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FALL BASEBALL INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULED IN ANTWERP

Attention boys and girls baseball players ages 8-11! Are you interested in playing baseball? Do you want to learn and try a new position? Would you like further instruction to improve your game as a player? Antwerp Baseball is offering a Fall Baseball League this September. We will provide basic instruction and fundamentals to all players in a laid back atmosphere. We will meet Saturday mornings: September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6 from 8:15 - 10:45 a.m.

There will be fundamental instruction at the beginning of each session, followed by a 5-inning game. We will play at the Essen House fields in Antwerp, Ohio (near old school site). No score or results will be kept; however, a skill assessment of each player can be given upon request. The first 40 players to pay the \$20 entry fee will play.

If interested, please contact Jan Perry at 419-789-3899 or 419-542-6522, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. only. If no answer, please leave message for a return call.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) is taking applications from Paulding County non-profit organizations for grants for the year 2007. Grant instructions and application forms are available by contacting the PCAF office at 101 East Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879, or telephone 419-399-8282.

Funds are limited and applications will be received until 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 28. Grants will be awarded in December, 2007.

Who we fund: Tax exempt 501 (c)(3) organizations operating or proposing to operate programs primarily for the benefit of Paulding County residents.

What we fund: The Foundation makes grants to increase the capacity of Paulding County's not-for-profit organizations to respond effectively to the needs of the community. In general, the Foundation prefers funding for: Start-up costs for new programs which represent a unique and un-duplicated opportunity for the community, one-time projects or needs and to generate matching funds.

—Paulding County Area Foundation Board

The Antwerp Village Council is holding a special meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Town Hall.

FREE - BARNES



Alan and Anna Free of Paulding, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Rose of Paulding, to Sgt. Mark Stephen Barnes of Paulding, the son of Stephen Barnes of Oakwood and Karen Barnes of Cecil.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2007 graduate of Defiance College, with a bachelor's degree in Science. She will be attending Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, IA in the fall.

Her fiance is a 1999 graduate of Paulding High School and is currently a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. He will be stationed in the Cedar Rapids, IA area as a recruiter for the United States Marine Corps.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, September 8, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Paulding.

Have Something to sell?

Classified ads are \$5.00 for 25 words or less and only \$.10 for each additional word.

SCHOOL SAFETY BEGINS AT THE BUS STOP

Capitol Letters Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

With August coming to a close, parents across the state will begin uttering perhaps the most dreaded phrase for any kid to hear—"It's time to go back to school." As disheartening as these words may be to a kid, every family should begin to prepare for the first day of school. There are the shopping trips to get school supplies or buy those new school clothes, however, during this hectic time, every parent should also take a moment to sit down with their child and discuss ways to stay safe from the bus stop in the morning to the bus ride home each afternoon.

While thousands of school bus accidents occur nationwide each year, buses are still one of the safest modes of transportation around. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, students in the United States are eight times safer riding in a school bus than with their own parents or guardians in cars. What many may not realize is that (Continued on Page 8)

LATE NEWSPAPER DELIVERY NEXT WEEK

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next issue of the West Bend News will be delivered to you on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

—WBN editors

THANK YOU

I want to thank my friends, relatives, and family for coming to my 90th open house birthday party. It meant so much to me to see everybody. Thank you so much,

—Leona Taylor

Missing pictures? We have a stack of pictures here at West Bend News from previous publications.

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OBITUARIES

Rita I. Snodgrass, 84 of Paulding died August 24, 2007 at her residence.

She was born March 10, 1923 in Fostoria, OH, the daughter of Edmund and Corinne (Bisner) Lonsway. On September 23, 1944 she married Robert D. Snodgrass, who preceded her in death on June 10, 2001. She was employed by Paulding Exempted Village Schools as a teacher's aid for 16 years retiring in 1990. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, where she was active in the Little Flower Story Club. She was a CCD Teacher and Eucharistic Minister at the church and a volunteer at Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by two sons: Robert Jr. "Bob" (Joyce) Snodgrass of Cecil and Jon Snodgrass of Paulding; five daughters: Mary Ann (Ron) Foltz, Cindy (Bob) Iler, and Jane (Marty) Jones all of Paulding, and Linda (David) Reinhart of Bryan, and Karen (Rick) Fitzwater of Defiance; three brothers: Gene Lonsway of Ashland, Don Lonsway of Charlotte, NC, and Gerry Lonsway of Hendersonville, TN; a sister, Erma McGrain of New Riegel, OH; sixteen grandchildren; and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Bill Lonsway; and five sisters: Kathryn Opp,

Norma Lehman, Lucille Yeager, Joan Wolph, and Marie Elehert; and a great-grandchild, Maria Faith Foltz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses; Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Patricia L. Stults, 76 of Paulding died August 24, 2007 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born in New Bavaria, Ohio, on October 20, 1930 the daughter of Joseph and Genevieve (Long) Dietrick. On July 21, 1956 she married John C. Stults, who preceded her in death on February 17, 1999. She was a Clerk for the Paulding County Commissioners, for 20 years retiring in 1997; a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding where she served as Eucharistic Minister, a 50 Year Choir Director, usher, and greeter. She was a member of Totutus Lady's Prayer Group; American Cancer Society, Right-To-Life for Paulding County; and V.F.W. #587 Auxiliary.

She is survived by two sons: Ed (Pam) Stults of Muncie, IN, and David Stults of Costa Mesa, CA; two daughters: Gennie Stults of Maumee, OH, and Suzie

Plummer of Edgewood, NM; a sister, Rosemary Kappel of Paulding; and three granddaughters: Libby, Katie, and Maggie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Norbert and Bill Dietrick; and a sister, Doris Widmer.

A Mass of Christian Burial was August 27 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial was in Cooper Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses or to the American Cancer Society.

Olivia Grace Ream, was stillborn August 15, 2007 at Fulton County Health Center, Wauseon, Ohio.

Olivia Grace leaves behind her mother, Tasha (McCabe) Ream; sister, Trenitie; grandparents, Cindy (Smith) and Scott Rosebrock all of Defiance and Roger McCabe and Janet Simmons of Bryan; great-grandparents: Edward Johnston and Helen Bear and her great-great-grandmother, Olive Johnston all of Cecil and many other family members.

Her great grandparents, Fred and Marcella McCabe and great-great-grandparents, Roth Johnston and Grace and Glenn Crawford have passed away.

Olivia Grace's service was at Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, on August 24 with Reverend Tim Yazel officiating.

Her family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Services entrusted to Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Words of comfort may be offered at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Irene D. Graham, 101 of Centerville, OH passed away on 25 August, 2007. Irene was born in Payne, the daughter of Wesley and Inez Deerwester.

She was preceded in death by husband, Charles W. Graham, daughter Betty and son Charles Jr.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann L. Grimes, Marilyn and Philip Morse, eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister Eliene Cox of Payne.

Irene was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Graveside services are at Lehigh Cemetery, Payne on 31 August, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Dayton: 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, OH 45420.

Andrea Donnell Brooks, 68, died August 22, 2007 at her Chester, VA home. A memorial service is planned for September 15, 2007 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Mildred E. Coy, 94, of Ney, OH died August 25, 2007 at Harborside Health-care in Bryan.

Mildred was born July 30, 1913 the daughter of David and Emma (Gumbert) Gaston in Paulding County Ohio.

Mildred was a 1930 graduate of Edgerton High School and the Springfield General Hospital as a registered nurse.

She was united in marriage to Paul S. Coy on November 25, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1978.

She was employed at Defiance, Bryan and Hicksville hospitals throughout her career and retired from the Dekalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, IN.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville and VFW Post 3360, Defiance.

Mildred is survived by two daughters: Christine Coy of Cleveland, OH and Ann Coy of Colorado Springs, CO; two sons: Paul Milo of Defiance and Frank Coy of Ney; five grandchildren: Lora Brown, Tamara Smith, Alisa Coy, Andrew and Milo Coy; three step-grandchildren: Jennifer Lambert, Mark and Michael Burkhardt; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marie Swanson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers: George, Walter, Wayne and Gerald; and a sister, Clara Corcoran.

The funeral service was August 28 at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville. Rev. Daniel Fugate officiated.

Burial was at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, OH.

ST. JOHN GOLF OUTING NEWS

Golfers are invited to 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 set for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Payne. 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.

Your support of this event is greatly appreciated as it helps to continue the mission of spreading God's news to our youth as well as providing them with a solid education at the only Catholic School in Paulding County.

GILLMOR GREETS THE DISTRICT OVER

TIFFIN, OH—The U.S. House of Representatives is out of session so that Members of Congress can meet with their constituents in their districts. And this week (August 27-31), that is exactly what Ohio's Fifth District Representative, Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin), is doing. In just one week, Gillmor will travel 700 miles across his expansive Northwest Ohio district to conduct three dozen meetings in all 16 of his counties.

"There are many parts of my job which I really love, but perhaps nothing more than meeting with constituents and talking about how the federal government can operate better for all of us," Gillmor said. "When Congress is out of session, it's no vacation. We make laws in Washington which affect every American and I need to hear from constituents about how our laws are working. By visiting with people across the district, I hear their thoughts about bills which are coming up, issues which have not yet been addressed, and laws that need to be fixed."

This week, Rep. Gillmor has scheduled many different types of events in all sixteen counties in his Northwest Ohio district. Throughout the week, Gillmor is touring fire departments; speaking at luncheons and dinners with agricultural leaders, regional board, and Rotarians; touring local businesses which produce everything from ball bearings to engines; meeting with local elected officials; and visiting with constituents to discuss their concerns for the federal government.

"It is absolutely vital for me to continue hearing from constituents on the work that Congress is or should be addressing," Gillmor said. "This is the time for constituents to discuss those 'kitchen table' issues which are most important to them."

Gillmor, recognized in Ohio for his regular public schedule and availability to his constituents, estimates he will travel at least 700 miles between his district events this week. While his schedule is demanding, Gillmor says he would not have it any other way.

