

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN FLOODED AREAS

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

During the past week, counties in northern Ohio damaged by flooding were visited by the governor, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the first step in getting federal aid to affected areas. In the meantime, however, state assistance is available to individuals and families living in the nine counties covered by the governor's declaration of emergency.

Families living in Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, Seneca, Van Wert and Wyandot Counties are eligible to receive disaster assistance benefits of up to \$1,500. Eligible elderly and disabled individuals may qualify for one-time cash assistance of up to \$750. Applications for assistance are being accepted at county departments of Job and Family Services.

As we work in the com-

ing days and weeks to clean up the damage to our homes and businesses, it is important to watch for mold growth, which can pose a health risk for you and your family. Mildew and mold can grow on a damp surface within 24 or 48 hours and can cause sneezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing. With that in mind, here are some helpful tips for dealing with mold and mildew from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio Department of Health and FEMA when cleaning and drying out your home:

—Open doors and windows for at least 30 minutes before you stay inside your home for any length of time. Use fans to help dry out your home unless mold is present. Clean your air conditioners and heaters before using them to prevent them from spreading mold spores.

—If porous or permeable material has been wet for more than 48 hours, it should be discarded. (Continued on Page 3)

THE OAKWOOD HOMECOMING



By: Angel Steiner

To all us folks on the west side of Paulding County, a lot of our thinking is west not east. We consider the Defiance County Fair or the Grabill Country Fair or Flat Rock Creek Festival, but Bryce and I encountered a festivity this past weekend that sure made us open our eyes to what diversity there is in this great county. Oakwood Homecoming is a festival that is an annual event for this established community.

The festivities kicked off

on Friday evening with a 50's dinner sponsored by the Oakwood Library Association. We missed that, but was told that it was magnificent! Since our four children were in Vermont with their grandparents visiting their aunt, uncle and cousins, we decided to make a leisurely trip to see this eastside festival. We arrived to blocked off Main St. and parked in Oakwood Elementary. I wanted to see the new Cooper Community Library, so

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Registration is required. Call 419-782-6270 for more information.

—Tony Langham

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

WHAT THE WEST OHIO FOOD BANK REALLY IS AND WHO IT HELPS

The West Ohio Food Bank has gone through some changes over time, but its purpose and mission remain the same. The food bank was started 19 years ago on April 13, 1988 in the basement of the First United Methodist Church located at 201 S. Union Street in Lima, Ohio. Within just three years, the food bank outgrew the church's basement and moved to 117 S. Kenilworth in 1991. West Ohio Food Bank stayed at this location for six years, when it moved to 1380 E. Kibby St during July of 2005.

So, what is the food bank? West Ohio Food Bank is the largest food distribution system in West Ohio, accepting, storing, and providing truckloads of donated food to 200+ smaller, non-profit programs that directly feed over 365,000 hungry people each year who find themselves in temporary need of food assistance. As an affiliate of America's Second Harvest, The Nation's Food Bank Network, we receive offers for truckloads of donated product. We receive the prod-

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Yet I know your spirit is free*

*At times I think, I hear you
The thoughts come to my mind
I struggle for the sound of your voice
But your voice I cannot find.
Yet you come to me in many ways,
So I know you did not die.*

*You want to tell me you're close
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Sat. 10/6 - 7pm - FIKE BROTHERS BLUEGRASS BAND!!
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OBITUARIES

Glenn Bryan Foust, 82, of Cecil, died August 31, 2007 in Defiance.

He was born February 20, 1925 in Convoy, OH the son of Jennings B and Gertrude E. (Taylor) Foust. On September 6, 1945 he married Ruth V. Woodring, who survives. He was a member of Cecil First Presbyterian Church, where he was a past elder; a 1943 graduate of Antwerp High School; a WWII US Army Veteran; a retired farmer; Crane Township Clerk for 32 years; and a past Agricultural Stabilization Committeeman.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Foust of Cecil; two sons: Marvin (Margaret) Foust of Oregon, OH and Jerry Foust of Cecil; two grandchildren: Lisa (Steve) Dickens of Oregon, OH and Michael (Nicole) Foust of San Diego, CA; and two great-grandchildren: Reece and Emily Dickens of Oregon, OH.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were September 4, 2007 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. David Merriwether officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Donations may be made to Cecil Presbyterian Church, Cecil.

Candace M. Gloor, 86, of Hicksville, died August 29 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville. She had been a resident since

June.

Candace was born August 13, 1921 the daughter of Perry and Etta (Neidhardt) Arrants, in Hicksville.

She was a graduate of Hicksville High School in 1940.

On August 19, 1943 she was united in marriage to Rex D. Gloor. He preceded her in death in July 1995.

Throughout her life, Candace was employed by the Village of Hicksville, NAPA Auto Parts, National Ideal and Synchro. She was a member of Hickory Hills Golf Club and played in the Women's Golf League. She was a Sunday School teacher and member of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville and the VFW Auxiliary.

Candace is survived by her three daughters: Kathy (Mary) Waters, Vicki (Bob) Evans both of Hicksville, and Mitzi VanderGalien of Indianapolis, IN; one son, Rex (Deb) Gloor of Hicksville; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters: Irene Braun and Florence Laub; a brother, Clair Arrants.

The funeral service was September 3 at the First Church of Christ, Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman officiated. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Preferred memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Hicksville.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled arrangements.

Faith D. Pratt, 73 of Paulding, died August 27 at Harborside Healthcare, New Haven, IN.

She was born on December 27, 1933 the daughter of the late William R. and Marvel O. (Conner) Addis in Fort Wayne, IN. On August 25, 1951 she married Albert R. Pratt who survives in Paulding.

Faith was a homemaker and member of AuGlaize Chapel Church of God in Oakwood.

Surviving are one son, Albert Jr. (Cheryl) Pratt of Oakwood; two daughters: Thelma A. Pratt of Paulding and June A. (Earl) Hicks of Melrose; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Velma D. Pratt; two brothers: William R. Addis, Jr. and Wayne L. Addis; and a sister, Pearl P. Ernest.

Funeral services were August 31 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Burial was in Prairie Chapel Cemetery in Oakwood. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Jennis J. "J.J." (Lilliedahl) Claybaugh, 56, of Payne, died on September 1, 2007 at the Van Wert County Hospital.

She was born on September 18, 1950 the daughter of Joseph and Louise (Mead) Lilliedahl. On August 9, 1980 she married Alan R. Claybaugh who survives. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, Van Wert Manor Chapter, Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Alan of Payne; one daughter, NiKole "Nikki" T. Hainline of Fort Wayne, IN; one son, Matthew Stout of Delphos, OH; one step-son, Gregory (Katie) Claybaugh of Fort Wayne, IN; one brother, Dennis (Linda) Lilliedahl of Columbia City, IN; two sisters: Colleen (Danny) Endicott and Robin (Walter) James both of Payne; three grandchildren: Cody A. Stout of Van Wert, Rachel J. Hainline of Greenville, OH and Zachary A. Jividen of Payne.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Andy "Opie" Stout in 2000.

Funeral services were September 5, 2007 at the Payne

Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Michael Harper officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jennis "J.J." Claybaugh in care of Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Mildred R. Anderson, 89, of Hicksville, died September 1, 2007 at Harborside Healthcare in Bryan, OH.

She was born on July 10, 1918 in Hicksville the daughter of Calvin and Ruth (Rit-tenour) Rodocker.

She was a 1936 graduate of Hicksville High School. She married Delmar "Andy" Anderson on March 28, 1953. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She worked at HBL Bank in Hicksville until 1955. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

She is survived by two daughters: Karen (Lance) Burdett of Columbus, GA and Janet (Dennis) Gump of Hicksville; a son, Jim (Gina) Anderson of Leo, IN; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a granddaughter; a great-grandchild; and a sister, Marg.

Graveside services were September 5 at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Preferred memorials to Grace United Methodist Church.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled arrangements.



Phyllis K. (Finnegan) Dolan, 65, of Jupiter, FL, formerly of Van Wert, OH died August 24, 2007 at the Jupiter Medical Center, Jupiter, FL.

She was born in Van Wert, OH on March 8, 1942 the daughter of Harve E. and Martha G. (McCullough) Ellsworth. She was a 1960 graduate of Van Wert High School. She was a former employee of the Van Wert County Hospital, the Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne, IN and Palm Beach Precision Moldings. In 2004, she retired from Walkabout Computers.

She is survived by two sons: Jeffrey B. Dolan and David M. Dolan both of Jupiter, FL; and one aunt, Inell Finnegan of Paulding.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland, OH.

Visitation will be at Den Herder Funeral Home on hour prior to services on Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to VFW Post 4141, Del Ray Beach, FL or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Andrea Marie Donnell-Brooks, 68, of Chester, VA, passed away on August 22, 2007 at her Chester, Virginia home. Born August 19, 1939 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Henry J. and Devota Johnson Donnell. Andrea worked as a guidance counselor and teacher in Hicksville, Ohio and the Petersburg, Virginia School System retiring after 43 years of service. She was also a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Petersburg. Andrea enjoyed time with her family and friends at Knapp Lake.

She will be sadly missed by her husband of 18 years, Robert Brooks; sister-in-law, Edna Donnell of Indianapolis; and nieces: Denise Moonan of Mechanicsburg, PA, Deborah Shields of Marietta, GA, Dorine Bollinger of Harrisburg, PA and Deanna Huffer of Indianapolis. Her brother, Henry K. Donnell passed away in 2003.

