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## TRAGEDY STRIKES ANTWERP

Friday night at approximately 6:59 p.m. Antwerp EMS were transporting two victims to the county hospital that were injured in a previous accident on US 24. An updated report has shown that the EMS struck the tractor trailer rig at the intersection of CR 176 and CR87.

Three of the EMS workers and the two accident victims received fatal injuries in the crash. EMS worker Matt McDougall, 31, of Antwerp and the driver of the commercial vehicle, Gerald Chapman, Jr., 55 of Bryant, IN were transported from the scene.

The names of the victims from the EMS Squad were: Sammy R. Smith, 64, of Antwerp, OH; Heidi L. McDougall, 31, of Antwerp,

OH; and Kelly Rager, 25, of Antwerp, OH.

The victims being transported in the EMS were: Robert R. Wells, 64 and Armelda Wells, 60 both from Hicksville.

*We ask why? We say 'if only'. We get angry and we grieve.*

*It all comes down to this: it's not for us to understand and we cannot live on 'if only's'. The only thing we can do is lean on God for all understanding and know that we're here for you.*

The West Bend News salutes Squad 41 and the most heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to Matt and Gerald and the families of Sammy, Kelly and Heidi.

—Bryce and Angel Steiner, Steve and Sue Knapp

## THANK YOU

A special Thank You to everyone for their prayers, cards, visit, calls and for the food during my stay in the hospital and since coming home.

Thanks to Dr. Strawter and all the staff of Paulding Hospital who made my stay as comfortable as possible. Thanks for the love and prayers they shared. It

helped more than they will ever know.

Thanks to Rev. Kim and Cindy Semran and my church family. May God Bless each and every one for all their love and prayers.

Thanks to the Senior Center for lunches when I got home. Thanks to my family and friends. I love you.

—Donna Gray P

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By: Sue Knapp

Things are gearing up for Paulding Alumni "Blast from the Past". It's going to be a weekend of fun, fellowship and catching up on each other's lives.

The committees have been working very hard to make this event memorable. The party is August 3 and 4.

The scheduled events are the following:

Friday night - Raffle Sales, 4:00 p.m. Polka Band, Perry Street, 5:00 p.m. Line up for Parade in front of library, 6:00 p.m. Parade (on the square), 7:00 p.m. Reunion Band, 9:30 p.m. Pete Schlegel's Band (Tru South);

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Golf Tournament at Auglaze Country Club (pre-registration required), 9:30 a.m. Euchre Tournament (Historical Museum), 10:00 a.m. Car Show (VFW Parking Lot), 10:00 a.m. Bowling (Hanes Lanes), 4:30 p.m. Banquet Pre-Registration (at the school), 6:00 Banquet featuring Don Heath (The New Millennium Jazz Orchestra), Alumni Chorus, Raffle Drawings, and The Van Dell's, 10:00 p.m. After Blast party at Red Owl with DJ;

Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Brunch at Bubba J's with surprise entertainment (outside Bubba J's).

Also, feel free to take a trip back in time and visit Lazy Island Lake (Klinger's Beach) while you are in town.

## SHORTENED DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

Please be advised that West Bend Printing & Publishing will be closed on Tuesday, July 31 until 2:30 p.m. We will reopen to regular business hours Wednesday, August 1.

Deadlines for classified ads, display ads and news articles in this next issue of West Bend News will be FRIDAY, July 27 at 5:00 p.m. No exceptions!

—WBN editors

## OAKWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR MOVING

The Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will close on Monday, August 13 to prepare to move into the new Cooper Community Library. Patrons will be able to check out books for an extended period and then return them to the new branch. "This is an exciting time for the citizens of Oakwood," states Susan Pieper, library director. "They will enjoy a beautiful new branch with new, expanded hours opening up in early September. We are also asking Oakwood patrons to help us move by checking out extra titles from the old location and then returning them to the new location." Ribbon cutting at the new branch is scheduled for September 1. The branch will announce new hours before that date. For more information about the Cooper Community Library or the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, contact the library at 419-399-2032 or visit their website at www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

## BENEFIT FUNDS SET UP AT ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK FOR EMS FAMILIES

A fund has been established at the Antwerp Exchange Bank for the Sammy Smith Family. If you would like to contribute please make all deposits at the bank.

A separate fund entitled the Squad 41 Memorial Fund has also been set up. The funds received will be split evenly between the families.

## APPRECIATION DAY AT MANOR HOUSE



By: Sue Knapp

The Manor House held its first annual Family Picnic for the residents, staff, and advisory board and families. The celebration is in appreciation of all help received and everything that has been done for the residents and facility.

The activities started at noon with the children enjoying face painting, a marble game, play-dough and a craft with all going home with a prize. At 1:00 p.m. all shared a meal of BBQ hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, side dishes, drinks and desserts. Barry Delong finished

out the day entertaining with song.

The Manor House is part of the Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus. They urge people to come and visit and see what they're all about. The facility will soon be a part of the Medi-Caid Waiver Program. Part of their philosophy is to let it be known that they are here to help and serve the community.

Out of the 16 apartments that are completed eight are occupied with four reserved and four ready for occupancy. This completes the first (Continued on Page 4)

If you know this Antwerp Pharmacist, stop in Thursday to wish her a . . .

**Happy 39th Birthday!**



## PAULDING EAGLES

206 WEST PERRY ST.

OVERFLOW DINNERS FOR "BLAST FROM THE PAST" WEEKEND  
TABLES RESERVED FOR CLASSES

- Friday, August 3 - 4:30-8:00 pm  
Western Rib Dinner
- Karaoke music by "Mr. B" at 8:00 pm
- Saturday, August 4th - 4:30-8:00 pm  
NY Strip Steak or Pork Chop Dinner
- Oldies music by "Jason" at 8:00 pm

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Motorcoach transportation

\$25.00 tokens

\$5.00 meal coupons

Leave the Center at 8:00 am promptly

Payment due when making your reservation.

Due by August 10th or until bus full Call 419-399-3650

**Anyone 21 years of age or older is invited**

## 2ND ANNUAL DAY IN THE PARK PARADE

sponsored by  
American Heritage Girls  
Theme is: Sports

To be held August 11th. Line up will begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Check point in at the Antwerp School's Football Field.

Please fill out the form below.

(deadline August 1st)

No Entry Fee. Return to:

Shelly Burns

P.O. Box 967

Antwerp, OH 45813

Any questions please call (419) 258-2373

Type of entry (circle one)

Bands, Bikes, Cars, Floats, Golf Carts,  
Walking, Racecars/Trucks, Other

Type of Organization

Contact Person and phone Number:

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Leona Taylor  
on July 27th

We will be celebrating Leona's 90th Birthday on July 28th at her residence from 2pm - 6pm  
Anyone wanting to celebrate with her feel free to stop by.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Ray A. Zielke**, 80, of Paulding, died July 17, 2007 at his residence.

He was born July 6, 1927 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Paul F. and Bertha L. (Mabis) Zielke. In 1953 he married Maxine C. Ankney, who preceded him in death on July 24, 1994. On October 4, 1997, he married Loretta G. (Mobley) Crawford, who survives.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding; retired from Federal Mogul of Van Wert in 1993. He was a member of the Kiwanis, Senior Center Steering Committee, Paulding County Farm Board, and a Life Time Member of Defiance Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Zielke of Paulding; two sons: Jim Zielke of Paulding (Donna Zielke of Convoy, OH), and Jerry (Michelle) Crawford of Antwerp; two daughters: Linda (Rusty) Gamble of Van Wert, OH, and Debra (Robert) Shipman of Paulding; a brother, Wayne (Mary Jane) Mielke of Antwerp; a sister, Marietta (Frank) Harper of Paulding; eleven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Maxine; an infant child; two brothers: Carl and Alvin Zielke; and a sister, Clara Dye.

Funeral services were conducted July 21, at First Christian Church, Paulding, with Pastor Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding with military graveside services provided by VFW Post #587.

Donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Briceton, OH; Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice;

Senior Center of Paulding; or First Christian Church Building Fund.



**Sarah Melinda (Stahl) Elliott Keller**, 89, former Grover Hill resident, died July 16, 2007 in Santa Rosa, CA, where she had been a resident for 30 years.

She was born September 17, 1917 in Grover Hill, the daughter of Harvey and Anna Stahl.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, J. Bruce Elliott, and her husband of 15 years, Arthur Scholp. In 1992 she married Harry Keller, who survives. She was previously employed as a factory worker, a newspaper advertiser in Ohio and owner of the Village Cobbler in Montgomery Village in Santa Rosa. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Santa Rosa where she was active in the church choir and Women's Society and was a member of Sweet Adelines, International.

She is survived by her daughter, Jadine (Charles) Stenger of Santa Rosa; three grandchildren; nine stepchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007 at Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill, OH, with Rev.

Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

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

Donations may be made to First United Methodist church Music Fund, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

**Harry Paul Manley**, 87, of Paulding, died July 16, 2007 at his residence.

He was born in Paulding County Ohio on November 5, 1919 the son of Richard A. and Effie A. (Anspach) Manley. He was a self-employed carpenter retiring in 1975.

Surviving are one brother, Norman Manley of Paulding; one sister, La Donna Geyer of Antwerp; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Le Roy, Blake, Richard and Frank Manley; five sisters: Velma Comadoll, Faye Farrison, Alice Lunderman, Pat Proxmire and June Horney.

Graveside services were conducted July 19 at Cooper Cemetery, Paulding, Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, handled arrangements. Memorials to the donor's choice.

**Earl E. Utterback**, 82, of Paulding, died July 20, 2007 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born March 22, 1925 in Paulding County, the son of Clyde W. and Mary (Outland) Utterback. On October 22, 1949 he married Marilyn Jump who survives. He was owner of the former Paulding Lumber and Construction Company for 36 years. He was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, Paulding; Flat Rock Lodge #580 F & AM, Payne; 32 Mason Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo; Paulding Lions Club; and Chamber of Commerce, Paulding; He was a graduate of Bowling Green State University, where he was a member of the SAE Fraternity. He taught and coached at Payne High School from 1948-1949, and was a charter member of the AuGlaize Golf Course.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn J. Utterback of Bonita Spring, FL; three daughters: Tam (Jim) Stoller and Sue (Butch) Helle both of Paulding, and Kay (Kevin) DeLong of New Haven, IN; a son, Timothy of Columbus, OH; two brothers: Harry Utterback of Paulding and Rev. John (Nila Jean) Utterback of Tipton, IN; and seven grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Utterback; and a sister, Margaret Lightbourne.

Funeral services were July 24 at Paulding United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Hospital Home Health Care; Paulding United Methodist Church; or Lions Club Seeing Dog Program.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

**Frank William Yochum**, 69, formerly of Hicksville, passed away July 20, 2007 at Brookview Healthcare Center.

Frank was born in Delphos, Ohio on November 29, 1937, the son of the late Arthur William and Ella M. (Moyer) Yochum.