"In urban areas you may be able to stop into a Starbucks and watch 100 constituents come to you. For me, I would rather go to manufacturing plants and Rotary meetings to speak with constituents on their terms," Gillmor said. "With a district that stretches 160 miles east to west, stopping in all 16 counties takes some work, but it is important for me to reach as many constituents as possible and hear their views before I return to Washington for votes."

Among Gillmor's many public meetings this week will be town meetings in Paulding and Upper Sandusky, his ninth and tenth town meetings of 2007, and two more telephone town meetings, his fourth and fifth of 2007. Calling from his district office, Gillmor will invite constituents from across the district to join a telephone conference call from the comfort of their own home. Just like the town meetings in Paulding and Upper Sandusky, constituents will be given an opportunity to ask questions and share opinions about the issues most important to them.

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"Blast from the Past II"
 We will have a meeting for all Class Reps on Saturday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the Paulding Methodist Church basement. This is a very important meeting. If Class Reps wish their \$\$ back on their Class Reservations that were turned in, they must attend this meeting to receive it. We will have refreshments, and briefly review our 3 day reunion. If you have any questions, please contact Rae Ann Pieper at 419-399-3456

HICKSVILLE HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPERTS RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

HICKSVILLE, OHIO—August 20, 2007—In an effort to expand and formalize the fitness and management knowledge of Curves franchise owners and staff, Hicksville Curves today announced Tammy Balsler and Pam Pocratsky have received Continuing Education Certification.

Designed specifically for Curves, the certifications focuses on the Curves 30-minute workout, guest production and sales.

“My staff’s skills as circuit trainers has increased, and they are also able to better service our members.” said Jerrica Steffens, Hicksville Curves franchise owner.

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BUEHRER ANNOUNCES STATE FUNDING FOR OAKWOOD PARK RENOVATIONS

COLUMBUS—State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today announced that the state Controlling Board approved the release of more than \$450,000 to support much-needed renovations to boating facilities at the Village of Oakwood Park in Paulding County.

Currently, the park is using an out-of-date one lane boat ramp. With the help of state funds, the Village will replace the existing ramp with a new one boat ramp. In addition, Oakwood will upgrade their boating facility to include a new car/trailer parking lot and boating dock.

“Modern recreational facilities are not only important to preserving the quality of life in the Oakwood community and surrounding areas, but they are important to the local economy as well, bringing in visitors from around the state,” explained Buehrer.

SCHOOL DEDICATED NOT ONLY TO ACADEMICS BUT CHRISTIAN VALUES TOO: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



(Front) Cathy Schoenauer, Rose Worman; (back) Michele Harp, Diane Green, Judi Kuhlman, Theresa Conley holding the Ohio Catholic School Award won for full accreditation. Mrs. Head was not available for the picture.

By: Sue Knapp

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is the only private school in Paulding County. It was started in 1920 in a former church building, which was completely remodeled for the purpose and staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, OH.

In September 1936, the Franciscan Sisters of Joliet, IL replaced the Tiffin Franciscans until 1960. In that year the Tiffin Franciscans again returned to Payne.

The first building that housed the school burned in 1926. A portable unit of two rooms was brought in until 1936 when a new school with four rooms was constructed.

In 1966 another new school was completed. In September 1971 the 7th and 8th grades were sent to Wayne Trace. The year 1997 brought Kindergarten to St. John’s School. This now brings the levels of instruction at St. John’s to include K-6. There are approximately 53 kids enrolled this year. In 1991 a Pre-School was added. The Pre-School rents a classroom and is run separately from the school.

Cathy Schoenauer taught 2nd grade at Payne Elementary for 30 years. Starting a new career was not even thought of until she was encouraged to apply for the principal’s job at St. John’s. This will be her first year. Cathy knew the teachers and students and is the proud grandma of grandchildren going there. One of her goals is to inform the public about the school and to help it grow.

Most of the staff has been there for 20 plus years so it’s

like one big family. One of the goals of the staff is to teach the children kindness, how to treat each other and about God.

Rose Worman is the Kindergarten teacher. This is her 7th year with the school. She attended school here 4th through 6th grade. She has Kindergarten on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and teaches Physical Education on Tuesday and Thursday. She also teaches art and tutors. She loves the little ones and teaches them morals and values including respect and tells them about God. Rose is also the basketball coach for the girls grades 4-6. The team gets to play other area schools. The basketball coach for the boy’s team has yet to be announced.

Judy Kuhlman has been there for 24 years. She started out part time with 3rd and 4th grades then went quickly into teaching 1st and 2nd grades and has been there ever since.

Diane Green teaches 3rd and 4th grades. She has taught for 22 years. In her class she starts teaching them more technology. The children has access to computers and is taught how to use them. The class is involved in a lot of projects. In Social Studies the children pick and study a State. They build a city, name it and it has it’s own government.

Michele Harp has been there 21 years. She teaches 5th and 6th grades. Her classes do a lot of science experiments and each student picks and studies a country as one of the class projects. They attend a stage production and every other year they visit the Toledo Cathedral. Mrs. Harp is a big believer in the three R’s: Religion, Responsibility and Righteousness.

Kay Head has been with the school for at least 27 years. She teaches Title One and is the reading teacher for the 2nd, 4th and 6th grades. She also helps with the extra-curricular activities, Battle of the Books coordinator and handles the computer problems. Theresa Conley, Pastoral

Minister, visits each classroom once a week and teaches Religion.

The school does a lot of benevolence work, the local food pantry and the local rest home is just two examples of organizations they help.

The school holds Mass every Friday. The 1st and 2nd graders participate by allowing the 2nd graders to receive the sacraments of first penance and first communion. The 4th graders become Mass servers.

The school is under the leadership of Parish Priest Fillmore and is open to anyone that wants their child to attend. The school focuses on a Christian and family atmosphere with committed teachers and staff who love the Lord and those feelings are passed along to the children.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I respectfully disagree with Brad Dysinger concerning his characterization of Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer control program as a waste of tax payer's money ("Views From the Outside" August 22, 2007) and ask that your readers consider the following:

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an ash tree-killing insect from Asia, was first identified in Ohio in 2003. EAB kills ash trees within three to five years of infestation. Adults are dark metallic green, 1/2 inch in length and 1/8 inch wide, and fly only from mid-May to September. Larvae spend the rest of the year developing beneath the bark. In Ohio, an outbreak of control emerald ash borer infestation would have a significant environmental and economic impact.

Ash is one of the most common Ohio trees, present in every forest type in the state. One in every ten trees in Ohio is estimated to be an Ash tree. According to the most recent forestry survey, there are 3.8 billion ash trees in Ohio, covering 850,000 acres of the state's 8 million acres of woodlands. There are an estimated 3.5 billion ash trees in urban areas alone.

White ash is one of the primary commercial hardwoods in the United States, used, among other things, for flooring, cabinets and baseball bats. In Ohio, the market for ash is centered around the manufacturing of tool handles. The state has ap-

proximately 2.1 billion board feet of ash saw timber, worth almost \$1 billion at the sawmill. Two major tool handle plants, Ames/True Temper (Noble County) and Crook Miller Co. (Defiance County), operate in Ohio.

Ash is also an extremely popular landscape tree because of its tolerance of less-than-ideal planting conditions and its resistance to gypsy moth and other pests. Ohio is one of the top ash producers in the country, with 25,000 trees valued at more than \$2 million annually, not including retail profits.

To date, infestations have been identified in Allen, Auglaize, Butler, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Seneca, Warren, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), with consultation from a multi-agency Task Force of experts, has developed a strategy that focuses on detection, regulation, and education. The program, which complements the nation's regional response, started when the insect was first detected in Ohio in 2003.

Since the Emerald Ash Borer spreads naturally less than one-half mile per year but can be spread much quicker through the movement of firewood, ash logs,

ash tree nursery stock, and other parts of infested ash trees, the ODA is combing the landscapes and woodlots throughout the state looking for EAB populations that have not yet been detected.

Where EAB is discovered in Ohio, a quarantine is placed on the county to limit the movement of materials that may harbor the insect. Ohio's quarantine prohibits the movement of ash trees, parts of an ash tree, and all hardwood firewood out of quarantined areas. The quarantine is designed to slow the spread of EAB, ultimately buying time for research to develop survey, treatment, and perhaps, eradication tools.

Businesses that regularly handle tree materials can continue work in quarantined areas with an ODA compliance agreement. The signed agreement outlines handling stipulations that mitigate the spread of EAB while allowing commerce to continue in quarantined areas. In addition to the state quarantine, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has quarantined the state of Ohio, making it illegal to move ash trees, parts of an ash tree, and all hardwood firewood out of Ohio.

Currently, the only known way to eliminate EAB from an area is to destroy the infested ash trees. The eradication process includes cutting down all ash trees within one-half mile (the natural spread of the insect) of an infested tree and chipping them to less than an inch to destroy the larvae living beneath the bark. This

process, as recommended by a National EAB Science Advisory Panel, is a tool to combat small, isolated infestations.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources estimates that the Emerald Ash Borer's potential impact to Ohio citizens and businesses for the removal and disposal of infested trees and replacement of ash trees to be in the billions of dollars over the next decades. The cost of the program to control and eventually eradicate the Emerald Ash Borer is miniscule compared to the cost of taking no action.

Case in point - Ann Arbor, MI was one of the first cities infested with EAB. Because they did not have time to plan they suddenly found themselves with thousands of dead and dying ash trees that had to be removed (5,000 in public right of ways and 5,500 in city parks). The removal and disposal cost of the ash trees was \$4.2 million over two years. The city placed a tax levy on the ballot to raise the funds. The levy was defeated and the city was forced to reallocate existing funds in other department budgets.

The biggest threat to Ohio's woodlands and urban landscape is the Emerald Ash Borer. I applaud the proactive approach of the agencies and people who are trying to slow the spread and ultimate eradication of this invasive and destructive pest. As far as my tax dollars go, it's money well spent!