You are invited to participate in her memorial service Saturday, September 15, 2007, 2:00 p.m., with Reverend Mike Schneider officiating, at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, where the family will

receive friends one hour prior to her service. Andrea will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Her family requests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or Odyssey Hospice of Richmond, VA @ www.odyshealth.com.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ADDED AT ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Beginning this Sunday, September 9, the Antwerp United Methodist Church will be adding a contemporary style worship service to its Sunday morning schedule. If you like upbeat, contemporary style music with words and visuals projected up, join us for this relaxed, joyful atmosphere. The contemporary worship will start at 8:30 a.m. followed by our Sunday School program for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Our traditional style worship service will follow Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. A nursery will be available at both services for newborns to 4 years of age. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Also starting Sunday, September 9, will be a sermon series call Games People Play. This series will take various board games (Life, Trouble, Sorry, Battleship, and Risk) and relate them to our everyday lives, looking at what God's Word has to say about areas of lives and how God impacts each area. Join us for a fun and insightful time of worship.

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 —Wash dishes, linens, and clothing that have been contaminated with flood water in hot water with detergent. Remember to run your dishwasher or washing machine empty through one full, hot-water cycle with a disinfectant or sanitizer before using them.

—You can disinfect children's toys that have been in contact with flood water with a mixture made with one cup of bleach and five gallons of water.

—Call a professional

contractor for help if there are large areas of mold present in your home.

Finally, I want to thank all of our law enforcement officials and first responders for their efforts in ensuring the safety of residents. Theirs is a thankless job in times like these and we all owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for the long hours they have worked in recent days. I also want to express my thanks to our county commissioners and local officials for their work during these difficult times.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760, by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Paulding County Board of Elections September monthly board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections' office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding.

WAYNE TRACE CROSS COUNTRY VARSITY INVITATIONAL

The Wayne Trace Cross Country Varsity Invitational took place Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

- Girls team results:
 Liberty Benton 45, Lincolnview 65, Van Wert 71, Ottoville 89, Wapakoneta 116, Delphos St. John's 164, Ayersville 175, Edgerton 239, Wayne Trace 264, Hicksville 283, Fairview 294
 Individual Top Twenty:
 1. Anna Farmer (Liberty Benton) - 20:31
 2. Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) - 20:36
 3. Katie Honigford (Lincolnview) - 20:50
 4. Erin Calvelage (Stryker) - 20:53
 5. Brynn Chaskel (Liberty Benton) - 21:17
 6. Kylie Honigford (Lincolnview) - 21:20
 7. Lauren Taylor (Van Wert) - 21:20
 8. Molly Maag (Ottoville) - 21:25
 9. Taylor Greve (Van Wert) - 22:01
 10. Brooke Larsen (Liberty Benton) - 22:10
 11. Alexis Godeke (Antwerp) - 22:23
 12. Taylor Fries (Lincolnview) - 22:25
 13. Melissa Turnwald (Ottoville) - 22:41
 14. Kaylee Fisher (Wapakoneta) - 22:45
 15. Rachel Muhlenkamp (Liberty Benton) - 22:55
 16. Paige Vaudel (Liberty Benton) - 23:10
 17. Erica Davis (Van Wert) - 23:12
 18. Taylar Boroff (Lincolnview) - 23:15
 19. Wendy Mickelson (Stryker) - 23:30

20. Megan Svabik (Van Wert) - 23:36
 Boys team results:
 Van Wert 42, Wapakoneta 68, Lincolnview 91, Stryker 94, Fairview 108, Ottoville 142, Antwerp 180, Edgerton 190, Hicksville 209, Delphos St. John's 252
 Individual Top Twenty:
 1. Dylon Webb (Wapakoneta) - 17:26
 2. Jordan Karnes (Edgerton) - 17:28
 3. Kenton Holliday (Van Wert) - 17:47
 4. Justin Perkins (Fairview) - 17:57
 5. Kenny Ruffer (Stryker) - 17:57
 6. Aaron Bagley (Van Wert) - 18:04
 7. Jacob Bagley (Van Wert) - 18:22
 8. Logan Alvarez (Fairview) - 18:25
 9. Cory Clementz (Ottoville) - 18:34
 10. Jordan Simpson (Lincolnview) - 18:41
 11. Kyle Thatcher (Lincolnview) - 18:46
 12. Derek Strick (Van Wert) - 18:48
 13. Brady Prater (Wapakoneta) - 18:51
 14. Brian Easley (Van Wert) - 18:53
 15. Levi Kurtz (Wayne Trace) - 18:55
 16. Jay Planson (Stryker) - 18:59
 17. Zalin Hendrickson (Wapakoneta) - 19:00
 18. Seth Wisener (Lincolnview) - 19:01
 19. Kevin Bittinger (Wapakoneta) - 19:02
 20. Taylor Tripoli (Fairview) - 19:03

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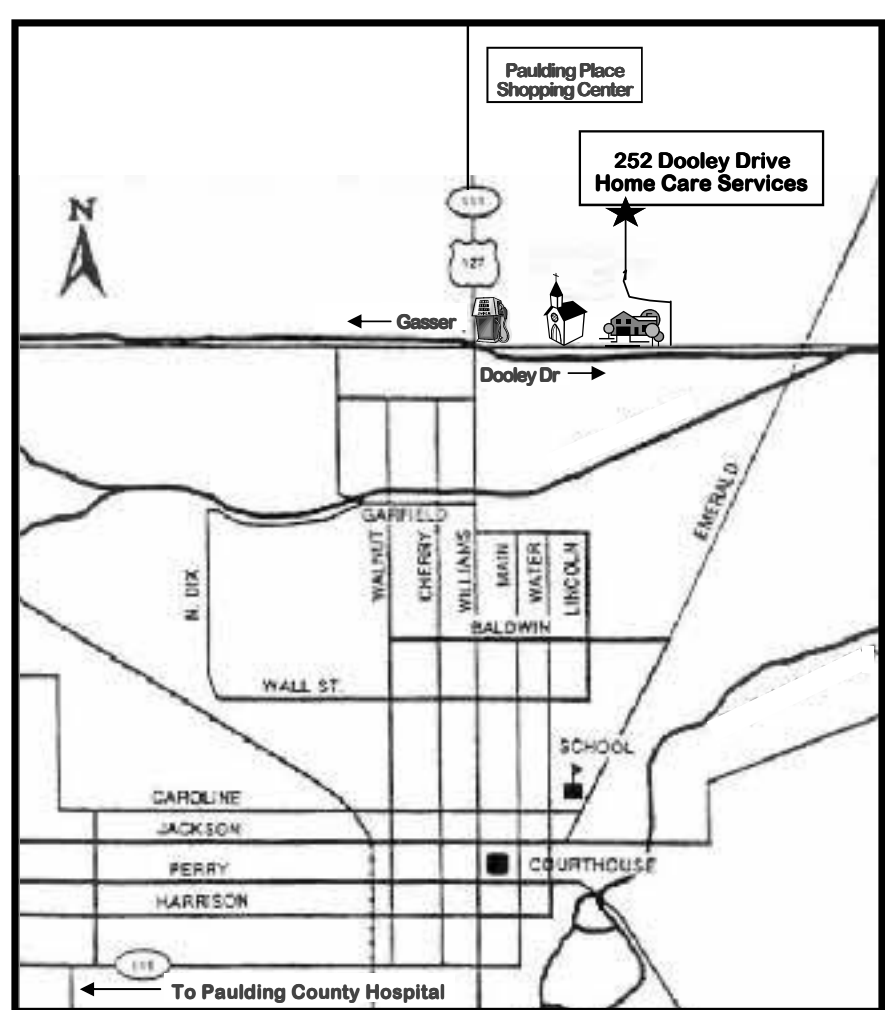


Dennis and Sandra McDaniels were married on September 9, 1967. Dennis is a retiree from the Defiance GM Foundry and Sandra is a long time nurse's aid helping the elderly. They have three children: Jeff McDaniels (Kelly) of Antwerp, Phill McDaniels of Fort Wayne and Kylene McDaniels of Cecil. They have three grandchildren: Jodi, Zach, and Triton. They have been together for 40 years.

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Some of the musical entertainment you will find at the fair this year will be: Heartland Grass, Johnny Schrock, Fritzzy, Echo Valley, and Lonesome Sound. Roaming throughout the fair for your entertainment will be: Hoosier Gentry, Lisa & Mark Woolever, and Jim Reams.

There will be activities for all ages, even those who are young at heart. There will be artisan demonstrations, buggy rides, and, of course, the variety of food booths.


There will be a Merchants Tent to browse through and also the Exhibition display of local talent held at the Grabill Missionary Church. Also this would be a great opportunity to visit the Historical Old Church Museum located across from the Fudergong Building.

For more information, please visit the web site at www.grabillcountryfair.com.

38th ANNUAL FESTIRAMA AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

St. John the Baptist Church located at 203 Townline Street in Payne will be holding its 38th Annual Festirama on Sunday, September 9, 2007. A "home style" Ham and Chicken Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned parish hall. Carry-outs are available. There will also be a silent auction, games, and raffles for all ages from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a great meal and a day full of fun for the entire family come to St. John's.



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 we strolled down the closed street. The old library was so cute, but I was not expecting such elegance and class when I walked into the new building. It is a beautiful facility. The main desk is of Holmes County Amish craftsmanship. The children's section was pure imagination. In fact, the mural on the wall entitled the room, "The Imagination". It was a scene of boys along a canal in what appeared to be the 1800's. The artisan made it into a 3-D effect by having the canal boat actually come out of

the wall. And Arthur Read was sitting on top!
 After I was finished admiring the library, we headed over to the main tent by the park for Family Fued. Mr. Ryan Ripke (who is running for mayor this November, by the way) was host of this fun and popular game show. In the rounds that we got to watch the Bland family got beat out by the Fickel family; the Spahn family lost to the Ripke's; and the final round pitted the Fickel family and the Ripke family for a \$50 grand prize. The Ripke family came out on top.



