

THE LONG ROAD HOME



By: Sue Knapp

The mourning of our lost EMS members hung in the air all week. The viewing started on Thursday. It ran from 2:00-9:00 p.m., but it lasted longer than that. People were lined up all around the gym and outside waiting to pay their respects. There were Fire and EMS Units from all over to offer their support.

The Funeral was on Friday at 1:00 p.m. The right side of the gym and the floor were filled with the public while the families sat in front. The left side of the gym was filled with EMS and Firemen from all over.

There were approximately 1,700 people in attendance. The service included bag-

pipes, the Drum and Bugle Corp. along with the Honor and Color Guards.

Mike Schneider, Minister from the Antwerp United Methodist Church read Scripture and thanked all present then introduced Barry Delong. Barry sang a song he wrote and dedicated to Squad 41.

Jim Edwards, Minister of the Baptist Church in Antwerp, performed the service for Sam Smith. He read Scripture and reminisced on his relationship with Sam.

Dave Merriweather, Minister of the Paulding and Cecil Presbyterian Churches performed Heidi McDougall's service. He read Psalm 46 and talked about what a giving person she was.

Jim Edwards then had the service for Kelly Rager. He told about the energy she had to do everything she was involved in. Besides being a wife and mother of two she was also going to nursing school.

The Shrenk Sisters then sang "Sometime We'll Understand" as a tribute to Kelly, Heidi and Sam.

The State Fire Marshall Donald C. Cooper spoke and expressed his gratitude for the service of all EMS

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3RD ANNUAL SCOTT FIRE-MAN'S HOG ROAST

On Saturday, August 4, 2007 the Scott Community Park will be host of the 3rd Annual Scott Fireman's Hog Roast.

Many fine events are planned for the day. Some of which include: Lawnmower races (10:00 a.m.), Lifelight (11:00 a.m.), Hog Roast (12:00 p.m.), Lawnmower Drag Races (1:00 p.m.), and a Car Show (12:00 - 5:00 p.m.).

The Hog Roast Menu includes pork, baked beans, potato salad, drink, roll, hot dog, and chips.

For any questions please call 419-203-1673.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MONTHLY MEETING

The Paulding County Board of Elections August monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Elections' office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding.

PAULDING LIBRARY TO HOST FOOD DRIVE

Recently, while dropping off some paper products and non-perishable food items to the Caring Sharing Food Pantry at the Kiwanis building, we noticed the pantry had just run out of many items. The volunteers were very happy to receive our donation. My friend and I looked around and noticed that the shelves looked bare... yet there was a steady stream of customers coming in for assistance.

Those of us who are blessed with full cupboards have a hard time comprehending the need of others, but it does exist. We want to do something to help replenish the canned goods and non-perishables at the pantry. During the month of August, the main library in Paulding will be a drop-off point for your donations. You won't get anything from the library for your donation... no fines will be waived. But hopefully the kindness you show to others

will come back to bless you.

So, please go through your pantries and cupboards and donate canned and non-perishable food. Give the good stuff... not the food your family wouldn't eat anyway. Give cans that are not expired and dented. Give non-perishables that will bless another family. And if your garden is doing well, consider donating your produce. Consider including toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and other paper products, too.

The need in Paulding County exists every day, not just during the holidays. Thank you again for your generosity during this food drive. For more information you can call the library at 419-399-2032 or visit our web-site at www.pauldingncountylibrary.org.

God Bless,

—Susan Pieper and Vicky Hull

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• Karaoke music by "Mr. B" at 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 4th - 4:30-8:00 pm
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• Oldies music by "Jason" at 8:00 pm

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Welcoming New Patients

Helen I. Murray, 82, of Payne, died Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born July 29, 1924 in Payne, OH the daughter of Harry "Bill" and Grace (Purk) Foust. On May 6, 1950 she married William L. Murray, who preceded her in death on July 31, 1964. She was a 1943 graduate of Payne High School. She retired as an administrative assistant from HWI Do-It-Best Corporate Offices, New Haven, IN, in 1989. She was a former president of the Payne American Legion Post #297 Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters, Jan Murray, and Judy (Marvin) Litzenberg, both of Payne; brothers, Leo Lyon, Albany, IN, and Robert (Marjorie) Foust, Payne; and three grandchildren, Zachary, Erin, and Seth Litzenberg, all of Payne.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother Lyman "Bud" Lyon.

Funeral services were July 27 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, with Rev. Amy Haines officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

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

Paul D. Strahley, 67 of Paulding, died July 27, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born March 25, 1940 in Paulding Co. the son of Waldo G. and Edna G. (Gorman) Strahley. On January 22, 1958 he married Sharon J. Leslie, who survives. He was a manager for the Grover Hill Grain Company and a member of Paulding V.F.W. Post #587.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Strahley, Paulding; a son, Kevin (Lori) Strahley of Denver, CO; two daughters: Kim (Ron) Phlipot of Paulding, and Andrea Strahley of Toledo, OH; two brothers: Bill (Martha) Strahley, and Charles (Cara Lou) Strahley both of Paulding; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren, especially great granddaughter, Autumn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers: George, Clarence "Bud", and Robert Strahley.

Funeral services were July 31 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding with Pastor Mary Beth Smith Webb officiating. Burial was at St. Paul Cemetery at a later date.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care.

Robert Wells, 64, of Hicksville, died July 20, 2007 in a vehicle accident in Paulding County as he was being transported to Paulding County Hospital.

Robert was born May 11, 1943 the son of Lonard and Amy (Dowell) Wells in Louisville, KY.

He was united in marriage to Armelda Gibson on July 31, 1969.

He was a member of Foundation of Life Church, Bryan, OH. He was self-employed as an escort vehicle service for oversized loads.

Robert is survived by five daughters: Barbara (Merle) Waldron of Antwerp; Lois (Nick) Laney, Amanda (Richard) Fields, Kala Wells (fiance Andrew Scott), and Kelly Wells (fiance Tony Noto) all of Hicksville; two sons: Jonathan (Heather) Wells of Fort Wayne, IN and Timothy Wells of Hicksville; 17 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and one sister, Mary Wilkenson of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; two brothers; one grandson; and one step-great-grandchild.

The funeral service was at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, on July 27. Pastors Randy Stone and Thurman Mason officiated. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery, Paulding County.

Memorials may be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home.

Armelda Wells, 60, of Hicksville died July 20, 2007 in a vehicle accident in Paulding County, Ohio as she was being transported to the Paulding County Hospital.

Armelda was born April 1, 1947 the daughter of Guital and Arizona (Madon) Gibson in Pineville, KY. She was united in marriage to Robert Wells on July 31, 1969.

She was a member of Foundation of Life Church, Bryan, OH. She was a homemaker and enjoyed volunteering at the CMH Auxiliary Bargain Box in Hicksville.

Armelda is survived by five daughters: Barbara (Merle) Waldron of Antwerp, Lois (Nick) Laney, Amanda (Richard) Fields, Kala Wells (fiance Andrew Scott), Kelly Wells (fiance Tony Noto) all of Hicksville; two sons: Jonathan (Heather) Wells of Fort Wayne, IN and Timothy Wells of Hicksville; 17 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; five sisters: Marie Wilson, Dean Mason, Sara

Roberts, Tavi Van Winkle, Chris Johnson; five brothers: Thurman, Willis, Hargest, Robert Gene, and Ralph Gibson all of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister; one grandson; and one step-great-grandchild.