—Duane Bailey
Cecil, OH

P.S. As an addendum to my comments regarding Brad Dysinger's characterization of the Ohio Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) control program being a waste of tax payers money, I wish to additionally inform your readers that only \$10 million was allotted for EAB eradication in last year's federal agriculture budget for the entire region encompassing Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Ohio received only \$1.25 million of that allocation causing eradication efforts to suspend even though the practice of cutting and chipping ash trees within 1/2 mile of an infestation remains the most effective way of slowing the advance of the EAB. As I previously pointed out Ohio's efforts to slow further Emerald Ash Borer infestations now center on detection, regulation, and education. MORE monies and NOT less need to be made available if Ohio and our neighboring states are to be successful in stopping this menace to our valuable ash tree timber and urban landscape resource.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Dauten,
If you won't name names, then it is just gossip and I personally doubt if anyone was threatened or officials abused their positions, or destroyed our towns. Paulding County doesn't need a middleman or a gossip columnist. What makes you think the people in Paulding County can't think for themselves and we need you to open our eyes.

—Kirk Hopkins

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yes, I have to agree on some comments from Brad Dysinger and Kirk Hopkins on people and the use of the system in government and how people use it to fit their life styles. I grew up in the country—been there for over fifty years now, and that's where I chose to live, not in the city. I chose the sound of peace and quiet, hearing the birds, watching the deer and wildlife, raising cows, horse and dogs and being around them. We were taught to respect the animals, nature, and the lay of the land of what God has provided for us. Well, our 90 year old neighbor lady just said, "The traffic is so heavy now, the dog even has to look both ways before he can chase a creature across the road." We are losing our country life and the town is not for me. In the country we have a different life law, it is just not the same as in town. We use dogs to keep wild animals out of our barns and shops and to tell us when someone is entering our area, keep trespassers away or when something is wrong. I would like to inform Sheriff Jason Landers and his wife Jayme, who

works in the prosecutor's office, "When a dog nips at you, he is telling you—I don't like that and stay away from me." It does not make him a dangerous and vicious animal that should be put to sleep so that the prosecutor wins in court at the taxpayers' expense. I disagree. Live the country life—don't change the country to city life laws and use those laws to get what you want—a Wal-Mart country life. No animal, whether it be a horse, cow or dog, is kid safe. Because we do not know your child, I say, take responsibility, teach your child how to respect, handle, and be around animals in the country. Let's not change the country at the taxpayer's expense.

—Dennie Baker,
Rd. 31, Antwerp, Ohio

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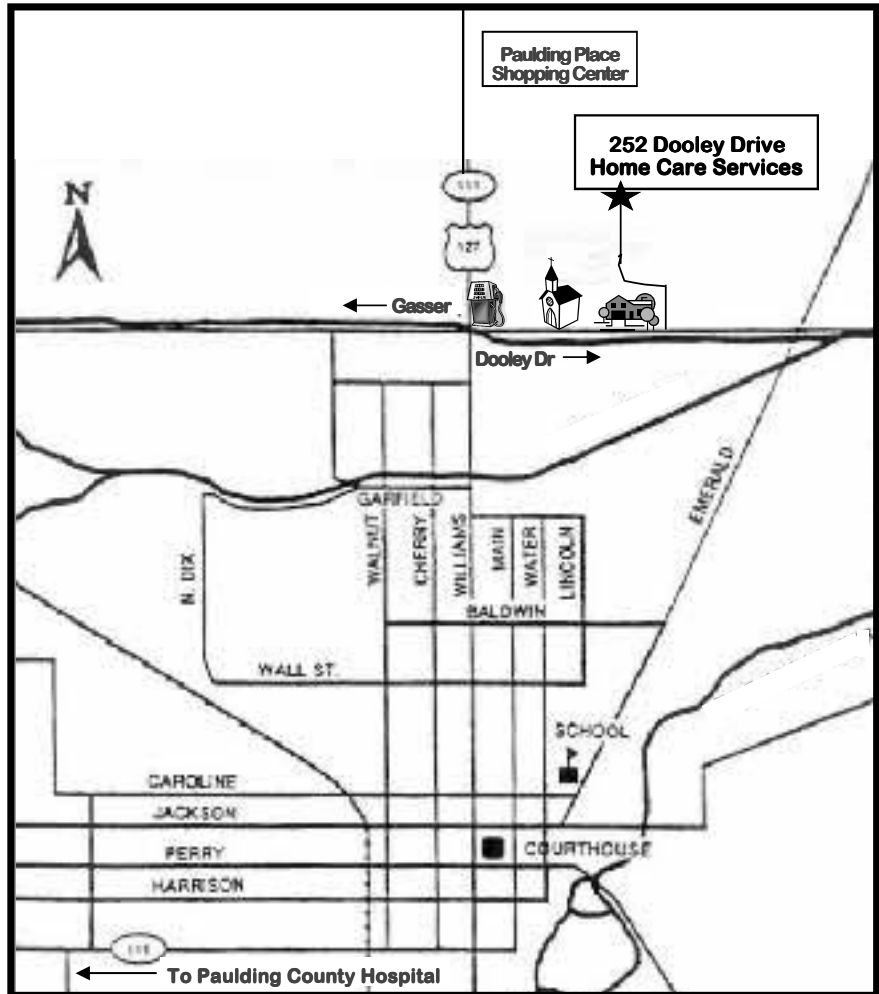
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

These souvenir booklets are from the Clay School, which was situated at the corner of the West River Road and the Cotrell Road or Rd 192 and Road 19. That is about where Randy Derck used to live and Rusty Kallsen lives now. The bottom booklet was from 1901-1902. The top one was a little later, 1904-1905.

These pictures were loaned to us by Lucile Horn Seslar. Her Uncle Joe Horn was probably in the first grade in the bottom picture. I know he was in the First World War so he was probably born in 1895. I couldn't find where Joe graduated from high school. There was no school buses at that time,

so I imagine Joe helped out on the farm.

If you notice in the two pictures there are four Donat children—Charley, Harry, Pearl and Nora. They were Olliver Donat's children and lived up on Road 7. They had a pretty good walk to school.

I knew Charley, Harry and Pearl. I called Dorothy Donat Balser and she said after her Aunt Nora got married they lived in Michigan. She said Pearl also married and lived in Michigan. She had three boys and after her husband died and the children had grown she moved back to her parents.

I think Harry Donat had two girls and one boy. One daughter, Florence married Donald Boyce and lived on West Washington Street. Bessie married Raymond Dunderman and had a fine family. Max married Deannie Gilts from Paulding and had three girls and two boys. Max was my age and we played a lot of basketball together.

Charlie Donat was a World War I veteran. His son, Pete, married Eileen Powell and they had Joyce and Kenny. June Donat married Archie West and had two boys, Kevin and Keith.

Dorothy married Virgil Balser (an old fishing buddy

of mine) and they had two boys, Jerry and Gene.

There were four students named Tracy. I didn't know Carrie but Paul lived northwest of Antwerp and had a number of children: Mark, Jake, Ruth, Russel, Pauline—and I know I missed a couple.

Ralph Tracy, I remember, was also a dandy fellow. He and Bessie had Davis, Rena, who married Clarence Quisno, and is still going strong at 94 years old. They also had a son named Jack who is gone now.

Claude Tracy is hale and hearty and lives over in the Grover Hill-Oakwood area. He also reads this paper.

There were three Lucas boys in the school. Charles, Harold and Ernie. Those boys lived in a brick house about 1/2 mile south of Julius Horn's place.

Albert Murphy lived just up the road from the school. His children were Russell, Nellie, Faye, Iona T, Alta and Don.

Russell Murphy's children were Nilene, who married George Enz and Helen who married Gerald Putman and later, Raymond Dunderman.

Don Murphy married Irma Jordan. Their family was Betty, Albert and Brenda. That is about all that I could find about Alta, Faye and Iona T.

The Hughes children: Flossie married John Fett and lived in Antwerp on East Canal Street. Alta married Frank Seslar and lived at the corner of East Canal and Erie Street. Paul Hughes lived in Antwerp on West River Street in a brick house where now the Pit Stop gas station is. His children were Jim, Helen, Irvin, Joan, Gene and Neil.

I think the lady, Verna Radenbaugh married Henry Helsel and they lived on the corner of Madison and West Washington. I think they had seven girls.

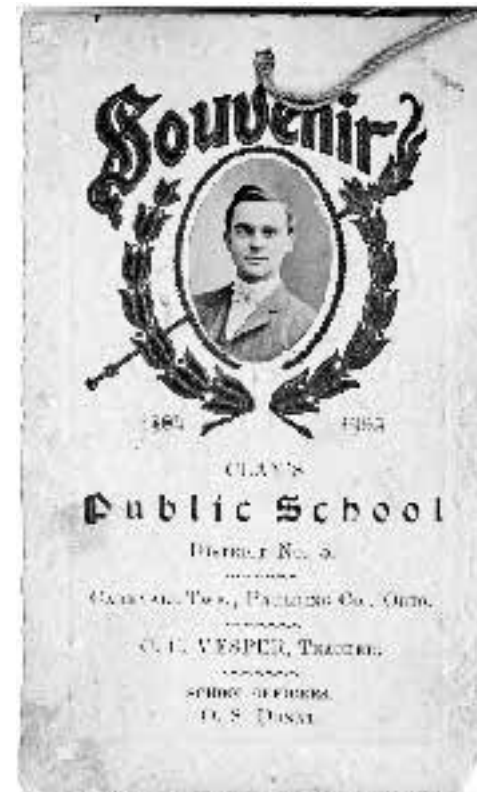
It lists a number of Rumbaugh's. The only one that I recognize is Torance. I think they called him Tawn. I know he had at least one daughter. In 1949, they lived in a house on north 49 just past Rd 220 on the west side of the road. It has been gone for years now.