We decided to stay awhile longer (we had no children saying, "I'm hot; I'm tired; I'm thirsty; I'm hungry; I have to go to the bathroom") so we took a short walk down toward the fire house to see if we could catch a glimpse of the old cars in the Car Show. Well, when we were almost there, several sharp-looking cars and trucks cruised by us. Bryce just had to hold up

his camera and snap away as they passed.

Since they were gone, we walked around the block back to Main St. to catch all the little Miss pageants. We only stayed for Little Miss Oakwood and Jr. Miss Oakwood. The contestants for the Little Miss Oakwood pageant were all dressed like little ladies and answered their interview questions with poise. These were the contestants: Samantha Meggison—nine years old, fourth grade; McKenna Morgan Scott—ten years old, fifth grade; (our own) Tommi Marie Stahl—eleven years old, sixth grade; Courtney White—ten years old, fourth grade; Morrissa Leigh Rue—eight years old, third grade; and Bailey Ripke—ten years old, fifth grade. The outcome was 2nd Runner up—Morrissa Rue; 1st Runner up—Courtney White; and Little Miss Oakwood 2007—McKenna Scott. Great job girls!



In between the Little Miss pageant and the Jr. Miss pageant they were playing "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader" in the gazebo. I have yet to catch that show on TV so I was intrigued to see what it was all about. Talk about tough! I was quite humbled as soon as they started asking questions. Here is just a few of the people we watched dare to be "Smarter than a fifth grader": JD Nathan—he got out on the question: Diamonds are made of what element?; Ryan Ripke—his downfall was: T/F, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are examples of ordinal numbers.; Heather Huff and Bob Brown also participated while we were spectators, but I didn't remember to write down their defeating questions.

grade; Samantha Owens—12 years old, seventh grade; Alysha Valdez—13 years old, eighth grade; and Destiny Starry—13 years old, seventh grade. The outcome: 2nd Runner up: Alexis Rue; 1st Runner up: Myranda Stahl; and Jr. Miss Oakwood 2007: Alysha Valdez. Excellent work ladies!

The rest of Saturday evening included the Little King and Queen contest of which Larry Stahl age 7 and Kaela Lucas age 5 were named. This royal couple both attend Oakwood Elementary; the Community recognition ceremony; the Miss Oak-



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wood pageant; and Puttin' on the Hits.

We missed out on all the excitement on Sunday, which included a second place win by Tommi Stahl in the Children's Fear Factor competition. So on Mon-

day we trekked back east and went to the parade. The grand marshal was Virginia Cooper, who was recognized Saturday evening for her family's years of generous support of Oakwood; Franklin and Erma Weller were named Mr. and Mrs. Oakwood; the mayor, Bud Henke was there as well. All the area fire trucks and rescue squads came out for the parade, along with Twin Oaks church, and all the pageant winners. The cartoon/TV theme went over well as I saw The Flintstones, The Little Rascals, and Pop-eye the Sailor Man.



and Joy's Jems Baton and Pom class. All the political venues were taken care of during the parade as well as some business advertisements such as Briceton, Anchor Propane, Baughman Tile Co. and ServiceMaster Clean. The area brownie troops, boy scout and cub scout packs showed their support of their community with their participation. My senses were heightened to their peak with a line up of tractors and several old trucks. What a nice parade!! For a childless weekend, I think we picked a good way

to spend it. Thanks Oakwood!! For more pictures of the Oakwood Homecoming, along with the Homecoming Queen of 1957, Frances Bid-



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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/23 THROUGH 9/1

8/24 - Hicksville 0, Montpelier 26
 8/25 - Defiance 7, Napoleon 8; Edon 8, Antwerp 44; Paulding 36, Wayne Trace 6
 8/31 - Paulding 28, Delphos Jefferson 31; Hilltop 13, Antwerp 32; Upper Scioto Valley 0, Hicksville 41; Waynesfield Goshen 21, Wayne Trace 33; Elida 6, Van Wert 24; Ottawa Glandorf 21, Defiance 14

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

On Thursday, August 30, Boys Golf teed off at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.
 Team scores: Antwerp 145, Wayne Trace 156, Edgerton 166
 Records - Antwerp 9-0, Wayne Trace 2-1, Edgerton 4-4

Individual scores:
 Antwerp (145) - Boston Hormann 34, Bob Bragg 35, Alex Wetli 36, T.J. Short 40, Isaac Yenser 43
 Wayne Trace (156) - Aaron Hockenberry 37, Elliott Tempel 38, Nick Germann 39, Dane Treece 42, Andrew Horner 45, Henk Akkerman 50
 Edgerton (166) - Spencer Hastedt 42, Cory Jenkins 44, Trent Feltz 45, Lance Smith 45, Josh Day 53, Tyler Clark 54

MEET PAULDING'S VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

VARSITY
 #2 Tiffany Razo (SR), pos. S; #7 Danielle Grindstaff (SO), pos. MH/OH; #13 Breanna Wilder (JR), pos. DS; #14 Kelsie Carnahan (JR), pos. MH; #17 Jessica Miller (JR), pos. S; #19/L32 Jessica Carnahan (SR), pos. L/DS; #20 Morgan Hammon (JR), pos. MH; #23 Megan Simpson (SR), pos. OH; #25 Kayla Gawronski (SR), pos. OH
 Coach: Kristina Behnfeldt

JUNIOR VARSITY
 #7 Danielle Grindstaff (SO), pos. MH; #8 Alyssa St. John (FR), pos. S; #12 Ashley Myers (FR), pos. MH/OH; #18 Maycee Adams (SO), pos. OH/DS; #22 Kass Hammon (FR), pos. OH; #24 Stephanie Donaldson (SO), pos. S; #29 Estee Arend (JR), pos. OH; #30 Ashley Switzer (JR), pos. L/DS
 Coach: Kelly Wagner

FRESHMEN
 #1 Kaelyn Snyder; #3 Taylor Dotson; #4 Treslynn Laney; #5 Sara Gardner; #10 Nicole Gebers; #11 Hayley Clellan; #15 Rachel Razo; #21 Olivia Arend
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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

On Thursday, August 30, Girls Golf teed off at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

Team scores: Defiance 192, Wayne Trace 206, Antwerp 249

Individual scores:
 Defiance (192) - Kelly Haines 41, Amy Buxton 44, Laura Keller 52, Laura Pancake 55, Kat Morrissey 56
 Wayne Trace (206) - Gabrielle Hook 45, Courtney Hicks 49, Shelby Critten 53, Kaitlin Hughes 56
 Antwerp (249) - Christy Kortokrax 52, Kelsey Vail 63, Kasey Hull 64, Patricia Slattman 70, Heather Butcher 83

STATEMENT OF REP. GILLMOR REGARDING RESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Ohio) made the following statement today regarding Gonzales' resignation:

"The resignation of Attorney General Gonzales is good for the President and good for the country. The responsibilities of the U.S. Attorney General make it one of the most important positions in the federal government. For that reason, we need an Attorney General who will maintain the confidence of the American people. I look forward to the President's appointment of a steward of justice who will administer the Constitution without prejudice and restore faith in the Department of Justice."

In March, Rep. Gillmor publicly called for the resignation of Attorney General Gonzales when he stated that "Attorney General Gonzales has become a lightning rod and has distracted from the mission of the Department of Justice. Given the totality of the circumstances, I think it would be better for the President and the Department if the Attorney General were to step down."

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 7-11 p.m. POLKA & SQUARE DANCE featuring TED LANG & "SQUEEZE BOX"
 8:30-10 p.m. "SPIKE AND THE BULLDOGS" Bring your chairs. Don't miss it!

SATURDAY:
 9 a.m. Gates open to the public and activities continue all day.
 7-11 a.m. County Firefighters Ass'n. PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
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 10 a.m. "LONGABERGER" BASKET AUCTION - Extension Building
 10 a.m. ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL (weigh-in 8 a.m.)
 12 p.m.-5 p.m. K of C CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE
 5 p.m. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOG ROAST
 7 p.m. THE PRENGERS
 7-11 p.m. ROLLIE'S BOYS, Toe tappin' tunes for polka & square dancing.

