

## OAKWOOD HOMECOMING "BUILDING FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW"

"Building for a Brighter Tomorrow" is the theme for this year's Oakwood Homecoming which is to be held Labor Day weekend. Festivities begin Friday evening with the Oakwood Library Association hosting a dinner under the big tent with a 50's theme. Presale tickets may be purchased by calling 419-594-3337 or 419-594-2615.

Saturday's events begin at 9:30 a.m. with a money hunt for all kids through 6<sup>th</sup> grade followed by kid's crafts at 10:00 a.m. in the shelter house. Baked goods may be dropped off at the old fire station between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for the baking contest. These items will be out for a silent auction from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on the gazebo. New this year is a construction contest for kids. Kids are encouraged to be creative and build something using any type of building material, such as Legos, Lincoln Logs, etc. These creations may also be dropped off at the old fire station from 10:30-11:30 a.m. They will be on display Sunday and Monday in the

library. At 10:30 a.m., Paulding High School's FFA will run the popular Pedal Pull. Twin Oaks invites everyone to their carnival located in the church parking lot from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Family Feud will begin at 1:00 p.m. under the big tent. Families may register by calling Tonya Fisher at 419-594-3540. The Red Cross will be running a bloodmobile at the fire station from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The fire department will also be hosting a Car Show from Noon-3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the new fire station. At 2:30 p.m., teams of two can sign up at the gazebo for a Corn Hole tournament. Little Miss Oakwood will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the Jr. Miss following at 4:00 p.m. Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader? Come to the gazebo at 3:30 p.m. and find out! The Little King and Queen contest will be at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. will be the Community Recognition program. At this event the Cooper Family will be recognized for their con-

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## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BEGINS WORK TO SUSTAIN IMPACTS



A seminal study of the School-Based Mentoring (SBM) program of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), the largest youth mentoring organization in the country, shows that students with a "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" have better academic performance, attitudes, and behaviors over the course of a school year than students who did not have a Big Brother or Big Sister. By late fall of the third semester most of the positive impacts from the first year were not sustained, largely because many of the relationships did not continue into the second year. Two positives impacts were found at this point—students with a "Big" were less likely to begin skipping school and had higher expectations that they would start and complete college.

The study, released today, entitled "Making a Difference in Schools: The Big Brothers Big Sisters School-Based Mentoring Impact Study" was conducted by Public/Private Ventures (P/PV), a nationally recognized research firm. It is the first large-scale evaluation of School-Based Mentoring. Big Brothers Big Sisters' SBM program model, one of the largest in the country with 126,000 volunteers in schools, matches and supports students with volunteer Big Brothers or Big Sisters at their schools during or after the school day. More than 1,100 children in 70 schools were followed for one-and-one-half years as part of the study.

The study reports positive outcomes in the first year of

participation in overall academic performance, as well as in the specific subjects of science and written and oral language. In addition, the study found that the quality of class work improved and the number of assignments turned in increased, while serious school infractions, including visits to the principal's office, fighting and suspensions had decreased. Students with a Big Brother or a Big Sister also had fewer school infractions and skipped school less often than those in the study group without a "Big." The mentored children also reported feeling more competent academically.

In addition, the study found that most academic improvements recorded in the first two semesters were not sustained into the third semester. This occurred in part because only 52 percent of all students mentored in the previous two semesters continued to receive mentoring in the third semester. Many had transferred to different schools because they "graduated" to middle school or high school and matches did not carry over to the new schools.

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## NEW HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION NOW AVAILABLE

Are you an Ohio homeowner over 65 or totally disabled? The NEW Homestead Exemption is now available to qualified homeowners regardless of income. This NEW exemption starts with tax bills payable in 2008.

As of January 1, 2007, you must own and currently live in the home as your primary place of residence. You must be at least 65 years old or reach age 65 during 2007. You may also qualify if you are totally and permanently disabled as of January 1, 2007 as certified by a licensed physician, psychologist or state or federal agency.

If you have received the Homestead Exemption credit on the tax bill you paid in 2007, you do not need to file a new application. You will automatically receive the NEW Homestead Exemption for the next tax year.

The Paulding County Auditor and staff will be at the following locations to explain the NEW Homestead

Exemption and help those who qualify fill out the applications. Your tax bill has information on it that will speed up the application process so please remember to bring it with you.

Tuesday, August 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Paulding Senior Citizen Center

Tuesday, September 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Payne Village Hall (behind the police station)

Wednesday, September 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Oakwood Library (new location)

Wednesday, September 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Antwerp Village Hall

Tuesday, September 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Paulding Senior Citizen Center.

Deadline to apply is October 1, 2007.

—Susan K. Simpson,  
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**The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.**

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**OBITUARIES**

**James H. Hill**, 39 of Paulding, died August 12, 2007 at the Paulding County Hospital.

He was born in Hicksville, Ohio, on June 19, 1968 the son of James and Iona Hill.

He is survived by his fiancé, Joan (Jo Ann) Brown of Paulding; and two half-brothers: Robert Murray of Otter Creek, FL and Tom Hill of Union, MI.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

There was no visitation or funeral services.

Donations may be made to Den Herder Funeral Home in memory of James Hill.

**Elowene G. Hinsch**, 86, of Hicksville, died at Harborside Healthcare, Bryan on August 15, 2007.

She was born in Hicksville on September 7, 1920 the daughter Hollie E. and Clara Gladys Beryl (Reisch) Eyster.

She was a 1938 graduate of Hicksville High School and attended the University of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton in the art programs there.

She married William H. Hinsch on August 16, 1942. He preceded her in death in 2001.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville; the American Legion Auxiliary, Hicksville; AARP; and founding member of the Kitchenettes, a local musical performance group.

She acted in some of the early Hicksville Village Players productions before they were in the Huber theater and performing out of the church on Maple Street. She worked at Syncro Corp., Hicksville in the late 50's and early 60's and later as a bookkeeper at the Paul Jones Ford dealership in Hicksville in the mid-60's.

She was an avid knitter, and many of her hand-made afghans were given as gifts to many friends and families. In the 70's, she and her husband, "Big Bill" Hinsch won a trip to Hawaii at the Hawaii

Five-O fete in Hicksville and at the airport to board the flight, her knitting needles were confiscated by security as a "dangerous contraband". This was 25 years preceding 9/11. She was not a terrorist, but a tourist.

She is survived by a daughter, Lee Janeen Eberly of Bryan; two sons: Raymond of Fort Wayne and William of Perrysburg, OH; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a half-brother.

Her body was donated to the Medical College of Ohio, a long-time dream of her and her husband who's body was also donated to science. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled arrangements. Any donations in Elowene's name should be donated to the Village Players in Hicksville.

**Nancy L. Plassman**, 68, of Hicksville, died August 15, 2007 in her home.

Nancy was born June 5, 1939 the daughter of Otto Herman and Thelma (Bauer) Rosebrock in Defiance.

She was a 1957 graduate of Defiance High School. She was united in marriage to William Plassman on August 30, 1958 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Defiance.

She was a very active member at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville and served as the church secretary for 15 years. She was an avid gardener and was a member of the La Fleur De Terre Garden Club in Hicksville. She was a member of the Low German Club in Henry County and enjoyed crafting and quilting. She deeply loved her family and grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her husband, William; two sons: Eric (Jenny) of Fort Wayne and Jeffrey (Lisa) of Chicago, IL; daughter, Heidi (Jochen) Glaubitz of Gregory, MI; five grandchildren: Heather, Landon and Madison Plassman, Samuel and Anneliese

Glaubitz; two brothers: Paul (Madeline) Rosebrock of Seymour, CT, Roger Rosebrock of Corpus Christi, TX; one sister, Debra Bloomfield of Columbus, OH.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service was at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville on August 18. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice the Caring Way, Defiance; St. John Lutheran Church or an organization of the donor's choice.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville was in charge of arrangements.

**Unice H. Smith**, 85, of West Chester, OH, former Paulding County resident, died August 19, 2007 at Chesterwood Village Retirement Community, West Chester.

She was born in Paulding on June 19, 1922, the daughter of William and Blanche (Doster) Rhoad. On June 27, 1947 she married Clare E. Smith, who preceded her in death on January 14, 2004. She was a school teacher at Paulding exempted Village Schools for 30 years and a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, Paulding.