There was quite a few children in this school named Fett: Margaret, Minnie, Ruby, Ella, John, Everald, Dewey, Aderon, Charlie, Bert, Raymond, Freddie and Lee. I understand that the father was named John and he got a bad case of hydramaticitis. Mrs. Fett took all the kids and moved into Antwerp.

I don't know any of the girls. But I will write a little about the Fett boys that I knew.

Everald lived on Oswalt Street and had a boy named Alvin and a girl, Inez. John lived on East Canal and had three children. Tom and Dorothy and an older daughter, who married a man Crouse. John Fett operated a grocery store and meat market. Dewey, Freddie and Lee were all carpenters and built many houses and buildings in the area. Dewey lived on West Washington Street and had a fine work shop. He was a fine finish carpenter and even made violins. He had one daughter, Evelyn, who lives in Paulding.

The Anna Jailor in the booklet married Ray Waters and lived down on East Ca-



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nal Street. They had three children. Zeletta became a school teacher in Northport, Michigan. Dorcy was kidded in WWII as a flight engineer on a B-17 bomber. Ray battled diabetes all his life and passed away in 1950. The elder Ray had died in 1918. Anna lived into the late 1970's. There was another Anna Jailor who married James A. Smith but she came along a generation later.

The correct information about the two Anna Jailors was given to me by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jailor. Thank you, again.

See, Ya! P.S. Since I turned my copy in to Sue Knapp, I have been given a 1892 Plat Map. I will print it soon in WBN.

But here is what I found out about some of those students in the Clay School. An H.J. Clay owned 93 acres thus the Clay School was named for him.

I found out the Billmans in the school lived on the State Line. An Elias Billman owned 73 acres. Those children had a long walk to get to school Pinky, was not familiar with any of those named.

A Julia Rodenbaugh owned 86 acres up on the River Road went at the south end of Road C-7. There was a number of Radenbaugh children in the Clay School. There was a James Radenbaugh on west on the River Road, almost to the State Line. He owned 40 acres.

From what I can find out, I think the Rugers lived straight east of Lucile Seslar about 80 rods and they owned 32 acres that butted

up against the Maumee River. I think they also owned 35 acres over in the area of where Gene and Ali Hughes

live. I could not find where the Rumbaugh's lived. Sorry about that.

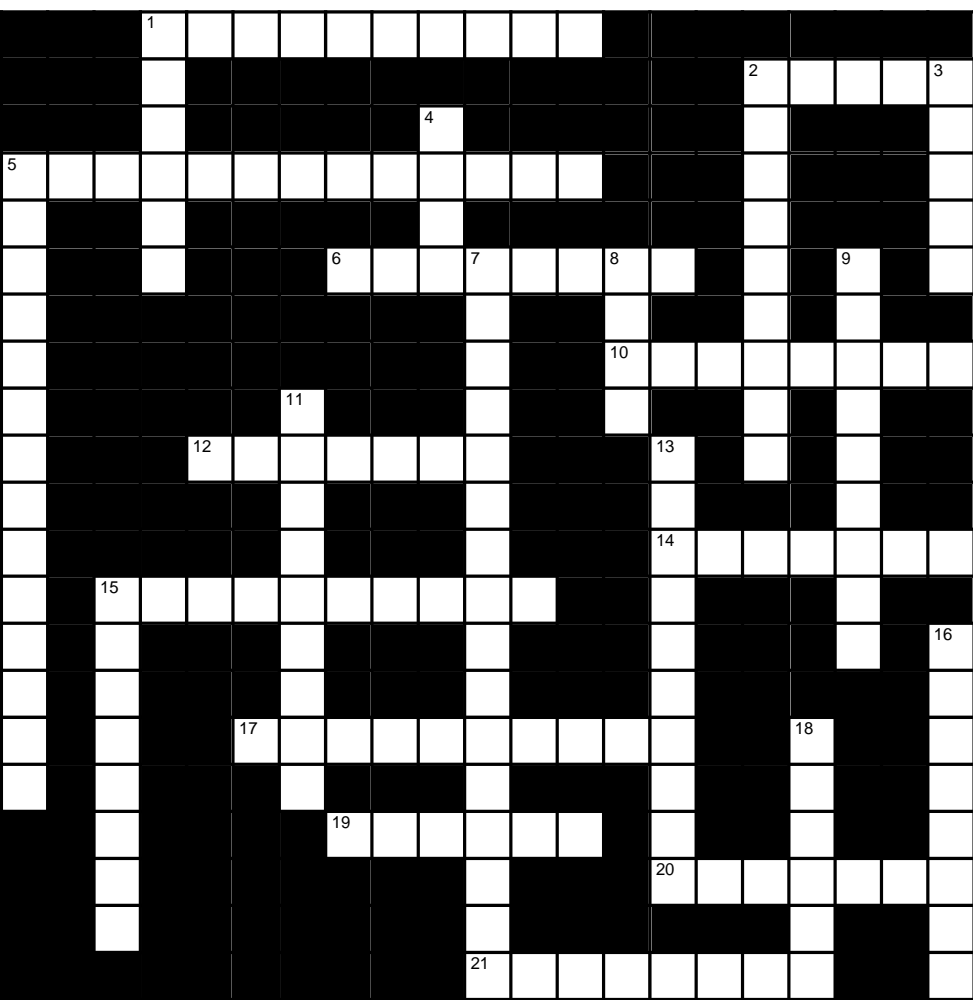
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- 1. HTBTASAPEIL (1)
- 2. EHSCS (1)
- 5. HTE AEGM FO FIEL (4)
- 6. REECHSCK (1)
- 10. GSRTAETO (1)
- 12. LTUORBE (1)
- 14. URCNAMI (1)
- 15. NRMSADIETM (1)
- 17. MGNCBKAMOA (1)
- 19. YAP ADY (2)
- 20. ZYHEATE (1)
- 21. CLBREABS (1)

- 1. GOBELG (1)
- 2. NCAYD ADLN (2)
- 3. RSYOR (1)
- 4. UCEL (1)
- 5. ITLIVAR UUSTRIP (2)
- 7. HTECSU AND RELDADS (3)
- 8. KRSI (1)
- 9. INTPREA00 (1)
- 11. SUOEM RTPA (2)
- 13. RPIAYCNOTI (1)
- 15. YOPLOONM (1)
- 16. SAPRHCIEE (1)
- 18. IOTOCE (1)



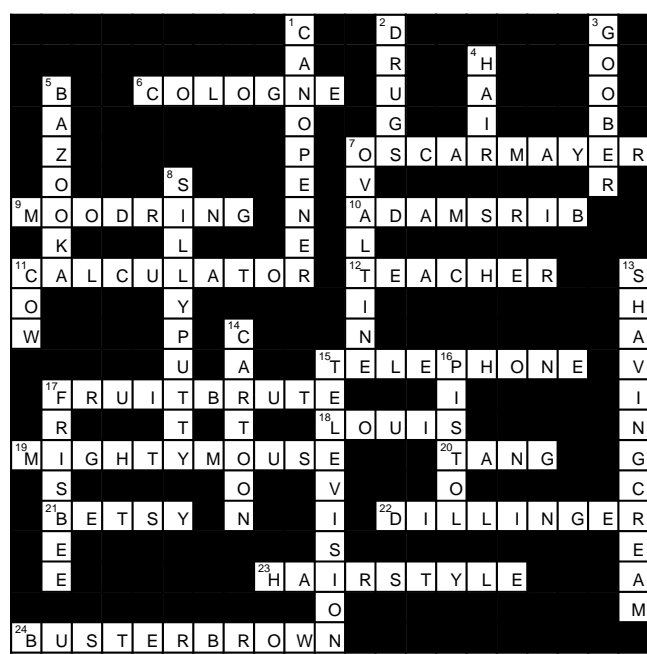
By: Chelsea Vail

THE AHS ANGLE

By: Chelsea Vail
 If there is one thing we've all learned this past week, beside school policies and where to exit in case of a fire, it's that when it rains, it pours. And oh, how it does pour! Kudos to the football team for winning exceptionally over Edon, even with the delay and postponement. I suppose the deluge of awesome Archerness just created more turbulence than the Bombers could handle! Speaking of kudos: Yay for the Central Labor Union! Why single out the Central Labor Union, you ask. No, this is no political statement, but rather a yelp of joy sent in the direction of those who conceived the idea of Labor Day in 1882. Due to their brilliance, as well as what I consider one of the greatest Acts of Congress, we can all have this next Monday off to do as we see fit. Did I say yay?!

For those of you interested in the musical ambitions of the young, the band will be at the Van Wert County Fair this coming Tuesday. Be there! (Specifics on time and location are elusive as of press time, so you're on your own. Godspeed!)
 JH Volleyball: August 30, 4:30, Edon; September 4, 4:30, @ Fairview
 Varsity Golf: August 30, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace/Edgerton; September 4, 4:30, @ Tinora
 Varsity Cross Country:

Last Week's answers to "Buggy Whips & Other Bygones"



September 1, 9:00, Columbus Grove Invitational; September 4, 4:30, @ Montpelier/Edon/Hicksville
 Varsity Volleyball: August 30, 6:00, @ Edon; September 4, 6:00, @ Tinora
 Varsity Football: August 31, 7:30, @ Hilltop
 Word of the Week:
 Commensurate \kuh-MEN(T)S-uhr-it\ adjective
 1. Equal in measure or extent
 2. Corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree
 3. Having or reducible to a common measure
 Example: "Surely the preparation time for my newly assigned projects will be commensurate with the accompanying workloads."
 This week I leave you with a mantra I've adopted in lieu of Friday's rainout: Rain, rain, go away... And don't bother to come another day! Say it all together now, and maybe we'll stay dry next week at Hilltop. What? Might as well take a crack at it.