SUNDAY:
 9 a.m. Gates open to the public and activities continue all day at Flat Rock Creek.
 7-11 a.m. PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
 9 a.m. VINTAGE & CLASSIC TRUCK SHOW - 419-399-5462 or 419-594-2287
 10 a.m. NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES - Extension building
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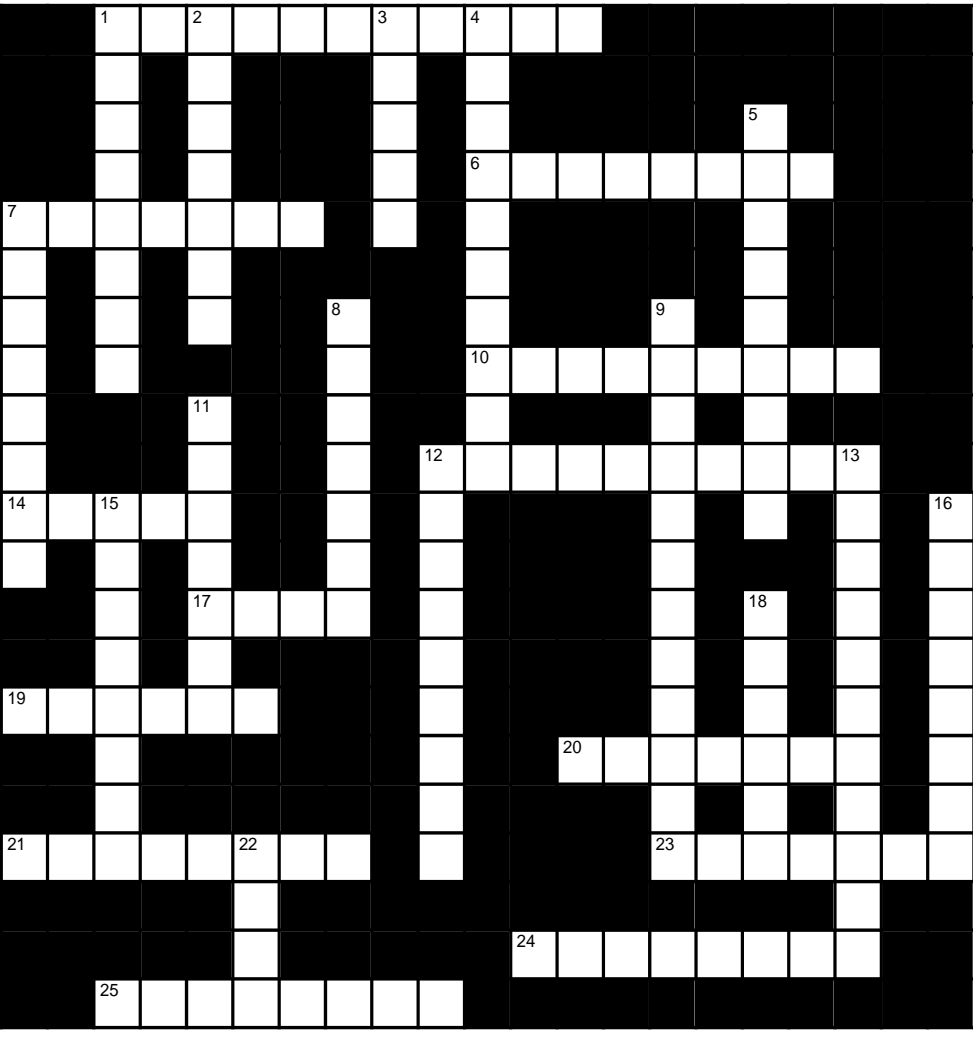
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Which state's song is "Yankee Doodle"?
6. Which state contains Abraham Lincoln's home?
7. What state's name means "Green Mountain"?
10. What state was the first electric light bulb invented?
12. Where is the Space Needle located?
14. Two-thirds of all potatoes are grown in this state.
17. This state has the largest Amish population west of the Mississippi.
19. Which state is in the center of the country?
20. Where is the Black Feet Reservation located?
21. This state is home to the Gateway Arch.
23. The Grand Canyon called this state home.
24. This state has the biggest meat packing center in the world.
25. Which state has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world?

Down

1. Where is the Mile High City?
2. What state has the oldest cattle ranch?
3. This state contains the most farm land.
4. The tallest tree is in this state.
5. Where is the Mall of America located?
7. Which state's capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson?
8. The Girl Scouts were founded in this state.
9. The first hospital was built in WHAT state?
11. Where is the oldest permanent settlement in the USA?
12. What state means "grassy place"?
13. Milk is the official beverage of this state.
15. Which state is known for its hot springs?
16. Which state is home to the largest percentage of Native Americans?
18. This state means "homeland".
22. This state holds the Great Salt Lake.



By: Chelsea Vail

Thirty days hath September... And we're already almost a full week in!

Well, folks, the last hurrah of summer has passed. The air is crisper, leaves are beginning to turn, and a pesky little obligation, "school" I think it's called, has been preventing me from sleeping well into the late morning hours as I'd grown accustomed to. Rats!

I say this all with an air of begrudging acquiescence, but if truth be told, I'm looking forward to autumn with just as much enthusiasm as I greeted the summer. Athletics are in full swing, especially golf (Get it? In full "swing"!), and school spirit is building in anticipation of successful seasons. Can't beat that with a stick. Don't even try; it can't be done.

We come, we see, we conquer! Opportunities abound this week to witness us Archers doing what we do best: aiming for victory. Pun intended.

JH Volleyball: September 6, 4:30, Paulding; September 10, 4:30, Tinora

JH Football: September 6, 4:00, Paulding (scrimmage); September 11, 5:00, @ Holgate

Varsity Golf: September 8, 8:30, Antwerp Invitational; September 10, 4:30, @ Archbold; September 11, 4:30, Fairview/Edgerton

Varsity Cross Country: September 8, 9:00, Archbold Invitational; September 11, 5:00, Ayersville/North Central/Holgate

Varsity Volleyball: September 6, 6:00, @ Crestview; September 8, 10:00, Paulding/Wayne Trace; September 10, 6:00, Delphos Jefferson; September 11, 6:00, Fairview

Varsity Football: September 7, 7:30, Ottawa Hills (Parents' Night)

Word of the Week: Egregious \ih-GREE-juh-s adjective

1. Conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible

2. Flagrant
Example: "Though in the US it is widely considered impolite to belch at the dinner table, in some foreign areas it is considered an egregious offense towards the chef not to do so."

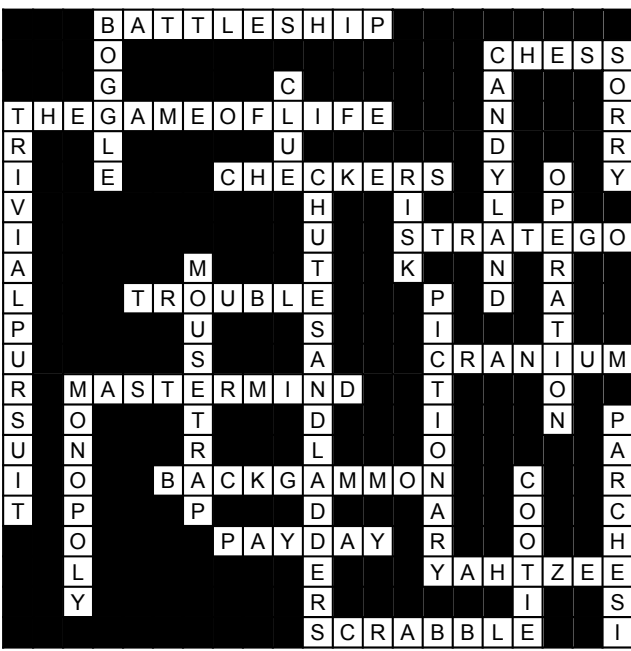
Strange but true, this little factoid is. But do you know what I would consider to be truly egregious? If you didn't make use of this fine word I've placed before you. How do you like them apples?

ERROR REPORT ON CROSSWORDS

In the haste of throwing the paper together last week, a couple of misspellings happened in our crossword puzzle. Backgammon was spelled wrong but you wouldn't have noticed that because it was only wrong in the puzzle (which Bryce fixed), not the clue. Parcheesi was spelled with only one "e" in the puzzle.

We apologize for the confusion!

—WBN editors



AREA HIGH SCHOOL'S UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/6 THROUGH 9/11

Antwerp

Varsity Football - September 7, Ottawa Hills (PN), H @ 7:30 p.m.

JV Football - September 10, Hicksville, A @ 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball - September 6, Crestview, A @ 6:00 p.m.; September 8, Paulding/WT, H @ 10:00 a.m.; September 10, Delphos Jefferson, H @ 6:00 p.m.; September 11, Fairview, H @ 6:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball - September 6, Paulding, H @ 4:30 p.m.; September 10, Tinora, H @ 4:30 p.m.

JH Football - September 6, Paulding (Scrimmage), H @ 4:00 p.m.; September 11, Holgate, A @ 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Cross Country - September 8, Archbold Inv., A @ 9:00 a.m.; September 11, Ayers/N. Central/Hol., H @ 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Golf - September 8, Antwerp Inv., H @ 8:30 p.m.; September 10, Archbold, A @ 4:30 p.m.; September 11 Fairview/Edgerton, H @ 4:30 p.m.

Wayne Trace

Varsity Football - September 7, Crestview, H @ 7:30 p.m.

JV Football - September 10, Edgerton, TH @ 5:00 p.m.

JH Football - September 11, Ayersville (8), TH @ 5:00 p.m.

Girls Golf - September 6,

Lincolnview, H @ 4:00 p.m.; September 11, Spencerville, TH @ 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country - September 6, Edg/FV/Tin, TIN @ 4:30 p.m.; September 8, Spencerville Inv., TH @ 9:00 a.m.; September 11, Crestview (JH), TH @ 4:45 p.m.

JV Varsity Volleyball - September 8, County Meet, ANT @ 10:00 a.m.; September 11, Tinora, H @ 6:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball - September 6 Van Wert, TH @ 5:00 p.m.; September 11, Paulding, TH @ 4:30 p.m.

Boys Golf - September 6, Holgate, Aug. CC @ 4:00 p.m.; September 8, Antwerp Inv., TH @ 8:30 a.m.; September 10, Mont/Tin/WT, WT @ 4:30 p.m.; September 11, Hicksville, H @ 4:30 p.m.

Paulding

Golf - September 8, Antwerp Inv., TH @ 8:30 a.m.; September 10, Fairview/Hicksville, H @ 4:00 p.m.; September 11, Ft. Jennings/Ottoville, H @ 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball - September 6, Bryan, H @ 6:00 p.m.; September 8, Ant/WT, ANT @ 10:00 a.m.; September 11, Columbus Grove, H @ 6:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball - September 6, Antwerp, TH @ 4:30 p.m.; September 10, Crestview, TH @ 5:00 p.m.; September 11, Wayne Trace, H @ 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Football - September 7, LCC, TH @ 7:30 p.m.

JV Football - September 8, LCC, H @ 10:00 a.m.

Freshman Football - September 10, Delphos Jefferson, TH @ 5:00 p.m.

JH Football - September 11, Crestview (7), H @ 5:00 p.m.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This is a photo of Antwerp's 1935 football team. But Paul Smith, the last man on the back row tells me it was taken the following spring. You can see that the new 1936 school was under construction. This picture was loaned to us by his daughter, Kathy Smith Wilson, of Paulding. Thank you very much. I know all of them but I had to call on Paul Smith for the names of three of them.