The funeral service was at Smith & Brown Funeral Home on July 27. Pastors Randy Stone and Thurman Mason officiated. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery, Paulding County.

Memorials may be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home.

2ND ANNUAL "REMEMBERING RICH" CHARITY BANQUET

The 2nd 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. A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged at the door. 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.

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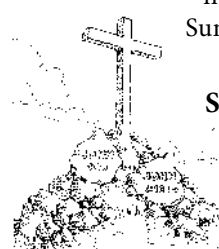
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Barry Lynn DeLong and Donna Kay Smalley celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 17.

Barry and Donna were married July 17 1982 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding by Rev. Fred Grosse. They have three children Leslie, Mindy, and Jared all from Antwerp.

Barry works at Atwood Mobile and has for 27 years and Donna works at Primary Care Associates for 21 years.

The high school sweethearts will be celebrating their 25th on August 5 at 5:00 p.m. with family and friends.

REP. GILLMOR: DEMOCRATS' FARM BILL PUTS OHIO JOBS AT RISK

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) supported the Farm Bill which had unanimously passed out of the House Agriculture Committee only to be disappointed that Democrats in Congress changed the bill and forced a different measure through the House. Gillmor ultimately voted for the first bill, which he called a "bi-partisan compromise built on civility and trust," and rejected the Democrat's second bill, which he called "a back door attempt to raise taxes that will cost American jobs," which passed the House on a near party-line vote of 231 to 191.

"Although I am not on the Agriculture Committee, I have been following the debate on the Farm Bill for sometime now and I was looking forward to voting for the bill which unanimously passed out of the Committee last week. Unfortunately, in only a week's time, the Democrat Leadership added a massive tax increase on companies which in-source jobs into America. These foreign-owned companies, such as Daimler Chrysler in Perrysburg which employs nearly 3,000 people, are vital to our economy. They should be applauded, not penalized," Gillmor said.

"The tax increase added by Democrats, as much as a 30 percent tax increase on some American businesses owned by foreign companies, could lead to companies closing and moving production outside of America. Because of the tax increase, the Farm Bill puts 5.1 million American jobs at risk. These tax increases, added out of public sight from the media or the rest of Congress, will hurt families all across America," Gillmor said.

Foreign owned companies now employ 203,600 Ohioans at companies such as BASF, BP, Daimler Chrysler, Honda, Lafarge, Rexam, Shell Oil, Square D, Toyota, and Volvo among others. Ohio also ranks 8th in the United States in employees supported by U.S. subsidiaries and has 95,000 manufacturing jobs employed by U.S. subsidiaries.

Among the provisions of the Farm Bill which Gillmor did support but failed to pass the House on a near party-line vote of 198 to 223 were:

—An investment of more than \$1.6 billion in priorities to strengthen and support the fruit and vegetable industry in the United States;

—Providing farmers participating in commodity programs with a choice between traditional price protection and new market-oriented revenue coverage payments;

—Investing in rural communities nationwide, including economic development programs and access to broadband telecommunication services;

—Making important new investments in renewable energy research, development and production in rural America.

"I hope the U.S. Senate will consider the original bill passed out of the House Agriculture Committee without the tax increases added after the debate was over. Our

HOUSE APPROVES GILLMOR AMENDMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING COUNSELING

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved an amendment co-authored by Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) to increase federal funding for housing counseling. Gillmor's amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act increases federal housing counseling by \$6.76 million in the FY 2008 budget. Democrats in Congress were not seeking an increase in the \$41.58 million budget for housing counseling. The amendment was co-authored by Reps. Mike Turner (R-OH) and Judy Biggert (R-IL).

"I was pleased that the House approved my amendment today to provide additional funding for prospective homeowners to receive housing counseling. Every additional dollar the federal government spends towards helping homeowners receive the counseling they need to avoid foreclosure is a dollar well spent," Gillmor said.

As a senior member of the Financial Services Committee, where he serves as a congressional leader fighting the foreclosure crisis, Congressman Gillmor has been seriously concerned with the loosening of credit standards for several years. 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. A strong consensus emerged during Gillmor's summit that there was a need for additional housing counseling prior to purchasing a home.

Just two weeks ago, Gillmor sponsored legislation with other leaders of the Financial Services Committee to crack down on predatory lending. Among the provisions authored by Gillmor in the Fair Mortgage Practices Act is \$100 million dollars annually for the next four years for housing counseling to low and moderate income borrowers, a more than doubling of the current federal budget for housing counseling.

"America enjoys the highest homeownership rate in our nation's history. Unfortunately, many people have accepted mortgages that were wrong for them. This has had devastating effects in states like Ohio which are now leading the nation in home foreclosures," Gillmor said. "My amendment today for an additional \$7 million will help many Americans by providing much needed counseling before realizing the dream of homeownership. I also hope that the Congress acts as quickly to pass my comprehensive predatory lending bill. The American people deserve this protection."

farmers deserve this relief and should not be caught in a game of party politics," Gillmor said.

The 2007 Farm Bill awaits debate in the U.S. Senate. However, President Bush has vocally opposed the bill and it likely faces his veto in its current form.

PAULDING COUNTY LEADERSHIP IN ACTION PROGRAM

The Paulding Chamber of Commerce will once again administer the Paulding County Leadership in Action program. The program has a great history here in the county, and the 2007-2008 schedule is no exception. The program, led by Chamber president Clip Clippinger, begins September 26 at Camp Libbey for the Trust and Teams "high ropes" activities. The leadership steering committee chairman is Sue Paulus. Scheduled speakers for morning sessions include: Terry Wehrkamp of Cooper Farms, Dennis Treece of Golden Heritage Foods, Gary Adkins of Paulding County Hospital, Judy Preston of Northwest State College, Rev. Ben Lowell of Paulding United Methodist Church, Mary Jo Wilhelm of Vantage Vocational School, and Judge Tiffany Beckman, of Paulding County Court.

The leadership participants meet once a month for the day September through April.

This year's graduation celebration on May 15, 2008, will feature an evening dinner, with all former leader-

ship graduates invited. Employers may sponsor a candidate or enroll themselves by contacting the Chamber office at 399-5215. Again this year, a student from each of the three county high schools has been invited to participate. A scholarship is available from an anonymous donor.

Deadline for application is August 30. Application forms are available at the Paulding Chamber office. Office e-mail is: pcoc@paulding-net.com.

—Clip Clippinger, Chamber President

OHIO FARMER'S MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

By: Sue Knapp

The Ohio Farmer's Market Nutrition Program started passing out coupons for produce from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A total of 58 books were available and they were all passed out.

Cars started lining up at Rock-Sea Farms at 8:40 a.m. At one time there were 30 cars in the yard.

The program is for people on WIC. This opportunity gives families extra help in purchasing fresh produce and fruit.

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Karaoke starts at 5 p.m.
Variety Show starts at 6 p.m.
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

My nephew, Bill Jordan, is my brother Jack's boy. He lives between Sebring and Zolfo Springs in Hardee County in Florida. Bill is a good fisherman. He fished for years out of Biloxi, MS. Then he moved to Oregon and Washington. He fished a lot out there and I think he has even fished the mighty Columbia River. Anyhow, he was bringing his boat and coming to our lake on a Sunday AM.

He was there just after day light and put his boat in. He has a dandy boat, 14 or 15 foot square on both ends and he drives it from the front with two levers. We got all our gear loaded, Bill in front, me in the rear seat and Ray Gross in the

middle on a lawn chair.