RESERVOIR PARK CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS
Tuesday Night Coed League Standings
 1. Barb's Custom Embroidery, 2-1
 2. Millers Lawn Care, 0-3
 3. Red Owl /Bud Select, 1-1
 4. Blackies, 2-0
 5. Trinity, 0-2
 6. Bruce Kunesh Auto Sales, 2-0
 7. Wesley's/Village Apothecary, 1-0
 8. Derossett Design & Printing, 0-2
 9. Wildcat Creek Popcorn, 1-1
Thursday Night Coed League
 1. Good Thymes Saloon, 3-2
 2. Scotty's, 0-4
 3. Hot - N - Here, 2-3
 4. Carpet Wholesalers, 4-0
 5. Grace, 2-2
 6. Franks/Dana Bair, 2-2
 7. Eppy's, 0-5
 8. Red Owl/Bud Light, 5-0

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Admissions:
 8/22 - NormaJean Beauge, Cecil
 8/23 - Dorothy Scarpelli, Paulding
 8/24 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
Dismissals:
 8/24 - NormaJean Beauge, Cecil

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION

The Payne Ball Association will be sponsoring a golf outing on Sunday, September 23 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. Cost for the outing includes green fees, one cart per team, meal and door prizes. It will be a nine-hole event. To register, please contact Kevin Wannemacher at (419) 263-0805. All monies raised at the outing will go towards developing and maintaining facilities used by the Payne Ball Association.

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DEFIANCE-NAPOLEON ZONES OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE ANNOUNCE ANNUAL RETREAT

The Defiance-Napoleon Zones of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, September 15 at St. John Family Center in Stryker, located on the corner of US 6 and SR 66 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m.

This year's theme will be "Gather the Nations!" Speakers will be Pastor David and Mrs. Heidi Goehmann from St. Luke Church, Wauseon.

The registration fee includes materials, lunch, and child care if needed. Please contact Marlene Cripe at 419-784-3478 by September 9 for more information and to register.

The program will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

1ST ANNUAL LABOR DAY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, September 1st at 3:00 p.m. a 1st Annual Labor Day Cornhole Tournament will take place in Oakwood.

Tournament will be held behind the big tent at the Oakwood Park. There will be a small fee per team. Double Elimination is the tournament play.

Sign up will be at the gazebo in the park until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams.

Questions or to sign up call Abby Hornish 594-3979.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: PAULDING VS. WAYNE TRACE

Paulding and Wayne Trace had their football game on August 25. Final score for the evening was Paulding 36, Wayne Trace 6.

Scoring: Paulding - Andrew Mott 87 yd. run (kick failed), 3:16 1st.

Paulding - Cameron Owens 27 yd. field goal, 11:56 2nd.

Paulding - Haden Sholl 22 yd. pass to Troy Vance (Cameron Owens kick), 7:19 2nd.

Wayne Trace - Riley Linder 21 yd. pass to Tevin Hale (pass failed), 1:04 2nd.

Paulding - Chris Rohrs 46 yd. run (kick failed), 11:00 3rd.

Paulding - Corbin Rhonehouse 44 yd. run (Cameron Owens kick), 8:16 3rd.

Paulding - Chris Rohrs 11 yd. run (Cameron Owens kick), 2:17 3rd.

Individual Leaders: Rushing - Corbin Rhonehouse (P) 16-149, Chris Rohrs (P) 9-100

Passing - Haden Sholl (P) 2-8-28, Riley Linder (WT) 14-23-124

Receiving - Troy Vance (P) 2-28, Zach Gerber (WT) 6-51

Team Stats: Wayne Trace - First Downs 9; Rushing Att-Yds 30-74; Passing Yards 124; Total Offense 198; Pass Comp-Att 14-23; Had Intercepted 4; Fumbles-Lost 3-2; Penalties-Yards 5-63; Time of Possession 29:18

Paulding - First Downs 10; Rushing Att-Yds 34-359; Passing Yards 28; Total Offense 387; Pass Comp-Att 2-8; Had Intercepted 1; Fumbles-

Lost 4-2; Penalties-Yards 7-47; Time of Possession 18:42
Score by Quarters:
Wayne Trace 0 6 0 0 = 6
Paulding 6 10 20 0 = 36

PAULDING-PUTNAM ACHIEVE 1000TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On August 23, 2007 Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. achieved an historic milestone with the 1000th meeting of the Board of Directors. President John Saxton, Oakwood, Ohio, commented "This is an important milestone not only for this Board, but for all our members and for the rural electric program that has been a huge part of our community." The meeting featured a powerpoint presentation of what has been accomplished during the first six months of the year. All areas of the operation were addressed with emphasis on Member & Employee Services, Financials, Engineering & Operations, and Technology. The trustees and members of the cooperative's management discussed in detail the recent rate increase and the upcoming rate revision due in January 2008. Trustees also heard a legal presentation from cooperative attorney Norman Cook. Mr. Cook reviewed the Code of Regulations and advised the Board regarding procedures for proposing revisions to the cooperative membership. George Carter, CEO/General Manager, stated "This board continues the legacy of prior boards with their concern for fair member rates while providing outstanding service to our members." Future forecasts regarding safety, personnel changes, rising costs of material and fuel, and upgrading outdated equipment were main topics of concern, however, the board is aware of how each area will be affected and the outlook and growth of the co-op is promising.

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves 12,800 member/consumers in Northwest Ohio and part of Indiana.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Paulding County Board of Elections will meet on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections' office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding to certify petitions.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/5 THROUGH 9/11

9/5 - Ham & cheese on bun or cook's choice, green bean casserole, jello w/fruit, milk; plus: salad bar or cucumber & onions

9/6 - Pizza burger on bun or tex-mex chili, carrots, orange smiles, milk; plus: salad bar or apple crisp

9/7 - Fiestada or tuna salad sandwich, cheese curls, salad, banana half, milk; plus: salad bar or banana pudding cup

9/10 - Meatball sub or pizza bagel, raisins, corn, cookie, milk; plus: salad bar or pie

9/11 - Corn dog or walking taco, tator tots, peaches, cole slaw, milk; plus: salad bar or cook's choice

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF RESULTS

A recent High School Girls Golf match took place at Northmore Golf Course in Celina.

Final team scores were: Coldwater 213, Wayne Trace 229, New Bremen 235

Individual scores: Coldwater (213) - Jessica Welsch 50, Ashley Evers 51, Melissa Hogenkamp 53, Andrea Kruse 57, Stacy Ebbing 59

Wayne Trace (229) - Gabrielle Hook 56, Elyse Myers 57, Shelby Critten 58, Kacey Hockenberry 58, Courtney Hicks 59, Kaitlin Hughes 60

New Bremen (235) - Jackie Scheer 49, Hadley Williams 54, Emily Philpot 64, Jessica May 68



LET ME INTRODUCE LARRY BROOKS STAHL

By: Tommi Stahl

Larry is my little brother as you have read in my other articles. He wanted me to write about him so here I am writing an article about Larry. He is seven years old and his birthday is December 30. He is in the 2nd grade. One of his hobbies is collecting all of the Transformers action figures. He also loves Pirates of the Caribbean (he even has a costume from the movie!).

Larry helps over at the Ice Cream Depot all the time and eats lots of ice cream. He loves to draw Spider Man.

He is the best little brother anyone could have—even though he can be a pain sometimes. He can meet someone and become friends with them in two seconds. He thinks he can beat up my 13 year old brother and it is funny because he uses all his might and he does not hurt him at all.

Well, I will end on this note: Larry is the coolest, smartest, most intelligent little brother in the world.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/5 THROUGH 9/11

Breakfast: 9/5 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk

9/6 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

9/7 - Turnover, milk

9/10 - Pizza, milk

9/11 - Egg/cheese/bacon omelet, muffin, milk

Lunch: 9/5 - Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, pineapple, milk; WT: Bar B' que sandwich

9/6 - Corn dog, tator tots, pears, milk; WT: Potato wedges, meat/cheese

9/7 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed fruit, milk

9/10 - Sloppy joes, smashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, milk

9/11 - Bread sticks/cheese, brocolli/cheese, fruited jello, milk

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9/7 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

9/10 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

9/11 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage links, juice,

milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch

9/5 - Cheese pizza or grilled chicken on a bun, buttered corn, assorted fruit, milk

9/6 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, assorted fruit, milk

9/7 - Breaded chicken on a bun, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk

9/10 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/ gravy, or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk

9/11 - Sub sandwich, celery & carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch

9/5 - Hamburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

9/6 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit cup, milk

9/7 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

9/10 - Breaded chicken on a bun, brocolli w/cheese sauce, fruit cup, milk

9/11 - Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

9/5 - Chicken noodles, bread, peas, fruit, milk

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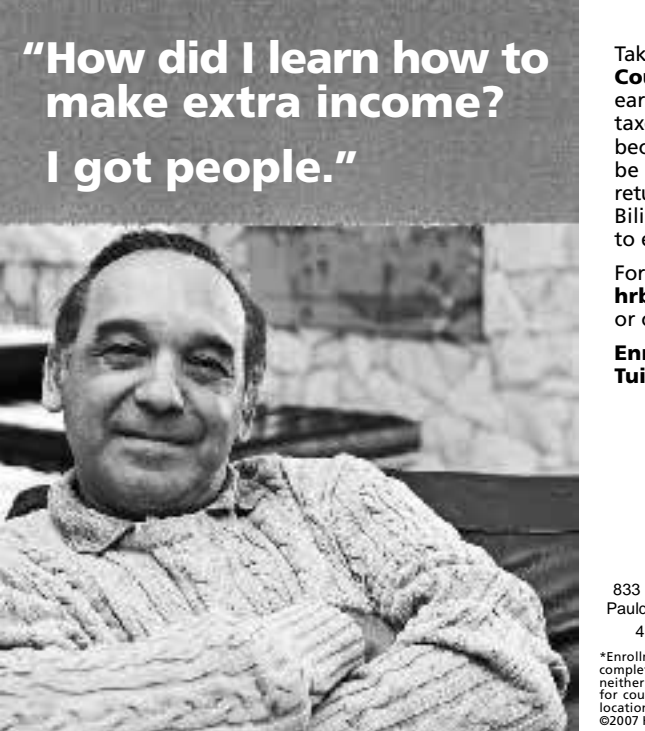
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the greatest risk is not riding the bus but approaching it or leaving it. In an effort to prevent accidents and protect Ohio's children traveling to and from school, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has compiled a list of school bus safety tips for all Ohioans to follow.