He was a member of Christian Mercy Fellowship, Ney. He worked as a truck driver at Ohio Art, Bryan.

Frank is survived by former wife, Ruth Yochum of Hicksville; daughters: Francine (Dave) Martin and Bette Sue (Ben) Johnson both of Hicksville; sons: John Yochum of Texas, Jim Yochum of Illinois, Jerry Yochum of New Mexico, and Frank (Candy) Yochum, Jr. of Texas; sister, Bonnie Harmon of Bryan; brothers: Art Yochum of Hicksville and Pat Yochum; half-sister, Joy Kimmell of Scott, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by half-sister, Mary Waldron and half-brother, Ray Yochum.

Graveside services at Bethel Cemetery, Cecil, on July 23, with Rev. James Reeb officiating.

Family request donations to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452 Antwerp, OH 45813.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)



**Sam "Sammy" Ray Smith**, 64, of Antwerp, OH passed away Friday, July 20, 2007 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Sam was born in Harts, WV on June 5, 1943, the son of the late Elza and Alice (Crittenden) Smith.

He served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a tire builder at BF Goodrich Woodburn, 1997.

He was a 30-year veteran of the Antwerp Fire & EMS Departments.

He was the husband of Anna Faye Smith. On November 11, 1967, Sam married Anna Cottrell, who survives.

Sam is survived by his wife and; son, Michael Ray Smith of Antwerp.

Sam is preceded in death by his sisters: Kathleen Dillon, Belva, Mary and Joyce Smith; and brothers: Henry, William, Paul and Elza, Jr.

Family request donations to Sam Smith Memorial Fund c/o Antwerp Exchange Bank PO Box 727 Antwerp, OH 45813 or condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).



**Kelly J. Rager**, 25, of 14738 Rd 61 Antwerp, OH passed away Friday, July 20, 2007 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Kelly was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 2, 1981, the daughter of Ed (Dottie) Zuber of Huntington, IN and Joan (Gordon) Zuber of Hicksville, OH.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Kelly was a hairstylist at Shear Headlines Hicksville, a member of the Antwerp EMS Squad for the past year and was enrolled at Brown Mackie College for Nursing. She would have graduated in October 2007.

On August 26, 2000, Kelly married Benjamin Rager, at the First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Kelly is survived by her parents; husband; and her children: Aubree Rager and Kaitlyn Rager both at home; and a sister, Brandy Sullivan of Hicksville, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Charlene Gordon, and Richard and Chris Zuber.

You are invited to participate in her funeral service with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, OH.

Family request donations to Aubree and Kaitlyn Rager, PO Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 or condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Heidi L. McDougall**, 31, of Antwerp, OH passed away Friday, July 20, 2007 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

HEIDI was born in Paulding, Ohio on August 4, 1975, the daughter of the late David Hunt and Debra Wilkinson of Columbia City, IN.

She was a member of Cecil Presbyterian Church. She worked as a Paramedic at M & M Medivan, Defiance.

Heidi was a member of the Antwerp EMS.

She was the wife of Matthew McDougall, who survives.

Heidi is also survived by her children: Samantha Spangler, Abbey McDougall, Harold Spangler, Kenny Mansfield, Andy McDougall all at home; sisters: April Speaks of Antwerp, Gina Wilkinson-Workman of Van Wert, and Michelle Birk of Churubusco, IN; brother, John Thomas of Worstville, OH; grandparents, Kenny Thomas and Wanda Hunt.

She is preceded in death by her father; and grandmother, Maureen Thomas.

Family request donations to children of Heidi McDougall.

**The visitation for Sam Smith, Kelly Rager and Heidi McDougall will be 2:00 - 9:00 pm, Thursday, July 26th at the Antwerp Local School. The funeral will be 1:00 pm, Friday, July 27th at Antwerp Local School.**

**COMFORTABLY NUMB?**

**By: Rich Phelan, Pastor, Living Waters Ministries, Payne**

I was a normal kid growing up in the 70's and early 80's. I tolerated school, but I absolutely loved to play sports, hang out with friends, and go out on dates on Saturday nights. That's the whole reason I had a job through high school, to finance my dates on Saturday—and gas for my '72 Cutlass so I could cruise with my friends on Friday nights. I cringe now when I remember the clothes we wore and the not-so-cool hair styles we had back then. Are Members-only jackets, parachute pants, and mullets back in style? If you're too young to know what those things are, just ask your parents, if they'll admit they know!

Besides my car, the thing I was most proud of was my awe-inspiring, envy-causing mountain of rock 'n roll albums. I had a stack of vinyl that was the envy of all my buddies at Charlotte High School. I bought duplicates of my favorites on cassette tape so I could listen to them while cruising. I even had a few on 8 track because I never knew when I'd have to take Mom and Dad's car.

One of my all time favorite albums was Pink Floyd's "The Wall". I loved that album, and man was it deep! I think I still have it somewhere, I know I've got it on CD. That wasn't an album for dates though, it was only for cruising to the midnight movies with my friends that "got" Pink Floyd. I liked them not only for their

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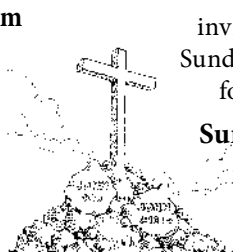
At the Payne Youth Center the "Rock"

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For more info:

We can be reached at 419-263-2728

or, by email - [rjphelan@bright.net](mailto:rjphelan@bright.net)



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**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Grades:** Going into Kindergarten through going into Grade 6

Brought to you by the Paulding Presbyterian and the Calvary Bible Churches

**\*\*\*SEE YOU THERE!!\*\*\***

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE JOINS WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT

The Grover Hill Ministerial Association announced that the Wednesday Night Alive Youth group formed following the World Impact Tour last April will be joining with the Wednesday Night Fun and Fellowship activities at the Grover Hill Zion United Methodist for the rest of the month of July.

July has been an eventful month so far as the youth enjoyed kick ball activities and other games on July 4th, relay games on July 11th and Carnival game-type activities on July 18. A water fun night is planned for July 25. These fun nights are part of the preparation of the upcoming community Vacation Bible School planned for July 29 through August 3, 2007 which is the combined activity of four Grover Hill area churches. The Wednesday Nite Alive group is also invited to attend and participate in the upcoming community Vacation Bible School activities.

The Wednesday Night Fun activities begin at 6:30 p.m. as the children and youth sign in and get a name tag. This is followed with devotions and a nice evening meal. The games and fun activities round out the evening and are complete about 8:00-8:30 p.m.

There will be no transportation available so parents are urged to bring their children to the Grover Hill Zion United Methodist Church in Grover Hill and then pick them up following the activity. Children living in Grover Hill may walk to the activities if they have their parents approval.

The Grover Hill Ministerial Association has also announced that the Wednesday Nite Alive group will be reforming under some new leadership, rules and guidelines following the week of Vacation Bible School.

—Rev. William W. Sherry and Rev. Billie Chrisman

### NEW UPDATES TO AN OLD TRADITION AT CHURCH OF GOD CAMPGROUNDS

Historical moments happened at the Church of God Campgrounds in Payne, OH on July 22, 2007 as the first service in the new worship building began.

The campgrounds have been there for many years and the need for a new building to replace the old was necessary. The new building is air conditioned.

Next year's services begin the fourth Saturday in July 2008.

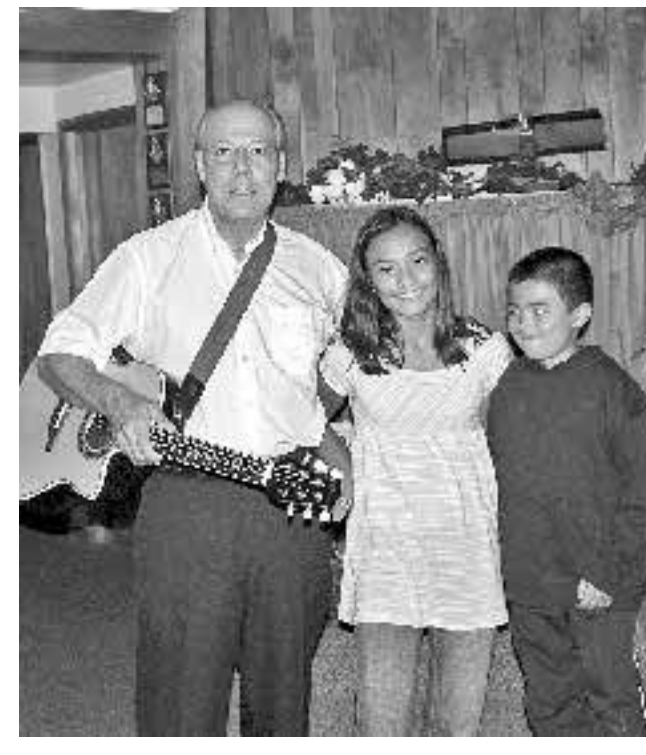
### MIDDLE CREEK AND ROSELMS YOUTH EMBARK ON ANNUAL MISSION TRIP

The Middle Creek and Roselms Youth group will leave the Grover Hill Welcome Park on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. for their annual mission trip. The youth will be traveling to Welch, West Virginia this year to be part of a mission team at the McDowell Mission. There will be four adults and seven youth making the trip to Welch. McDowell Mission is part of the United Methodist West Virginia Conference that ministers to the less fortunate of McDowell and surrounding counties.

The youth group is made up of youth representing three different area churches: Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Roselms Christian Church, and Dupont Church of the Brethren. Kathy Denny, Youth Director of the Middle Creek UMC is leading her fourth mission project. The youth and adults will be working on two different construction projects, will be part of several worship experiences and have some fun downtime activities with other youth who are also doing mission work. The mission team will return home on July 27, 2007 with many experiences to share with their friends, families and churches.

—Rev. William W. Sherry

### ALAN MARSHALL AT ANTWERP CHURCH OF CHRIST



By: Sue Kanpp

Alan Marshall, an evangelist from London, along with his two children, Hanna and Isaac, visited the Antwerp Church of Christ on July 22.

Alan receives support from several churches in the United States and comes every two years to let everyone know what's going on over there.

The Church of Christ in England was established in 1973 by Evangelist Fred Miller from the United States. Alan has taken over as evangelist and is spreading the Word to a people that in many cases has never heard the name of Jesus.

Alan rents a building from the church of England in southeast London to have services from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday morning. They have to carry everything pertaining to having church in his van—that includes tables and chairs. After they get done another church comes in and has their service.