We went about five miles down to the most southern part of the lake. Lots of irrigation down here as hundreds of acres of vegetables are just up over the hill from the lake. About eight varieties of lettuce, carrots, radishes, red beets and other items.

This end of the lake has acres of lily pads, some rice weeds and plenty of 'gators.

Bass like lily pads because of the shade. They like shade. But if you cast around lily pads you must be careful and good. If your hook gets caught in a stem of the thick part of the leaf you must go and cut your hook loose, but lots of times it is worth the chance.

Anyhow, we fished a couple hours then had a coffee and some goodies and watched a set of wood storks flying around. There is also a pair of fish eagles in this area. That's one thing about fishing in Lake Istokpoga, if the fish aren't hitting you can sure enjoy the wildlife.

We fished until noon and I think we had four or five. We had thrown them all back in because we belong to 'To the Catch and Release Program'.

Grace had a good dinner of two kinds of fish, fried potatoes, a good salad and dessert. We sat and talked a little

and helped her clean up the table and headed out about two o'clock. Well, things were good and not so good. A cold front was moving in from the north so the sun got covered up with clouds. The wind increased out of the North and cooled off and the water got choppy.

Now that is the bad part. The good part was the fish started to hit. Bass will hit in this case until the barometer starts going up, but nearly always it gets windy.

Well, I had left my hooded jacket on the seat before I went to lunch. Bill had a jacket under the seat, but Ray didn't, all he had was a white tee-shirt and the wind was cold. I asked Ray if he was cold, he said "No, my lips are always blue."

Along about that time Bill said, "I like to fish with you guys 'cause you're not always hollering to go in. I gave Ray my life jacket to put on, that did cover up his back, but his bare arms were getting cold. But the bass were hitting pretty good and that was the main thing. That morning coffee would have been pretty good at this time, but we didn't bring any."

We fished long and hard, 'course we knew that they wouldn't bite tomorrow because the front would be here. The barometer would be rising and with a 'robin egg blue sky' and they won't hit on a day like that. We hit 'em pretty good and Bill kept enough for a mess and we returned all the rest back into the lake.

The next day was a 'Wal-Mart Day'. When it's too cold or windy or raining you can't fish, so you go to town to Wal-Mart. We generally go to the sporting goods and look for a new bait we heard about or pick up some hooks, sinkers or line that we probably got enough of anyhow.

After a couple days we went out again and my sister, Grace, went along. She likes to fish and she is pretty good. She uses spinning rods and reels, generally a Mitchell 300A. She can hit a bushel basket at 40 feet or even farther, but that is a long enough cast. She sits in the middle seat and does a good job. It's always good to have her in the boat.

But I'm getting ahead of myself, I forgot to tell you about this character. On one of our past trips to Florida, Ray and I got into camp and carried our gear into the trailer and then walked down to the little store where the office is. A fellow walked up and put out his hand and in a southern drawl said, "Ahm from LA." He could see the perplexed look on our faces 'cause we knew that didn't add up. Then he said, "LA means lower Alabama". After a good laugh that started a good friendship that got better as the years went on.

This man's name was Stu Bishop and he didn't come from LA. He and his wife came from northern Alabama up closer to the Huntsville area.

I'm jumping around a little in time here but the four of us fished around 13 years together.

On this day, Grace, and Ray went west from the dock and Stu and I went over behind the Big Island. We met a man in a float boat who wanted to talk, so we coasted over to his boat. I think he was a French Canadian. He was hard to un-

derstand, till he pointed to a huge bass laying on the deck of his boat. He was smiles all over and gestured that he had thrown a big one back, didn't need him.

He was on his way to his fish camp which was just west of the town of Lorida on US 98. I have a feeling that he had to go back to Canada because he told us just where he got them.

Well, Stu and I got some good hits and some nice fish and we were at least seven miles from camp. Stu and I had more luck that day, more than anyone else in camp. That little old fellow told us right.

Well, the next morning we told Grace and Ray to follow us up north behind the Big Island. Well, they did and a couple more boats came later. Stu and I went back to the same area we were in yesterday and Grace and Ray went to the west a couple hundred yards.

Well, luck was with us, we had some good hits and a couple dandies in the lot that we had. Along about 9:30 I said, "I think that's Ray's boat over towards that point over there. Let's run over and have a break. The coffee and goodies was in Ray's boat in the five gallon bucket. We headed over that way and could soon see they were headed towards us."

We slowly met and threw a rope around the oar lock. Then Ray said, "Before we have our coffee, I want to show you something." At this time, Grace looked up from under her big straw hat with a huge grin on her face. At this same time, Ray, lifted the stringer out of the water and it contained one big fish, a huge wall hanger, a large mouth bass.

That fellow was a hog. We all remarked he would go 10 pounds. "No," Ray said, "He would only go 9 pounds 10 ounces and besides that Grace caught it." Well, good for her. After a few rounds of congratulations we had our coffee and weighed it on a hand held de-liar scaler and he still only went 9 pounds 10 ounces. Grace had missed her 10 pound by six ounces.

We sat and giggled and drank our coffee and told about the luck we had. It had been a dandy morning all in the area that old French Canadian told us about.

The other two boats from Mossy Cove Fish Camp slowly came up to us to shoot the bull and lie about what we caught. We didn't have to stretch it, we had proof. The one boat was Jack and Iva Mallahan from West Virginia by the way of 30 years at Goodyear in Akron, Ohio. I don't remember the other boat, but Stu asked Jack, "Do you want some fish?" Jack said, "Yes, he could use a couple." Stu said, "Open your live well." Stu gave him all our catch, he kept tossing them in his live well to the tune of seven large mouth bass. That was more

than he wanted, but he got 'em. They averaged about four pounds each. We had a good morning.

Lake Istopoga is eight miles at the bottom and about 10 miles south to north. Anyhow, we were about one mile from the north end, which is up against US 98. A highway which runs from US 27 over past the Sebring Race Track and then turns south through Lorida and heads for Okeechobee City.

But those two days over on the north part of the lake was some of the best bass fishing that we ever had on Lake Istokoga. One afternoon, Ray and I went out about 3:30 and it is dark by 6:00 at this time of year. Grace had not retired yet so she wasn't along.

We had a pretty good afternoon and we had four that were at least two pounds each. Ray said, "Let's go in and clean these and have fish and fried potatoes for supper." So Ray took the fish to the cleaning shack and I went and got the pan and knives. Ray said later, "I will clean up this mess and you take this fish up there and stop at Ray Dishman's camper and see if they want a mess of fish."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dishman were smaller folks and

hauled from Kentucky and had a camper unit on the back of a pick up truck. I had eight good size pieces of bass in a pan. I knocked on the door of his camper and asked Mr. Dishman if he wanted some fish. He said, "Oh, boy, we like Florida bass, thank you." He brought back the empty pan and thanked me again.

When Ray got to the trailer, I told him Mr. Dishman took all the fish. Ray said, "Well, we won't have fish tonight but we got plenty of stuff in the fridge. So Ray made some hot corn bread with a touch of sugar and it was good. That's what we had, corn bread, lots of butter, cold ham and a lot of County Line Cheese. A meal fit for a couple tired fishermen."

There wasn't much of a mess in the kitchen so we took our lawn chairs and went down to the bonfire and talked with the other folks.

If you have enjoyed these two true fishing tales, in a couple of weeks there will be one more. Next week will be a little history on Veteran's Memorial Park. This is in conjunction with A Day in the Park on Saturday August 11.