First, it is important that students get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive to avoid last minute rushing around. If a student is running late, they may be more worried about getting to school than getting there safely, and crossing the street in front of a bus while in a hurry can be extremely dangerous. A safe way for a student to cross when walking on the sidewalk or along the road is to take at least five giant steps ahead of the bus before crossing. This will ensure that the bus driver can see them at all times.

In addition, children should always be aware of the "danger zone" around a bus by staying at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus, never walking behind it and making sure the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver. Also, when boarding and

getting off the bus, students need to be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps do not get caught in the handrails or doors. They should also wait to board the bus until it comes to a complete stop, the door opens and the driver gives them permission to get on.

While parents have a responsibility to talk to their children about school bus safety and students have a responsibility to follow these safety guidelines, making school bus stops safer also requires cooperation from motorists. In the morning when children are on their way to school and when school lets out every afternoon, motorists need to be extra cautious on the road. To warn oncoming drivers, school buses provide a flashing light system to indicate when children are entering or exiting the bus and it is the responsibility of all motorists to know its meaning. Yellow flashing lights tell motorists to slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms signify that the bus has stopped and students are getting on and off. At this time, motorists are required to stop completely until these lights go off, the stop sign comes

up and the bus begins moving again. While this system is very effective in protecting students entering and exiting the bus, drivers at all times need to also be aware of children walking or running to the bus stop or riding their bikes to school.

In this day and age, school safety must be a top priority. While school districts across the state have worked to strengthen security in their buildings, there are still dangers that lurk outside of the school building for students traveling to and from school. To ensure the safety of our children, motorists, parents, teachers, administrators, and other community leaders must work together to not only teach our kids proper safety procedures, but also monitor their whereabouts at all times. School bus safety can not only prevent injuries, it can save lives. So, as another school year quickly approaches, I encourage all parents to sit down with their children and discuss these important safety tips. For more information about school bus safety, visit the Ohio State Highway Patrol website at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

RESULTS OF HOMELESS SURVEY CONDUCTED JUNE 20, 2007

The results of the Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition homeless "point-in-time count" conducted on Wednesday June 20 have been published. Overall the counts from June 2007 are down from February 2006. The goal was to identify a realistic count of the number of individuals in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams counties that were currently homeless or were at immediate risk of homelessness on those given days. The results from the last two surveys are as follows:

Homeless (by counties) - Defiance 22 in 02/06, 33 in 06/07; Fulton 15 in 02/06, 19 in 06/07; Henry 2 in 02/06, 4 in 06/07; Paulding 4 in 02/06, 2 in 06/07; Williams 46 in 02/06, 34 in 06/07; Unknown

26 in 02/06, 0 in 06/07. Total of 115 in 02/06 and 92 in 06/07.

At-Risk (by counties) - Defiance 68 in 02/06, 51 in 06/07; Fulton 50 in 02/06, 61 in 06/07; Henry 61 in 02/06, 50 in 06/07; Paulding 29 in 02/06, 50 in 06/07; Williams 42 in 02/06, 23 in 06/07; Unknown 79 in 02/06, 0 in 06/07. Total of 329 in 02/06 and 235 in 06/07.

Because homelessness is hidden in our rural counties, we need to broaden the definition and our scope of possible types of locations. The "point-in-time-count" included three groups of homeless persons; unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and at-risk homeless. Unsheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in parks, streets, alleys, tents, campers, vehicles, abandoned buildings, stairwells, under bridges, roadways, farm outbuildings, or 24 hr. laundromats, restaurants or stores. Sheltered homeless include adults, youth or families living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, or any hotel/motel/apartment paid by arrangements from a public/private agency. At-risk of homelessness include adults, youth or families at risk of being homeless within 3 months, presently residing in substandard housing, temporary housing, or with family/friends.

The Northwest Housing Coalition committee that conducted the survey shared some of their thoughts of the results. "Since the last survey was conducted in the warmer months, persons aren't as visible as they may be in the winter. They may not seek assistance as often." "Even though the counts are down the three local homeless shelters have been full this summer with a waiting list." "The last survey saw a slight increase for homeless families." The committee senses more of a community awareness of homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

The statistics will assist service providers in improving services to the homeless in our community. The survey information was anonymous and confidential. The next homeless survey will be conducted in January or February 2008. If you are interested in participating in the next homeless survey or being a member of the Northwest Housing Coalition, please contact Angie Franklin, 419-784-5136 or Nancy Hessler, 419-399-5300.

TOWN MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN GILLMOR



Dan Pierce and Congressman Gillmor

By: Sue Knapp

Monday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. the Paulding Eagles hosted a Town Meeting with Congressman Paul Gillmor.

Congressman Gillmor's district includes 16 counties in Northwest Ohio and when not in session he tries to get around to visit his constituents.

He thanked all for coming, he then expressed his appreciation to the Eagles for using their facilities. He presented Dennis Price with a flag that was flown over the White House for the Paulding Eagles. His staff was introduced and all county officials present were recognized.

Last week he visited the flooded areas in Putnam and Crawford counties. He talked about riding down the main streets in a boat instead of a car.

Congress Gillmor talked about re-introducing a bill concerning international waste dumping in the United States. This would give each State the authority to set standards on how much waste could be dumped. When introduced the House passed the Senate didn't.

Legislature is being introduced to have a program for consumers to teach about mortgages, Sub-Prime Lending and foreclosures.

Budget battles in Washington are occurring over the Congress passing bills for which there is no money for. The President will veto anything he has not budgeted for.

Energy was discussed. The need to get away from foreign energy with alternatives such as ethanol (made out of corn or sugar cane), wind, biodiesel and hydrogen powered cars was talked about mostly.

Congressman Gillmor listed five points on the immigration problem: 1. enforce borders, 2. enforce laws against hiring illegal aliens, 3. enlist a temporary worker program, 4. no amnesty and 5. to give preference for those let in legally who are skilled, productive workers.

He didn't have an answer when asked why employers aren't turning in the paperwork on illegal immigrants. It was suggested that the U.S. wouldn't have incentives for people to want to cross the border. Gillmor referred back to point #2. When asked why it wasn't enforced, he responded with not having the resources or the jail room to hold everyone involved.

The atmosphere became heated when asked about Iraq.

A gentleman from Van Wert asked about the cost of the war and the lives lost. What is the solution, raise money and re-inforce the draft? He also suggested that Gillmor vote down more money for the war and bring the men and women back now. Gillmor responded that he would not vote down for additional funds as long as there are troops over there and the removal of U.S. forces and equipment would have to be slow. He feels that the situation has been mishandled and the big mistake was the people in charge (at the beginning) didn't realize what this would become. Gillmor is opposed to the draft and then went on to explain that the initial operation of locating weapons of massive destruction was started on information given that turned out to be false. On the subject of Saddam Hussein he said the mission was a success and the man needed to be stopped.

After fiery words were exchanged and Gillmor insisting on controlling the meeting he said he supported the surge and it was making progress. He also commented that we cannot sustain this level of commitment with the forces we have. We need to do what we started out to do and that is to have the Iraqi's come together to handle their own security. He foresees starting to withdraw troops later this year or early next year. The gentleman from Van Wert said Gillmor was copping out and that the troops needed to be sent home or taxes needed to be raised. It was said that in the last eight months an average of 100 men or women have been killed—would you want to send your son? He posed to Gillmor. Gillmor's sons are too young but he has had family over there. He repeated that the process has to be done in an orderly fashion and the goal is for Iraq to be stable enough to provide security for itself.

A rumor concerning the President partnering up with Canada and Mexico for a North American Union was discussed. Also, it is a scam about an eight lane highway being built vertically through the U.S.

Gillmor was asked about the care for those coming home from the war injured. He will check this out and see what's being done.

The sewer problem in Ayresville and the flood gates in Defiance was brought up. These questions do not fall into his jurisdiction and he referred that the problems be brought to the state officials.

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PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on August 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Roger Sierer, Barb Rife, Sam Jeffery, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Council members Randy Daeger and Ronnie Breedlove were absent.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the August 6th meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1204-07 re: Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in excess

of the Ten Mill Limitation, was read for the first time. Mayor White noted an emergency could not be declared for the legislation due to the lack of a majority of council members present.

Resolution 1205-07 re: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, was read for the first time.

Jacki Pease was present representing Paulding High School's Athletic Boosters. She noted the Athletic Boosters would like to request a school logo, such as a panther or "Home of the Panthers", be painted on the new water tower on Emerald Road.

Sierer presented the Street Committee's minutes from

their August 14th meeting. He noted the committee recommended accepting the low bid of \$18,455.78 to pave 1000 feet of McDonald-Pike (C-107) south starting at SR 111. Rife inquired if appropriations had been made for the project. Wiebe noted that the project had not been budgeted, but due to several complaints believed the repairs were necessary. The committee also requested the Solicitor send a letter to InSource Technologies requesting them to re-route delivery trucks from Flat Rock Drive to E. Wayne Street. Administrator Wiebe noted he will personally meet with representatives of InSource Technologies about the matter. Sierer motioned to approve the Street Committee's report, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Sierer also presented the

Finance Committee's report from their August 14th meeting. The Committee had met with Tony Langham of Paulding County Economic Development to discuss Wausau Homes' 2004 Enterprise Zone Agreement. Mr. Langham requested the Village amend the agreement to allow Wausau Homes to reduce their number of employees from 31 to 14. He noted Wausau Homes has incurred a \$6 million reduction in sales within the last three (3) years; therefore, forcing them to reduce their workforce. The Committee recommended an amendment to the 2004 agreement allowing Wausau Homes to lower the number of jobs at the facility from 31 to 14. Rife motioned to approve the Finance Committee's report, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Tope informed Council that although three Certificates have been received from the Auditor, the Safety Committee has opted to place only the Current Expenses levy on the November 2008 ballot. She noted that upon speaking with the Election Board replacement levies may be placed on the ballot at any time, but renewal levies may only be placed on the ballot during the general election prior to its expiration.