After the morning service, the congregation joins together for a potluck at another location. Alan has established another church in east London and he and his family has a service there at 4:00 p.m. after which there is another potluck. Alan and his family leaves their house around 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning and gets home about

### 50/50 DRAWING FROM ANTWERP AUXILIARY USED AS MEMORIAL

The Antwerp Fire Auxiliary is holding a 50/50 raffle to raise funds for our organization and also for the Fire Department. In light of the tragedy, we were faced with this past Friday, we have decided that the proceeds will now go towards a memorial. We plan to erect a memorial stone that will be placed at the base of the flag in front of the Antwerp Fire Station to remember those who lost their lives helping others.

—Antwerp Fire Auxiliary

### AVALANCH RANCH VBS COMES TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Come sit a spell at the old west Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School at First Christian Church in Paulding. The VBS is set for July 29 through August 3 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. each evening at the building.

8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. There are also four cell church groups in London.

Alan's whole life is evangelizing for the Lord. It is legal in London for people to entertain by the subways for money. This is called busking. Alan will take his guitar but keep the lid closed, he is the only one that isn't doing it for money. He just wants to spread the Word of Jesus. He is the only one doing that.

There is a corner on a street that is reserved for people to proclaim their religion—it is called Speaker's Corner. There is always a policeman there watching out for trouble. Someone with signs stands there and proclaims that the only way to get to Jesus is to reject God, he calls himself a Christian Atheist. Alan also gets time on the corner.

With so much terrorism going on over there now the police carry guns and they have surveillance cameras everywhere. Prices are much higher with gas being \$8.25 a gallon—there are a lot of bicycles.

A toll bridge charges \$16.00 every time to cross it. To buy a house is out of sight.

"Yes, God is still blessing America," Alan says.

### "TAKE THE PLUNGE AND MAKE A SPLASH WITH JESUS" AT ANTWERP UMC

It's time to Take the Plunge and Make a Splash with Jesus! The Rainbow Circle at the Antwerp United Methodist Church is preparing for a VBS water park adventure. Each evening we will plunge into the Word and learn how Jesus used water to teach some very uncommon lessons.

This splash making adventure will begin each evening at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. August 6 through August 10. All the children of the community are invited to attend.

Kids will Take the Plunge at Raise the Reef Praises, the Snack Shack, Craft-Away Cove, Oceans of Motion, and Bibleland Bay. It will be a week of fun and excitement for kids of all ages.

There will be a program at Sunday morning worship August 12 at 10:00 a.m. with a Picnic at the Park to follow.

So grab your sunblock and your beach towel and prepare to get soaked as we Take the Plunge and Make a Splash with Jesus! It will be an adventure you'll never forget.

### OAKWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONTINUE PLANS FOR ALUMNI BANQUET

Oakwood Alumni Association met recently to get the mailing ready to go out to the alumni for the banquet that will be held Labor Day weekend at the Oakwood Elementary School.

Anyone that graduated, taught or attended the old AuGlaize Brown Local School in Oakwood is welcome to attend. Honored classes this year are the classes of 1947, 1957, and 1967. The Banquet will be September 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. To make reservations call 419-594-2692, 419-594-2187 or 419-395-2192.

### ANTWERP'S "DAY IN THE PARK" PARADE NEWS

On August 11, the American Heritage Girls are organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Day in the Park" Parade.

We need participants and a lot of them. Use your best sports-themed idea for your entry. Got a bike, ATV's, dirt bikes, horses, dogs, golf cart, go-cart, unicycle, or you just want to dress up like a clown—use your imagination and let that be your guide.

If you were in the parade last year, please come and join us again and if you weren't in the parade, come and join the fun anyway.

The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. (line-up being at 9:00 a.m.) at the Antwerp Football Field. Also come see the American Heritage Girls booth in the park after the parade and sign-up for the many games and contests.

We are having three different age groups of pie eating contests and many more fun games.

For any questions, please call 419-258-2373. If you would like to be in the parade a registration form is on the front page of this paper.



### WAYNE TRACE "CLASS OF 1988" REUNION PICNIC

The Wayne Trace High School Class of 1988 will hold a reunion picnic on Saturday, August 4, at the Grover Hill Park shelter house.

The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Class of 1988 members and their families are invited. Please bring a dish to share, drinks (alcohol is not permitted in the park), and lawn chairs. Paper products will be provided. There will also be an "adults only" gathering the same evening at 7:00 p.m. at Good Times Saloon in Payne, Ohio.

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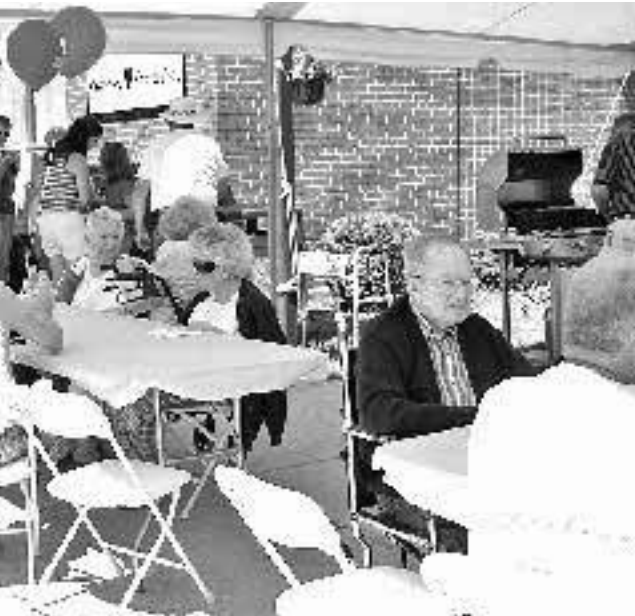
Applications are to be filled out and must be returned completed to PCDJFS the week of (August 13-August 17)

(Applications may be mailed to PCDJFS prior to August 13th.)

The program is available to children living in Paulding County and attending school, grades Kindergarten - 12th. Eligibility will be determined based on the 150% Monthly Federal Poverty Level for household size.

You must submit income verification or last four pay stubs for all earned or unearned income in household.  
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(Continued on Page 4) phase of the project.

They are currently working on the second phase which includes a rec room and a dining room. Eventually, there will be a big courtyard and gazebo.

The residents have responsibilities such as spoiling the two baby goats (Mike

and Ike) who live in a grassy area at the facility and watching the tomatoes grow that sit in pots at the front of the facility.

Plans for the Campus include a day-care center and exercise facility plus a banquet room that will be in the old gym.

**A NIGHT AT BETHEL UMC**

By: Stan Jordan

This is Saturday night, July 21, 2007. We just got home from attending the Bethel United Methodist Church's Home Made Ice Cream Festival. What a splendid evening! The food was good and so was the ice cream! But the fellowship was the highlight.

I saw a lot of old friends and made some new ones. I saw Nancy Smalley that I hadn't seen in 40 years. I talked with the Forest's, the Cline's, the Bennett's, the Vetter's, The Rodman's, the Doll's, the Henricks', the Derck's, the Snyder's, Rex Dangler and Charley Carey,

I could go on and on. Our whole family went and everyone enjoyed themselves. I ate so much of the other food that I only had one dish of home made ice cream and that was unusual for me.

I talked with Mrs. Tom Bennett about the meal and she said they froze 40 gallons of ice cream and it was mostly gone. She figured right at 300 adult customers. It was their best turn out yet.

That church must have a little extra pull with God because the weather was the best ever.

I thank those folks for the fine evening!!

See ya next year!

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

For 37 years, I played the organ at St. Mary Catholic Church in Junction, Ohio. July 7th, 2007 was the first Sunday in my life that I have ever had to wonder about where I ought to be. I found myself getting in my car and driving to our parish. I walked the grounds and visited the small shrine and garden area. The hymns of worship that had been a part of my Sunday mornings weighed heavy in my heart; I struggled to give them voice. Should I join a new congregation in Defiance or Paulding? Am I wrong for feeling such heavy loss? I remind myself that each parish is a part of one body. Junction Parish is simply a small part of a greater whole. Isn't each part equally important?

Our parish was founded in 1846. To put this in perspective, Defiance County was created in 1845 and had 700 people. Paulding, Ohio was platted in 1850. The pioneering men and women who settled my community carved our parish out of the wilderness as a place for the Junction community to meet, to worship God and to be a symbol of our Christian faith. Our parish has held together through the Great Depression, and celebrated together the end of World War II. We have held chicken dinners, and ice cream socials, Easter masses, CCD classes, Adult Education classes, Christmas Eve services, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and funeral dinners. Lay ministers and Deacons have been trained to serve in various capacities to meet the needs of our people. The Diocese has cited the shortage of priests as the reason for our closing. For over 150 years the Junction Parish has flourished under the shortage of priests, never having a resident pastor and serving its parish family in every aspect of life and death. I think this speaks volumes of the genuine love and commitment our parish families have for one another.

Now we are disbanded and our family is no more. We and other parishes like us have been shut down. If we were no longer financially self-sustaining, or if we had any logical reason at all, the pain would perhaps be manageable. We have been given no such reason. After all the years of trustworthy service we were asked to turn in our keys and then the locks themselves were changed. In 1996, we celebrated the parish's 150th anniversary. We published a special program detailing our church's history. The last sentence reads: "The people celebrate the past history and look forward with great optimism toward the future." I wish those words could ring true for me today. Now I wonder the grounds on Sunday morning with a feeling of abandonment by the very church that I have loved so dearly. Our place of worship has become a chained up shell of a monument and I grieve.

To my parish family, I love you, I miss you, and I hold you in my heart and mourn your loss.

—Gert Carnahan

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Flat Rock Creek Alert #1**

To all property owners in Payne, Paulding and all farmers north and south of Flat Rock Creek from the Indiana state line to the Auglaize River. BEWARE! Once again someone is proposing to fix Flat Rock Creek. The latest idea is not new, it won't stop flooding, it would waste your money and create a new tax that will be permanent.

A headline from a May 2007 issue of the Paulding Progress reads: Flat Rock Creek Tops Payne Council Discussion. Dr. Don Snyder was there to report that the creek was full of log jams and that they were not letting the woods and fields drain anymore and the farmers drainage tiles have no place to drain since everything (water) was backing up. Snyder said that he and others are planning to file a ditch petition with the county commissioners to remove the log jams and place the newly acquired public ditch on permanent ditch maintenance.

I understand Mr. Snyder's position and concern on this matter, but the plan will not end the possibility for flooding of homes that were built in or near the 100 year flood plain. The proposal is based entirely on assumption and not on any scientific study.

The idea of removing log jam's seems to make sense doesn't it? In fact, I had that same idea back in the 1990's when myself and a group of hardy volunteers removed over 70 log jams and hundreds of fallen trees from the creek. Unfortunately, our hard work did not produced our expected goal of lowering the peak flood elevation. Allow me to explain.