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"The Long Road Home"
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members and expressed condolences for the fallen. He also announced that memorials were being set up for Sam, Heidi and Kelly at the State Fire Marshall's office.

Mike Schnieder then closed with prayer and Barry Delong sang The Lord's Prayer.

The Bagpipers and Drum and Bugle Corp., Honor and Color Guards filed out and then all the Fire and EMS personal in attendance walked around the caskets, saluted and filed out followed by the public. The families and Antwerp's Fire and EMS were the final people to leave the service. The Fire Department exited out with Heidi and Sam, and Kelly's family taking care of her.

At the school two ladder trucks were set up with

the ladders crossed with an American Flag attached which then the procession drove under. There were so many EMS units down Harman Road that you couldn't see the end of them. A total of 39 Rescue Units and 56 Fire Trucks were driven in the procession.

It was estimated that 350 cars went through. The streets were lined up on both sides with people paying their respects.

Sam, Heidi and Kelly led the procession after the police car and motorcycles. Sam was in an EMS on loan from the factory for the funeral. That EMS unit came to Antwerp with the name Squad 41 painted on it. Heidi rode in Squad 49 and Kelly (fascinated with Woodburn's EMS Unit) was transported in it.

The procession took between 30-40 minutes, trucks were lined up beyond 24 and

101. There were hundreds of people at the cemetery to say their final good byes.

The three Squad Units were lined up side by side



Sammy

and the Bagpipe, Drum and Bugle Corps. played as the bodies were carried to the site of the ceremony. Each casket had an American



Heidi

Flag draped over it.

Ministers Dave Merriweather and Jim Edwards were present with Dave speaking and saying a prayer.



Kelly

It was then announced that the EMS and Fire Units would conclude the ceremony.

As three teams of uniformed Honor Guards lined up to remove the flags from the caskets and fold them, the Bagpipe, Drum and Bugle Corp. played as the Good Samaritan and Life Flight helicopters circled the site.

The flags were folded and were given to April Speaks, Ray Friend and Beth Derck. April (Heidi's sister) presented Heidi's flag to Matt



McDougall, Ray Friend presented Sam's flag to Ann Smith and Beth Derck presented Kelly's flag to Ben Rager. Taps were then played.

Tones were sounded on the EMS pagers and Sam, Heidi and Kelly were called to service for the last time.

When asked about pictures of the funeral and graveside service, we were informed that pictures were not to be taken during the funeral or cemetery services. We respectfully adhered to these wishes.

The funeral for Robert and Armelda Wells took place at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. All of us here at West Bend News wish to express our sincerest sympathies to all those belonging to these fine people. To Barbara and Merle, Lois and Nick, Amanda and Richard, Kala and Andrew, Kelly and Tony, Jonathan and Heather, and Timothy: our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours during these troubling and trying times.

LIST OF FIRE AND EMS VEHICLES PRESENT AT FUNERAL

Stan Jordan and Charlie and Ellie Miller compiled a list of all Fire and EMS units who went through the procession. The list was then presented to the Fire Department. It was noted that many of the EMS and Fire Trucks had black tape on them out of respect for the fallen ones.

ANTWERP COUNCIL DISCUSS SQUAD 41

By: Sue Knapp

In a special Council Session information was shared about help for the families of Squad 41.

Ray Friend informed the Council on how the Fire Department was helping with the funeral plans.

Ray and Randy Shaffer were working very hard on the details with meetings every night. They worked on the layout of the services and lined up Squads from different areas to cover for Fire and EMS on Thursday and Friday.

Randy was setting up continued grief counseling for the families including the children. Counseling would also be available for the EMS & Fire Units and their children.

Randy was working on replacing the equipment lost. He felt that by the end of this

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THANK YOU

Jeff Crabil made a sign that sat out on 24 East. It consisted of the words Squad 41 and had a halo around it. Jeff has graciously donated the sign to the Antwerp Fire and EMS Units. The sign has been taken to Wiedmen's to have stickers made which will be applied to each vehicle of the Fire and EMS Units. Thank you, Jeff, for this memorial.

The Fire and EMS Departments of Antwerp would also like to thank the Payne and Cecil Fire Departments and the Putnam EMS Unit for filling in for them on Thursday afternoon and evening. They would also like to thank the Woodburn Fire Department, and the Springfield Township Units for filling in on Friday.

—Antwerp Fire and EMS Departments

EMS Creed

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But Someone in your neighborhood
Is fighting for his life.*

*Sorry if we blocked the road
And made you turn around,
But there's been a bad wreck,
With dying children on the ground.*

*When you see us coming
I hope you'll understand,
Let us have the right of way
Someone needs our helping hand.*

*Sometimes a child is choking
Sometimes a broken leg,
Sometimes a heart stops beating
And when we get there it's too late.*

*So if you see us crying
When we think we are alone,
You'll know we had a bad one
And we're feeling mighty low.*

*We don't do it for the money
You know how little we get paid,
We don't do it for the glory
But for a life that might be saved.*

*Somewhere deep within us
Our souls are crying out,
We're here to help our neighbors
In their hour of pain and doubt.*

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 week the Squad would be replaced. The insurance would cover contents up to \$3,500 for each item. The problem is replacing the heart monitor defibrillator which new costs \$35,000. New Haven offered to let Antwerp borrow one of theirs. The insurance policy does cover for borrowing-rental coverage at \$500 a day.

Antwerp's Squad 49 does have everything it needs to run except a pair of bolt cutters.

Community Memorial Hospital and Lutheran Hospital offered to help replace the Squad.

Paulding Hospital in conjunction with Parkview Hospital will help with counseling with everyone involved including agencies.

Randy was also in contact with the National Fireman's Death Benefit from the Department of Justice to try and get help for the families.

The Council motioned and approved Randy Shaffer as acting President and Coordinator of the EMS for 90 days.

Council motioned and approved money to be donated for each family.

Sarah Keeran to be contact person for questions or concerns. Sarah is getting informational packets ready for the families to help with benefits.

There are 12 EMT's in Antwerp now, eight are ready to respond. There are two drivers. The EMT's were ready to respond on Monday PM with the help of Paulding and Hicksville.

FORMER ANTWERP MAYOR, LOUISE MILLER NAMED "GEM OF THE YEAR"

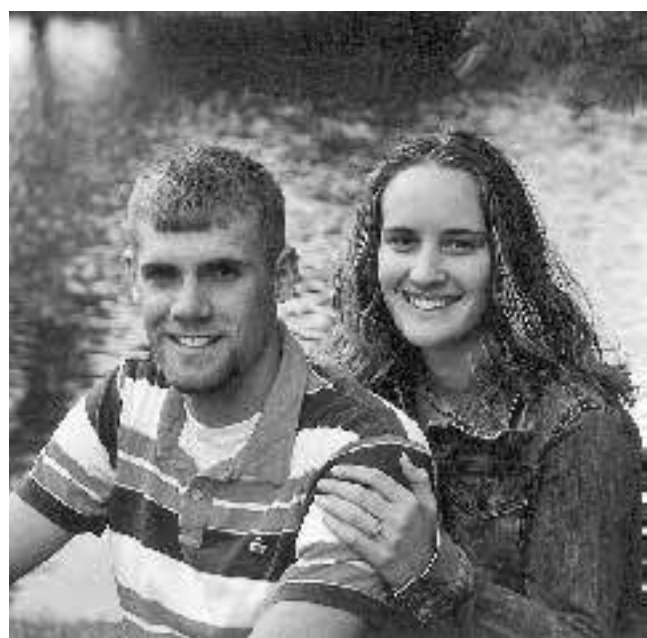
Since her birth in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 4, 1927, Louise Miller has had an interesting life and left her mark on everyone she came in contact with. She was the oldest of three children, both of her sisters are deceased. Louise was born with physical problems and was a patient at the new Riley Hospital in Indianapolis by age one.