She is survived by three sons: David (Kem) Smith of Lubbock, TX, Ronald (Mary Ann) Smith of West Chester, and Jerold (Sue) Smith of Shaker Heights, OH; a brother, Donald (Isobell) Rhoad of Livonia, MI; a sister, Barbara Anne (Eddie) Shuherk of Cromwell, IN; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Robert and Richard Rhoad; and a sister, Elizabeth Ashton.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 23 at Paulding United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding; and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**P.C. RESIDENT AND CHURCH HONORED: RED CROSS DISTRIBUTES AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT**

On August 16, 2007 the American Red Cross Blood Services, Indiana-Ohio Region, hosted its Annual Meeting and Recognition Event at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Wayne. Many awards were presented, including the Outstanding Donor and Growing By Leaps and Bounds Awards.

The Outstanding Blood Donor Award recognizes the individual in each county served by the Indiana-Ohio Region who had the highest donation frequency in Fiscal Year 2007. If there was a tie for highest frequency in a county, the donor with the combination of highest donation frequency and highest lifetime donations was recognized.

George Morrison, Sr. has donated 191 units in his lifetime and six times this past year. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Blood Donor Award.

The Growing By Leaps and Bounds Award recognizes the blood drive sponsors that have increased the units of blood donated at their blood drives by at least 30 percent or who have increased the number of blood drives they host in the last year.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was the recipient of the Growing By Leaps and Bounds Award.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a blood drive sponsor, you can contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Together, we can save a life.

**WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS—RAIN OR SHINE!**

Nothing stops worship! Our last Worship Without Walls on August 5 ran up against a little liquid sunshine. But nothing, can stop worship. We saw the clouds (and heard the thunder) so we moved everything inside the Payne Community Center—the Rock, 104 S. Main St. in Payne.

It may have been pouring rain outside, but the time of worship, the word, and fellowship was awesome. Now it's time to get together to do it again.

On Sunday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m. on the east lawn of the First Financial Bank in Payne, we're getting together and doing it again! We're "taking the church to where the people are."

As usual One-A-Chord kicked it all off, and just rocked the place with the sounds of praise and worship music. We heard a message about the hope that's found in Jesus Christ, a hope that's true, and rock solid! Then we all stuck around and enjoyed the time of free food and fellowship.

We don't care how you dress, or if you know the words to the songs by heart. Just come as you are, bring your lawn chairs or beach blankets and come hang out with us.

I know there's a bunch of folks who've seen these ads and said, "I wonder what that's all about?" Well, here's your chance to find out. We'd love the chance to meet you, or have the pleasure of seeing you again, and hang out with you for awhile. But, as always,

be ready to hear, see and feel how much Jesus Christ loves you. Bring a friend or a loved one with you, or grab the person next to you and bring them with you. We'll see you on the lawn at Worship Without Walls, Sunday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.

*\*\*\*In case of rain, sleet, snow, famine, flood, tsunami, or any other inclement weather condition not listed here, we will move everything inside the Rock located at 104 S. Main St. Payne. Because, you just can't stop worshipping God!\*\*\**

Our next scheduled date is Sunday, October 7. For more information, call 419-263-2728 or by e-mail richjuliephelan@hotmail.com

**PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

The Payne Church of the Nazarene Youth Soccer League registration, for kids grades 1st through 8th, will be held Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Payne Church of the Nazarene, located at 509 E. Orchard St. (State Route 500 east), Payne.

Questions may be directed to the church office at 419-263-2422.

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The P/PV report says that "...the Big Brothers Big Sisters SBM program model is a promising intervention that merits support. The positive impacts on school-related outcomes at the end of the first school year, combined with the fact that the program is reaching many needy students, make this intervention particularly valuable for schools." The study also issued a caution that one full academic year of the BBBS School-Based Mentoring program is not enough to permanently improve youth's academic performance.

Fred Davie, President, P/PV, said, "We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with foundations and exemplary programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters to conduct these kinds of rigorous random-assignment evaluations. Big Brothers Big Sisters and the foundations are setting the standard for how these studies are best used, learning from what works and taking seriously areas in need of improvement. Rigorous review, positive trends and course corrections are borne of a commitment to serve vulnerable young people more effectively. We applaud BBBS and the supporting foundations for their dedication and action."

Courtney Shull, Executive Director said that the organization is addressing study findings. "Positive short-term results are a starting point, but we expect lasting benefits for the youth we serve." To that end, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties is making a host of changes including increasing the length of the mentor-student relationship, supporting summer activities to create continuity between the mentor and student and strengthening volunteer

training and professional support. "We're committed to making a very good program even better," said Shull.

If you would like to learn more about how to enroll your child in "Bigs in School" or other mentoring programs offered in your community contact:

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties, 419-782-8313 or 419-599-2353

Email: info@bbbsbigfun.org, www.bbbsbigfun.org

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contributions to the town, Mr. and Mrs. Oakwood will be announced and other awards will be given. Following the Community Recognition will be the Miss Oakwood at 7:00 p.m. and the night will end with Puttin' on the Hits at 8:15 p.m.

Twin Oaks will be serving breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning. There will be a Health Walk sponsored by Family Chiropractic at 8:00 a.m. beginning in front of Cooper Community Library. At the east end of town from 8:00-10:00 a.m. will be weigh-in for the tractor pull with the first pull beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Firemen will be having a breakfast from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. There will be a community church service under the big tent at 9:30 a.m. The Kiddie Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the theme "Classic Cartoons". New this year is a division for golf carts and other ATVs for any age. Kids may begin signing up for Kids Fear Factor at 3:00 p.m. in the gazebo with the event starting at 3:30 p.m. under the big tent. Adults will have the opportunity to show their creativity by participating in a construction contest. Those interested will meet at the old fire sta-

tion at 4:00 p.m. to get their materials. Kids may compete in a pudding eating contest at 5:00 p.m. in the gazebo. Oakwood's Amazing Race will begin at 6:00 p.m. (interested participants need to be registered at 4:30 p.m.). The State Bank & Trust Co will be sponsoring local magician, Rob Pond, at 8:15 p.m. under the big tent.

Monday begins with the parade at 11:00 a.m. Individuals may begin signing up for Price is Right at 12:30 p.m. with the game beginning at 1:30 p.m. The fire department will be hosting waterball at the new fire station. Adult fear factor begins at 3:00 p.m. with sign up at 2:30p.m. The annual duck race, sponsored by the Oakwood Library Association will be at 6:15 p.m.

Inflatables will be on hand for the kids Sunday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Monday from 12:30-5:30p.m. There will be a photo contest with the theme of "Work in Progress". Framed photos may be dropped off at the old fire station from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Questions may be directed to 419-594-3548 or 419-399-9011.

**GIRLS GOLF DEFIANCE INVITATIONAL AT AUGLAIZE GOLF COURSE**

Team Scores for Defiance Girls Golf Invitational - Lima Central Catholic 339, Sandusky Perkins 363, Defiance 363, Toledo Whitmer 370, Wapakoneta 383, Toledo St. Ursula 387, Sylvania Northview 418, Sylvania Southview 461, Eastwood 463, Wayne Trace 465, Parkway 495, Edon 545

Individual Leaders - Alyssa Shimel (Eastwood) 72, Sarah Vonderembse (Lima Central Catholic) 74, Ashley Baxton (Defiance) 80

**UNIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY SETS SYLVIA'S APART**



By: Sue Knapp

When Sylvia and Wayne Phillips got married she was upset with the photographs that were taken because there were none of the back of her dress. There were other things about different photographs she saw that, to her, didn't look quite right.

When it was time for her daughter to be thinking about senior pictures, she encouraged Sylvia to take them. It took a little persuading but Sylvia took a photography class at Vantage and has been 'shooting' ever since.

She received a degree in photography in 1999 and earned a Photographic Craftsman's Degree which enables her to teach photography for the amateur and

professional. She enters print competitions with awards going toward a Master Degree through the Professional Photographers of America.

Sylvia has a unique style that has made her well-known throughout the area. She works hard at being there for the customer, capturing the personality of the individual in her photos. Her favorite things to shoot are children and nature. She loves the peace of the nature photographs and loves the children. She allows the children to be themselves and works around their needs. Her goal is to create memories that last forever.

Besides purchased props her and her husband have created several custom designed ones. They are stored in a 16' x 20' two-story barn.

Her photo studio/office is filled with photos, photograph albums and, of course, the studio that has many props and backgrounds to choose from. It is all about you and what you want.

Sylvia is introducing a new line of packages from which to choose. The Precious Moments Program includes a portrait of the parents before birth and three more sessions at different intervals during baby's first year.