The first man on the back row on the left end is John Putman. After graduation he married a Schuler girl and lived in Northeast Indiana most of his life.

The Putman's lived on the corner of East Daggett and North Erie Street. His brother, Gerald, played football also and his younger brother, Max, was center on the undefeated team of 1938. There was also two girls in the family, Kathryn and Marjorie.

The next man is Robert Carr. He taught school in Antwerp before WWII. After the war he married Esther Boylan and they lived most of the time around Detroit. I saw them a couple of years ago and they both looked pretty good.

The next man is Joe Mattingley. I know that he went away with "A" Co. of the National Guard back in 1940. He went through all of the

campaigns in the South Pacific and came home in 1945. I think in civilian life he drove an 18 wheeler.

The next fellow is Or-est Cole. He married Evelyn Seslar later on and lived around Indianapolis for many years. Later on they lived around Atlanta. I think they had four children.

The next player is Lee Hook. They lived northwest of town at this time. I think they lived quite a few years out in California. I'm not sure if they moved back here or not.

The next fellow is Howard Monroe. He married Dorothy Tolbolt and they had two boys. In later years, they lived in New Haven. Howard is gone now. I think Dorothy still lives in New Haven. I think Howard was in construction with Shambaugh and Sons, Co.

The next fellow is Gerald Kemerer. He was a good player. He was strong and agile. He worked most of his life as a butcher with his father, Oren Kemerer. He married Katie Bitler, one of our cheerleaders. They had two boys, Gary and Hal. Later on, Gerald was very good in wood working.

The next player is Budd Smith. After WWII he married a Hicksville girl and lived in that city. He was in business in Antwerp with his father and grandfather, L. Smith and Son.

The next player is Wayne Fleck. He served in the Navy in WWII as a pilot off a carrier. He was wounded in combat. In the mid 1940's, he played Major League Baseball with the White Sox. Later he pitched ball for City Light in Fort Wayne. He taught school in Antwerp for many years.

The coach, William Horney, is next. He was a good teacher and coach. The next player is Virgil Stevenson. I don't know very much about him, I know he passed away early in life.



Football Team, Antwerp High School, 1935

The next man is Paul Smith. He served with "H" Co. of the Ohio National Guard 37th Division. He made all the action in the Pacific Theater from 1942 until 1945. He married an old school mate of mine, LaVon Bissel. They had a number of children. Maybe some more on Paul a little later.

The first man in the first row is Mr. Bell, one of the coaches. He was to become the Principal and later on the High School Superintendent. He was a good teacher and loved by everyone.

The first kneeling player is Bob Hartman. He was a good-sized boy and a good line man. I think he lived most of his later years in Michigan.

The next man is Wilford Hartman, most people called him 'Bill'. He made up his mind that he wanted to be a Commercial Pilot. He enrolled in a school in Northern Indiana. He didn't have a scholarship, so he had to work hard. When the WWII started the government moved that class to Wright-Patterson Field and made pilots out of them. Then those men became instructors in multi-engine planes during the war. Bill became a Senior Captain with United Air Lines. For years he flew to Hawaii from the West Coast, then New York, Chicago and all points east. I know in later years, he was on the Tokyo run. He lives in San Mateo and is retired now. A real success story.

The next man is Edward Parrott. After graduation, he married Maxine Biderwell.

They had a fine family and lived many years in Florida.

The next player is Richard Reeb. He was a brother to John and Hilton. I think he lived most of his life in Michigan.

The man holding the football is Max Seslar, the team captain. Max went to war with "A" Co. Later on he became an officer and then became Co. Commander of "B" Co. of the 148th Bn. Max made all the campaigns, but his luck ran out on the streets of Manila. This ended the life and career of a fine officer.

Willard Friend is next, even back in those days they called him "Acey". I don't know why. Acey graduated in 1936. He learned the upholstery business at Johnson Furniture Company. He married Pauline Hargraves and had two children and always lived in the Antwerp area. He was on the Antwerp fire department for well over 30 years. His son, Ray, is now our Fire Chief. He worked for Ray in the furniture business for several years.

The last man in the first row, #32, is Richard Rhoad. Dick worked in the construction business for Shambaugh and Son for many years. He married Norma Smith and they had three girls. He was Antwerp's Water Superintendent for many years. He was Fire Chief for many years between Ralph Taylor and Ray Friend.

Now a little about Paul Smith. He is one of the few that are still alive. I talked with him the other day and he looks good and his memory is in top shape. He helped me with three of these boy's names. I knew them all, I just couldn't remember their names.

I'm really thankful to Paul for all his help and to his daughter, Kathy Smith Wilson, for this picture. I'm not going to say anymore about Paul because I'm a fixin' to do a column on him on down the road. See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS!!

By: Stan Jordan

I tuned off SR 49 east on the River Road right to where Virgil Meyers is having his big auction sale. I found a parking place on the south side of the road and pulled in. Pauline wanted to walk around at the sale lot and to see some friends. My knees won't allow that, so I sat in our pick-up truck while she was gone. It was a beautiful day, with the windows down and a nice breeze going right through. I think I was asleep when Francis Coughlin came to the window and said, "They are going to sell the Old Parade Truck" that belonged to the Antwerp Fire Department and the Meyer's family said that however much the bell from the truck would bring, it would be donated back to the A.F.D., and it went for \$150.00. That's a fine donation and the department will appreciate it.

I have sat and pondered this situation and there is no way that I can let this bell and Old Parade Truck pass into any type of oblivion, without giving you some history and story of these two staunch parts of "The Antwerp Fire Department" for over "20 years" of service.

In the mid-1960's we discussed getting a "fun truck" to take to parades and events. McComb has one, Helena has one and we could use one. At the time we were very active in The Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firemen Association. Some of our Queen candidates had become Queen of that organization. We had

good fire equipment and a new fire house and we took part in everything. Yes, we needed a fun truck!

The late Lynn Bickhard, Jack Brown and I took a new battery, some new plugs and clean gas and oil and went to Harve Delong's pasture field.

Uncle Harve had purchased a new Ford farm truck back in 1935. Harve retired and the "old Ford truck" set out in the pasture for over 10 years. All those new parts were added to the truck and after a few tries, it started and after a warm up period, Lynn drove it back to the fire house. This was the beginning of our "fun truck". It had led one life as a farm truck and was starting a new life, working for the A.F.D.

Ralph Taylor, Rex Shaner, Dick Rhoads and some other fellows stripped the body off clear down to the chassis.

They put on a new floor, new sides, new seats, reupholstered the front seat and added that bell on the front bumper, with a pull rope back to the passengers seat. It also had an "Armstrong" siren! The faster you turned the handle, the louder it sounded!

In its hey day, the truck visited every town in the county, it made all the carnivals and parades. Two generations of boys and girls got to ride in that truck. On Firemen's Day, it worked hard as a taxi moving people from place to place. On many a Halloween night, judging contests, it served as a judging platform, and many times I was lucky enough to be the MC.

Many kids rang that bell, (Continued on Page 8)

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ANTWERP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION DONATES TOWARD ANTWERP ALL-WEATHER TRACK FUND



The Antwerp Education Association recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Antwerp All-Weather Track Committee for the purpose of constructing an all-weather track in the village of Antwerp. Pictured are (l-r) AEA president Travis Lichty, AEA treasurer Leslie Shugars, and high school principal and track campaign coordinator Steve Arnold. The Antwerp All-Weather Track Committee is a branch of both the Antwerp Athletic Boosters and the Antwerp Community Development Committee. In-

terested residents can obtain more information about the track project by attending a booster club meeting. Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Antwerp School board of education room. Anyone interested in making a donation toward this project can do so by sending a check to The Antwerp Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 615, Antwerp, OH 45813. The All-Weather Track Committee has obtained 501(c)3 status, so donations toward this project may be tax deductible.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Setting the record straight...." in Payne, Ohio

As many of you in the Payne area know, every summer I enjoy escaping the heat of central Arizona and reintegrating myself into the life and fabric of the Payne Community. And while I'm a full fledged citizen of the Grand Canyon State, I've not been able to shake all the Paulding County clay off my work boots.

Because of the regularity and duration of these summer trips, I have heard some say that "nothing gets done around here until Jim Hooker arrives!" While I admit the praise is nice, I'd like to "set the record straight" and remind those who feel that way, that there are many, many others in the Community that do many, many more things than me to keep Payne looking nice and alive and moving forward!!!

Even at the risk of inadvertently omitting some names, I'm going to mention a few who work unselfishly (and in many cases tirelessly) behind the scenes to keep Payne looking nice and like it's not ready to roll over and die just yet!! People like John Hall, Jim Miller and Gary Cadwalader who put the American flags out on the poles and sidewalks prior to Memorial Day every Spring and then take them down at Thanksgiving while at the same time putting the Christmas decorations up; Mayor Nancy Speice who, this year, planted the flowers in the flower pots uptown and in the sign planter at the park and then keeps them watered throughout the summer—all on her own time and at her own expense (definitely not in her job description!!!); Shirley Flores who handles the reservations for the Chamber's Community Sign Board on South Main Street from November through May; Chad Benschneider who not only presently serves as the Chamber of Commerce's "volunteer President" (the organization that many Community minded businesses and individuals support by paying the annual \$40 membership - and the same organization that, with some help from the American Legion, provides for the American flags—and expensive wooden poles!—that everyone enjoys seeing fly up and down Main street) but with many others, each year tries to rally support for the town's Birthday Celebration/Halloween Party/Fall Festival; Don Kelble, who's love for trains and the impact they had on communities like ours throughout the Nation, quietly and periodically, without recognition, replaces window glass, broken by vandals, in the historic caboose at the Payne Community Park.