Louise attended school at both Hillcrest and Elmhurst in Fort Wayne. She worked at several food-related jobs even before leaving school, as her father owned two restaurants in the city, she managed Allison's #2. Allison being the family name. She met her husband, Leon, while managing civilian food service business at the air base in Fort Wayne.

Even before leaving school Louise was in the spotlight. In 1942 she sang with a group of young people on the Jay Gould WOWO radio program "Teen Canteen". Then in the 1950's she personally talked with Ann Colone (of Fort Wayne TV fame), presented an idea for a program and was on the air with Ann one day a week. Louise was one of a changing panel of ordinary citizens, grass-roots people, giving advice to viewers who would write in.

Through the years Louise has worked in several avenues of business: Insurance office, General Electric, Nursing Home, Florist, Greyhound Bus—to name a few.

DONALDSON - MILLER



Betty Donaldson, Paulding announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Amanda to Caleb Miller, son of Bruce and Deb Miller, Oakwood. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late David Donaldson. She is a 2004 graduate of Paulding High School and presently attends Ohio Northern University where she is studying pharmacy. She

is employed by HeartLight Pharmacy, Lima. Her fiance, also a 2004 graduate of Paulding High School, received his degree in automotive technology at the University of Northwest Ohio. He is employed by Menards, Lima.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, August 11 in the Cecil Presbyterian Church.

When asked, "What did you do as a young adult and wife?" She shared that she had six children.

Steven, married to Vivian, lives in Holland, MI and has two children.

David, divorced, will soon be moving to New Haven, has two children.

Susan, married to Terry Warner lives in Defiance and has two children.

Barbara, married to Tim Kelley lives in Grandview, IN and has two children.

Daniel, a bachelor, lives in Antwerp.

Patti, married to Kenneth (Fain) Lowe and lives in Antwerp and has three children. There are also twelve great-grandchildren.

Louise and Leon were married 51 years before he passed away. She said that they got along pretty good, he taught her to drive and they hung wallpaper together and they both survived.

When asked, "How did you get interested in politics?" She said that growing up in the Allison house they talked about anything and everything, including politics, so it was nothing new. Louise had worked as a reporter for the Crescent-News of Defiance, also the WANE-TV and WOWO radio as a stringer reporter covering events such as Town Council meetings.

Seeking the position of mayor of Antwerp was not something she just decided to do. She was continually hearing from friends and family that they 'heard' she was running for the position. Finally she was persuaded, and won the election. Louise was the first woman and so far the only three-term mayor of Antwerp, serving from 1988 to 2000.

When asked, "How did you get involved in the Fort to Port project?" She replied that the then Indiana State Representative Mitch Harper of New Haven had his secretary contact her along with others along the US 24 corridor and from there interest grew. The name "Fort to Port" came about from a

Woodburn gentleman.

There were lots of meeting and legislative dinners held to get the ball rollin'.

Louise was present at the ground-breaking of the new US 24 and has seen some of the progress since. She is proud to have been a part of the birthing of this project, and rightly so.

Little known facts about Louise Miller:

Life philosophy - "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Pet Peeves - "People who park in handicap spaces who don't need to."

Enjoys - people; Friends coming to visit; A good story; She said that she is a "people person", that hell for her would be being all alone.

We ended our visit with Louise telling us a good story, then another, and another. Louise we love you! Congratulations on being chosen "Gem of the Year 2007"

Antwerp calls itself, "The Diamond of Northwest Ohio" thus our person of the year is our "Gem".

Louise will have a place of honor at the 2007 Day In The Park on August 11 in Antwerp's Riverside Memorial Park. All who know her are encouraged to take a few minutes and visit with her.

HICKSVILLE CURVES SENDS CARE PACKAGE

Hicksville, Ohio, July 26, 2007—The members of the Hicksville Curves have put together a care package for Sgt. Michael Larson serving in Iraq. Michael is the son of member Angie Eckstein and brother of member Kristen Larson.

"The ladies love to give back to our community," said Jerrica Steffens, Curves franchise owner in Hicksville, "and this has been a great way of doing it."

This is the second care package the club has sent out to a soldier serving over seas. This is a great way for us to let them to know we are thinking about them and hoping for their safe return.

CALLING ALL YU-GI-OH DUELISTS TO THE LIBRARY'S TOURNAMENT

HICKSVILLE—Do you have what it takes to become a Yu-Gi-Oh Master Duelist? Find out on Thursday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. The Johnson Memorial Library will be sponsoring its second Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament for middle school and high school youth. The first tournament winner was Ben Greutman.

The Yu-Gi-Oh tournament is free and is open to all teens and pre-teens. To participate, stop by the library and fill out a deck sheet. Deck sheets may be picked up at the library or downloaded at www.ude.com. Deck sheets must be turned into Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris by Thursday, August 2. The tournament will follow the traditional deck building rules found at www.ude.com/policy.

All duelists must be at the library to sign in on August 9 at 12:30 p.m. with the tournament at 1:00 p.m. The tournament will run for most of the day, so duelists should plan on spending the day at the library. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide refreshments and prizes for the top two players.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament, please call Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris at the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200 or stop by the library to talk with him.


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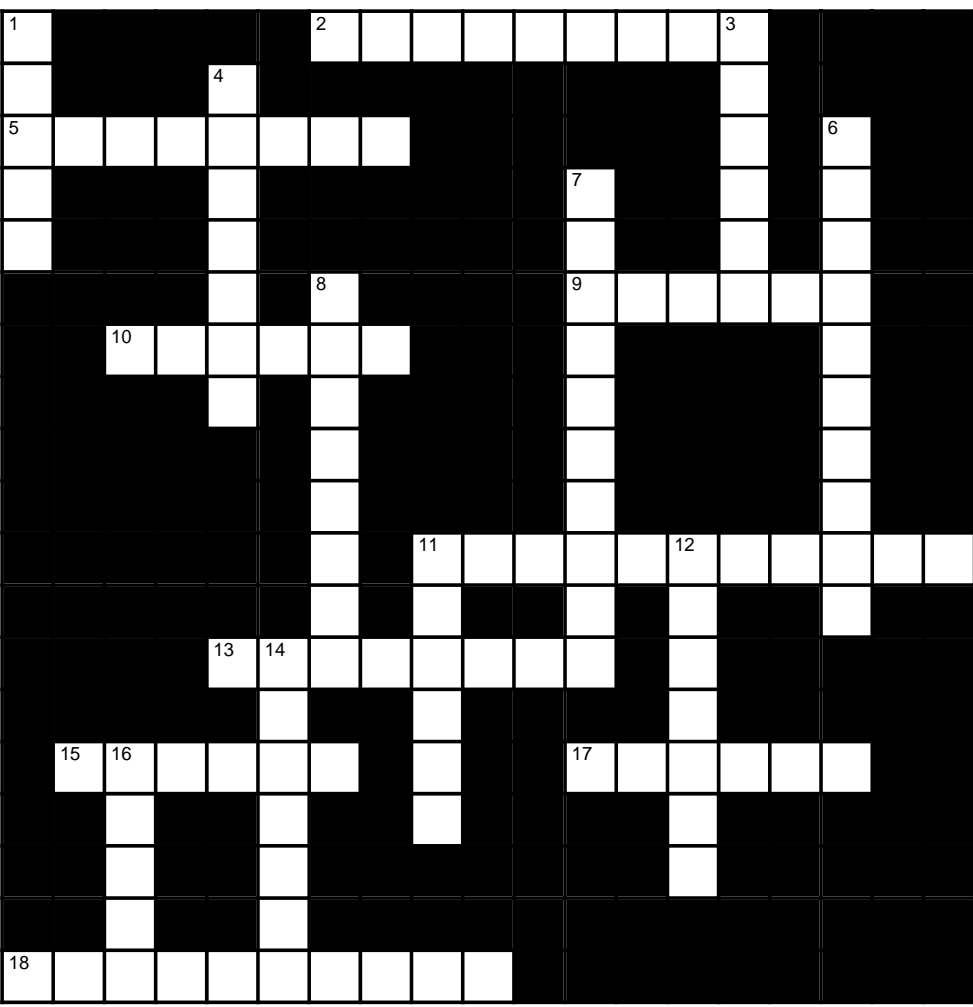
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- 5. This town was Ohio's first permanent settlement.
- 9. Ohio is the leading producer of greenhouse and nursery types of these.
- 10. The Football Hall of Fame calls this Ohio city home.
- 11. Ohio became the WHICH state.
- 13. This Ohio city is situated in three counties.
- 15. Dresden is the home of the world's largest one of these.
- 17. This non-stick substance was invented in New Carlisle.
- 18. The first ambulance service was established in Ohio in this city.