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**WHEN:** Sunday, August 26th @ 10:00 am  
**WHERE:** East Lawn of the First Financial Bank in downtown Payne, Ohio

*In the event of inclement weather, services will be moved inside to the Payne Community Center the "Rock" 104 S. Main St.*

**WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS** is an outreach of Living Water Ministries  
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**KALIDA BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL**

Team Scores:  
Bryan 308, Lima Central Catholic 309, Van Wert 317, Wauseon 319, Celina 324, Lima Shawnee 328, Ottoville 329, Elida 330, Kalida 333, Tinora 336, Wayne Trace 336, Van Buren 339, Delphos St. John's 341, Liberty Benton 350, Defiance 353, Ottawa Glandorf 356, Delphos Jefferson 362, Lima Bath 437, Fort Jennings 444  
Wayne Trace individual results - Aaron Hockenberry 79, Dane Treece 85, Elliot Tempel 82, Nick German 90, Andrew Horner 111.

**WAYNE TRACE GIRLS GOLF AT LAKE JAMES GOLF CLUB**

Results for Girls Golf match-Fremont (IN) vs. Wayne Trace:  
Fremont (IN) 209, Wayne Trace 237  
Fremont - Caitlin Burlingame 46, Holly Brown 51, Kaylynne Goeglein 55, Allison Hall 57, Sarah Aldrich 58

Wayne Trace - Shelby Critten 55, Gabrielle Hook 58, Kacey Hockenberry 59, Elyse Myers 65, Courtney Hicks 67

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# Opinions, Opinions, Opinions...

Opinion Column

## VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

### COMMON SENSE & EXPERIENCE

Give me common sense and experience over a title and degree anytime. Too often today a diploma and a modern education lead to arrogance and a "know-it-all" attitude. When people think they know everything about everything just because they have a title, it irritates me. How many times have we seen a professional person step outside of their profession and tell us what's best for us? Just because they're an actor they know global politics or a doctor of philosophy they know all about global warming. Yea right.

I'll no more listen to some doctor about how to fix my car, than I'd ask a mechanic to take out my gall bladder. It's a fact I can live without either a car or a gall bladder. Still having one worked on by the wrong expert could cost me lots of money or all of my remaining time on this earth. I'm fond of my car and my health: so even though I don't hold a degree in medicine or mechanical engineering, I do have enough common sense and life experience to know who to ask to do what. I trust myself in making the right call for either my car or health and I don't need the government or anyone else to help me make the right choice.

I'm lucky because I know a lot of just plain smart people. Somewhere in Paulding County is someone that can do darn near anything from fixing your washer and dryer to putting a Ford transmission into a Dodge truck. Street smarts they call it in a city, common sense we call it here in God's country of Washington TWP.

Paulding County is blessed. There are lots of people with experience and common sense that can make do and fix anything. Some have a degree from Ohio State, and some didn't make it out of high school, but each of them "Know What They're Talking-about" when I ask them a question and these are the people I look up too. I don't care if they've got a diploma, a title, two dollars or two million dollars. All of the people I trust enough to ask questions have "Common Sense and or Experience" about the subject I'm questioning.

Make no mistake about it: common sense isn't all that common today. As a recent example do you remember the Emerald Ash Borer saga? All of our ash trees were in danger and the government came up with a brilliant plan (at least according to the college professors that came up with the idea in the first place) to stop the bug. Their plan was to cut down every healthy ash tree within a radius of a half-mile of any ash tree that was infected. Never mind ash bores fly, ash tree seeds can live three to five years in the ground before sprouting, and that if you don't spray the stump after you cut down an ash tree to kill the roots, an ash tree will re-sprout. Even though all of these are common knowledge to someone that has experience with ash trees, the academics plan was embraced by our Ohio State Government and put into action as official government policy. The "we have to do something mentality" once again reared its ugly head and doing something became more important than doing something right. How many times do we hear "we have to try and do something?" Even though it's against human nature, common sense should tell us that there's not a lot we can do about it when we're dealing with Mother Nature. Some things are best left in God's hands.

For three years at every SWCD state meeting I attended in Columbus someone was telling me how this plan was going to work, while all the time the bug spread from county to county. Each year the professors made excuses about why their plan wasn't working. Their plan was constantly modified: all the while wasting more and more tax money on a scheme that common sense and experience told was doomed to fail.

Each year at these state SWCD meetings I asked why they thought a bug with wings could be stopped. They assured me that this bug's wings were too small and an ash borer couldn't fly over a quarter mile. I asked the ash borer expert if they ever heard of the wind blowing spiders, that don't have wings and can't fly at all, hundreds of miles overland, even up high into mountains. Their answer was "next question please." Classic avoidance if you ask me, because the correct answer didn't fit the academics view and facts have no place in a debate with the "we know best" crowd. The ash tree cutting scheme is now history, too expensive, un-workable, but with "at least we tried something" left as its legacy.

This ASH BORER plan wasted 50 million dollars and accomplished nothing. In fact everyone with common sense knew the plan was a dud. Why a piece of paper from Ohio State University or Purdue University trumps practical experience is beyond me?!

The motive of the professors is obvious, they got to practice "theories" they held without risking any of the school's money, plus they got to employ many of their classes kids with summer jobs. Do you think they really cared that 50 million dollars of Ohio tax money was wasted. It didn't cost them anything, no job, no penalty, no embarrassment. God only knows what the brains behind the ash borer plan have moved on to today, but in any case we should be watching our wallets.

I wish that common sense was a requirement to hold a public office. I cringe when I see our state and local politicians listening to someone, who may be successful in a profession, stray off into an area that they know little if anything about. Take the new septic rules being enforced by the Paulding County Health Board. If you're one of the Paulding County residents that think we are back to 1977 rules you're wrong. Our county is proceeding with a modified mound system, maybe not in name but in practice. This is a septic system that everyone I talk about it with, except the health department, tells me that they don't think it will work in Paulding County clay soils.

As good intentioned as the health board is with the non-mound, mound system; why the health board believes it will work when every installer of septic systems I know that installs septic systems in our county; every farmer who farms Paulding County clay I talk with; tells me it won't work. I hope for Paulding County's sake that all these people who "should know" are wrong. I hope the health board is right and everyone else I know is wrong, because if they aren't and the health board is wrong this will be another ash borer boondoggle but even more costly to Paulding County and its citizens. Just because the State Health Board or state EPA says it will work doesn't mean a whole lot if it doesn't. Common sense isn't a test that anyone takes before they're given a government job. This is likely a case where experience is and will be more important than good intentions.

Common sense and experience, two qualities too often in short supply, but I think the qualities most important of any someone in government can possess. Next time you see someone step outside their expertise I suggest you stop and ask yourself "why should I believe him?" "What does he have to gain in this?" "What's he done that makes me think he knows anything about the subject he's talking about?" Just because he's a doctor, "why does he think he's qualified to fix my car?" But in any case, if you're going to have your gall bladder removed make sure the person doing the surgery doesn't have a monkey wrench and greasy hands. Common sense should tell you as much.

Brad Dysinger, 419 587 3557

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to all who have taken the time to express themselves in the editorial section of the West Bend. This requires reading, thinking, forming thoughts into words and sentences, and writing them down so that others can understand. Not every one can or will do this.

For those editorialists who think they smell a rat, here are some sites you may want to visit: [www.in-fowars.com](http://www.in-fowars.com) [www.cafman.com](http://www.cafman.com) [www.truthtellers.org](http://www.truthtellers.org) [www.landrights.com](http://www.landrights.com) [www.riflewarrior.com](http://www.riflewarrior.com) [www.whosearat.com](http://www.whosearat.com)

—Phillip Piersma

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### My Response

With the latest responses to my articles, I feel I need to clarify a few things. First, I will tell a little about myself so any person who cares will know who I am. I was born in 1969 in Middletown, CT. I lived most my life in the suburbs of St. Louis, MO. I attended the University of Central Arkansas for one year and then joined the U.S. Air Force. I served my country proudly during the Panama Invasion, Operation Desert Storm/Shield and separated during the Somalian Conflict. I am a union carpenter now and take a lot of pride in the work I do. I have two beautiful girls and a loving wife. We are a very close family. I feel my experiences in life have made me the person I am today. I do not claim to know everything though.

My article dated July 25 concerning the taxes we pay, the quote, "Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago," came from an e-mail I received from a friend. This was not my quote. I did look up all the taxes on the list and they were indeed real taxes we pay. And no, the majority of these taxes did not exist 100 years ago. I did not eliminate the e-mail quote because I felt it was necessary to quote the entire e-mail. I only left out the part of the e-mail that said something to the effect of, "Please e-mail this to ten fiends in the next five minutes or you will be taxed even more." I am aware that the residents of Ohio have been paying taxes for years. And so have many other residents of other states. I am aware that taxes necessary. I never said taxes were not necessary. It is the continuous taxes that are added yearly to fund things we do not need that should be cut out. My whole point to the article was to use the taxing

us for breathing as an example of wasteful taxes on the citizens of this country.