First, I have lived on the banks of Flat Rock my whole life. I have traveled the Creek many times by boat in low water and at flood stage. I have crossed every bridge over the Creek in four counties in two states during many flood events. Most importantly I kept records of rainfall and water levels from two stream gauges in the Creek. For many years I plotted this data on charts and graphs before and after our log jam project was completed in 1994. The analysis of this information led me to

conclude that log jams were not affecting peak flood levels at all.

What is the cause? The biggest factor that causes flooding everywhere is of our own doing! Ever since our ancestors began draining the Great Black Swamp in the 1800's and as we continue this practice today, water runs off the land faster into our ditches, creeks, and rivers. This is the true problem with Flat Rock Creek! In an ironic twist, the perfection of our own drainage practices is causing the flooding of areas that were once the best drained places in the old swamp. That's why most towns were built on creeks and rivers.

So what is the solution? I've heard ideas to dredge out the Creek or make it deeper and wider. Wouldn't that just be passing the problem on downstream again? And at what cost? The answer is millions of dollars and irreversible destruction to the last remaining natural creek in Paulding County. Does anyone else remember the Little Auglaize River flood control project? By the way, it still floods too and people are still paying for it.

In conclusion, any public project on Flat Rock needs to be looked at long and hard and not be rushed into. You, the people, who would be forced to pay for this should become involved because you won't have the option to vote on it. You'll need to attend meetings, ask questions and voice your opinions. Seek the truth. It's there, but you must dig it out.

All I ask of you is that you participate in your local government which is your right and responsibility.

My plea to the editor is to find and report the facts on this story as it begins to emerge.

—Tim Franklin, Payne, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Tax Everything**

I recently received an e-mail from a good friend that outlined all the taxes we pay. I knew we pay a lot of taxes, but this was crazy! I guess I did not realize we pay taxes on almost EVERYTHING! Here is a copy of this e-mail. Most of you may have seen this.

"Tax his land, tax his bed, tax the table which he's fed. Tax his tractor, tax his mule, teach him taxes are the rule. Tax his cow, tax his goat, tax his pants, tax his coat. Tax his ties, tax his shirt, tax his work, tax his dirt. Tax his hifac, tax his drink tax him if he tries to think. Tax his cigars, tax his beers, if he cries... tax his tears. Tax his car, tax his gas, find other ways to tax his a\*\*. Tax all he has then let him know that you won't be done till he has no dough. When he screams and hollers, then tax him some more, tax him till he's good and sore. Then tax his coffin, tax his grave, tax the sod in which he's laid. Put these words upon his tomb, 'Taxes drove me to my doom'. When he's gone, do not relax, it's time to apply the inheritance tax. Accounts receivable tax, building permit tax, CDL license tax, cigarette tax, corporate income tax, dog license tax, estate/gift tax, excise tax, federal income tax, federal unemployment tax, fishing license tax, food license tax, fuel permit tax, gasoline tax, gross receipts tax, hunting license tax, inheritance tax, inventory tax, IRS interest charges and IRS penalties (tax on top of tax), liquor tax, marriage license tax, medicare tax, personal property tax, property tax, real estate tax, recreational vehicle tax, road usage tax, service charge tax, school tax, social security tax, state income tax, state unemployment tax, telephone federal excise tax, telephone federal

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universal service fee tax, telephone federal, state, and local surcharge taxes, telephone minimum usage surcharge tax, telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax, telephone state and local tax, telephone usage charge tax, utility tax, vehicle license registration tax, vehicle sales tax, watercraft registration tax, well permit tax, and workers compensation tax. Still think this is funny? Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What the heck happened? Politicians! And I still have to press 1 for English!"

In Matthew 22:21 Jesus states, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." What exactly did Jesus mean by this? Was He saying that we should pay taxes as long as they were lawful, and it did not conflict with our duty to God? Or was He saying the taxes were not lawful and to give Caesar's money back, with full duty to God? Many will debate this. Are all our ridiculous taxes we pay lawful, or even justified? I can't get over paying taxes on top of taxes.

There is a new bill being brought up called the Carbon Tax Bill. It is sort of like a pollution tax. It is geared to slow the carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere. Many Republicans and Democrats have jumped on this in support. These are the same ones who deny global warming. Let's get this straight, they think global warming isn't real or we aren't the cause of it. Yet they felt we need to slow, or stop, carbon emissions in the atmosphere. I'm confused. Next thing you know, they will tax us on the air we breathe. We walk around breathing precious oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide into the air. Sound far-fetched?

There is a website that shows where our tax dollars are being spent. It details the proposed budget for 2008. The site is [www.budgetgraph.com/poster/](http://www.budgetgraph.com/poster/). It is an actual chart that shows each branch of government and how much each is allotted. There is a lot of wasted money. Here is an example of wasteful money. The Veteran's Benefits Administration is allotted \$1.198 billion and we allotted Egypt with \$1.3 billion. Our tax dollars are given to Egypt. Didn't bin Laden have ties with Egypt? How many insurgents

flood Iraq from Egypt to fight our soldiers? Egypt is worth more than our veterans?

As I looked at more tax problems, one group made me think. The Amish. I had always heard they don't pay as much taxes as we do. So I did some research. The fact is they don't pay social security tax. That is it. They are supposed to pay every other tax we pay. Now, if they work outside their community, they have to pay the social security tax if money is received from another source.

The bottom line in all this is our government was formed with the idea that the citizens of this country pay their share of lawful and justified taxes. This concept was to help fund the government and the country. Unfortunately, we have been abused with every tax known to man. Every time our government needs funding for something, they find a new tax for us. How convenient. I wonder how our forefathers felt about this? Maybe they knew something we didn't back then?

"Certainty? In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." —Benjamin Franklin

—Tim Dauten

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

What was country living is not so today. You live in the country to enjoy no noise and fresh air. I've lived in Paulding County all of my life and never wanted to live anywhere else. Now I have changed my mind about Paulding County. You can't enjoy living in the country anymore. If you think living in the towns is to be any different you're wrong. How do you enjoy a day in the yard when the air is filled with cow, pig, and turkey waste. When the wind comes from the south I can't stand the smell of the cow farm even though it is a few miles away from me. So, I'm stuck in the house with the windows closed. This is bad enough. What is worse is when they stop at your door to tell you they are putting a boar farm yards from your front door and this happens a day before they start to work on it! I talked to my neighbors, some of which didn't know this was about to happen. Boy, was this kept quiet so no one would know this was going to happen until it was actually started.

What can you do about this? Nothing, because if you try to fight this you lose. They are the ones with all of the money and the pull in the county. If we had the right people in politics that really cared about Paulding County instead of filling their pockets full of money, they could stop these animal farms from taking over Paulding County. What the county needs is industry so the people of this county can have a job and get off of welfare—not more animal farms.

Why do we have to pay real estate taxes when you can't enjoy being in your yard having cookouts, playing with your children, or just sitting in your yard to listen to all of the birds. The county is not so good to live in anymore. Who wants to move to Paulding County when it smells so bad? When the wind blows, your town will smell just as bad as it

does in the country. This will not stop until there are people who really care about our county and not filling their pockets. Would I like to move out of Paulding County now because of this? Yes. But why should I move when I can't afford to and I planned to live here until I die. I never thought there would be a day I couldn't enjoy sitting in my yard. Between the smell and the flies no one in the neighborhood is going to be able to ever enjoy the yard again and it's not just us, it's going to be the whole county. So they should change the name of our county to the Stinky County.

So if you like the smell, move to Paulding County if not don't move here because there is no more fresh air to breathe. Paulding County has went to the animals and politicians who want to fill their pockets but not let you breathe fresh air. They also don't care if your property value goes down because of this.

—Jean Fraley

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

- Admissions:*  
 7/19 - Waneta Sanders, Payne  
 7/22 - Paul Strahley, Paulding  
*Dismissals:*  
 7/16 - Bethany Gross & daughter, Antwerp  
 7/17 - Paul Strahley, Paulding  
 7/21 - Tracie Scott, Grover Hill

**Spotlight On Health**

**Alzheimer's Research**  
 (NAPSA)—There are now 5 million people with Alzheimer's disease—a 10 percent increase in five years—which prompts many to think more research is needed.

Yet the President's budget for 2008 cuts funding for scientific research and care when research could save billions of dollars.



Two new bills would want to alleviate the devastating burden of dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

"Unless we find a cure, it is likely that Medicare and state Medicaid programs will be forced to cut back on coverage, which could devastate patients and their families," said Ralph McCutchen, chairman of TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL).

Recently, Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) introduced two bills to help. The Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act (S.898) with companion legislation H.R. 1560 would increase research and prevention funding, and The Family Assistance Act (S. 897) would create a tax credit for families caring for a loved one with a chronic condition. TSCL urges you to contact your members of Congress and ask them to support these bills. For more information, visit [www.seniorsleague.org](http://www.seniorsleague.org).



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**LOCAL PRINCIPAL TO BE AN HONORED GUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT**

This October, Martin Miller will depart for Tokyo as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program. Mr. Miller, from Paulding Elementary School, was selected from a national pool of over 1,700 applicants by a panel of educators to earn this honor. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Martin Miller will be among 200 educators visiting Japan in October. They will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture and meetings with Japanese government officials and educators. They then will travel in groups of 20 to selected host cities where they will have direct contact with Japanese teacher and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as teachers college. They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher Program. The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000

Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute of International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher Program in the United States.



Up to 400 educators from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will be invited to visit Japan in June and October of 2007 (200 in each group). To date, more than 5,800 primary and secondary educators have visited Japan through the JFMF Teacher Program. Upon their return, program participants share what they have learned about Japan with their students and communities through a variety of outreach projects.

Primary and secondary school educators throughout the United States can apply to take part in one of the two trips to Japan scheduled for 2008, as guests of the Japanese Government. Teachers of all disciplines, including art, physical education, English, ESL, history, geography, math, science, and special education, from every region of the United States, are encouraged to apply. Applicants are not required or expected to have previous knowledge of Japanese or Japan. The application deadline for both 2008 trips is December 10, 2007. For more information about the 2008 competition, please refer to <http://www.fulbrightmemorialfund.jp> or contact 1-888-527-2636 (1-888-Japan-FMF) or [jfmf@iie.org](mailto:jfmf@iie.org). All applications must be completed online.

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## ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This story takes place about 1990 and my sister, Grace, is an LPN at PCH. Her husband, Ray Gross, is my brother-in-law but he is more like a brother. Grace has not retired yet, but Ray has, so he and I ran off to Florida to do some bass fishing.

My wife takes me over to Kammeyer's parking lot about four in the morning and Ray comes along with his pick-up truck and his boat. I had already, the day before, taken all my gear down to Ray's and loaded into the pick-up.

We are rolling along south bound on I-69 on a fine winter night. As we passed under an overpass, I saw an Indiana State Police Cruiser sitting there in the dark. For some reason I watched in the right hand mirror and I saw him enter the road with his light on. I told Ray that he has to be after us because there is no one else around. Ray pulled over to the side because he wasn't speeding. The trooper said, "Boys, I'm stopping you because you don't have any tail lights, but your turn signals and brake lights all work fine, you must have a wire off."

