcement of team tallies for Relay, team awards and the traditional balloon release ending the Relay at 12 noon.

Chairs Nicki Miller, Danna Kimpel and Kim Kimpel say that this year the goal for Relay is \$75,000 and that with the support of the community the goal is in sight. The Hicksville Relay has raised over \$200,000 in the past four years and that RFL funds are used by the American Cancer Society for research to find breakthroughs in cancer treatment and continue to work towards finding a cure for cancer. Nicki, Danna, Kim and all of the Hicksville Relayers invite all to come by the track and see what Relay is all about.

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Ashley is considered by many in the sport of BMX as one of the best young talents in the girl's class and has a very good chance to make the main (medal race) at the

Worlds. She has only been in BMX four years but races like a seasoned veteran. Ashley will be a fifth grader this year at Wayne Trace/Grover Hill. In 2008 BMX racing will debut at the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. Riders must be eighteen or older to compete in the Olympics.

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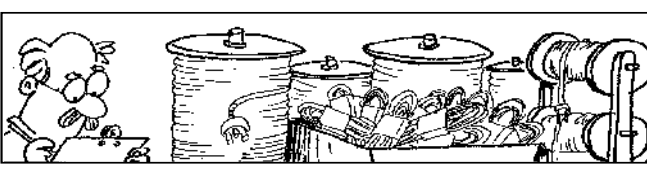
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(NAPSA)—A recent "Digestive News" survey conducted by Kraft Foods found that although Americans know they need to incorporate more fiber into their diet, more than 75 percent of those surveyed find it challenging to do so.

For the 60 percent of Americans that report suffering from digestive health issues, eating foods that contain prebiotic fiber help to maintain a healthy digestive system.

What Is Prebiotic Fiber?
 Prebiotics are often non-digestible fibers that serve as a food source for good bacteria (called probiotics) in the gut. The balance of good bacteria in the gut may help keep the digestive tract running smoothly and support the body's natural defenses.

The prebiotic fiber in new Breakstone's & Knudsen LiveActive Cottage Cheese is inulin, a natural substance derived from sources such as chicory root. Each great-tasting, low-fat 4 oz. serving of cottage cheese contains 3 grams of prebiotic fiber.

"LiveActive Cottage Cheese offers nutritional benefits to help promote a healthy digestive system, which is essential to a person's health and well-being," says Jason Hecker, brand manager for cottage cheese at Kraft.

Visit www.Breakstones.com or www.Knudsen.com for more information.

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WEDDING RENEWAL CEREMONY AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



(l-r) Back row - Jason Sheets, Lester Kruse, Heidi Fry, Andy Fry, Gloria Craig, Bob Craig, Joyce Nickols, Everett Nickols, Jean Porter, and George Porter. Front row - Carrie Sheets, Diane Kruse, Sue Thomas, Warren Thomas, Alice Rager, Glenn Rager, Carol Pracht, Louis Pracht, Connie Sulfridge, and Tom Sulfridge.

The Paulding Church of the Nazarene held a Wedding Renewal Ceremony during the morning service on June

3, 2007. This was done to show support for family and Christian Marriage. Ten couples participated ranging in years

married from four years to 64 years.

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DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING: "TRAVELING BACK TO THE OLD COUNTRY"

Have you ever thought you would like to visit the country your ancestors came to the United States from? Attend the next Defiance County Genealogical Society meeting and get the information needed to plan the trip. Speaker for the evening will be Mary Scranton from Ney, OH. Her presentation is titled "Traveling Back to the Old Country".

Mary's father, Joseph Yekisa, was born in Hungary in 1913 and came to the USA in 1914 with his parents Paul and Katalin (Vas) Yekisa Sr. Mary and her husband Herb, traveled back to the "old country" in 2005. They spent 19 days on a group tour traveling the Hungarian countryside and learning about the history and culture of the country.

Mary and Herb met with an archivist from the Hungarian National Archives in Budapest. The archivist provided five generations of birth and marriage records for the Yekisa-Vas family.

After the group tour they extended their trip for three days to visit the villages of Sand, Liszo, and Iharosbereny in Somogy County, where the Yekisa-Vas families had lived prior to 1914. A driver-interpreter was hired to help with this part of the trip. During the three days, they stayed and visited with relatives, visited the graves of great-grandparents, and attended services in the Lutheran Churches where Mary's grandparents and father were baptized.

Mary will show a Power-Point presentation of her trip and share a handout of many resources that can be used to find the information needed to plan a trip back to your "Old Country"!

The meeting will be Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John United Church of Christ at 950 Webster Street, Defiance. Webster St. is on the NE side of the Defiance College Campus and the Church is next to the college gymnasium. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend and members are encouraged to bring guests.

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