My article dated August 1 dealing with poverty was a touchy subject for me. I do get a raise every year, this is true. It is also true that the healthcare system that my union provides takes the majority of our raise each year to go to healthcare costs. Our healthcare system with the union has reported profits the last few years and they still take a portion of my raise. That is my anger, as well as others who have similar problems with their healthcare systems. My raise that is left over after the healthcare takes their portion isn't enough to keep up with inflation. That is why I believe the middle class is diminishing. It has affected small towns nationwide.

I have tried my best to help others in need. If one is a Christian, I believe it is our responsibility to help those in need. The last two years I have gone on a mission trip to SE Kentucky to help the less fortunate. I have been blessed with a great church family that has really shown me that God can perform wonders if we let Him. I did hand money out to someone in need in Columbus that day. No, I did not offer that woman a job—I was in Columbus, not Paulding. I am in no position to offer a person a job. I do not own a company, or do the hiring for the company I work for. I did not offer her my house either. I was in Columbus. I live NW of Paulding.

No Compromise was made aware to me about three weeks ago. I actually have seen the logo at the extension building and the courthouse before. I just never paid attention to it. I made no connection. Nobody ever told me of the motto, or what it stood for, I think the Historical Museum is something every person should see. I have been there twice. There is a lot of interesting history from around Paulding County there. I see the canal everyday. I am very aware of the history of the canal. I live on the Canal Road. I also know the boundaries of the old reservoir. I occasionally will drive down what is called the 'high' road. It is really

amazing to think of how big that reservoir was. I believe I was at the courthouse the day the bell was unveiled to the public. I do believe Ohio did not officially become a state until 1953 because of a mistake, Congress did not vote on the resolution to admit Ohio to the union until 1953. However, the 200th anniversary of statehood was more meaningful in my book. I have been to the courthouse, unfortunately not on a grand tour. I do frequent the library as much as possible. My previous articles have stated for people to utilize the library as much as possible. It is a tremendous source of information. I enjoy just sitting and reading something while I'm there. It is quiet and peaceful. I looked at a book there about a year ago that showed all the old schoolhouses in the county. There was one down the road from my house. I believe Lafarge owns the property now. I was amazed to see that the schoolhouses were fairly close together in today's world. Back then it was a great distance.

As far as my comments to elected officials goes, I wrote this because of people who have told me repeatedly of a select few who threaten others for speaking up. I know it is hard to believe. I voted for the majority of the people who serve our county. And yes, "they were voted by the people for the people," Mrs. Webb. My point exactly. And everyone does have the right to vote. Mr. Hopkins, I will not name names. My goal was to let people know that we need to open our eyes and be very aware of what our elected officials are doing. The people that have been threatened will have to be the ones to name names. Look at me as the middleman. I don't believe my article stated anything about money being stolen either. And, I did state that most elected officials care about this county and the citizens.

I never said that the people of this county were not good people. I think in today's society, whether it is in Paulding County, OH or St. Louis County, MO, we are blinded by what the real problems are. We have been accustomed to how things

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Pauline and I first went to Florida in 1950. Her parents, Thurman and Ola Powell, were staying in Avon Park. After we traveled all over Florida seeing the sights, we had settled down to some bass fishing. Her dad would take us 60 miles down through the Indian Reservation to Lake Okeechobee. They did not have the big parapit around the lake yet and you could put your boat in most anywhere.

You see, back in the early 1900's, a huge hurricane blew all the water into the town of Moorehaven and drowned nearly 300 people. There's a big hill now around the lake which has prevented that from happening again.

There wasn't many people fishing there at that time. Bass fishing was very good, we used Jahnson Spoons, that is a big shiny leaf-like affair with a light guard over the hook and it made it almost weedless. Pauline caught some six pounders. We were very lucky to get to fish in Okeechobee back in 1950. That lake was full of fish and hadn't been fished out.

The biggest large mouth black bass that I ever saw alive was in Avon Park in front of the Jacaianda Tree Restaurant. It was in one of those old style square galvanized wash tubs. He laid long ways in the water from one corner to another and he weighed 12½ pounds. That's the biggest I have ever seen, although I know there are bigger ones. He was caught in a small lake at the edge of town. He was returned to the same lake a little later.

We fished Lake Istopoga with Pauline's parents in the early 1970's, but after her father passed away Pauline and her mother didn't fish much. Ray Gross and I started fishing together in 1989. In 1991, we went down to Florida to fish. Ray was the youngest man in the fish camp and he would help anyone who needed it.

Marshall had the next trailer to ours and he had Ray paint the roof top with a sealer. It was a nice warm day, but on the top of that trailer in the sun it was hot. Marshall and I sat in the shade of a white oak tree and we would holler, "the sooner you finished, the sooner we could go fishing." But that didn't bother Ray, he just kept on brushing.

On another trip Ray and Stu cleaned the roof of Kiley's trailer. The trailer belonged to the Sampson's from Lima. They couldn't come anymore so they sold it to Jack Kiley. The roof had mildew on it and Stu and Ray cleaned it. Let me tell you about Jack Kiley. He came from upstate New York. He raised cattle because I think he had some hilly acreage. He sold some of it off and came to Florida to get out of the winter weather.

Jack got shot up bad in the Korean War. The only way he could sit was backwards on a kitchen chair. He never complained about his wounds or the war of his disabilities. His friend, Matt, said he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, but as long as I knew him he never said a single word about any of this. When he came to the bonfire at night, he would bring his kitchen chair along. He was a fine fellow and neighbor.

About two years ago, all his wounds caught up with him and quit working and he passed away. His wife, Velma, was just as good a person as he was. She doesn't go to Florida anymore.

In 1995, Grace and Ray bought Marshall's trailer. His arthritis was getting to him and he and Ruth went back to Monticello, KY.

That made Grace and Ray a fine trailer, but they did do some renovating to it. They even fixed a fine spare bedroom on the end, but I think I used it more than anyone else. Sometimes I rode down with them to Florida. Sometimes I flew into Ft. Myers and they would come and pick me up or take me back to the Ft. Myers' Airport. Sometimes I would ride home with them. Yes, they went out of the road for me a lot and I certainly appreciated it. I had many a great times with my sister and brother-in-law.

I would get up first at 5:40 a.m. I had the coffee pot fixed, just turned it on and then got dressed. By then, Grace was up, if she wasn't already up and then Ray.

I got breakfast, always the same cereal or toasted english muffins. But we always ate breakfast in front of the tube to catch the news and weather. Then I cleaned the kitchen, made the coffee for the boat and washed up all the sippy cups.

By this time it was almost 7:00 and Grace and Ray are back from their one mile walk, and Stu is outside ready to go. I tell you, friends, this happened everyday and I never got tired of it.

Well, where are we going today? Grace said she wanted to do the wash, so Ray and I went with Stu. The wind was a little strong, so we went to the Little Island to a 5-6 acre hole back in the bulrushes that wasn't very windy. Stu and I watched as Ray had all the luck for awhile. Ray caught four and Stu and I didn't even have a hit yet. After about another hour of this we started to get some hits and the wind got stron-

ger. We all knew that out on the lake away from these bulrushes the wind would be a lot stronger. About 12:45 we all admitted that we should go in, but my, the fishing was good! We all had thrown back some big ones and there was eleven in the live well and they were thrown back also. When we left the bulrushes and into the lake proper it was rolling pretty good. That is what Istokpoga in Seminole means, "wild waters".

Stu had a dandy new boat and we slowly made our way back to camp, a good four miles with the wind to our back. When we could see the Mossy Cove pier we could see most of the people in camp were out looking for us. They were worried, we were alright, but they didn't know that. Cile, Stu's wife, had cut a switch to teach Stu a lesson but we talked her out of any bodily mayhem.

Mike, a man from Colorado, was 83 this day and there has to be ice cream and cake at the Tree House at 1:00. But we three knew that when the fish are biting that good you just can't come in. So we went to Mike's birthday party and the wind blew for two days.

One morning I was fishing with Grace and Ray, and we went east on the lake down towards the Istokpoka and Kissimmee Canal but out about ½ mile to the north. In years past that is a very good area to bass fish.