Ray said, "I checked the lights yesterday morning and all worked fine". Then he said, "Wait a minute, I did go to the woods and picked up

a load of wood. I must have caught a wire and pulled it loose." So the trooper said, "Turn on your blinker lights and proceed to the next turn off and you can crawl under and check your wires."

Well, the next exit was at Anderson, IN about four miles and we done just like he said. With a flash light and a little electric tape, we were back on the road. I think we had a Bacon & Egg McMuffin and coffee 'cause we had used a Micky D's parking lot.

All that day everything went fine. We usually stopped at Marianne, Florida at a motel we knew pretty good. But I tell you something funny. We went to the office and all these women must have washed their hair all at the same time because they all had towels wrapped around their heads. We couldn't understand them so we went on down to I 10 and got a room. Funny looking people.

We got down to Mossy Cove Fish Camp about 2:00 the next afternoon. It had been a light rain all day.



We carried in our necessary gear and fishing equipment and made a pot of coffee. Our neighbor was Marshall and Ruth Guffey. They are from Monticello, KY and had been in camp since the fall before.

Of course, Marshall came right over to check on us and tell us all the fishing news about camp. We were glad to see each other after the one year absence.

Ray always carries a five gallon bucket to the boat along with all the other nec-

essary gear. Well, Marshall always likes to go through this bucket like a kid on Christmas morning. It has bolts of all types, Twinkies, shop towels, a few oranges, side cutters, sometimes a light jacket and other articles too numerous to mention. He went through the bucket taking all the time and asked for a couple baits that he didn't have. Then he said, "Do you want to go out for a couple hours? Is your rain gear handy?" Well, yes we can go, because we were putting our rods and reels together as we sat and talked. We would take Marshall's boat, as ours was still on the trailer. He has an 18' Hydra Sport made in Tennessee, a real first-class bass boat.

It was a light rain and about 60 degrees. I don't mind fishing in the rain, but not if there is lightning or thunder.

I had been fishing here in Lake Istokpoga since 1968. I only fish for bass. Ray has fished for everything except bass. He was even an ice fisherman. Ray had no reason to

be a dedicated bass fisherman yet and that is what this story is about.

We must go back a year to his first year in Florida. We fished all day with live bait without much luck. We were fishing between Big Bee and Little Bee Island. Actually the only islands in this 28,000 acre lake. Ray said, "I'm going to try an artificial bait. This bait is so good that it is outlawed in Michigan!" We had nothing to lose so he cast it out about 40 foot. Well, when it hit the water, the area exploded, Ray set the hook because with those type of baits you pull right away. Well, that hog turned and started right straight away. When he set the hook, the line snapped like a rifle shot. Well, it was all over except the bad feelings. That fish was gone, the hot bait was gone and about 40 foot of line. Ray had forgotten to test the drag on his reel. It was just set too tight and that big

bass was too strong and broke the line!

Well, we talked about how big he was and that was Ray's first encounter with a big one while bass casting.

So now we are one year later and Marshall is on the prow of the boat. I'm in the back seat and Ray is standing in the middle of the boat. In those early years he stood up most of the time. Those two were fishing to the right up against the bulrushes and I fished out into the lake on the other side. I had four keepers and Marshall had one.

It was still a slow easy rain. With my cheap rain suit (it was hot out) you got just as wet inside from perspiration as you would from the rain outside. I never did have one of those Gortex rain suits. You didn't sweat under one of those, they are top of the line.

I guess I rubbed it in a little about my having four hits. Then I heard all the action on the other side. I heard Marshall holler, "Keep him out of the weeds." So by now I am watching from the back seat and all the action between the boat and the bulrushes. Marshall is shouting instructions, that big bass is putting up an awful fight and Ray got him turned away from the weeds and out behind the boat. When he got behind the boat, the hook pulled loose. All that excitement and action was over and nothing to show for it. But, you see, that was the second time that Ray had tied into a big large mouth bass. This rascal was way over ten pounds. Yes, sir, Ray was fast becoming a bass fisherman. Well, we fished until about dark and then went in.

Marshall's wife, Ruth (she has her own beauty salon in Monticello, the rest of the year) had Ray and I over for supper. We had fried fish, potatoes, ham and bean soup and skillet baked corn bread. We talked and ate and then ate and talked, and then ate coconut pie that we didn't have room for.

I have not seen these two for about five years and I do miss them. What I hear about Marshall isn't that good of news. In WWII he was a M/Sgt. and he signed up for the Reserves after the war. When the Korean War started he was called a M/Sgt. in a motor pool. He was a first class mechanic and had his own garage and car wash in Monticello. Yes, he served in two wars.

I had gone on using Dwar Graphite Rods with 8 pound line. Ray was still using the old fiberglass rods, but when he learned that you could 'feel' the bait action so much better with the new graphite rods, he got some of them. They are many times more sensitive than the old fiberglass. We would oil and grease our reels at night and if you're using non-filament line you must check the line for the tiniest dent or mar on the line. Your line will break right at that point if you hit a big one. So if you find a mark or abrasion, you cut the line off right there. You inspect the line at night and noon the next day. You know, a stitch in time might save you that big one.

On that same fishing trip, it was Friday morning and we had to leave for home the next morning. Ray and I went out to the east down towards the opening of the

Istokpoga and Kissimmee Canal but out into the lake. There was just enough breeze from the southeast to move the boat along. By now we are using plastic worms called 'Red Shock' or other fancy fish killing names. The boat would move along sideways and we would cast ahead into new water each cast as the boat moved with the breeze.

We had better luck that morning. It was a fine day, you took your jacket off about 9:00 a.m. and knew back in Ohio the high for that day would be 17 degrees. That very thought makes it a fine day. The boat rocked a little when Ray set the hook. He and a bass went round and round, but he never came out of the water. After 30 seconds of this, Ray said, "I either lost him or he is hung up in the weeds." Now things got complicated. Ray is holding his pole with the line going straight down beside the boat into the water and the weeds below. Nothing would give. The air was moving our boat over on top of Ray's line. He had 8 pound test line of a good make, Trilene, I think. Well, after a quick discussion all we could do was pull slow and steady on the pole and line and the line slowly moved the boat back against the wind

and then in a little while the line appeared going straight down into the water. So as Ray held everything tight I got the landing net down into the water where I thought the fish might be. I pulled and tugged and the net full of hydrilla weed slowly started to come up. We couldn't see anything but weeds. I put it in the boat, weeds, water and all. After a quick look we could see the fish was still on the line and down in the bottom of the net. We threw out handfuls of weeds and got a good look at this baby. He was a beauty and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces. The biggest large mouth bass that Ray had caught up to that time. That sure was about ten minutes of excitement. I think we drank a coffee and had a Twinkie for a couple of minutes. But we didn't catch anymore big ones. We fished the day out and then we had to take the boat out and trailer it, so we could start home at 4:00 a.m.

Ray had this eight pounder mounted and is on the wall along with another big one that he caught later but I've already told you about that.

What this whole story is about is Ray becoming a bass fisherman and a day like he had back then sealed his fate. See, Ya!

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**BUDGET PROVISIONS TO ASSIST OHIO'S CHILDREN**

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

Our children are our greatest asset, as they represent the future leaders of our state and our world. In the Ohio House of Representatives, we remain committed to ensuring children have everything they need to learn and grow, from educational opportunities to health care services. As a result, we made a number of investments in programs and services affecting children in House Bill 119, the recently passed two-year operating budget for the state.

Every child in Ohio deserves a high-quality education that provides them with the tools and skills they need to compete in the new global economy. Because a child's experiences before kindergarten are an essential part of their future success, we provided additional funding in the budget for public preschool and other early learning programs that seek to prepare them for future learning. We also invested \$20 million to help expose children to subjects such as science, math and engineering early in their education. These high-tech fields are major contributors to our economy, and having children learn and build an interest in them at an early age will help encourage many of them to continue those studies in college.

Legislators also understand that children have unique learning styles and that no one school can meet the needs of every child. We worked throughout the budget process to continue to give parents and students a variety of options to address their educational needs. The budget retains charter schools and the Educational Choice Scholarship Program, which provides students from under-performing schools with scholarships to attend another school of their choice. These options were originally eliminated in the governor's budget, and we restored them because we believe that parents should not have to send their kids to failing schools or be limited in their options of where to have their children educated.

Members of the House also worked to ensure that Ohio's youngest citizens have access to the resources and programs they need to grow up into healthy adults. We expanded the income eligibility requirements for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), making essential health care coverage available to an additional 30,000 children. The SCHIP Program provides health insurance to children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but low enough to make it difficult to afford private coverage.

In addition, we provided \$15 million per year in state and federal funds to children's hospitals across the state. This funding will help train pediatric specialists and provide for research projects that will contribute to breakthroughs in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases. House Bill 119 also includes additional funding for the Bureau for Children with Mental Handicaps, which provides services and

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**ROAD TRIP**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Anyone that knows me knows that I'm kind of a spontaneous person and I like adventures.

Saturday, my mom, sister (Sandy) and I went on a road trip. Mom wanted to go to Wabash because that's where she lived as a teenager. So here we go.

We went down 24W which takes you through Fort Wayne. I saw a sign for Barr Street Market. I wanted to stop, so we did. Sandy asked me how much I thought we were going to buy and I told her what makes the difference—we were in her van, we had plenty of room. We didn't buy anything.

Downtown Fort Wayne is beautiful, I think our next road trip will be there to visit museums, the library and Headwaters Park.

We continued on to Wabash without any trouble. We entered into town and saw all the houses my mom lived in. That is where she met my dad. She sold popcorn in front of the theater and he stopped and bought some.

The downtown area has lots of stores and businesses. The theater was still there. There is also a store called Modock's. Back when my mom lived there it was a pharmacy. In 1940, a circus came to town with an elephant named Modock. Modock was chained out and a pack of dogs came up and started barking at her and Modock got scared and escaped. The elephant went through some of the buildings, one being the pharmacy. It took five days for Modock to be captured. She went through my mom's back yard and Mom saw her. When they finally captured her she ate 30 loaves of bread, drank 30 gallons of water and they gave her four quarts of whiskey for a nose cold she got from being outside and she had lost 800 pounds. That's why Wabash has a store named Modock's. (The crops in Wabash did look a little better than ours.)

Next, we decided to go to Akron where my dad's parents had a farm. Sandy and I had spent time at the farm when we were little. They had a rock at the end of the driveway that we painted every summer we were there. Grandpa farmed, had cows, chickens, butchered his own meat and the milk man picked up their milk in milk cans. Grandma churned butter, cooked on a wood stove and had 13 kids.