Mayor White noted that school is scheduled to start on August 22nd. He requested the public use caution when driving during school hours.

Wiebe noted the Ohio Municipal League is hosting their Annual Conference October 3-5th. He encouraged council members to attend.

Wiebe relayed Poggemeyer Design Group discovered mathematical errors in S.A. Sidle's bid for the Flat Rock Drive & Garfield Ave. Waterline Replacement project; therefore, increasing their bid amount. Solicitor Jones noted he and the engineer are in agreement that S.A. Sidle's bid should be rejected, and the project should be awarded to Chuck Samples (the next lowest bidder). Sutton motioned to reject S.A. Sidle Construction's bid, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Sutton motioned to award the project to Chuck Samples, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda to Council. The agenda consisted of two items:

1) Bids were received on July 31st for the Main Pump Station Replacement project. Kirk Brothers Co., Inc. was the only bidder at a cost of \$638,000. This was over 10% of the Engineer's Estimate (472,600). The Agenda noted the Committee of the Whole had met on August 14th with Jones & Henry to discuss the issue. Wiebe noted approval of the Administrator's Agenda would confirm that the Council of the Village of Paulding formally rejects Kirk Brothers Co., Inc.'s bid, and authorizes Jones & Henry to rebid the project and proceed accordingly.

2) Bill Vance has requested a banner be displayed in the 100 block of S. Williams Street to announce the "Fall Festival". He noted the banner will be removed promptly after the festival.

Jeffery motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe relayed he has had some communication with Rite-Aid regarding a problem they are experiencing with water pressure for their sprinkler system. Rite-Aid is currently working with Poggemeyer Design Group to correct the problem. The two (2) entities are proposing extending a water line from the car wash on Dooley Drive to a line that runs in front of Paulding-Putnam Electrical Co-op. Wiebe believes the cost of such a project should be incurred solely by Rite-Aid.

Duane Bailey of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) was present to discuss a co-op fishing agreement with the ODNR for the Stokley ponds. The Village currently has a 10-year co-op fishing agreement with the ODNR for the Reservoir. The agreement provides the ODNR full policing power of the water (ie. prohibiting issues such as motor-vehicles on dikes, fires, defacing/damaging property, checking fishing licenses, etc.). He requested the Village delay opening the ponds until next spring. This will give the ODNR time to determine bag and sizing limits. Mr. Bailey noted that another gentleman from the ODNR has tested the water quality of the ponds. He relayed the only pond viable to host fishing at this time is the small, middle pond.

Jeffery motioned Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Wiebe noted he has been in contact with Janet Alter of Walter & Haverfield, LLC regarding our current franchise agreement with Time-Warner Cable. Ms. Alter relayed new legislation (SB 117) has been passed by the State legislature allowing cable companies to abandon their local cable franchise agreements. She recommended the Village be proactive in this matter and requested the cable franchise agreement be reviewed and possible legislation be passed in the near future. Rife motioned to contract with Walter & Haverfield, LLC to review the current franchise agreement, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Utility Committee - Tuesday, August 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Special Committee - Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Grounds & Buildings & Cemetery Board - Thursday, August 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee & Parks Board - Monday, August 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Salary & Allowance Board - Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Rife motioned to pay bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife.

PAULDING CHAMBER PRESIDENT, CLIP CLIPPER PROPOSES A COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In a speech to the Antwerp Rotary Club, Paulding Chamber President Clip Clippinger proposed the formation of a Paulding "County" Chamber of Commerce.

Such a formation would include adding board members from Oakwood, Antwerp, and other Paulding County villages to the existing Paulding Chamber organization. According to Clippinger, this would enable a county-wide exchange of ideas and business contacts. County businesses and merchants could work together as one to promote the county economy and the community. Local festivals would remain local entities, chaired by local festival committees. The "county" chamber would not oversee the local festivals. "Those festivals should remain locally planned and controlled. However, the county chamber would certainly advertise and promote them," commented Clippinger.

For example, the growing chamber gift check program would become county-wide with acceptance of all county chamber member businesses. County-wide friendships and business relationships would develop with exchanges of ideas and even products.

Clippinger noted that the present chamber already serves the entire county in areas of the Leadership-in-Action program, and the chamber already has many chamber members who do not live in the Paulding Village, but conduct business county-wide.

The enlarging of the chamber base through additional memberships and events would enable the chamber office to hire a secretary, giving the chamber director-president more time to rotate through the various villages, prospect for new members, and conduct chamber business.

It would be the responsibility of the county chamber president-director to have an active presence not only in the Paulding Village, but in Payne, Antwerp, Oakwood, etc. This would be accomplished by the scheduling of certain on-site days for each village. Moreover, the chamber newsletter would cover chamber member activities county-wide, rather than just the Paulding Village.

Clippinger states, "It is an idea whose time has come!"

Virgil Meyers Personal Property Auction**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 9:30 A.M. SHARP****LOCATION:** Corner of St. Rt. 49 & Co. Rd. 192 (River Road), 1/2 mile north of Antwerp, 2 miles north of St. Rt. 24, watch for signs.**FARM EQUIPMENT:** John Deere 2-bottom plow 14"; IH 2-bottom plow 14"; I-beams and miscellaneous steel; McCormick dump rake; old tractor blade; car jack; Montgomery Ward seed spreader; chicken waterers; tubs.**VEHICLES:** 1953 Jeep, 4-wheel drive w/snow blade (runs good); 1995 Ford conversion van, am/fm radio, heat and air good, new tires; motor home; 40-horse Evinrude boat motor; 10' fiberglass boat.**SHOP TOOLS:** Old shop cabinets; Sears table saw w/electric motor; steel blacksmith table w/casters and vise; 50,000 btu propane stove; many hand tools; blacksmith anvil; cast iron manhole cover; bench vise; fence stretcher (old rope style); fencing tools; mauls; axes; hatchets; blacksmith oil cans; kerosene heaters; oil pumps; grease guns; hammers.**PRIMITIVE ANTIQUES:** Wooden wagon gears; old wheels; copper lightning rods w/glass balls; 2 grinding wheels; Woods beam plow; large Coca Cola sign; 2 old wooden barrels (good condition); old metal scooter; twin wash tubs; square cut railroad spikes, steel shovels; large old vise; old General Electric fan; lots of small advertising; IH corn sheller; several old carpet beaters; 30 gal. whiskey barrel; 2 walking plows; milk cans; potato fork; wooden screw vise; hatchets; old lamps; old straw fork; old car radios; 4 old typewriters; old Defiance dairy milk crates; Art Buckeye pot belly stove; 40" metal Coca Cola sign; cast iron seats; hay car; grist mill; old wooden wheat cradle; several wooden scythes; blacksmith forges; crosscut saws; big steel safe; push lawn mowers; buggy springs; galvanized buckets; buzz saw w/blade; several old hand pumps; ice tongs; 25 wooden pulleys; old merry-go-round; 3 large butcher kettles; International fenders for an H or M tractor; railroad flares; 3 IH grill guards; bow saws; wooden rake; old wooden wagon gear stamped "Kentucky Mfg., Louisville, KY, USA; old buggy boxes; old buckboard box; old buggy harness; H & M belt pulleys; several horse collars.**LARGE COLLECTION OF WAGON AND BUGGY WHEELS:** Buggy pole; 25+ large wooden wagon wheels; 42" Illinois wagon grain box; neck yokes; 3 horse eveners; 5 complete wooden wheeled wagon gears; steel wheels; 2 rope hay slings; block and tackle; bobsled runners; cast iron lead pot; galvanized bath tubs; advertising tins; large beer can collection; meat hooks; old lights (out of the Antwerp school); Standard Oil Co. 15 gal. barrel (A-1 shape); Parrot Packing lard can; corn cutters; bow saws; old hand auger; old wooden handled wagon jack; 1959 and 1961 advertising for National Threshers Association.**TRACTORS:** Harry Ferguson tractor w/loader and backhoe and spare tire; (2) International "H" tractors, (1) reconditioned FBH# 311667x1, (1) good shape FBH# 205729X1; dual wheels for IH 560 tractor; dual wheels for IH 350 tractor, tractor fenders and parts; IH tractor wrenches; 2 sets of IH tractor lights; toy pedal tractor AMF turbo 502 (excellent condition).**ANTIQUES:** Old corn planter wire wench (for shucking corn, A-1 shape); C.I. pipe clamp w/A.1 stamp; old tobacco cans; old railroad spike hammer; machete; old cast iron wheelbarrow; toy tin wheelbarrow; toy model wagon w/structo; golden rod oil can; old copper whisk; bottle stamp; old lead mallet; Famous Eddies shop press (heavy, made out of I-beams); several old hay hooks; old hand Frank sickle sharpener; mini brass blow torch; old bugle horns; 30 gal. crock; old crocks (all sizes); meat grinder; alligator wrench 18"; several gas lanterns; keg tapper; wooden keg taps; Porston meat grinder; railroad lantern; several ice tongs; coal buckets; Sears & Roebuck scales; cow hobbles; kerosene lanterns; old draw knives; butcher tools; full set cobbler stand w/hammer and tacks; several hand meat grinders; wooden crutches; several wooden bits; copper hooks; wooden wash board; old wooden crank telephone (A-1 shape); old wood chairs; old log carrier; lumber flipper; wooden captain chair; antique wooden cupboard; apple butter paddle; lots of old glass telephone insulators; CI tool box lid (Ideal Giant); old beer bottles; old bottle capper; hand crank walnut huller; barn beam tennet drill (pat. 1882 Dec. 19 #H), 2 sewing machines w/tread stand; grind stone; gas beam lamp; old 2 burner stove. old 3 burner stove; CI waffle maker w/griddle; bee smoker; rare fence tool (Schild Fence Co. Ionois, MI. USA); copper tea kettle; pitcher pumps; unique CI buggy jack; old metal baby stroller; antique copper still; big railroad oil can; 60+ year old live stock trailer; glass ball leg piece; shell loader; large ox yoke; old army trunk; porcelain door knobs; glass oil can w/nozzle; log chain; several old farm toys; brass kettle; CI crocks; single army bed (metal); old tin high chair; **copper kettle (mint condition); cream separator with all the parts; old school bell #3 original, dated 1889, O.S. Bell Co., Hillsboro, OH;** old RCA record player; more Parrot Packing tin lard cans; horseshoe keg; old license plates; old brass measure caliber tool; old Fordson tool box w/lots of old tools; gas clothes iron.