It was a dandy morning in the middle of March. We were down to our shirt sleeves and also getting a few hits. We had just finished our coffee break when I heard Grace say, "My reel is broke." She used a Mitchell 300 as, those are spinning reels. Ray said, "Your spring is broke." He dug all through the famous 5 gallon bucket and couldn't find another spring. I knew I didn't have one because I use bait casting reels, rotary type, generally Daiwa. I kept on casting 'cause I wanted to put one in the boat while they are not fishing.

Pretty soon Ray says, "I don't have a spring for the bait of your reel so why don't you use one of my rods and reels?" Grace said, "No, I can't use one of that type." Ray said, "There is nothing to it, you just throw it." "I don't care, I can't use one of those!" Grace said. Ray convinced her to try it and she threw it and the bait plunked right in front of the boat. After a few more, "I don't want to's", Ray convinced her to try again and then again it plunked down right by the boat. By now she was getting a lot of instructions from both of us. "Just bring your arm forward, when your rod tip is up about eleven o'clock, take your thumb off the reel and let the bait fall to the water."

It is easy after you have done it for years. But she tried it like we told her and the bait landed about 10 feet away from the boat this time. "See, your doing better." "I don't care, I don't like this outfit and I'm going to watch you guys fish until we go in for lunch."

While she is telling this to Ray, I see her line moving in the water. I say, "Grace, you have got one on." So things get hectic 'cause she doesn't like the reel and has never used it before. Ray says, "Wind in all your slack 'till you can feel him on the line and 'Now', set the hook into

him." Well, the pole bent, the water boiled, the fish went back and forth on a short line and he didn't tire out easily. I hooped and hollered and joined into the mayhem. Ray got the landing net and put him in the boat. After a few 'good jobs' and some more 'back patting' we weighed that rascal and he weighed 6½ pounds. It was a beauty. Grace put him back in the water when we went back to camp.

We went to town to get a new spring. The Golden Corral Restaurant is next door to the U.S. 27 Marina so we had lunch there and then went shopping for a spring.

My sister, Rubie, also liked to fish. She and Grace fished with Dad in the late 1930's in the Maumee.

Later in life she fished a lot down by the east end of the park. She went down there a lot when her knees would allow it. That is a lot of up and down hill.

Then she and her husband, Hansford, lived a long time on Wolf Lake over in Northern Indiana and she fished a lot up there. She battled arthritis all her life.

I guess you would call us a fishing family, we all enjoyed it a lot and looking back on our childhood we never wasted any fish. If we didn't clean them and eat them we returned them back into the water.

Looking back over all those years, I would agree with Ol' Ben Franklin when he said, "There has been a lot of water gone under the bridge."

See Ya!

**THANK YOU**

When words escape us and we don't know what to say—we would like to thank each and every one of you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers, brought food and have just been there for us. Your kindness will not be forgotten. We know Kelly would have been proud to know she had such good family and friends.

Special thanks to Shawn Dooley for helping us at this most difficult time. We know the task was not easy.

—Ben Rager & Family



**MARRIAGE OF HEATHER SHRIDER TO JOSIAH GREVE**

Heather Ann Shrider and Josiah David Greve were married at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Paulding United Methodist Church by Pastor Ben Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Bruce and Marie Shrider, Robert Greve and Jodi Gourley.

Music was performed by soloist Anita Brueshaber and organist Alice Lawson.

The bride selected a white strapless A-line satin gown with a corset back and a small train. It was beaded with crystals on the top and gathered at the waist. The wedding colors were sky blue and indigo.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Ashley Shears of Paulding. Bridesmaids were Danielle O'Rourke of Toledo, Katie Shrider of Coldwater, MI, Lindsey Shatter of Melrose, and Mandy Briner of Paulding. The flower girl was Lily Knapp of Paulding.

Serving the groom as best man was Jordan Greve of Holgate. Groomsmen were Joel Greve, Joseph Greve, Jeremiah Greve, and Jonathon Greve all brothers of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the UAW Hall in Defiance.

The newlyweds enjoyed a week in Virginia Beach. They now reside in Paulding.

The bride is employed by Rainbow Promise in Defiance. The groom is the owner of J & M Construction and remodeling LLC.

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# ANTWERP HISTORY: THE 1983 SQUAD 41



**By: Stan Jordan**

This picture of Squad 41 was taken in 1983. The Rescue Squad was separating from the Antwerp Fire Department and David Sensabaugh loaned us this photo.

The back row on the left end is Joyce Carr. She has had a whole lifetime of community service. For years at the Sheriff's office and then as Police Chief at Antwerp and always as an EMT. Now she has settled down to being a "pool side grandma."

The next fellow is Gary Kemerer. He has been gone for some time, but I remember him most as a little boy. Their family lived on Road 204 West in the old Munger House—that is about where Karen Messman lives now. Gary and Hal would come out to the mailbox and see me about everyday. That's the way I remember Gary and Hal.

Jim Roberts is the next fellow in the picture. Jim served in the Army in WWII and has been helping people ever since.

The next fellow is Bill Pauley. He was the mortician at that time. He sold his business to Shawn Dooley and went into business in Fort Wayne.

The next fellow is Sam Smith. He became a driver for the squad, but not an EMT. He was always ready to help for all these years. He came from West Virginia and settled in Grover Hill. He retired from B.F. Goodrich and operated The Bear's Den, a local card room. He was liked by everyone. Some called him "Slammer", some called him "Sam", and I called him "Sam Bob". I guess Sam was killed outright in that accident on July 20, 2007. So long, Sam.

John McNutt was the manager of the Antwerp Equi-

uity Exchange at that time. That's all I could find out about him.

The fellow kneeling in the first row is David Sensabaugh. He is the gentleman who loaned us the picture of Squad 41. His whole family were very active with Squad 41. Dave retired out of Harvester in Fort Wayne and they now live north and east of Forder's Bridge. His entire family are always ready to help.

Larry Smith retired from Dana-Weatherhead some time ago. I don't think he is an EMT anymore. He is now employed by the Village.

Ed Miller is the last person in that row. I don't think that he is an EMT anymore either. He is now a truck driver and is gone a lot of the time.

I don't think any of these people are on the squad anymore, but over the years they helped whenever they could.

# JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE

Sera was able to bring Jim "home" this past Tuesday, August 14. So she says it has been wonderful having him out of the hospital. Needless to say, he is very happy to be out! They are driving down to the clinic everyday for blood work, fluids and whatever he happens to need each day. So far, everything continues to go well!

He will get a bone marrow biopsy sometime next week and everyone is praying that no leukemia cells are there, so they can go right to the bone marrow transplant. Please continue sending all the love, thoughts and prayers that Jim will be in remission! The prayers are very much appreciated and mean a lot to them!

We appreciate all those who visited Sera's booth at the Day in the Park, and all those who bought her jewelry and raffle tickets on the Boyd's Bear.

Donna Miller of the Tips-N-Tan Day Spa has Sera's jewelry is again for sale there and more will arrive as Sera has time to create new pieces. Sera's jewelry and the Boyd's Bear raffle will also be displayed at the "Joy of Giving Craft Show" on November 10, 2007 at the Antwerp United Methodist Church. The money from these sales goes toward medical expenses for Jim.

Visit his web site, [www.jamesdoughtyfoundation.com](http://www.jamesdoughtyfoundation.com), for updates on his condition and to be able to make contributions. Contributions can also be made at the Antwerp Exchange Bank or St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, Ohio.

Sera has requested prayers for their friends, Donna and Bobby Kochan. Bobby was in the hospital with Jim this past winter and had his transplant in March. Bobby was just notified that his leukemia has returned and will return to the hospital to go through this intense process all over again. They have been a HUGE support system to Jim and Sera and now are in need of support again themselves.

God's Blessings to each of you!

—The Don Smith's and Sera and Jim Doughty

## HICKSVILLE HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPERT RECEIVES ONE-OF-A-KIND CERTIFICATION

HICKSVILLE—In an effort to expand and formalize the fitness and weight management knowledge of Curves franchise owners and staff, Curves International and The Cooper Institute today announced Jerrica Steffens has received The Cooper Institute Circuit Training and Weight Management Certification.

Designed specifically for Curves, the certification focuses on kinesiology, anatomy, physiology, nutrition, and weight management.

"My skills as a weight management consultant have increased, and I am also able to better individualize programs for my members," said Jerrica Steffens, Hicksville Curves franchise owner. "I have more ability to effectively change our members' lives—one person at a time, which is what this is all about."

Steffens earned The Cooper Institute Circuit Training and Weight Management

Certification by:

1. Attending a week-long Curves franchise training program called Club Camp and securing a Club Camp certificate.

2. Completing a college level course in kinesiology.

3. Completing a college level course in general nutrition.

4. Applying for The Cooper Institute Circuit Training and Weight Management Certification and showing proof that the Club Camp, kinesiology and nutrition courses were completed.

