

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES EXCEPTIONAL SCORES

At Paulding County Hospital's recent board of trustees meeting CEO Gary Adkins updated members on quality improvements. "Customer survey reports were reviewed with exceptional scores reported from the emergency department," Adkins reported. "These scores are the highest since we began surveying our patients in 2004. 72 percent of critical access hospitals, whom we benchmark against, scored lower than Paulding County Hospital." The board also heard second quarter reports on legal compliance.

Adkins also told the board that the search continues for a replacement for Dr. Fishbaugh. "We are working with our ER physicians to provide a clinic to cover his former patients who have not been able to secure another doctor," Adkins said.

Adkins reported that an investigation is underway to revamp the Prime Care service, which includes renaming the urgent care emergency department service. "Obviously this will involve some community education with the goals being able to offer better service with better pricing," Adkins said.

Adkins also announced that Dr. Gerad will be adjusting his oncology clinic from half days every week to full days every other week. "This change will allow Dr. Gerad to concentrate on his Paulding patients for the entire day," he said.

The financial report was presented with a July net profit of \$18,146 and a year to date loss of \$717,828. "This loss has resulted from the impact of providing OB services," Adkins stated.

Adkins' report included:

—The construction project on the medical inpatient floor has begun. Bathrooms and windows are major target areas with added convenience to the patient as a primary goal.

—Adkins and occupational health director, Brenda Wieland, met with an occupational health provider to discuss providing BWC injured worker services and follow up care closer to home.

—CEO Adkins contacted Senator Sherrod Brown to lobby for inclusion in the 340B drug purchasing program for Critical Access Hospitals. This will provide for lower drug costs at Paulding County Hospital.

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LAKE – LOCKIE



Katie Lake and Jonathan Lockie would like to announce their upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be's parents are Chad and Krista Roth of Grover Hill. Katie graduated from Wayne Trace High School in 2005. She is a childcare provider at Bible Temple Christian Daycare in Toledo.

The groom-to-be's parents are Jay and Deb Lockie

of Grover Hill. Jonathan graduated from Ayersville High School in 2005 and is currently attending the University of Toledo, majoring in Mathematics Education. He is employed at UPS.

Jonathan and Katie will exchange vows on September 22 at the Zion United Methodist Church in Grover Hill.

PAULDING LIBRARY TO HOLD EARLY FALL BOOKSALE

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Extended hours are Saturday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, October 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Board of Elections office will be closed on Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of Elections by October 9th. Persons not certain of their registration validity may phone the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230, write, or stop in the office at 105 E Perry Street in Paulding.

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles

located at 119 W Perry Street in Paulding; hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition will hold its annual membership meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 from 12:00-1:30 at the Defiance County EMA Building located at 22491 Mill St. (Brunerburg). Lunch will be included.

Anyone interested in issues related to housing and homelessness and how they can help is encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Angie at 419-784-5136 ext. 1138 or afranklin@nocac.org

The agenda will include:
—Review of the mission and goals of the Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition
—Presentation by Cecily Rohrs, Understanding Poverty, Housing and Home-

lessness

—Announcement of June 2007 Point in Time Homeless Count Results

—Election of 2007/2008 Board members

The Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition (NWOHC) is a private non-profit organization with the mission to coordinate housing resources in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams, and Paulding counties to assist low to moderate income persons with special housing needs. To accomplish this mission, NWOHC pursues six goals.

1) Act with and on behalf of targeted populations to identify housing needs and to educate the public regarding these needs. 2) Identify and respond to target populations. 3) Develop and/or support the development of innovative housing programs oriented to meet the area's housing needs. 4) Actively network with other agencies to improve housing resource coordination. 5) Exercise any and all general corporate powers, expressly or implied granted by the laws of the State of Ohio to not-for-profit corporations in furthering any or all of the above general and specific purposes. 6) Facilitate and regularly update the Continuum of Care process that focuses on the housing and homelessness issues in the area.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
9/10 - Rosalie Koenn, Cecil; Delphos Weller, Oakwood
9/12 - Donald Stevenson, Paulding
9/13 - Marilyn Bell, Antwerp
9/14 - LaVern Ward, Payne
Dismissals:
9/12 - Delphos Weller, Oakwood
9/14 - LaVern Ward, Payne, transferred to Lutheran

4-H CARTEENS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Pictured are Kenneth Skeldon, Juvenile Court Judge DeMuth, Chelsea Holtsberry, Ashley Plummer, and Key Advisor Bob Miller.

The Paulding County CARTEENS Program awarded scholarships to Tyler Reese, Ashley Plummer and Kenneth Skeldon. These three youth consistently demonstrated commitment and dedication to the Paulding County 4-H CARTEENS Program since its inception in 2005.