Down

- 1. Ohio was the first state to enact laws for these people.
- 3. This was the Wright brothers home town.
- 4. Ohio's flag is the only one in the U.S. that has this type of design.
- 6. This Cleveland man won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
- 7. Neil Armstrong was from this Ohio town.
- 8. The Ohio state capital.
- 11. The 60's hit song "Hang On -----" is the official state Rock song.
- 12. Cleveland boasts the first THIS KIND OF light.
- 14. This college was the oldest inter-racial and co-educational college in the U.S.
- 16. This city is the rubber capital of the world.

School Clothing and Supplies Project

Paulding County Job and Family Services is offering a limited project to assist families with school clothing and supplies for school year 07-08.

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MY EXCITING CAMPING TRIP

By: Tommy Stahl, Oakwood Elementary School

When my brothers and I got to my grandmas and saw the camper—it was like a house. It was so nice and pretty.

After we were there a while we ate supper. We ate beans, fried potatoes, hamburgers, and smoky links. When it got dark we had a fire and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. Then we got sleepy and went and laid down.

My mom came after she closed the shop and sat down while she talked to my grandma, drank coffee and watched the fire. Larry missed my dad so when she went home Larry went with her.

In the morning we had a big breakfast. We ate eggs, bacon, toast. We stayed another night and the next morning we had eggs and ham cooked over a fire. We then went home and swam in our pond.

My brothers and I had a lot of fun camping and we were happy that we got to go and spend time with our grandma.

Well, I hope that you enjoyed my article this week. Next week will be about my brother, Larry.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

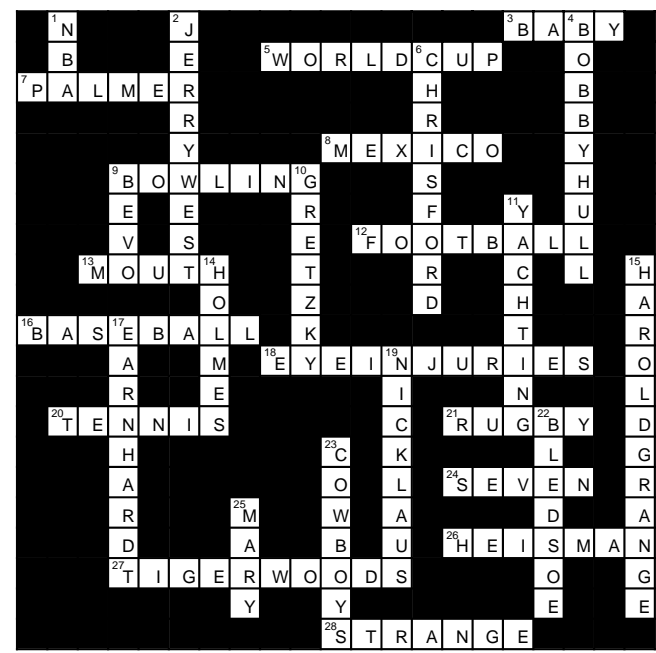
In response to the Flat Rock Creek Alert #1. It is a shame people and engineers cannot figure out that all the water in the Big AuGlaize River comes from five counties: Hancock, Allen, Putnam, AuGlaize, and Van Wert.

The Big AuGlaize River needs to be dredged out first. It is full of silt and top soil from rivers and streams from five counties.

Like Tim Franklin, I have boated on the Big and Little AuGlaize for over 50 years. In the past 30 years I have seen the Big AuGlaize River go from 35 feet deep to 6 foot deep in spots from Oakwood to the Power Dam. This is do to years of poor operation of the gates at the dam, and to the cleaning of all the little rivers and streams first. The Big AuGlaize River cannot handle all the water that comes to it; do to all the facts above. This is the cause of all the flooding and any body that cannot understand this is just plain stupid.

—Larry Lusk, Oakwood, Ohio

Answers to "Sports Trivia"



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The 4th annual Van Wert-Paulding County Ohio State University Alumni Club Golf Outing is scheduled for August 18, 2007 with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. The four person scramble will be at Pond-A-River Golf Course (OH-IN state line outside Antwerp) and is open to any Buckeye enthusiasts or friends of Buckeye enthusiasts. Entry fee includes 18 holes with a cart, and dinner following the round. Open to the first 24 paid teams. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired to a team the day of the outing. The deadline for sign up is Wednesday, August 15. Former Ohio State Bas-

ketball great Steve Hall (and Wayne Trace graduate) will be golfing along with fellow Buckeyes. First through third place prize money will be awarded for longest drive (men and women), longest putt, and closest to the pin (men and women). Hit a Hole in One and win a new car or other prizes sponsored by Greve Chrysler, Van Wert. Money raised by the golf outing is used for scholarship money for Paulding-Van Wert County OSU students. To sign up to golf and to find out cost details, visit our web-site at www.osuvwp.org or contact Jason Williamson at 419-263-1356, Emily Tempel at 419-258-2837, Matt Kelly at 419-399-9011, or Dr. Jake Mohr at 419-238-4575.

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SPOTTING MOTO

By: Ron Lane, submitted by Kirk Hopkins

No matter how tempting it maybe, you should avoid being a MOTO, I should explain in case you don't know what a MOTO is. Come to think of it, how could you? I made it up. MOTO stands for Master of the Obvious.

I don't mind the everyday MOTO. The person that tells you it's hot when it's over 90 degrees or it's cold when it's under 10 degrees. These are good people being neighborly. I'm talking about the people that constantly complain about serious issues that are clearly in need of adjustment. They say "Someone should do something," or "they" should. I have never been able to pin down who "they" are. We should be wary of the whiney critic that suggests knowing there is a problem is the end of their part of the deal. The more obvious the snag, the higher degree of outrage among the MOTO gang. Someone once said that "those that know the least know it the loudest."