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 - Agriculture, www.ohioagriculture.gov
 - Lottery, www.ohiolottery.com
 - Alcohol & Drug, www.odadas.state.oh.us
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 - Budget and Management, www.obm.ohio.gov
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 - Public Safety, www.ohiopublicsafety.com
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 - Ohio PUCO, www.puco.ohio.gov
 - Ohio EPA, www.epa.state.oh.us
 - Regents Board, www.regents.ohio.gov
 - Health, www.odh.ohio.gov
 - Rehabilitation, www.drc.state.oh.us
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 - Taxation, www.tax.ohio.gov
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- Ohio Government Web Sites**
- State Officials:
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As always, I welcome your views on state issues. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency, please write to me: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 11th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-3760.

WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC) and Ashland University are pleased to announce the award of a two-year grant in the amount of \$318,750 from the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of training candidates to be secondary mathematics teachers. The WBESC, lead by Superintendent John Basinger, serves schools in Van Wert and Paulding counties. The grant involves the funding of a series of 24 graduate credits in math from Ashland University, which is free to participants. Twenty teaching candidates will be recruited from northwest Ohio each year of the two-year grant. Participants in the Western Buckeye ESC/Ashland University Ohio CORE grant program will commit to a year-long program of training designed for working professionals which will result in a secondary teaching license in the area of mathematics.

There are six Educational Service Centers (ESC's) in the consortium for the grant

project. The partnering ESC's include: WBESC, fiscal agent and lead ESC, the Northwest Ohio ESC (Serving Williams, Defiance, Henry and Fulton counties), along with the Allen, Auglaize and Mercer County Educational Service Centers. The grant coordinator will be Linda Krauskopf of the WBESC and the Northwest Ohio ESC.

The program will be rigorous because of the mathematics content and the Ohio Department of Education's timeline of one calendar year. Beginning in the fall semester of 2007, participants will be taking two graduate courses of three credits each, in addition to beginning a year-long independent study for three credits. The program will conclude by July, 2008 for Phase 1 participants and July, 2009 for Phase 2 candidates. Course locations will be based upon participants' central location in northwest Ohio. Course schedules will be set for evenings and weekends to allow for full-time employment for participants. Course content will be a mix of teaching concepts/methods and advanced mathematics. Participants will also be conducting a year-long independent study course with a team of peers involving action research and field experience in the classroom.

Potential candidates for the program need to have obtained at least a Bachelor's

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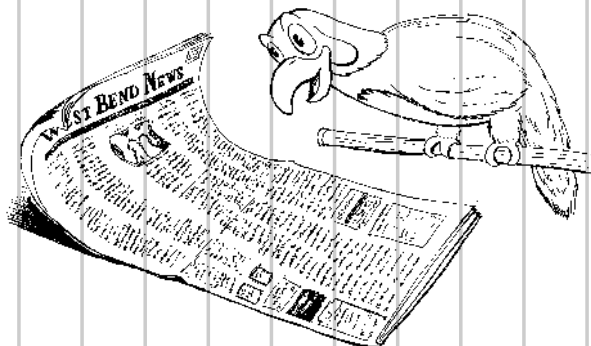


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THE FORMER SHOPPE ON WALDO'S HILL across from the 1891 House available now for \$67,900. Current property set up as a duplex and has two apartments upstairs with main level of home currently used as The Shoppe on Waldo's Hill but could easily be transformed to accommodate an additional 1-2 bedroom apartment. Property offers lots of nice features including faux painting throughout & lots of updates! Lot features front yard parlor gardens and lots of yard space that is adjacent to tennis courts and park setting. Detached barn offers lots of good space for workshop/storage. Take a look at this fantastic investment property located at 204 North Main St in Antwerp. MLS #4619323

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

The Vantage Career Center 2007-2008 school year began on Wednesday, August 22 at 8:20 a.m. Currently, there are 468 students attending Vantage this year. Junior and senior students come to Vantage from 13 area high schools: Antwerp, Continental, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. Johns, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert and Wayne Trace. Students may choose from 18 different career-technical programs.

There are several new staff members joining the Vantage team this year. Ms. Staci Kaufman is the new Vantage superintendent. Ms. Kaufman comes to Vantage with experience in career technical education administration. For more than 15 years, she served as Career Technical Supervisor at Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio. For the past four years, she supervised academics, curriculum and also led their High Schools That Work school improvement effort. Mr. Kevin Koesters from Celina is a new science teacher. He graduated from New Bremen High School and is a 2000 graduate of The Ohio State University. He worked as a design engineer for MOTE & Associates in Greenville for the past six years and will teach Prin-

ciples of Technology and Science. He is looking forward to working with the students.

Another Ohio State graduate, Mr. Mike Knott, joins the Vantage team as a math teacher. Mr. Knott, a big sports fan, is a graduate of Columbus Grove High School. He will be teaching Algebra I and Comprehensive Math. He's excited to kick off a good school year. Mrs. Maureen Teman is the new Vantage senior Cosmetology instructor. A graduate of Delphos Jefferson High School and the Ohio State Beauty Academy, Mrs. Teman owns "So Chic" salon in Delphos and has more than 12 years of experience in the cosmetology field. She is looking forward to seeing students in her program be successful. Mrs. Teresa Jones, a graduate of Wayne Trace and the Vantage Career Center Administrative Secretarial program, joins the cafeteria team this year. She has worked at Aeroquip and continues to work part-time at the Venedocia post office.

The maintenance crew has done an outstanding job sprucing up several areas in the building this summer and the technology team has been busy all summer installing new software, performing preventative maintenance and updating some older computers.

Just a reminder: the school day at Vantage begins at 8:20 a.m. Bus students will be dismissed at 2:34 p.m. and all other students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

ASHLEY BURT TAKES 2ND PLACE AT HEARTLAND NATIONAL BMX RACE



Eleven year old Ashley Burt of Oakwood, took 2nd place Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19, at the Heartland National BMX race in Akron, Ohio. Burt is now ranked 8th nationally going into the National Bicycle

Leagues Grand Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky over Labor Day weekend. The 5th grader at Wayne Trace Grover Hill is currently #1 in the nine state Midwest Region and the 2007 Indiana State Champion for eleven year old girls.

OHIO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BRING TOUCHSTONE ENERGY® BALLOON BACK TO 2007 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

Columbus—The Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, long-time sponsors of the Farm Science Review, is bringing the Touchstone Energy® hot-air balloon back to the Review this year. The 18-story balloon will make morning and evening flights (weather permitting) over the grounds each day of the event.

In addition, visitors to the Cooperatives' Touchstone Energy® tent can receive information and view displays on energy-related

topics like solar energy and small wind generators. They can review different types of insulation and get information on the proper methods of installing a portable electric generator. There also will be geothermal heating and cooling displays, as well as heat pump and water heating displays.

Outside the tent, attendees can learn how to stay safe around electricity with a life-sized "hot-line" demonstration.

They can ride the "energy bike" and see how much energy they can generate, and also register to win prizes like a 32" LCD HDTV, a Marathon water heater, an energy basket full of energy-saving devices and remote-control trucks for the youngsters.

And, of course, the ever-popular cooking demonstrations will be back, along with plenty of fresh popcorn.

The Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives have been part of the Farm Science Review for more than 20 years. In 2007, the Cooperatives promise displays, exhibits and demonstrations that will surpass anything it has done before. You won't want to miss the 2007 Farm Science Review September 18 through September 20.

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Those with chronic back pain can now breathe a sigh of relief thanks to Dr. Drake Hughes and his FDA cleared non-surgical technology, the DRS® System.

The DRS® System treats herniated, bulging and protruding discs, sciatica, facet syndrome, post-surgical pain and degenerated discs.

The treatment has developed as a clinically proven, non-surgical option for those who suffer pain from lower back.

MRI studies taken before and after treatment show that herniated discs may be repositioned and re-hydrated with this technology. Long-term studies have shown lasting results for many patients.

"It's like a modern miracle," raves Donald Lippi of Van Wert. "Heck, even my orthopedic surgeon was surprised. It saved me from back surgery."

"In many cases, the DRS® System is better and safer than surgery," says Dr. Drake Hughes, the first doctor in Van Wert, Ohio to utilize the DRS® System.

"Since I began using this technology, I have used this technology,



Local Pastor John Perkins had severe lower back pain from an old lifting injury. After being treated on the DRS® System, he now is able to resume an active lifestyle.

2,500 treatments on patients who thought there was no hope, some even had prior surgery," says Dr. Hughes D.C. "In one preliminary study, up to 86 percent of those treated with this technology had significant relief following therapy."

Treatment for the patient is extremely comfortable and most patients fall asleep during their 30-minute treatment session. In

some cases, the pain resolves within the first few minutes of being on the machine.

"Most patients I see have tried everything from medication to surgery. Thanks to this technology, I am able to help patients quickly without any of the risks or side effects of surgery," explained Dr. Hughes.

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