We stopped at a convenience store in Roann that had an old gas pump that still worked. An old gentleman gave Sandy directions to Akron. We went through a covered bridge and got on the wrong road. We got lost. I've never seen 'boonies' like this before. The lanes back to the houses were so long you couldn't even see the houses. There were farms all over, fields of crops and fields lying dormant. (Sorry to say, their crops looked worse than ours.) Narrow roads and nothing. Well, we thought we knew where we were on the map, so we kept going. We finally came upon a sign that said "Squirrel Creek Bulk Foods and Cheese". "We'll go there, they'll tell us how to get to Akron," we thought. We followed the signs and couldn't figure out why there was a store way out in the 'boonies'. Finally we found it. We went

in and I said, "I know where we are on the map." The man said we weren't even on the map. Oh, well. The store was really neat. It had all kinds of bulk foods, whole foods and different kinds of cheeses. It had a room with material and sewing items. We had a really good time. There also was customers coming and going. I know we would never be able to find the store again. The man gave us directions to Akron, which was not that far away.

We did get to Akron and drove around the town. They had had a parade that day and doings down at the park. There were a lot of people sitting around visiting and walking around. We then decided to look up the grandparent's old farm.

Mom remembered how to get there. It is all gone now. The people who now own it had corn planted on the old homestead. The old fence and broken-down gate, that stood in front of the house, still remains. Over by the driveway there was the rock Sandy and I painted when we were girls. Sandy wants the rock and so she's going to try and find out who owns the property and talk to them. I hope she's able to get it. My best childhood memories were from that farm.

It was time to go home. Sandy thought we could eat at a small town restaurant but the one we tried closed at 2:00. So back to Fort Wayne we went.

It was a most enjoyable day. We had adventures, remembered old times and was blessed by being with each other. What more could you ask for.



**THE EXCITING WAIT**

**By: Tommi Stahl, Oakwood Elementary School**

On the date of 7/20/07, my brothers and I get to go camping with our grandma in her back yard. My brothers names are Devon. He is 13 years old and will be entering the eighth grade. His birthday is May 20. My littlest brother's name is Larry. He is seven years old and is going into the second grade. His birthday is December 30. He just learned how to ride a two-wheeler bike all by himself.

We are all excited about camping with our grandma. My grandma and I went to the store and got lots of things for camping. My brothers and I are going camping with our grandma because my dad is going to listen to my mom sing. She is in a band called Rebel Rose. My mom's name is Yvonne and my dad's name is Thomas. My grandma's name is Ramona Slabie Stahl. I love my grandma very much.

Well, I guess the point of this story is that we are very excited about camping.

By the way, thanks for reading my articles and I hope you will enjoy my story about my camping trip next week.

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 music but for the way they told a story in song. Most were sad songs, songs about friends of the band who were no longer with them, songs about people they knew who had gone over the edge with drug use. One such song is called Comfortably Numb. That was and is one of my all-time favorite Pink Floyd songs. It's about a strung-out rock star who builds a "wall" around himself to keep everyone and everything, except drugs, on the outside. The guitar riffs are strong and haunting and the lyrics are tragic; it is a powerful song.

Music has always been a strong influence in my life, one God has always used to speak to me, probably because that's where my attention was. One thing I've learned about Him is He comes to where we are to speak to us. A few years ago when I was a full-time bible college student by day and worked at a nearby state prison at night, I encountered that song in a very different way.

One fall night I got dressed in my prison uniform, kissed my wife and kids good night and left for work. I got behind the wheel of my Buick Riviera and started my 18 minute drive to work. Normally I used that time to think. Think about family, about God and what He was going to do with us after college, was Michigan State ever going to hire a good football coach, etc. On this fall night I was too tired to think, my mind was fried from mid-term exams so I just turned on the radio instead. As the headlights from my Riviera cut through the darkness on the winding back roads, a song came on the radio that

I hadn't heard for years, but I knew it immediately. I caught the opening verse to "Comfortably Numb". I quickly turned up the volume and I thought, this is going to be a good drive after all. I didn't know how good.

There's a line towards the end of the song that I think is the saddest. It says, "...when I was a child I caught a fleeting glimpse, out of the corner of my eye, I turned to look and it was gone, I can not put my finger on it now, the child is grown the dream is gone, and I have become comfortably numb."

I had heard that song and that line hundreds of times in my life, but I was about to "hear" it differently. As the song came to that verse God began to put a different meaning to the words. As I was driving it was as if I was seeing myself as a kid again, like seeing a home movie that is played back, instead of being shown on an old bed sheet tacked to a wall, my mind was the screen. It started when I was a kid of ten or so, young and innocent. I knew God then, and He talked to me as He does to all children. I saw myself back in Sunday school, the lessons simple, some a little silly, but I knew God, and sometimes we kids had a greater experiential understanding of God than the adults did. Listen to a child talk about God sometime. A kid could care less about the "deeper" issues of theology, yet there's an intimacy between them, He's personal. He talks to them so simply, yet so beautifully. As this was replaying in my mind my heart was warmed at knowing that God was right there in my good times and my bad times. But

as this memory movie went on things began to change as I got older. Just as the song talks about turning to look and it was gone, that is what happened in my movie. As I got older my thoughts and my energies went to other things. The God I once knew so well, whose voice I recognized so well had faded. Other things began to creep in like a thief and they became more important to me, and the voice of God simply faded into the noise of my life.

When I pulled into the parking lot of the prison I sat there in my car for ten minutes or so, while the tears ran down my face with the memories of losing Him and His beautiful presence as I grew up. I asked Him why He would show that to me then. I was a Christian, I was in bible college, why would He hurt me with a memory like that? It's only recently that He has told me why, or maybe I've finally gotten quiet long enough for Him to tell me?

He wasn't showing me all this so I'd see my own life and be saddened by it. He's a good Father who does not condemn His kids, I couldn't go back and change any of my past even if I wanted to, so I knew He had other reasons. He was showing it to me because it saddened Him to have His Loved one become so hardened that he could no longer hear Him. I believe the main reason He showed me all this is because that's the way it is with most of us today, and that breaks His heart. We're all made in His image, and in our child-like innocence there is an openness to God that most of us have lost.

I know this about God. He never stops talking to His children. He loves us, He treasures us and His time with us. But somewhere along the way we lose the ability to hear Him. There are many reasons for this—our sin, our busyness, our pursuit of other things all gather like storm clouds that collide creating a thunderous roar that His still small voice won't compete with. His voice is simply and tragically lost among the noise of our lives. Many of us have become comfortably numb to His voice.

The bible says that today if we hear His voice, do not harden our hearts. That's what the noise does, hardens our heart. He is speaking to you today. I don't know where you are or what's going on in your life or what storms are brewing to keep God's voice of love, grace, and life from your ears. But I do know

this: He knows you and what you're going through. Don't become numb to His voice. Ask Him today, "Jesus, is this all true? Are you trying to talk to me?" I believe that if you say that and mean it, and if you'll listen, you'll hear His voice. He will not disappoint you. As you're listening for Him, find your bible. Pull it from the shelf or out of your night stand and turn to John's gospel. If you don't have one call me, I'll give you one, no strings attached. You'll begin to hear His words are for you. Is it time for the thunder in your life to go away?

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 treatment for children with severe medical handicaps such as cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia and spina bifida.

There is no question that our children are our future, and the actions we take today will impact their development, progress, hopes and dreams. Here in the Ohio House of Representatives, we have worked hard to fight for our children and will continue to provide them with the resources necessary to become successful adults.

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.

**Mayo Makes Any Meal**  
 (NAPSA)—Home cooks in need of quick and easy ways to keep everyone fed are keeping their pantry stocked with cooking basics like mayonnaise. Beyond the tuna sandwich, this versatile favorite can be substituted for eggs in baking or used as the base for nearly any spread, sauce or dip—even chocolate cake!

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**HARLEY MILLER: MY SUMMER VACATION**



**By: Sue Knapp**  
 Harley Miller, 13, of Antwerp, had the opportunity to go to England this summer. Her cousin, Kurtis Kelly (son of Barbara Miller Kelly) is in the Air Force and is stationed there.

Kurtis and his wife Misti visited here last Christmas and invited Harley over for the summer. Harley's mom, Donna, would only let her go for three weeks.

Harley flew coach on the way over and it only took 6-7 hours. On the way back the steward asked if she would like to sit in business or first class. Of course, Harley jumped at the chance. Yes, things are very different in first class. Harley received warm mixed nuts, choice of salmon, pasta or steak, salad and ice cream or cheese for dessert. There are also large cushy seats with lots of leg room.

Harley was able to visit three towns: Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, London and Norwich. She saw many colleges in Cambridge and window shopped and had Calamari in Norwich, it was breaded and smelled like shrimp. After she ate it she found out it was squid.

She thought the people seemed to eat healthier. They always serve peas with fish and chips. She went to a grocery store with a cafe and had breakfast. They serve baked beans with breakfast and brunch. McDonald's food was the same and the people usually cook the food over done.

She was amazed with the flowers. There were flowers everywhere with roses as big as a hand. There were a lot of perennials growing from gen-

erations ago. Some houses still have thatched roofs. There is chicken wire over the straw to keep it on. The houses are brick and they tend to lean because they aren't built with 90 degree corners. The countryside is gorgeous.

They drive on the opposite side of the road than us and the cars are mostly small. Ford has a small car called KA not ending with a R because there wasn't enough room to finish the word.

Harley saw Big Ben and the Eye, a huge ferris wheel that with all the stops takes about an hour to go around, Harley said, "It was jinnormous".

The Queen is pro-animal so you can not even shoot a bird away.

They had a parade celebrating the Queen's birthday. Harley was about 40' away and saw the Queen, Prince William and Harry, Prince Charles and Camilla.

They had road signs, one of them was an Elderly People Crossing sign. The money exchange was for \$1.00 here it was worth two pounds over there.

Harley was able to understand what the people were saying but they had different words for things.

Some of the different words are: if your in line, the line is called a que; a subway is called a cube, potato chips are crisps; french fries are chips; police are bobbies; suspenders are braces; semis are lorries; and elevators are lifts.

Harley had a great time, she was able to learn a lot and she is looking forward to going back.

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## Managing Depression Symptoms With "Man's Best Friend"

(NAPSA)—For people with depression, support from a doctor, family and friends can be key to the recovery process. But many people may be overlooking an important member of their family who can also help them feel better—their dog.



People with depression can derive support from a doctor, family and friends—and their dogs.

Research has shown that there are benefits to having a dog that match areas healthcare professionals believe can help people with depression. Dogs can:

- Help decrease the effects of depression like loneliness and isolation
- Offer an incentive to be more physically active
- Provide the desirable qualities of a best friend, like companionship and physical contact.