Prior to the certification offering, Steffens received extensive training in Curves Club Camp, which is a week of training for Curves franchise owners and managers. The purpose is to learn how to operate a franchise and equip the franchisee and manager with the skills necessary to be successful. Four primary topics are covered—service, guest production, sales and operations. Franchise owners and managers are also given the opportunity to be certified by the American Heart Association in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED). A Club Camp certificate is recognized by the American Council of Exercise (ACE) as being applicable towards three hours of college credit.

"We are pleased that Curves International is offering a specialty certification for its franchise owners and managers," said Conrad Earnest, Ph.D., director of the human performance laboratory at The Cooper Institute. Curves has made a notable step to both certify its instructors and to perform research on its program. Based on the positive research findings presented earlier this year at the Experimental Biology conference, Curves is setting the new pace within fitness community by moving toward a strong research based programming effort."

Curves' revolutionary approach to permanent weight loss has the results of two

replicated studies performed by Baylor University's Exercise & Sport Nutrition Lab to validate its effectiveness. The 5-year, \$5 million research plan will continue to look at the program's unique ability to raise metabolism and to promote health and well-being in a variety of significant ways.

### About The Cooper Institute

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## OPEN HOUSE AT MORTON'S BUILDINGS

By: Sue Knapp

Morton Buildings of Paulding hosted an Open House on Saturday, August, 18 with radio stations WPAU from Paulding and WONW from Defiance. They also had balloons for the kids and served finger foods.

The purpose of the open house was to introduce their new line of buildings called the Country Craft Buildings. It's a value priced line of buildings that offers full warranties with the same personalized attention that you get with any purchase made.

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## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

8/13 - Carlyle Pio, Payne; Sylvia Guerra, Paulding

8/14 - Lori Ankney, Paulding

8/15 - George Bright, Defiance

Dismissals:

8/13 - Elizabeth Pepper, Paulding

8/14 - Roma Frey, Paulding

8/15 - Carlyle Pio, Payne, transferred to Dallas Lamb, Payne; Sylvia Guerra, Paulding

8/17 - Lori Ankney, Paulding

8/18 - George Bright, Defiance

## WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 in the Van Wert ESC Board office. Board President Mr. Ron Treece welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening and were presented a financial report from Treasurer Mrs. Linda Clark. Superintendent Mr. John Basinger also discussed with the Board several topics including the upcoming Ohio School Board's Capital Conference to be held in November, personnel and staffing changes at the ESC for the 2007-2008 school year, and reviewed the evening's agenda items. During the discussion President Treece commended all of the grant writing teams members for the success they achieved this year writing grants.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

—Approved the minutes from the regular July 12, 2007 meeting.

—Approved the July financial reports as present by Treasurer Mrs. Linda Clark.

—Approved the substitute list as presented and all future additions if requirements are met and approved by the Superintendent.

—Approved John Basinger and Gary Ginter to serve on the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG) Board for the 2007-08 school year.

—Approved Rod Dudgeon's request to be enrolled in the Board paid employee group life insurance plan effective 8/1/07.

—Accepted the resignation of Jason Cox, Assistant Coordinator for the 21st Century Grant effective 7/25/07.

—Approved a one year contract for Sally Bowes as Deaf Interpreter for a hearing impaired student effective 8/22/07.

—Approved a one year contract for Stephanie Brady as a Teacher per the approved salary schedule (BACH w/1yr exp) effective 8/21/07. Employment is to be contingent upon required licensure.

—Approved a 2 year contract (167 days per year) for Matt Krites, Technology Specialist at the Board approve rate for the period 8/1/07 - 7/31/09.

—Approved the employment of grant personnel, special needs paraprofessionals and Speech Pathology services/personnel for the 2007-08 school year.

—Approved the bus driver certification list as presented, and all further additions if requirements are met and approved by the Superintendent.

—Approved the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Constitution as presented.

—Approved the following FY08 Grant Awards and approve their appropriations totaling \$1,438,828.82:

1. 21ST Century Grant (year 1 of 3), \$200,000.00

2. FY08 Preschool Grant, \$47,635.94

3. FY08 Title VI-B Grant, \$440,206.26

4. FY08 Alternative Education Grant, \$77,096.00

5. Teaching American History Grant (year 2 of 3), \$337,707.00

6. TAH-Black Swamp Scholars Grant (year 1 of 3), \$333,183.00

7. Learn & Serve America Grant, \$3,000.00

—Approved a service agreement with Northwestern Ohio Research Council for the 2007-08 school year.

—Approved FY08 OT-ESCA (Ohio Treasurers ESC Association) membership for the treasurer and assistant treasurers.

—Approved FY08 BASA (Buckeye Association of School Administrators) membership for the superintendent.

—Increased the 2007-08 school year contract for Paraprofessional Heather Barnhouse, from halftime to full-time.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on September 13, 2007 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Paulding ESC Office.

**If you mailed 10,000 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2600 not including printing cost. A postcard size ad only cost \$72**



## LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE PAYS A VISIT TO ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Little Miss Sunshine, also known as Mrs. Becky Suvar, came to Ann's Bright Beginnings summer camp and made sundials with us! Then we sang sunshine songs and talked about Hickory Dickory Dock!

Shown here in front are campers with their newly

made sundials: Reid Johanns, Ryan Rupp, Ella Cook, Lily Knapp and Ethan Herman. In the middle are campers: Sam Adams, Kaeli Bustos, Taylor Lucas, Emma Shuherk and Lucy Shuherk. In back are Miss Sunshine, Gracie Burtch, Molly Adams, Evan Burtch, Wyatt Beckman, Keller Morris, Carson Rupp and Kaden Phares. Tick Tock!

## DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

Grant and Linda Coy from Columbia City, Indiana will be the speakers for the next meeting of the Defiance County Genealogical Society on August 27, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John United Church of Christ at 950 Webster Street, Defiance, Ohio. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Webster St. is on the NE side of the Defiance College Campus and the Church is next to the college gymnasium. The public is welcome to attend and members are encouraged to bring guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy's topic will be "Continental Soldier and Wife". Grant and Linda will present an interesting program about the Battle of Saratoga, Revolutionary Women, and Continental "sayings" we use today. Artifacts and authentic Revolutionary War uniforms will be displayed.

For more information about the Defiance County Genealogical Society go to their website at [www.rootsweb.com/~ohdgcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohdgcgs/). The site allows visitors to search for surnames or leave a query. It also contains links to many other Defiance County and genealogy sites. DCGS Membership applications can be downloaded. You can contact the Defiance County Genealogical Society at P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, Ohio 43512 or e-mail [defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com) for more information or questions about Defiance County records or family genealogy.

## OHIO BRINGS SMILES, DONATIONS TO ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Eaton Rapids, Mich.—A cheerful and generous delegation of Ohio residents brought more than \$60,000 in donations in addition to their overwhelming support to the National Home's Ohio Day on August 4. Local members attending were VFW National Home for Children Trustee #4, Roger Taylor, Auxiliary President Chris Taylor, and Jenny Moran, all of the Grover Hill VFW Post 2873.

The day started with a large caravan of cars and buses being greeted at the National Home main entrance

with "Welcome Ohio" signs. The residents of the National Home waved and yelled greetings as the long line of cars dropped off their annual donation of school supplies and other needed items at the Home.

From 10:00 a.m. to noon visitors guided themselves on walking tours of the sprawling National Home campus, including stops to the Ohio House, new Alaska/Hawaii Duplex, Guest Lodge, Chapel, Nursery, Fire Barn and Museum.

The campus was alive with activity as residents and visitors enjoyed fun and games before lunch. There was plenty to do with a petting zoo, hayrides, a bounce house, 40 & 8 Train rides, bingo and children's games.

After lunch, Ohio VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members along with National Home staff and residents participated in a recognition and appreciation program. Department of Ohio Commander Roger Frye and Department President Marti Bridges joined Department National Home Chairmen Jack Uber and Auxiliary Chairman Sheila Coleman in greeting new and returning visitors and thanking the membership for their outstanding support this year.

"The support of the Ohio House by your Department through the generosity of Posts and members from across your state is so important to the National Home," Executive Director Patrice Green said in her remarks. "On behalf of the families and children here who are working hard to achieve a brighter future, thank you for providing such a beautiful home and this opportunity for them."