Yes, I try and do what I can while I can each summer to help keep Payne alive and well, but so do the aforementioned along with many, many others that I've not named who serve on or are members of the Fire Department and EMS; Ball Associations; Legion; Lodge; PTO; Alumni Associations; Churches; Youth groups, Chapters; Councils, Scouting and Friends groups. The praise and recognition is always appreciated, but please share it with others who de-

serve it more than me, and appreciate it just as much.

As Red Green would say, "Remember, we're all in this together and I'm pullin' for ya!"

Just trying to... "set the record straight"...

—Jim Hooker of Mesa, Arizona, former Payne resident

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I attended school in Paulding County and have worked with the public in Paulding and Van Wert Counties for 45 years. I have witnessed first hand what mental health issues, drug abuse and alcoholism can lead to.

Families are destroyed, lives are ruined, children abused, marriages destroyed, unemployment rises, homelessness increases, fire and rescue personnel are over burned. However, many of these situations could be prevented with better treatment plans and proper medications.

Many needing treatment are uninsured or under insured or their insurance plans do not cover these issues.

However, in Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert Counties these services are provided to all individuals (young to old) on a 'sliding-scale' thanks to the Mental Health - Substance Abuse Levy which was approved by our citizens 20 years ago and renewed 10 years ago. This 1 mill property tax levy is now up for replacement on Election Day, November 6, and must be approved to provide matching funds to the Federal and State funds currently being received.

Please join me in voting 'YES' to continue our community safety net. There will be no increase in the tax rate. Treatment is available to all and it works!

—Dorothy (Funk) Gleckler, Van Wert, OH

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you could hear it for a couple of city blocks and most of those children are now grandparents. That Ford truck had two complete lives, and it fill both of them to the fullest.

I guess here is the big picture. An 83 year old man saying farewell to a 72 year old farm and parade truck. That same old man is talking to a bell that used to be mounted on the front bumper of that same truck. There are many firemen and their wives that have passed on. There are many retired firemen, and men that are still firemen, and I am saying farewells and good byes for all of them.

To you, "old friend, Firemen's bell", I say where ever you go and whatever the occasion, when your rope is pulled for you to ring, ring out with pride, and deep tone, and clarity, and gusto!! You have earned the right! See ya!

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE FCCLA NATIONAL CONTESTANT

Kayla Crider, a graduating senior from Van Wert and the Vantage Early Childhood Education program, attended the 2007 National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Leadership meeting in Anaheim, California this summer. "Fun in the Sun" was the theme of the conference, which was held July 5-12. Kayla was competing in the Early Childhood skill event, representing Vantage Career Center and the state of Ohio in the national competition. She earned her spot as a national competitor by placing first in the state of Ohio FCCLA competition in April.

The Early Childhood skill event required that Kayla prepare a portfolio of lesson plans and documentation of experiences as well as a resource container prior to the event. At the competition, she had half an hour to plan a health and fitness activity related to the "Fun in the Sun" theme. Kayla was given 15 minutes for the oral presentation portion of the competition. She was awarded a high silver rating for her efforts.

In addition to the competition, Kayla and her FCCLA advisor and Vantage senior Early Childhood Education teacher, Mary Ann Hall, attended many sessions on training, youth issues, project development and exhibits.

Kayla said, "Attending the national competition was a really good experience for me - I wish I could have done this as a junior so I could come back and share the experience with the rest of my ECE class." Kayla's plans include attending college and possibly teaching. "I recommend Vantage to anyone who wants to get a jump start on their career - Vantage was an

excellent choice for me!" FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life—planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision-making and interpersonal communication—necessary in the home and workplace.

RUNNERS AND BIKERS RAISE MONEY FOR ANTWERP ALL-WEATHER TRACK

ANTWERP—A run/walk and a bike ride raised almost \$1,000 dollars for the Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign recently. Forty-three runners and several walkers took part in the 5K event with the start and finish line at school's existing track. In the bike ride 15 riders hit the road for the track campaign.

Hayden Krick was the fastest runner turning in a time of 18:53. Erica Goeltzenleuchter was the quickest female runner when she crossed the finish line in 21:11.

The various age group male and female winners included: (12 & under) Kyle Gater; (13-15) Jake Reinhart and Erica Goeltzenleuchter; (16-19) Hayden Krick and Katie Reinhart; (20-29) Alex Nehls and Heather Etzler; (30-39) Robb Gerken and Marianne Holdermann; (40-49) Paul Shaffer and Anna Nusbaum; and (50-59) Tom Striggow and Cheryl Stromski.

The campaign's goal is to raise the \$200,000 needed to replace Antwerp's current stone track with a standard all-weather surface. To date, the campaign raised over \$40,000 through the generous community support. Once completed, the new track will be open to both school students and community residents.

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uct, unload, inventory, place the product on availability lists to our member charities in the 11 counties we service, and distribute the product according to the need and desire of each member charity.

There are many misconceptions about what the food bank really is. Some think it is merely another pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter where individuals go to seek help. The fact is we are not a pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter. The food bank does not serve food to people; we serve the charities that serve food to people. We accept donated product and store it in our 35,000 sq. ft. facility. Most "pantries" do not have the space to store a truckload of potatoes, cereal, eggs, etc. With a freezer capacity of 5,000 sq. ft. and a refrigerated capacity of 2,000 sq. ft. we are able to accept larger donations than a local church pantry may be able to accommodate. Most pantries only have a home-sized freezer and refrigerator.

Another misconception is the idea that those who are "hungry" are homeless. The truth is the food bank's network of 200+ smaller charity programs that feed the hungry are not feeding the homeless, generally, but the temporarily unemployed, the under-employed, the elderly, single parents, and children.

Some people may not think that any of this information pertains to them; hunger is only in the large, inner cities, right? Wrong! Between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006, Paulding County received over 5.6 truckloads of food that was distributed among six emergency pantries (an average truckload contains 30,000 lbs.). Hunger exists in your own backyard. Here is a listing of West Ohio Food Bank's emergency providers in Paulding County: Antwerp Christian Pantry, AuGlaze Chapel of God, Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Grover Hill Food Pantry, Payne St. Paul, and Pioneer Christian.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN: INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR AT WOODBURN MISSIONARY CHURCH

The Internet provides both an incredible learning environment; at the same time, the internet is a dangerous and hostile neighborhood for our children. Increasingly our children are at risk on the internet by questionable websites, bullies, predators, and a host of other negative influences.

How can parents and teachers be informed, equipped, and prepared to deal with this issue? How can we be better advocates/protectors of our children? Woodburn Missionary Church wants to be part of the solution. On Wednesday night, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church facility (5108 Bull Rapids Road) Woodburn Missionary Church is sponsoring an internet security seminar entitled, "Empowering Young People to be Safe on the Internet."

The presenter is Joe Martin, who serves as National Security Executive for IBM Corporation. Martin is responsible for assisting large organizations in protecting their critical physical and information assets and in responding to security threats and intrusions. He has extensive expertise in this area having received commendation from the United States Justice Department for helping protect the national infrastructures of the United States. Martin has also helped the countries of Germany and the Philippines, on how best to work together with the private sector, academia, and local law enforcement to protect critical national infrastructures from cyber attack.

As one of the world's foremost experts on this timely subject, Joe Martin will provide a review of the key risks for elementary, middle school, and high school students on the Internet. During this session, he will not only cover the aspects of the "World Wide Web" that can endanger children but will

AREA RESIDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VANTAGE'S ABLE PROGRAM



Pictured is a Vantage Career Center ABLE student working on the on-line ITTS program which can be accessed outside of class 24 hours a day. Vantage Career Center's ABLE program is one of only two ABLE programs in Ohio that has the on-line ITTS program available to its students.

By: Tom Kalkreuth

The Vantage ABLE/GED test preparation program is looking for adults who are interested in refreshing their academic skills by creating an individualized study plan tailored to their reading, mathematics, and language skills. A complete computer-based instructional and assessment program is available free of charge at any of the Vantage-based ABLE classes at several locations in Van Wert and Paulding Counties.

Students will first need to attend twelve hours of scheduled orientation at their closest ABLE class site. The instructor will assist the student to design an academic program that suits the individual student's needs. The student will be encouraged to use materials available in the ABLE classroom from both computer and also from a traditional workbook format. Students progress at their own pace, and the instructor will show specifics of how student progress is being achieved.

Student goals will differ greatly from person to person. For example, one student may want to improve his/her reading, math, or English skills while, at the same time, another student is preparing

also outline some simple and practical steps you can take to minimize those risks. Martin will also provide reference information and give opportunity to respond to specific questions during this hour long seminar. There is no cost to attend.

to take the GED - General Educational Development - or high school equivalency test. Still other students may be interested in receiving information on post-secondary options, since the GED graduate will now be qualified to attend college.

Interested adults will want to attend the orientation sessions at locations mentioned in the Vantage Adult Education flyer. These locations will have separate orientation schedules: the Delphos Public Library at 309 W. Second Street, Delphos on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (1:00-3:30 p.m.); the Paulding County Job Center at 119 S. Main Street, Paulding on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9:00-11:30 a.m.); the Van Wert County Community Service Building at 114 E. Main Street, Van Wert on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); and, of course, at the Vantage Career Center home site, located at 818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings (6:00-8:00 p.m.).

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Pete Prichard at Vantage (419) 238-5411 ext. 114.

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- Lunch:**
 9/12 - Pizza, tossed salad, PB fudge, applesauce, milk
 9/13 - Bacon/cheeseburger sandwich, fries, pineapple, milk
 9/14 - Hot dog/bun, chips/pretzels, cookie, pears, milk
 WT: Footlong chili dog
 9/17 - Mac/cheese, PB sandwich, green beans, sherbet, milk
 9/18 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, peaches, milk

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

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer, recommended to the Commissioners consideration of a new format for the county property tax bills. The proposed format will provide the property owner with more information about the tax bill. The format would use regular size paper with a perforated bottom piece to be removed and returned with payment. A return envelope would also be included for those who prefer to pay by mail. The new format will be less expensive than the current procedure. Wannemacher will meet again with the Commissioners to consider the proposal.