"I have witnessed first-hand the benefits dogs can provide people with depression," explains Joan Esnayra, Ph.D., president of the Psychiatric Service Dog Society (PSDS), a non-profit organization that works with mental health consumers who wish to train their dogs to assist with the management of depression and other mental illnesses. "Whether it's giving someone a reason to get out of bed in the morning, being a constant companion, or providing an opportunity to meet new people, dogs can make a real difference in the life of someone with depression."

### Support Partners: Canine Companions

To help people learn how to include their dog in their recovery process, Eli Lilly and Company and the PSDS have launched a program called *Support Partners: Canine Companions*. The program offers a brochure that provides information about the potential benefits of having a dog, the different levels of support a dog can offer and easy ways pet owners can immediately incorporate their dogs into their support network.

### Tips for Including Your Dog in Your Recovery

1. Exercise—Walking, running and playing with your dog are great ways to incorporate exercise into your daily routine, which may help people with depression. Remember to always consult with your physician before beginning any new exercise regimen.

2. Visit the dog park—Dog parks can be a great place for dogs and people to socialize with one another. Interacting with other people may diminish feelings of loneliness.

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### For More Information

To learn more about *Canine Companions*, and to download the brochure, visit [SupportPartnersProgram.com](http://SupportPartnersProgram.com).

*Support Partners: Canine Companions* is the newest component to the *Support Partners* program, which encourages a support team approach to overcoming depression. *Support Partners* is co-sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company and the National Women's Health Resource Center.

## PCH FOUNDATION'S 2007 MARK TEETS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Rick Small, a player on the PCH Foundation's 2007 golf tournament's first place team, prepares to putt. Other members of the First Federal team are (l-r) Mark Ferris, Bill Meyers, and coaching Small, is Deanna Grindstaff.

The PCH Foundation recently held its Mark Teets Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is the foundation's major fund raiser. This year's tournament had 30 teams.

Some small achievements for the day include: winner of the longest drive (men) was Greg Johnson; longest drive (women) was Cindy Brewer; Straightest drive was

Nick Doster; longest putt was Dan Kaufman; Closest to pin was Edson Chakayuka; the 1st place team was First Federal: Deanna Grindstaff, Rick Small, Mark Ferris, and Bill Meyers; 2nd place team was Welch Trophy: Al Welch, Aaron Moore, Doug Wilken, and Tom Sinn; 3rd place team was Lafarge: Geoff Fehr, Edson Chakayuka, Ben Fogle, and Ed Leverton.

## PROTECTING OHIO'S CHILDREN

### Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Our children are our most precious assets and nothing is more important than their health and safety. Recognizing this, members of the Ohio General Assembly have and will continue to make protecting children from sexual predators a top priority. We are currently working on a number of proposals that will hold criminals accountable for their actions and deter them from committing additional crimes once they are released from prison.

Recently, we passed several pieces of legislation that will bring the state into compliance with the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, a bill signed by President Bush last year that requires states to follow federal requirements for sex offender registration and community notification procedures. These bills were based on recommendations of a task force that studied the changes needed to Ohio law in order to align it with the Adam Walsh Act.

Senate Bill 10 updates the state's sex offender registration and notification (SORN) laws regarding access to and sharing of information and creates a three-tier classification system for sex offenders, eliminating Ohio's current system of seven different classifications. Senate Bill 97 increases the penalties for offenders who fail to register with their local sheriff as required by law. Additionally, Senate Bill 18 prohibits offenders convicted of a sex-related crime against a juvenile from having their records sealed.

Federal law requires states to implement the Adam Walsh Act by July 2009 and by passing these bills now, Ohio will be eligible for up to \$1 million in bonus federal grant dollars to help offset the costs associated with enforcing the new standards. States that do not comply by 2009 could have their grants reduced by as much as 10 percent, so it is important we take steps now to put these new requirements

into practice.

While these bills will allow law enforcement officials to better track the whereabouts of sexual offenders, there is also a method that the public can use to find information on registered sex offenders living in their area. eSORN is a state-of-the-art electronic sex offender registration and notification Web site administered by the Ohio attorney general's office. The site allows users to find the name, address, type of offense and photo of each convicted sex offender that the attorney general's office is permitted by law to include and is searchable by offender name, county, ZIP code and school district. It also provides links to county sheriffs' offices Web sites. For more information about eSORN, you can visit [www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us).

In addition, many county sheriff offices also have links to the eSORN Web site or a searchable county-wide database of sex offenders. Below are the Web site addresses for your local county sheriff office:

Defiance County: [www.defiance-county.com/dcsol/index.htm](http://www.defiance-county.com/dcsol/index.htm)

Henry County: [www.henrycountysheriff.com](http://www.henrycountysheriff.com)

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As you well know, one of the most important roles government can play in society is protecting citizens and maintaining safe and peaceful communities. Here in the Legislature, my colleagues and I will continue to work to enact public policy that will keep our children safe and give law enforcement the tools they need to effectively protect kids from those who would do them harm.

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@oh.state.oh.us](mailto:district75@oh.state.oh.us) or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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## PCH AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

The Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary is always looking for ways to help support the different needs of the local hospital. This past year we donated approximately \$14,000, dividing this among all of the different departments within the hospital fulfilling their wish list.

One of our projects is the annual book sale which is coming to the hospital on August 3, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

There will be a wide variety of books for you to choose from—from children's books, to cookbooks, to Christian literature.

We hope you will come and support the book sale. Christmas is right around the corner and this would be a good time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping and you will not need to fight the crowds in the store.

Our other projects throughout the year is the manning of the gift shop on a daily basis throughout the week, a jewelry sale, a recent Kanvas purse and school bags sale and coming soon will be the annual craft sale in November at the Extension Center.

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# ANTWERP JAM KIDS VISIT WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME



By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Church of Christ J.A.M. kids visited the Woodburn Christian Children's Home on July 18. Each week when the kids come to J.A.M. a collection of change and dollars are saved to be given at this annual trip (along with needed groceries for the Home). This year the kids collected \$310.05. Each year there is a contest to see who can guess the closest amount of the donation. Kayla Emerson and Colton Porter, from the church, were the winners.

The Children's Home consists of two houses. Each house has a set of house parents and their families. The house parents create a home atmosphere—which includes the kids being responsible for chores. Some of the kids are there for years and they think of it as home. They have nice rooms and there is a big kitchen

with a 'Walton' size table. The house parents are Dave and Kendra Smith and Hal and Carol Rogers. Dan Grant is the Ministry Coordinator. He and his wife Kathy live in the administrator's house. Lee Bracey is the Director.

The Home does not take any funds from the state, it runs totally on donations from churches and individuals. They have a big fund raiser auction towards the end of the summer with food and entertainment.

The J.A.M. kids look forward to visiting the Children's Home every year. They are always excited to see how much money was collected. Cookies and juice are shared, games are played and tours of the home are available.

The J.A.M. kids are looking forward to start collecting money for the Children's Home to deliver next year.

# GILLMOR INTRODUCES BILL TO CRACK DOWN ON PREDATORY LENDING

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) recently joined in the introduction of legislation which would curb unscrupulous lending practices and increase protections for home buyers. Gillmor, a senior Congressman from Northwest Ohio, joined with two other senior Members of the Financial Services Committee, Ranking Member Spencer Bachus (R-AL), and Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH), in crafting the first significant overhaul of our lending laws in the 110th Congress.

"America currently enjoys the highest home ownership rate in our nation's history. Unfortunately, too many people, and far too many Ohioans, were offered mortgages that were wrong for them," Gillmor said. "Home ownership should remain the American dream, not a nightmare. For far too long, Ohio has been subjected to crooked lenders, loose underwriting standards, and high foreclosure rates. Ohioans have rightfully demanded their representatives take action to stem the wave of foreclosures and this bill answers their call."

As a senior member of the Financial Services Committee, Congressman Gillmor has been seriously concerned with the loosening of credit standards for several years. Already this year, Congress has held more than ten hearings about the turmoil in the housing market, many of which Gillmor attended or led as Ranking Member of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. In addition, the Northwest Ohio Republican recently sponsored a bipartisan summit on Capitol Hill where he assembled most of Ohio's Congressional delegation with housing advocates and representatives of the mortgage industry to discuss the foreclosure crisis in Ohio.

Today's legislation, The Fair Mortgage Practices Act, is the culmination of a 16-month effort to achieve a solution to concerns about unfair practices within the lending industry. The Act includes the following new or enhanced consumer protections:

- Creates a national registration and licensing standard for mortgage originators to enhance account-

ability and professionalism within the industry;

- Increases transparency in the mortgage process by simplifying disclosures for borrowers;

- Encourages financial institutions to evaluate a borrower's ability to repay a mortgage loan before extending credit;

- Increases support for housing counseling;

- Restricts prepayment penalties on hybrid adjustable rate mortgages;

- Requires that sub-prime mortgages have escrow accounts for taxes and insurance at the time the loan is consummated;

- Strengthens enforcement against mortgage fraud schemes.

Rep. Gillmor has encouraged greater financial literacy for some time now. Included among the provisions contained in the Fair Mortgage Practices Act is \$100 million dollars for housing counseling to low and moderate income borrowers, a more than doubling of the current federal budget for housing counseling.

"Congress has held many vital hearings already this year about the turmoil in our nation's housing market. It is always important to gather the facts first, but now the time has come for action. Today's bill provides the protection that American homeowners deserve and I hope the Democrat leadership moves quickly to bring this bill up for a vote on the House floor," Gillmor concluded.

Spencer Bachus, the Ranking Republican Member on the Financial Services Committee thanked Congressman Gillmor for his efforts to tackle the sub-prime issue. "Let me commend the bill's original cosponsors - Reps. Paul Gillmor and Deborah Pryce - for the leadership they bring to this important issue."

Since 1999, Ohio has been above the national average in delinquencies of both conventional and sub-prime mortgages. In January, the Mortgage Bankers Association announced that Ohio again led the nation with home foreclosures. Combined with Michigan and Indiana, the three states had 20 percent of the nation's foreclosures while only holding 9 percent of the loans nationwide.

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**A.C.D.C. PROMOTES ANTWERP**

**By: Denny Lee**  
The Antwerp Community Development Committee continues to promote the Antwerp community with various beautification projects, fund-raisers, donations, and a dedicated group of volunteers. The committee's latest idea is to preserve and renovate the historic railroad depot that is located on the west end of the village. The depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but, unfortunately has fallen into disrepair through neglect and lack of funding. A.C.D.C. would like to preserve this piece of history for future generations and possibly have it used as a meeting place for Scouts, 4-H youth, adult groups etc. Their vision is to make this landmark a "state of the art" historic facility. Government grants have been applied for which will cover 80% of the renovation cost and Antwerp is in the running to receive this grant but A.C.D.C. needs to show how they will pay for the remaining 20% of the cost. Golf outings and various fund-raisers are being planned but your pledge or donation to this cause would be greatly appreciated. Pledges or donations can be made to: A.C.D.C. Depot Renovation Project, Ant-

werp Community Development Committee, P.O. Box 251, Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
Another vision this group of volunteers has is to preserve the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum that was bequeathed to the town of Antwerp and is in desperate need of relocation and care. This is one of the largest naturalists collections owned by an individual in the nation. The committee is pursuing some very promising prospects for a new home for this collection and should have an answer in a matter of days. Volunteers have already come forward to assist in the relocation project. What a town we live in!