What are some typical MOTO topics? What makes them really red in the face? Rich people, poor people, medical expenses, taxes, politicians, illegal aliens, education, jail cost, gasoline, entitlements, global warming,

the changing American family, executive paychecks, and no smoking at their favorite watering hole to name a few.

What separates a MOTO from someone you listen to and respect? In my estimation the difference is about 95 percent of the equation. I think a MOTO gets about 5 percent of the subject under discussion. Knowing the problem exists is like saying the sun will come up tomorrow. I'll give another 10 percent for a few plausible suggestions as to how to rectify the problem. Okay, you're up to 15 percent. The final 85 percent goes to those people that actually make a difference fixing what's broken or at least begin the repair needed. A MOTO specializes in complaining, not fixing. Don't let them get you down. Fixers aren't as interested in personal recognition. Small men aren't made stronger by tearing big men down. I don't know who said that first, but I like it.

Let's all try to make things better by beginning with our attitudes. If all you're hearing while having your coffee is "they should do something," you know you are with a MOTO whiner. It's more fun to hang out with people actually interested in understanding the problem and working to make it better. What should we call doers? I know. How about "Americans."

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Lisa Recker; Emilee Phillips, daughter of Cindy Fletcher & Bob Phillips.

2nd row (l-r): Mckenzie Steele, daughter of Dennis and Farrah Steele; Peyton Short, daughter of Jon and Judi Short; Annie Miesle, daughter of Pat and Joni Miesle; Emily Derck, daughter of Tim and Lisa Derck; Makayla Boesch, daughter of Jim and Laura Boesch; Brittany Smith, daughter of Rhonda Robbins and Tim Smith.

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LOST
By: Sue Knapp
If you've ever watched the TV show *Lost* you know that there's people on an island and they don't know where they are, they are lost. Sometimes I feel like I'm on *Lost*. I'll either end up going in circles or going miles out of the way.

As I have mentioned before, I have no sense of direction. I can read a map, sort of, and I can understand road signs, well, mostly. I think there's no hope. I went to Van Wert the other day. When coming home I decided to go down Old Lincoln Highway. I was on the right road but going in the wrong direction. Yes, I ended up in Delphos. Now what? I had to figure out how to get back to Van Wert—easy right? After a few wrong starts I finally did get back to Van Wert.

When I arrived there I was so confused and disoriented and with the road construction going on in town, yes, I spent a little time circling the town. I finally made it home.

I told the guys, Bryce and Steve, about my adventure. They sent me right down to the hardware for a compass. The problem is, I've never used a compass.

Bryce tried to tell me, but the rebellion in me accused him of not being right, (in other words, I called him a "lie-bag"). Bryce, bless his heart, was very patient with me and I did end up listening to him. By that time my buddy, Stan, came in and I asked him (the rebellion was still lurking around). Lo and behold it came out that Bryce was right! Stan said the same thing Bryce said.

I now have a compass and a map. I think the next thing will be one of those things that tell you directions.

I thought about the dilemma I get in. It's like the Bible. God gives us the direction to go in - He has it all written out - like a map.

The question is are we going to choose to follow the "map" or try to go it alone only to get "Lost".

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Todd A. Lilly graduated June 16, 2007 with a Masters Degree in Aero Space Engineering.

He is a graduate of Antwerp High School. He received his Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering at Tri State University of Angola, IN. He is employed at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in Sunnyvale, CA as an electronics design engineer.

Todd is the son of Joyce and Roger Lilly of Antwerp; brother of Debra Meek of Hicksville; and grandson of the late Vera and Herbert Coy and Mary Lilly of Bryan, OH.

THE DAY'S OBITUARY

By: Sara Trauterman, Antwerp High School

The small spring flowers, Sails in the sea, The feeling of warmth covers as a blanket.

Skies full of roaming pillows,

Only to feel as ghosts by the graves.

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Grass of two inches grows with Heaven's tears,

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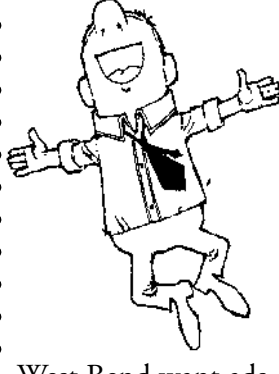
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Deb Adams, Jane Buffman, Phil Recker, Lou Ann Wannamacher, Tiffny Beckman at Ribbon Cutting of the new Edward Jones office in Paulding

By: Sue Knapp

At 12:00 p.m. on July 25, Paulding Chamber held a ribbon cutting for the Edward Jones' office now open in Paulding. Phil Recker is the financial advisor for the Paulding Office. Jane Buffman is the Branch Administrator.

Edward Jones' was started in and has 10,000 offices nationwide. The company was founded on the philosophy of personalized service. Phil will take the time to get to know his customers and their financial goals.

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Phil Recker grew up in Ottawa where his family had a farm. The family raised hogs and steers and the farmed 1000 acres.

In high school, Phil was a member of FFA. He graduated from Miller City High School then went to the University of Toledo for two years. He then transferred to Ohio State University. He graduated with a degree in AG Ed. He did his student teaching in the Paulding School System.

Before graduation he was

recruited by Edward Jones. Someone who knew him thought he'd make an excellent financial advisor.

Phil started with Edward Jones one week after graduation. He has to keep up with what's new going on with the company, so it's a continuing studying and learning process.

Phil now resides in Paulding and is a member of the Kiwanis, St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, the Paulding Chamber and was active in the Chamber's Leadership in Action Program.

Phil and Jane will be hosting an Open House at the office on August 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten - continuous supply of pencils, 1 pencil gripper, 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue in plastic bag, 2 glue sticks, 1 Fiskars scissors, 2 basic 8 pack of crayons, 2 basic 8 pack of broad-tip markers to be used for art time, 1-2 pocket folder, 1 package of Styrofoam, 1 box of Kleenex, 1 roll of paper towels & 1 container of antibacterial wipes, 1 school box, 1 paint shirt with name on it (please have child's name or initials on everything)

Grades 1 & 2 - primary writing tablet (no notebooks), a continuous supply of #2 pencils, school box, crayons (not more than 16-basic colors only), glue inside plastic bag (no paste/no glue sticks), scissors, eraser, 2 pocket folders, 1 large box of tissues, 1 roll of paper towel, box of Band-Aids, **Grade 1** - small "zip-lock" baggies, **Grade 2** - "Clorox" wipes, **strongly suggested to have sets of addition and subtraction flashcards for use at home, **Grade 2** - multiplication and division flashcards. For art class - glue stick & basic 8 pack of broad-tip markers, paint shirt

Grade 3 & 4 - A continuous supply of #2 pencils, school box with name on it, white school glue inside a plastic bag, box of crayons (not more than 24), 1 set of each (10 or less) felt tip/washable markers (fine line and regular), 3 pocket folders, 2 pocket folders w/prongs, 10 spiral notebooks (70 pgs only-wide-lined, college rule will be sent home), 1 ruler with inches and centimeters (must be easy to read), 1 small set of colored pencils, no ink pens, large box of tissues, scissors, erasers (large & pencil top), 1 roll of paper towels, paint shirt, set of addition, subtraction & multiplication flashcards for use at home, package of sheet protectors (at least 25).