Wannemacher also reported on her investment program. Her report included the distribution of funds in Paulding County banks and Star Ohio, a state sponsored investment plan. Investment revenue to date is meeting the estimates for the year.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director, presented his regular monthly report to the Commissioners at the Wednesday meeting. Langham reported on his contacts with individuals and businesses over the last period. Langham also noted that the unemployment rate of 5.3% for Paulding County continues to run below the Ohio rate of 6.1%. Paulding's rate is also lower than Defiance and Van Wert Counties and equal to Putnam County.

The monthly meeting of Elected Officials to review finances was held on Wednesday, August 22. Susan Simpson, County Auditor, and Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer, presented reports on sales tax revenue and total revenue and expenditures for the county general fund. Sales tax revenue continues to be a small amount ahead of the 2006 receipts but still run behind the sales tax revenue

received in 2005. Expenditures in the general fund are within the original plans for the year.

Paulding County Engineer Travis McGarvey reported on probable costs and benefits for a proposed ditch along Township Road 195 in Brown Township. McGarvey's finding was that the cost to construct the ditch exceeded expected benefits. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer the Commissioners voted to deny the petition submitted by Claude Estle.

The Commissioners joined with many other county residents on Sunday, August 26 at the PC Workshop to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Workshop. The PC Workshop is a non-profit corporation providing employment opportunities for county citizens served by the Paulding County MRDD Board.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners' office is available for assistance in deciding which county office to contact with questions.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:**
 8/28 - Patricia Nicelley, Paulding; Pauline Yenser, Oakwood
 8/30 - Carlyle Pio, Payne; Paul Sawyer, Paulding
 9/2 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
- Dismissals:**
 8/27 - Dorothy Scarpelli, Paulding, transferred to Hawthorn Court, Paulding
 8/28 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
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MILDRED ROTZOLL EARNS THE GERALD I. LAMKIN STUDENTS COME FIRST AWARD



By: Sue Knapp

Mildred Rotzoll believes that you should never give up no matter what comes your way, that you should continue on and don't allow the past to control you and what you can accomplish. Mildred is making it because of faith and her husband's support. He is her best friend.

Mildred has had a lot of obstacles in her life. She dropped out of school at the age of 16 after her father died. She promised him that she would get a college education. She married and because of situations got divorced. She then married Rick, they had two children and has since adopted a grandchild. They have been married for 30 years.

She did earn her GED at the age of 27. In 1999, her mother died and because of financial and health reasons Mildred and Rick lost their home. They moved to Columbus and she started to go back to school but couldn't continue because of the financial burden and health problems

which included her husband losing his leg in a work accident and having heart surgery. They also had the trauma of their son committing suicide. But she was still determined to go to school.

They moved to Payne and she started going to Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She earned an associates degree in Science which includes a degree in Human Services. She graduated Magma Cum Laud. Ivy Tech helped her with financing and gave her much encouragement. Because she lives out of state. Ivy Tech gives back a portion of the tuition to help out. She will continue her studies at Indiana Tech earning a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership. This will take two years. She also is a published poet.

The school called Mildred and told her she won the Students Come First Award. She went to the ceremony and figured there would be other students there but she was the only recipient, that she was chosen out of many.

This is the first year for the Gerald I. Lamkin Students Come First Award. It is designed to recognize students who have overcome significant obstacles to achieve their success. Despite the obstacles that life created for them, they achieved standard of excellence in every measure of their performance since entering Ivy Tech Community College. They will give out this award annually.

Mildred believes you never should stop reading and learning. She encourages everyone to continue to do so. Rick and she also believe you should give of yourself, to help those who need it.

STATE WORKS TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS DEVASTATED BY FORECLOSURE

Capitol Letters weekly column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Chances are good that you or someone you know has experienced the devastating effects of home foreclosure. A sobering report released earlier this month found that Ohio has the third largest number of homes in foreclosure in the nation, and the problem is only getting worse. In the first half of 2007, Ohio had more than 60,700 foreclosure filings, which is up 56 percent from the same time last year.

While foreclosures have stricken families of all backgrounds in cities and towns all over the country, sadly, the stories of those who reach this point are all too often the same. Tempted by the opportunity to buy their dream home or purchase a property for the first time, many buyers entered into adjustable rate mortgage agreements that, at the time, offered attractive interest rates. Now, with these rates increasing, some homeowners are unable to afford the jump in mortgage payments every month and, default on their loans leading to foreclosure.

Unfortunately, many foreclosures were a result of poor financial decision-making as borrows failed to read the fine print or entered into an agreement they could not afford. Thousands of other families have been victims of deceptive lending practices—loan officers, mortgage brokers or other non-bank lenders who manipulate buyers into signing mortgages they could not afford. New laws, which took effect on January 1, apply the Consumer Sales Practice Act (CSPA) to the mortgage lending industry, give the attorney general the authority to go after predatory lenders and give consumers greater legal remedies to recoup their losses in cases of deceptive lending. Hopefully, this legislation will prevent some unscrupulous lending practices.

However, whether a person was a victim of predatory lending, lost their job, or merely made some poor financial decisions, it is imperative that the state work to educate Ohioans about how to avoid foreclosure. Walking away from a mortgage does more than just harm an individual's credit record, it threatens the stability of families, puts a black eye on the community and hurts the overall health of our economy.

Recently, the legislature, the governor and other state agency leaders launched a statewide campaign to reduce the number of foreclosures in Ohio and keep more families in their homes. In March, Gov. Strickland announced the creation of the Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, a committee charged with compiling recommendations for improving outreach and education for homebuyers, adopting proactive intervention techniques to help homeowners facing foreclosure and providing financial resources and strategies to help keep Ohioans threatened by foreclosure in their homes. The Task Force, which includes representatives from local, state and federal governments, as well as lenders, housing advocacy organiza-

tions and various other interested parties, has already held several meetings across the state and is expected to provide a final list of recommendations in the near future. After being reviewed by the governor, these recommendations will be given to the legislature for approval.

In addition, on April 1, the Ohio Housing Finance Authority (OHFA) unveiled the Opportunity Loan, a refinance program that provides a more affordable 30-year, fixed-rate financing alternative to borrowers who are up-to-date with their payments and feel their current home loan does not fit their financial situation. To qualify, borrowers need to have a good payment history. The program will be financed through the sale of taxable bonds.

Unfortunately, many experts forecast that Ohio's foreclosure problem has only just begun. While this is disheartening, the state has taken important steps recently to soften the blow. With efforts in place to help those in financial need and educate the public about steps they can take to avoid the devastating effects of foreclosure, I am confident that Ohio and its citizens will get through this tough financial time, and emerge stronger for it in the future. For more information about programs the state offers to assist those facing foreclosure, please visit the Ohio Department of Commerce's website at www.com.state.oh.us.

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 e-mail at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY RE-OPENS ON SATURDAYS

HICKSVILLE—The Johnson Memorial Library is pleased and excited to announce that it will re-open on Saturdays, beginning September 8. With the passage of the Defiance Public Library's May tax levy, the Johnson Memorial Library will resume its Saturday hours, 9:00 a.m.–noon.

"We are grateful to the Defiance Public Library Board for re-opening the library so soon after the passage of the levy," shared Dr. Allen Hilbert, president of the Johnson Memorial Library Board. "The funds from the levy don't come in until spring, but the library recognizes the need for Saturday hours, especially with the start of the school year. Defiance has made the commitment to bring back our Saturday services as soon as they could, and we are grateful for it."

To celebrate the Saturday re-opening, the Friends of the Hicksville Library invite everyone out to the library on September 8 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for coffee, rolls, and juice.

For more information on library services or hours, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

FROM THE MIND OF AN ELDEST CHILD

By: Josiah Knapp

Hello! My name is Josiah Knapp. There are many things I do, and I'll start by writing a little about myself. I am a home school student. I'm thirteen and in the eighth grade. I am the oldest of seven children, aged: one, four, seven, eight, nine, and twelve. I live in the country where there aren't many folks around. My family are good Christians—we get up everyday at 7:00 a.m. for devotions. I play two kinds of instruments: the piano and I just started the recorder. I'd say the recorder is more fun because the way the sound comes out... it's absolutely beautiful! I have many hobbies and writing is one of the best. My brother, some of my friends and I put together a small writing club—I've written over eighty books! (That's quite a lot for a thirteen year old!)

I enjoy home schooling, it can sometimes get old, but most of the time I enjoy it. I have a dog, she's cute but a little plump. She's a beagle mix (with something we don't know). Her name is Lucky Jo. It used to be Lucy, but we liked Lucky Jo a lot better.

Well, I hope this article interested you! Maybe someday I'll tell you a little bit more about myself and my life in the country.

editor's note: Josiah Knapp is the grandson of Steve and Sue Knapp. He lives with his parents and siblings in rural Newville, IN. Josiah helps Steve every Tuesday with the delivery of your West Bend News.



GRUBAUGH AMBASSADORSHIP COMPLETED

Todd Grubaugh, of Scott, OH, recently returned from a 20 day Ambassadorship trip to Italy, France, Sicily, and the Isle of Malta. Many friends, neighbors, and families made it possible for Todd to participate in such an experience. Without the generosity and kindness of so many his once in a lifetime experience might not have happened.

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ployed as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Harborside Healthcare, Bryan.

Her fiance is a 1999 graduate of Northwest Ohio Christian Homeschool Educators. He is employed at Parker Hannifin, Hicksville.

The couple will exchange vows on September 22 at Antwerp United Methodist Church.