The committee is lending it's support to the Antwerp Local School's effort to create an all-weather track and will assist the track committee in it's effort to raise money for that project. The committee has an interest in the proposed future bike trail that will run along the old US 24 once the new four-lane expressway is completed. The committee is giving its support to chairperson Jon McCreery and his helpers for the huge golf outing/fund-raiser he is planning for the depot on October 6. What about that big beautiful Welcome sign west of town the Committee installed? No one should wonder about this town's friendliness or pride of its citizens to be located here in good ole Paulding County, voted the "most affordable county in the USA". That has got to be the largest welcome sign in the state of Ohio. Something good happened in your life and you would like to "pay it forward"? Become a member of the A.C.D.C. volunteers and pay it forward to a whole community.

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**DIAMOND VS. VIPER EYES**  
**By: Sara Trauterman, Antwerp High School**  
"It doesn't match the color of your diamond eyes", is what I heard on the night of envy.  
So sweet is the jealousy that is seen in everyone's not-so-diamond eyes.  
I have seen the ceiling move at a steady rate of three miles per hour and decided it was time to feel the cold air in my lungs again.  
Walking outside is the best part after leaving a room packed with hungry wolves waiting to rip out your heart and eat it.  
Sometimes life leads you into weird places and somehow that was one of those times.  
(You noticed that, after thanking God for emergency exits.)  
Did I forget to mention those set of diamond eyes right above the off-centered

nose?  
To me they were more like reptile skin, but I guess we all have our own opinions.  
Maybe like a snake.  
A viper? With such a powerful bite.  
Maybe.  
I figured they were dying off with the withdrawal of my perfume,  
So I went back in to torture them with the scent and stare of my new-found "viper eyes".  
No one ever noticed the change.  
I don't think snakes can prowl,  
But if they could, that would be the moment of its happening.  
A viper and a wolf?  
Does that happen?  
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Then make plans to attend AuGlaize Village Farm Museum on either Saturday, July 28 for its Herb and Art Fair, or Sunday July 29 when the Blue- and Gray-clad re-enactors take over the site.

Kim Buchholz is enthusiastic about bringing the Herb and Art Fair to Defiance County's historic village.

"Corey Speiser began this event in the 1990's at her home in Independence. She had a wonderful site to hold it, because her yard held a great variety of herbs and flower beds with lavender, Queen Anne's lace and foxglove.

"Later the event moved to Pontiac Park in Defiance," Buchholz stated, "but now it's at AuGlaize Village. We plan to begin a tradition of it here every last Saturday of July. Hours for the event are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"I have craft artists, food vendors, and demonstrators coming from all over north-west Ohio," Buchholz continued enthusiastically. "Hypertuffa garden creations, figurines, crocheted items, jewelry, beaded animals, tie-dyed shirts and paintings are a few of the variety of wares that will be found here."

Also at the event will be Brandon Knott of Continental who will show how a ball of clay on a potter's wheel becomes a bowl or a cup, and Jeff Connell from Defiance who demonstrates the intricacies in leather work.

A lunch will be available, and will include cucumber sandwiches and deviled eggs as well as herbal teas and lemonade.

"The buildings at AuGlaize Village will also be open for visitors to go through," Buchholz said, "and some of the crafts people will be here. The spinner, weaver, plus tinsmith, will demonstrate early pioneer skills. So if people have never seen these done, they need to come out and see it.

"There's no admission fee for this day's events," Buchholz said, and concluded, "Also, I'm still accepting registrations for crafters, artists, herbalists or craft demonstrators. They can call me at 419-428-2008."

After the Herb and Art Fair is over, the Civil War re-enactors will arrive and set up their tents and campsites. A hobo supper is planned for 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Donations will be accepted for the open fire iron kettle stew.

Civil War Day takes place on Sunday July 29, starting at 10:00 a.m. Visitors can discover what soldiers did to pass the days between battles with the opposite side.

The life of a Civil War soldier was not filled with fighting day after day. More mundane activity such as learning to march in formation, how to hold their weapon, and musket practice were more typical, and these will be demonstrated during the day.

Expect the unexpected, though, because a skirmish might take place as well as the train being stopped by soldiers looking for a spy.

The buildings at AuGlaize

Village will be open where costumed interpreters will explain the daily life during the mid to late 1800's. For a small fee, the train will give rides on the one-mile track around the village. Several pioneer craft people will demonstrate their skills.

No admission fee will be taken, but donations are always welcome.

AuGlaize Village is an educational restoration project of the Defiance County Historical Society and is located on Krouse Road three miles west of Defiance and one mile south of US 24.

For more information on AuGlaize Village and its events, go to [www.historic-lauglaizevillage.com](http://www.historic-lauglaizevillage.com).

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular sessions during the week of July 9 and on Monday, July 16, 2007.

During the July 11 meeting, the Commissioners receive word and a picture of the installation of the long planned secure communications building at the base of the new radio tower. The secure building was obtained and installed by Schweller Electric. The building will hold electronic equipment for county-wide communication by all the fire, rescue and police departments.

At the same meeting Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, reported on road and bridge progress. McGarvey noted that County Road 60, west of the Wayne Trace High School, between County Road 107 and County Road 87, was being widened. He also noted that the County Road 209 ditch project, in Auglaize Township, has been completed except for seeding. The ditch was moved over and reconstructed to allow a wider and safer berm. Another item was the closing of the old bridge on Township Road 15 in Carryall Township. This bridge is scheduled for replacement this year.

Ohio law assigns responsibility for providing alcohol, and drug counseling as well as mental health services to regional boards. Paulding County, Van Wert County, and Mercer County join together in one of these regional boards. The boards are called Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Boards (ADAMHS). State agencies and each member county are responsible for appointing individuals to board membership. Mike Farmer and Gene Gribble completed terms ending June 30, 2007. The Paulding County Commissioners appointed Lou Levy and Laura Durre to new four-year terms to represent the county. The ADAMHS Board provides services to county residents by contracting with non-profit corporations. In Paulding County the Counseling Center, a non-profit corporation, receives funding from the ADAMHS Board. Turning Point, another non-profit organization, receives funding from the ADAMHS Board for alcohol and drug addiction treatment.

All three Commissioners attended the open house for the new Habitat for Humanity home located in Melrose. The open house was held on the afternoon of Saturday, July 14.



**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL "REMEMBERING RICH" CHARITY BANQUET**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Remembering Rich" Charity Banquet is being held in honor of Rich Zartman who was killed in a drug and alcohol related accident on August 5, 2001. Money raised from the event will go to the Turning Point's drug and alcohol prevention programs. DARE is no longer in Paulding County, so this is a way to help keep drug and alcohol prevention education in our schools. This is very important for our children. The best way to learn is to constantly remind!

This year's banquet is being held on August 4, 2007 at the Payne Catholic Reception Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, children activities and games, and raffles held throughout the event along with a 50/50 drawing toward the end.

If you would like to make a donation you can contact The Turning Point at (419) 399-5612.

It's going to be a fun-filled night you won't want to miss. Come out and help celebrate the life of Rich.

At the Monday, July 16, session the Commissioners approved a proposal from the Manatron Corporation for upgrading the software for the property appraisal and tax accounting system. Susan Simpson, County Auditor, and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, recommended approval of the Manatron proposal. The existing appraisal system was installed approximately twenty years ago. The existing computer software system will not be serviced past the end of 2008, making the program obsolete.

The Homestead Exemption program has changed. An income cap previously restricted this exemption. Now all qualifying homeowners will receive a \$25,000 credit off the market value of their home for all local property taxes. If you received Homestead Exemption Credit this year on your tax bill, you will be automatically rolled over into the new program, no need to reapply. To qualify you must be:

1. At least 65 years of age during 2007;
2. Totally or permanently disabled as of January 1, 2007, certified by a licensed physician or psychologist or a state or federal agency;
3. Surviving spouse of a person receiving previous Homestead Exemption at the time of death and the survivor must be at least 59 years old on the date of death.

New Homestead Exemption applications are available at the Auditor's Office in the Courthouse. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Questions can be answered

by calling 419-399-8206 or 419-399-8245.

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 met in regular session from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business of Mondays and Wednesdays.

**ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING**

By: Sue Knapp

On July 9 the Antwerp Council held it's monthly meeting.

Loretta Baker was introduced as the new Fiscal Officer.

Visitors Oley McMichael, Matt Hormann and Tim Reid were present to voice negative opinions on the investigation of a town wide trash pick-up.

Chief of Police, George Clemmens, reported 218 calls and 53 offenses for Mayor's Court. It was said that the Police Department would not receive money from the general fund for now and it would be discussed at the next month's meeting.

It was approved to go on with the planning stage to put a casing pipe out by Wentworth Road. This will provide water for future businesses.

Water drawn from the hydrant on S. Erie Street by Beaver Construction caused the pressure to go down on the homes and businesses in that area. It was discussed that they now will get water from the Water Plant Drive hydrant and Beaver Construction will fix up a back-up well and use that. Beaver will also pump water out of the Maumee River. Sarah Keeran is afraid there will be a water shortage due to the dry weather and the town needs to keep it's reserve in case of fire.

Media Com is going to install free a weather channel to the fire and EMS hall for weather info.

Mayor Womack contacted Medicount Management

from Cincinnati to come to the August meeting. The purpose is to discuss taking over the billing of the EMS Department.

It was discussed that a water problem on Shaffer Road has come up. Residents have reported black and rusty water. Sarah Keeran is looking for ways to fix the problem. Flushing has helped a little but hasn't been a permanent solution. She will talk to Poggmeyer for options.

The council has been working with the Village Utility Clerk on back utility bills.

EPA informed the Village to send out a drinking water notice. The water can contain up to 2 milligrams of fluoride per liter, Antwerp's fluoride measured at 2.14 mg/L. This amount is only a problem with children up to nine years of age. It could cause staining or pitting of permanent teeth or in developing teeth before erupting from gums.

Ordinance # 2007-14: An ordinance to prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on public streets within the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio.

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, Paulding County, Ohio.

Ordinance # 2007-19: An ordinance accepting completed infrastructure improvements, as shown on the final plat and/or as-built drawings of the Colony phase one addition to the village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, said plat accepted by ordinance #2007-06; and declaring the same.

The above ordinance only pertains to the first five lots facing CR 43.

R2007-09: Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation.



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