The formal program concluded with raffle ticket drawings and the traditional "Parade of Checks." Many Posts and Auxiliaries showed their support for the National Home by presenting checks in all amounts. The crowd was delighted to hear the total - \$62,910.

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**FROM THE STUDIO OF KYM DURRE: ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL**



Piano students of Kym Durre recently performed at St. John Lutheran Church for the annual piano recital. Each student played a solo and several performed a duet or trio. Every student also received an award and certificate for their hard work throughout the year.

Those participating in the

recital were pictured here: (front row) - Kiersten Payne, Lydia Schneider, Alyssa Gingerich, Hannah Schneider.

(middle row) - Boyd Hootman, Lauren Payne, Emily Hornish, Garrett Crall.

(back row) - Jacob Husted, Adelia Hootman, Eric Bradshaw, Aaron Schneider.

**ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING AUDITOR STATES THE VILLAGE WILL BE OKAY**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Antwerp Council met at its regular meeting on August 14. The State Auditor had come by and mentioned to Mayor Womack that the Village will be okay, thanks to the Village Income Tax.

Tom Steuer from Medicount Management, Inc., Cincinnati, presented information on the company and what would entail if it is decided that the Council would pick up the contract for EMS billing. Oakwood, Paulding and Van Wert are 3 of the 160 clients who use Medicount.

The Council made a motion to review the contract.

Todd Harpest from Metalink Technologies, spoke on providing wireless internet to the Village. There would be four antennas attached to the new water tower which would service an antenna attached to a house or building. The Village Hall, EMS building, Water and Sanitary plants have need for this service according to Sarah Keeran. The public would be able to take advantage of this. The town solicitor will review the contract.

In the police report, Chief Clemmons commended Antwerp Chamber for a successful Day in the Park and the

Council was commended for hiring Loretta Baker. He and Mayor Womack mentioned how appreciative they are to Sheriff Harrow and the Highway State Patrol during the funeral procession for the fallen EMT's. In July there were 205 calls for services and 36 offenses. Chief Clemmens also asked \$30,000 from the General Fund to be transferred to the Police fund for July and August. Motion was seconded and accepted.

Randy Shaffer, acting EMS Director, reported many runs with back up from the leased New Haven Squad. The insurance company is in the process of reimbursing for the Squad vehicle and contents. It was mentioned that Lutheran and Community Memorial Hospital is willing to help with some of the cost.

Sarah Keeran announced that the water problems on Shaffer Road are caused from the old iron 4" pipe not handling the water pressure from the new water tower. The line will be replaced at an estimated \$120,000 with approval of the Ohio Public Works Commission will pay 95% of the cost.

The town-wide garbage pick-up was put on hold.

Spec-Temp has paid all back water and sewer bills.

Speed bumps around Waterworks Drive were discussed.

Dredging of sanitary lagoons was discussed. It can cost up to \$75,000. Sarah Keeran announced that Industrial Fluid Management will do a \$1,200.00 survey of the lagoons to determine the best way to get rid of the sludge.

**BRIDGE MANUFACTURING AND EQUIPMENT, CO., INC.: KEEPING IT GOING FOR GENERATIONS**



**Jim, Randy, Jason and Bev Bridge continue the legacy of a family business at Bridge Manufacturing and Equipment Co., Inc.**

**By: Sue Knapp**

When you go to Bridge's (in Woodburn, IN) you can be sure of individual attention, good conversation and even a cup of coffee.

Jim Bridge came to Woodburn, IN in 1968 and started a fertilizer business. He started building trailers and short line farm equipment in 1973. In 1978 (during the blizzard) he moved to his present location.

Jim and his wife, Bev, have been married 52 years. They have four children: three daughters and one son, Randy. They have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bev helped Jim start the business and continues to be very much involved. She is the bookkeeper, janitor, gofer and keeps the men on their toes.

Randy and his wife Caro-

lyn have three sons. Randy started following around his dad at the business when he was five years old. He has been there ever since.

Along with Jason, Randy and Carolyn's oldest son (who is a Junior at IPFW) also started hanging around the business when he was five. He is planning on staying and keeping it going.

Jordan, Jason's younger brother, works there part time. He's not sure if his future is there or not yet.

Flash, the cat, is the official greeter and mascot. Don't try to pet her on the back, she doesn't like that and she will let you know.

Customers keep the door swinging back and forth from all over the area. Jim decided he liked the comfortable atmosphere and the individual attention each customer re-

ceived. That's one reason he decided to stop making trailers. They still sell trailers from different manufacturers, lawn and farm sprayers, and they repair trailers and sprayers; they also fix tires.

Jim is very thankful and enjoys all his customers. They come from Allen, and Paulding and Defiance counties in Ohio as well as other surrounding counties in Indiana.

In his spare time Jim likes to collect antiques including small hand tools, mason jars and marbles to name a few.

In a time when families are located in different parts of the country and are too busy to keep in touch much, it is nice to see generations working together and watching out for each other. What a legacy.

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**JERALD RODRIGUEZ BENEFIT: STILL TOUCHING LIVES**

**By: Sue Knapp**

Jerald Rodriguez was well liked by everyone, he touched many lives and is still doing so. Jerald has been gone for 7 years now. He left behind parents, siblings, friends and a godchild.

Jerald was very artistic. He went to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh on an art scholarship. He also worked at GM.

His friends and family wanted to keep his memory alive, so they had a get-together in his name. They served dinner and had a dance. They also sold t-shirts with Jerald's artwork on them. This year the art work was designed by Susie Gerber a previous scholarship winner. They were also able to give \$500 scholarships to graduating students from Paulding High School to help further their art career. Since then all three Paulding County High Schools have been included. Twenty-five scholarships have been handed out in the 7 years of benefits.

This year \$3,500 was raised during the benefit on August 11. This year's winners are Mark Herber, Caci Craig, Megan Gonzales and Gina White. Additional scholarships were won by previous winners. You may reapply during college if you stay in the field of art. Jerald is indeed still "passing it on".

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By: Sue Knapp

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**OAKWOOD LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS AND RAFFLE WINNERS**

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300 Club Raffle Winners were drawn at the recent Oakwood Library Association meeting. Winning \$50 was Kelly Snyder and Bill Bidlack, and \$100 went to Donna Shisler and Erm Weller. The final winners will be drawn at the 50's dinner with one person winning the grand prize of \$500.

**2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT CARD FOR PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Ohio report cards use multiple measures to determine each school's designation. To earn one of the 30 indicators for 2006-07, at least 75% of students tested must score proficient or higher on a given assessment. Any result at or above the state standard is shown in bold.

*The designations are Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch or Academic Emergency*

School	District	Designation	Number of State Indicators met out of 30
<b>Wayne Trace Local School District</b>		Effective	30
<b>Payne Elementary School</b>		Effective	12
<b>Oakwood Elementary School</b>		Effective	11
<b>Paulding Elementary School</b>		Effective	10
<b>Paulding Middle School</b>		Effective	10
<b>Paulding Exempted Village School District</b>		Effective	10

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 102.4  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - not met  
 District Improvement Status - at risk

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 94.1  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - met  
 District Improvement Status - OK

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 97.9  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - met  
 School Improvement Status - OK

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 98.5  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - met  
 School Improvement Status - OK

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 93.6  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - met  
 School Improvement Status - At risk

Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 93.5  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - not met  
 School Improvement Status - At risk

Number of State Indicators met out of 30 - 26  
 Performance Index Score (0-120 points) - 95.6  
 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - not met  
 District Improvement Status - at risk

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/29 THROUGH 9/4**

**Breakfast:**  
 8/29 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk  
 8/30 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
 8/31 - Turnover, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk  
**Lunch:**  
 8/29 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, peaches, milk  
 8/30 - French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage, 100% OJ, milk  
 8/31 - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, mixed fruit, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Taco quesadilla, corn, peaches, milk

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/29 THROUGH 9/4**

**Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast**  
 8/29 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
 8/30 - French toast stix, sausage links, juice, milk  
 8/31 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk  
**Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch**  
 8/29 - Taco salad or breaded chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk  
 8/30 - Sub sandwich, cauliflower & broccoli w/dip,

chips, assorted fruit, milk  
 8/31 - Bacon cheeseburger on bun, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Chili cheese dog, tator tots, assorted fruit, milk  
**Paulding Elementary - Lunch**  
 8/29 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 8/30 - Taco salad, lettuce, fruit cup, milk  
 8/31 - Ham deli, mini carrots w/dip, fruit cup, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fruit cup, milk  
**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch**  
 8/29 - Ravioli, lettuce salad, bread, fruit, milk  
 8/30 - Popcorn chicken, bread, whipped potatoes w/ butter, fruit, milk  
 8/31 - Walking taco, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk  
 9/3 - No school/Labor Day  
 9/4 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit, milk

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**ANTWERP ROTARY MEETING FEATURED SPEAKER: CLIP CLIPPINGER**

By: Sue Knapp

Floyd Ramsier, standing in for President, Shawn Doolley, brought the August 16th meeting to order.