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PAULDING PANTHERS MISS FRIDAY NIGHT



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The Paulding Panthers struggled at home on Friday night, August 31. The first half found the Panthers down by several goals. The second half proved to be quite the revival. The team burst forth with Andrew Mott leading the team and with 1:09 seconds left in the game the score was tied 28-28. Paulding fans were going wild for their team with the latest touchdown by

Mott. The Delphos-Jefferson football team managed to score a field goal with 1:08 left to bring the score to 31-28. These Panthers just couldn't quite pull it off with the amount of time they had left. The team did a fantastic job and their fans let them know how good they are. Their next game is Friday, September 7 at LCC, time

VILLAGE OF CECIL TOWN MINUTES

The Council of the Village of Cecil, Ohio met in regular session with the honorable Mayor Gene Sheets presiding. The mayor called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members present. Mrs. Julie McCloud, Mrs. Mary Kupfersmith, Ms. Cathy Johnston and Mr. Rolando Ceballos, Residents and special guests, Darla Buell, Bob Lane, Nancy Sheets, Brett and Deb Bok. First on the agenda, minutes from the July meeting were given to each council member for approval. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Cathy Johnston and second by Mary Kupfersmith, vote - all in favor. Minutes accepted as printed.

Update on ODOT Water Casing Project and movement of \$13,500 from the savings account to checking for a portion. We have the loan proceeds and are awaiting an amended certificate from the County Auditor. The \$13,500 will be moved back to the savings account upon receipt of the grant funds from Economic Development. Clerk, Carlene Turner did verify with Dan Kaseman with ODOT that the check would be mailed via Express Mail Overnight upon receipt of the amended certificates.

Resolution #07-02 EMS Levy 2nd and final reading by title only with Auditors Certification. Motion to accept made by Julie McCloud and 2nd by Rolando Ceballos. This is a tax levy renewal for another 5 year period for the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 tax years. This will be placed on the November ballot. Vote to accept - passed - all in favor.

Ordinance 07-010 Decrease of Sewer Late Fee percentage, 2nd reading by title only. Motion to accept made by Mary Kupfersmith, 2nd by Cathy Johnston, vote to accept - all in favor - motion

carried.

Review of the billing error from Porter Sanitation for the Village clean up in July. Porter's billed us for 5 containers and we only used 4. Clerk is awaiting a corrected invoice before making payment.

Brett and Deb Bok have purchase the property at 305 S. Main St. and wish to request a variance as the property is currently zoned residential. They wish to build a 25 unit Self Storage Center at the rear of the property. Approximately 110'x25'. Mr. Bok has had the property surveyed and the survey stakes are in place so each property owner is aware of their actual property lines. For Commercial Zoning you would be required to have a minimum of 5 lots and this is only 4 lots. This will be discussed and reviewed in more detail by the council and village solicitor and tabled until the September meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bok also asked about the re-connection of their property to the sewer. The re-connection fee is \$50.00 when they are ready to utilize the property; the council will allow a reduction in the monthly sewer fee to \$18.50 until the property remodeling is completed and the home is occupied; at which time the rate will return to the \$37.00 per month rate.

Resident Bob Lane asked the council if a permit was required to make improvements to a shed on his property. Council explained that as long as he was not enlarging the shed that no permit was required.

Resident Darla Buell asked the council if a permit was required to move a shed onto her property. The council review the current zoning regulations and found no permit regulations regarding the size of a shed. Council moved to set standards for any new sheds for the Village of Cecil. No permit will be required if the shed is on runners mak-

ing it movable and is no larger than a 10x12. Sizes larger than 10x12 will require a \$10.00 permit to set the shed on their property.

Review of August Bills and Acceptance of the August monthly management reports. Motion to accept as stated made by Julie McCloud and second by Mary Kupfersmith, vote to accept - all in favor - motion carried.

A 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, this was supplied by Susan Simpson. This resolution was given to all council members for their review. Motion to accept this resolution was made by Rolando Ceballos and second by Mary Kupfersmith, vote to accept this resolution and to file it with Paulding County Auditor office - all in favor - motion carried.

New Business:

The Waste Water Treatment plan is in need of some repairs to the aeration system. Industrial Fluid Management has provided an estimate to the village for the repairs. To repair the current system would be \$5,500.00; a less expensive alternative of a gas blower with a programmable timer and a diffuser assembly and header piping installation in the current post aeration basin for only \$1,195.00. Council woman Julie McCloud moved that we authorize IFM to install the alternative solution for \$1,195.00, second by Cathy Johnston, vote - all in favor, motion carried.

Council woman Mary Kupfersmith brought to the council the need for mowing of village properties to be done. Mr. David Steel has offered to mow the village properties for NO pay as long as he is able to use the Village mower. Council approved Mr. Steel for mowing and Clerk, Carlene Turner, will insure that Mr. Steel has access to the Village equipment.

Council woman Mary Kupfersmith also brought forth the need to contact property owners concerning their tall grass. This is a process that must pass through Law Enforcement as well as our village solicitor. Proper legal procedures must be adhered to in this matter.

There are new owners for two properties in town, Clerk, Carlene Turner will contact the Auditors' Office for the owners names and mailing address to contact them regarding outstanding sewer bills and re-connection fees.

Clerk, Carlene Turner, presented a One Day Seminar for New Village Clerks on October 19, 2007 in Perrysburg; put on by Mary Taylor, Auditor of State. Council approved this seminar at a cost of \$65.00 plus mileage.

Discussion was made regarding a Village Solicitor for the 2008 year. Clerk, Carlene Turner will make contact with Paulding Attorney's regarding fees and securing information for the council's approval.

Mayor Gene Sheets has offered to contact former Council woman, Ruth Elkins to obtain the Sewer Pumping Rotation list. Mrs. Elkins was maintaining an annual sewer pump list for rotation of all 88 units. Motion to adjourn the

meeting was made by Mary Kupfersmith and second by Cathy Johnston. Meeting was adjourned.

—Carlene A. Turner, Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Cecil

OAKWOOD REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Oakwood Town Council met in regular session on August 27, 2007. This is a summary of items discussed.

*Paulding Sheriff David Harrow discussed the Jail Levy.

*Bill Baker wanted to thank John and everyone who helped with sand bagging for his house.

*Ben Carnahan ready to join Fire Department. Cadet program required must be 16 years of age and a parent on Fire Department.

*The dock can't be put back this year, it's damaged too much to put up. Needs repaired.

*Dead tree on Walnut St. John said he will also be removing two stumps. True Vine will be doing that soon.

*Halloween trick-or-treating will be Tuesday, October 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Judging will be at the school.

*Health Insurance renewal up. All in favor to accept.

*EMS Coordinator would like to be paid for runs. Bill Baker states he should be paid for runs. Coordinator and Paramedic is two different jobs. Motion failed for a second.

Oakwood Police Department reported:

- prowler 1; domestic 1; breaking and entering 2; theft 2; motor vehicle accident 1; welfare check 1; reckless operation 2; suspicious person 1; criminal damaging 1; civil dispute 1; dog complaint 1; assist EMS department 7; information 5; miscellaneous 2; passing bad checks 1; personal service 1; trash complaint 3; telephone harassment 1.

Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department

To: Fire Chiefs Report to Oakwood Village Council
From: Chief Kenny Thomas

We request that Ben Carnahan be added to our roster. We would like to put him through Firefighter Training as soon as possible.

Pump tests were completed on all trucks by fire safety services in early July 2007 results concluded that all trucks were up to date. There were a couple of items found that do need attention. We would like to send our tanker #37 to their facility sometime in the fall. Chief Thomas is still waiting on estimates for the needed repairs.

Flag pole for the new fire station has been ordered and should be installed by Labor Day.

The department has had forty-three runs year to date.

The fire department will be hosting the following events for Labor Day, all of which will be held at the new fire station: Saturday, Bloodmobile at 9:00 a.m., Car show at 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sunday, Pancake and sausage Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Monday, Parade line up starting at 9:00 a.m., Water Ball tournament starting at 1:00 p.m.

We would like to thank everyone who assisted my department with the flood last week, I thought everyone worked well together. Our rescue boat was deployed on Wednesday of last week with

six members of the department. They were gone from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and rescued forty-seven victims of the Ottawa community.

The fire department was re-instated the cadet program with two active members, Emily Weller and Jessica Varner.

Oakwood EMS

At this time, the Oakwood EMS is operating smoothly. Several of our EMT's were able to assist, along with our boat, the victims in Ottawa's flooding. There is some damage to the boat and I will be checking into its repair. Two of our EMT's also rode along with Glandorf's Squads to give their crews a needed rest.

Thanks to Dolly we have several copies of our new protocols and they will be implemented at our next meeting August 30. Dr. Walker will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

We will have the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Fire Station on Saturday the first from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate can call ahead for an appointment or walk-ins are welcome. As always the EMS will be available during the holiday weekend to assist with any medical emergency. —Bill G. Baker, NREMT-P, Coordinator

Village Administrator Report to Council

*Aerators cleaned

*Hydrants flushed and maintained

*Several street lights repaired

*Currently repairing water leak in alley between Harmon and Main Streets by churches

*Brett Varner quit working for the Village effective 8-17-07

*Special "thank you" to all those who helped sand bag.

—John Keyes, Village Administrator

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HICKSVILLE—Have you lost someone you love and want to make a keepsake memory book full of their photographs and mementos? Or have you lost someone you care about but aren't comfortable talking about the loss? Then you might want to attend the Beyond Grief program on September 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Karen Smith will share insights and encouragement associated with loss. Diane Clark will be providing basic scrapbooking lessons and materials for the participants. "Come expecting to be encouraged and lifted up as you savor cherished memories while creating something unique," shared Clark.

Everyone is asked to bring 8-12 pictures with them to create the beginnings of a 6"x6" memory book. All participants are asked to bring, if you have them, ruler, scissors, paper cutter, and glue.

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