Grade 5 & 6 - continuous supply of #2 pencils-no mechanical pencils, red checking pen, 1 set each of felt tip washable markers (fine line & regular), 1 set colored pencils, 1 high-lighter for notes, box of crayons, 8 spiral notebooks (wide line 8x10½, 70 pgs, college rule notebooks will be sent home), no individual pencil sharpeners, pocket folders, **Grade 5** - 2 pocket folders, **Grade 6** - 3 pocket folders, white school glue (in plastic bag), standard protractor, standard and metric ruler, scissors with a point, 2 large boxes of tissues, 2 rolls of paper towels, school box (optional).

Please have your child's name on everything. All glue needs to be placed inside a re-closable plastic bag. Children must wear a pair of clean tennis shoes for physical education class. Please no large notebooks, 3 ring binders are not needed by any student. No mechanical pencils or pencils that require separate lead.

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The presentation will be similar to the twenty minute presentations of Bryan and Defiance. The chamber will be asking for donations and advance pledges payable by

April 2008. If you can support this project financially, please contact the chamber office at 399-5215. Chamber members will be receiving donations and pledge letters. In addition, fund-raising events and donation jars around the village will be available for all to contribute!

We have already received challenge donations, and we are quite confident that businesses and individuals will support this community event! We are expecting an attendance of 5,000+ Paulding County residents. This will not only add to our annual John Paulding Days celebration, but will bring a wave of "extra" business to Paulding restaurants and other businesses!

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ANTWERP GEARING UP FOR "DAY IN THE PARK 2007"

By: Sandra Wann
Antwerp's "Day In The Park 2007" is taking shape more and more each day. The Chamber of Commerce is excited about all of the activities that is coming together. The big day is August 11, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The parade is being organized by the American Heritage Girls with the help of Shelly Burns. She tells us that entrants will assemble at the Archer Football Field at 9:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. they will proceed to South Erie Street (SR49) and parade north from the American Legion to River Street (US 24). From that intersection the parade will travel east past Riverside Memorial Park then turn south onto Kroos St. and back to the football field. Last minute entries may contact Shelly at 419-258-2373.

The Classic Car Cruise-in is being organized by Jay & Karen Sanders. There are no prizes and no registration—it's just for fun! Those with cars to show may just show up and they will be directed to line up along Island Street on the west side of the park.

The crafts will be displayed throughout the park, mainly on the east side along the park drive. These artisans come from all over the area and offer a wide variety of wares to sell. Organizing the crafts this year is Cheryl Farnsworth (419-258-2022) and Kay Langham (419-399-4933).

The food is by May Civic Organizations who offer a wide variety of items for the park visitor to choose from. Some of the choices are: Apple Dumplings, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Pop Corn, Watermelon Slices, Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Brats, Hot Dogs,

Homemade Chocolates, Snow Cones, Lemon Shake-ups, Pop, Water and much more! Nancy Lichty is the contact person for the food vendors, (419-258-2026).

The entertainment—it is the intent of the Chamber to have a variety of acts to satisfy the wide age span of the park visitors. Following the parade, the open pavilion will be the center of attention for the opening ceremonies with Antwerp's own Stanley Jordan as Master of Ceremonies. Appearing on stage during the day will be The Dance Dolls directed by Julie Hall, Mark's Ark - a traveling zoo from Leo, IN, Antwerp Community Band directed by Steven Hahn, Paulding County author and columnist Georgia Kohart (she will also host a book signing), Antwerp High School Cheerleaders, The Glory Gospel Band from Van Wert, Cy Savage a vocalist and Antwerp native, as well as Barry DeLong, also a local native and vocalist.

Games for kids of all ages will be offered and of course the nearly new playground equipment will be an attraction.

The Chamber of Commerce is offering for sale their 7th edition of the Memories of Antwerp ornament. This year's ornament features the A & W Drive-in. It is a limited edition, numbered item. Also the Chamber members have been selling 50/50 drawing tickets with a guaranteed prize of \$1,000. The "Gem of the Year" has been chosen but not yet interviewed. This information most likely will be available before the end of this week.

Sponsors—The Day In The Park does not come without a price. The Chamber is grateful for the many businesses that are so generous and underwrite the expenses. Their names will be posted at the park.

SOME FURRY FRIENDS PAY A VISIT TO ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by Janice and Gary Lipp and two of their beautiful greyhounds they have rescued. We listened to stories about greyhounds and played a hide and seek game with a real bone!

Shown here in front are campers: Annilyn Ayers, Reid Johanns, Molly Adams, Mallory Messick and Ethan Herman. In back is Hunter Kauser along with Mrs. Lipp with Toffee and Mr. Lipp with Trinidad. What a fun day with some very BIG dogs!

OHIO: A LEADER IN HIGHWAY SAFETY

COLUMBUS—The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced the lowest highway fatality rate ever recorded and the largest drop in total deaths for 2006. Through its aggressive highway safety program, Ohio was a major contributor to making roadways safer.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) along with the Department of Public Safety have made significant improvements in highway safety over the past several years using expert analysis of crash data and patterns to target high crash and congested locations. In 2006, Ohio achieved several key benchmarks in the areas of highway and public safety, highlighted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol's partnered enforcement efforts with local law enforcement agencies that resulted in a record low traffic crash fatality rate and a historic 82% seat belt usage rate among Ohioans.

There were 42,642 traffic deaths in the United State in 2006. This is the lowest recorded total in five years, and the national fatality rate of 1.42 deaths per 100 million miles traveled was the lowest rate recorded by the Department of Transportation. Ohio's fatality rate is well below that national average at 1.1 deaths per 100 million miles traveled. Ohio's goal is to reduce fatalities to 1.0 per 100 million miles traveled by the end of 2008.

Last year, Ohio experienced a 7 percent reduction in crashes and fatalities. In 2005, Ohio had the 14th lowest fatality rate in the nation (the most recent year available from the federal government). These improvements saved 89 lives and decreased statewide crashes by more than 24,000.

"We're combining transportation improvements, partnerships with law enforcement and public education to reduce deaths and injuries on our highways," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "But motorist behavior is critical to reducing fatalities even further."

In 2006, there were 334,089 crashes in Ohio — 1,237 people were killed and 83,261 people were injured. The vast

majority of the crashes could have been avoided by safer driver behavior. Almost 500 lives could be saved each year if all motorists used a seat belt, drove sober and traveled at appropriate speeds.

2006 Fatalities:
Alcohol - 494 fatalities; percentage of all fatalities, 40%.
No Safety Belt - 457 fatalities; percentage of all fatalities 37%.
Speed - 388 fatalities; percentage of all fatalities 31%.

PAULDING COUNTY CONTINUES TO LEAD AREA IN LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

The latest employment figures have been released by the State of Ohio with Paulding County still showing the lowest rate of unemployment for this area. Randy Derck,

President of Paulding County Economic Development and President of the Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation, stated, "We are very pleased that our local businesses and industries have kept competitive enough to keep people employed, that's not easy in today's world market." Greg White, President of the Paulding Community Improvement Corporation, and Mayor of Paulding, replied, "The efforts of our businesses, elected officials and volunteers all help in making Paulding County a profitable place to work and live."

Unemployment percents from the Civilian Labor Force Estimates for 2007:

April - Paulding, 4.9%; Defiance, 6.1%; Van Wert, 5.2%; Williams, 6.0%.

May - Paulding, 4.6%; Defiance, 5.5%; Van Wert, 5.2%; Williams, 5.6%.

June - Paulding, 5.3%; Defiance, 6.2%; Van Wert, 5.7%; Williams, 6.4%.

Percent for the State of Ohio in June 2007 is 6.1%.

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