Jeff Rhonehouse introduced Clip Clippinger, President of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, as the featured speaker.

Clip congratulated Antwerp School for their excellent report card. He then explained what the Chamber does to keep the businesses in touch with each other. He talked about upcoming events and about the Leadership Program. Clip also announced his dream of having a Paulding County Chamber of Commerce. The purpose would be to work together for the betterment of the county. He ended with the poem by Robert Frost, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening". The poem ends with the line, "miles to go before I sleep".

In closing, Mr Ramsier mentioned Antwerp's football first home game is September 7 and the girls high school volleyball season starts on August 30 at Edon.

At the Rotary Meeting on Thursday, August 23 the featured guest will be Rotary's District Governor.

**St. John Golf Outing News**

Golfers - come join in the fun at the 7th annual St. John Golf Outing, with all profits to benefit St. John Catholic School. The golf outing is Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course, Payne, OH. Cost is \$25.00 per person or \$100.00 per team. You can register your team by contacting Ed Stuart at 419-263-2219. If you're not a golfer, you can still help to support this worthy cause by purchasing a tee or golf cart sponsor sign. Forms can be found in the vestibule at St. John Catholic Church or call Ed Stuart (419-263-2219) or Dick Swary (419-263-2343) for more information.

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**CARD SHOWER FOR KERMIT PETER**

A card shower is being held for the 90th birthday of Kermit Peter, 18987 Co. Rd 15, Hicksville, OH 43526. Kermit was born in Defiance County August 23, 1917 and farmed there until he began breeding, training and racing standard bred horses over 50 years ago. His first wife, Pearl Blinzler died in 1992 and 10 years ago he married Mary Lou (Derck) Kememer of Paulding County. Your cards will be very much appreciated.

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**SHERWOOD NATIVE COMPLETES INTERNSHIP FOR CONGRESSMAN GILLMOR**

WASHINGTON, DC—Defiance County visitors to Congressman Paul Gillmor's (R-Tiffin) Washington D.C. office may have seen a familiar face this summer. For five weeks in July and August, Sherwood native Leanne McCullough was an intern in Gillmor's office in the nation's capitol. McCullough is a 2005 graduate of Fairview High School and this fall will enter her junior year at Marietta College where she is majoring in Political Science with minors in Communication Studies and International Leadership. Leanne is the daughter of Bruce and Lois McCullough, and has three younger siblings; Beth (17), Rachel (16), and Greg (13).

"Working as a Congressional intern can be one of the most rewarding experiences of a person's college career and Leanne was a welcomed addition to my office this summer," Gillmor said. "Leanne took full advantage of her internship to see the inner workings of Congress and gave back to her community in a new way by serving the people of the Fifth District. She has a friendly attitude and a great spirit. She was a great help to me and, most importantly, Leanne would have made the people of Defiance County proud," Gillmor said.

For the writing sample portion of her internship application McCullough submitted a paper concerning Japanese Internment during World War II. The paper had been originally submitted for her American Foreign Policy Class. McCullough who is most interested in Middle Eastern Affairs and U.S. Foreign Policy, hopes to one day

pursue a career dealing with international relations after attending graduate school.

While enrolled at Marietta College, Leanne has achieved over a 3.5 grade point average and was a member of the Deans High Honors List each semester. She is also active in the Chi Omega Sorority, Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary, Student Senate Executive Board, College Union Board, and the school newspaper, *The Marcolian*. As part of the leadership program, she has volunteered for an after school tutoring program and the Republican Party of Washington County. This coming school year she will take on a position as part of the "Up 'til Dawn" Executive Board, a fund-raising organization that raises money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Last year, the branch at Marietta College raised over \$40,000 in less than two months to donate to St. Jude's. In January, Leanne will be heading up to New Hampshire to work on the Presidential primary as part of a select group of students from Marietta College.

Leanne spends her free time watching the news, scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with her friends and family including her grandparents, Bob and Betty Vollmer of Sherwood, Ohio and Dick and Judy McCullough of Rockford, Ohio.

While interning in the Washington D.C. office, McCullough's responsibilities have included assisting Congressman Gillmor by answering constituent phone calls, responding to constituent requests and leading tours of the U.S. Capitol Building. For information on interning in Congressman Gillmor's office or for a list of other services the Congressman provides, visit his online office at [www.house.gov/gillmor](http://www.house.gov/gillmor).

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**PAULDING COUPLE WEDS IN LAS VEGAS**



Susan Hill and Fred Pieper, both of Paulding, Ohio, were married on June 11, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Rev. Phillip Williams officiating. The bride is the daughter of the late Frederick Whiting Hill and Ann Eskelinen Hill of Huntsville, Alabama. She is employed by the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

The groom is the son of Donna Pieper, Paulding, and the late Oscar F. Pieper. He

is employed by the Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. After enjoying a honeymoon in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe, the couple is making their home in Paulding. A reception will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on August 26 at the Paulding United Methodist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend. The couple also invites you to visit their website at [www.fredandsusan.com](http://www.fredandsusan.com).

**ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWS**

Come and see! The new club house is nearly complete. We have had a lot of help getting the building this far thanks to everyone that helped with a lot of volunteer hours and monetary donations and materials.

When the building is complete it will be available to members to rent if the ACC does not have an event scheduled that day.

We are planning on an open house on Saturday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. It will be open to the public, members, family and friends. The members are encouraged to bring a pot of chili to share and not too hot (spicy). It may all go into one big kettle over an open fire. You are welcome to keep yours out if desired. Later in the day there will be a fire for hot dogs and s'mores. Games are planned for the kids, young and old.

The Fall Fish Fry is scheduled at the VFW in Antwerp on Saturday, October 6 serving from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting, please help where you can. Saturday for set-up, help frying the fish, help in the kitchen, serve, run a tip board, sell 50/50 tickets or clean up. Helpers will be needed on Sunday morning to clean the fryers and the VFW outside. Carry outs will be available.

The weekend of September 14, 15, and 16 we will be at Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Help is needed at our table that weekend selling 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets, for the 50 cal Black Powder rifle donated by Dave & Dale Steel from Muddy River Kennels. We will have tickets also for a door prize and candy to pass out to the kids. Please help a

couple hours and brag about our club!

The 50/50 drawing and the Black Powder rifle will both be drawn at the Fish Fry on October 6.

2008 dues are available now. There is also a three year membership available for those of you that don't like to be reminded each year. Life membership are available also. Send checks to: Antwerp Conservation Club, PO Box 141, Antwerp, OH 45813.

Just a reminder... Our Trap Shoots are on the 3rd Saturday of the month, practice starting at 12 noon with the main program beginning at 1:00 p.m. 50 targets. April through October. We will be shooting practice rounds every Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until dark.

Center fire rifle shoots are on the first Sunday of each month, April through October. All different classes beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Rim fire rifle shoot is the third Sunday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sporter class, medium barrel class and heavy barrel class. April through October.

New shooters are welcome and instructors are available. Come out and have some fun. Your officers for 2007 are: President - Byron Rasey; Vice-president - Russell Figert; Secretary - Helen Livingston; Financial Secretary - Dick Smith; Trustees - 3 year Joe Smalley, 2 year Tom Hook, 1 year Virgil Meyer.

The regular meetings are still the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Food is available before the meeting with a freewill offering. —Byron Rasey, President  
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**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL'S LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/29 THROUGH 9/4**

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8/31 – Cheese pizza or ham salad sandwich, cole slaw, pineapple, chips, milk PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
9/3 – No school/Labor Day  
9/4 – Chili dog or fish on bun, baked beans, go-gurt, peaches, milk PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

**MEET THE ARCHERS FOOTBALL TEAM RALLY**

Summer vacation has come to an end and it is now time to cheer on our Archer Football Team. All fans young and old are invited to come to a "Meet the Team" pep rally on Thursday, August 23 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the football field. Please come and show your support by filling the stands for the team, cheerleaders and band as they usher in another great Archer football season!

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decreed that these atrocities must be kept hidden from the common people except only where they are of use to strike terror to the hearts of opponents; that there must be kept up a spurious aspect of benevolence and benefit for the greater number of the people, and even an aspect of humility to gain as much help as possible.

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