The Paulding County CARTEENS (Cautious and Responsible Teens) main goal has been to inform teens of the dangers and risks involved with driving. This goal is reached mostly through Driver's Re-Education programs, taught jointly by CARTEENS and the Ohio State Patrol, where volunteers between the ages of 14 and 18 provide traffic safety education to first-time teen traffic offenders. Participants are involved in an interactive

program which demonstrates the effect of poor decision-making when operating or riding in a motor vehicle. One of these interactive programs includes Fatal Vision, where goggles are used to simulate the effect of drugs or alcohol on the mind and eyes. Teens serve as planners, facilitators, peer counselors, and teachers for the 4-H CARTEENS session. They also gain leadership, public speaking, and organizational skills.

To date, approximately 200 first time teen traffic offenders have participated in the program. Data collected from the 4-H CARTEENS participants indicate a significant reduction in second-time traffic offenses, increased use of safety belts, and an increased use of caution when driving.

GET A FLU SHOT AND GET IT AT THE RIGHT TIME!

Influenza season is rapidly approaching. It is time now to plan for getting your family's annual flu shots. The optimal time for receiving a flu shot is mid-October through November, however, physicians may choose to immunize high risk children and adults beginning in September. Because the peak flu season generally lasts through March and sometimes into April, it is important not to receive your flu shot too early in order to assure you are protected throughout the whole flu season.

Influenza is a respiratory illness, characterized by headache, fever, cough and body aches and tiredness. Generally flu season lasts from November through May, with the peak occurring in February. Protection from influenza vaccine peaks two weeks after vaccination and will wane (diminish) over the course of six months (FluMist nasal spray vaccine provides protection for up to a year), thus the reason for needing yearly boosters. If vaccination is received too soon, you may not be protected for the entire flu season. Children aged six months to nine years who have not been previously vaccinated with two doses of flu vaccine in a one year time-span may need two doses of vaccine. For other children up to nine years of age only one dose (beginning in mid-October) is needed.

While influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons over 6 months of age, the following are considered high risk and should make flu shots a priority:

- persons over 50 years of age
- persons less than 50

years of age with any high risk or chronic condition (cardiac or respiratory ailments, immune deficiencies)

- children aged 6 to 59 months
- health care workers
- pregnant women at any stage
- household contacts and out of home caregivers of persons at high risk (this includes parents and other caretakers of children aged 0 to 59 months)

In addition to vaccination, the best ways to prevent the flu, and the spread of flu, are to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, avoid crowded situations during peak flu season (try to keep at least three feet distance between yourself and others) and stay at home if you are ill. Adults can be infectious a day before their symptoms start, and children can be infectious several days before their symptoms start.

FluMist (flu vaccine given as a nasal spray) will again be available through the Paulding County Health Department and at their clinics. This vaccine is for those from five years through 49 years of age who do not have medical problems and are not pregnant.

Please think seriously about getting the flu vaccine for yourself and your loved ones. Prevent the 200,000 hospitalizations and the 36,000 deaths that occur per year in the U.S. due to flu disease.

Watch your local paper for further information on dates and times of flu vaccination clinics. For more information on influenza prevention, go online to www.cdc.gov/flu. You may call Paulding County Health Department with questions at 419-399-3921 or 1-866-399-3921 (toll free).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a taxpayer, I rejoice that the Mental Health -Substance Abuse Levy on the ballot in Van Wert, Mercer, and Paulding Counties will require no new taxes. It is a one-mill levy approved by all three counties in 1987. It was approved by a 60 percent majority in 1997, and has not been increased in twenty years. On November 6, we are once more asked to approve this replacement levy. Ninety-three per cent of every levy dollar is spent to provide services to local individuals and families.

State and Federal dollars simply do NOT meet the needs of our communities. Also, the communities are required to provide 'matching funds' in order to receive the state and federal money. Assistance is desperately needed by families who lack adequate income for necessary services. The local Mental Health system is responsive to people's needs. It addresses social and behavioral problems within the community which are linked to unemployment and broken families. Treatment helps people become productive, tax-paying citizens. It saves tax money by preventing more serious social problems, and it improves the quality of life for individuals.

Some of the services provided by our levy dollars are Mental Health and Drug Abuse treatment at the local level, 24/7 emergency services, residential homes, efficiency apartments, a recreational center for mental health consumers, support groups, children's services, professional treatment, counseling, etc. The agencies are certified by the Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction services and reviewed annually by the Tri-County ADAMHS Board for quality and cost control.

Please vote "yes" for the Mental Health-Substance Abuse Replacement Levy.

—Joan Buchman
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again we are being pushed to approve more taxes in Paulding (political terms call them levies). The trouble is that we can't afford more taxes! Before we can pay taxes and our bills we have to earn the money to pay them. With a lousy economy and gas prices at record highs all year, (especially in Paulding) it's hard to have extra money! In short, we are taxed to death in Paulding. Then there is our outrageous property tax! Why so high?! Brad Dysinger has recently had editorials about the shrinking population in Paulding. Why? Simply, people can't afford to live here. I've been told that by people who have moved but come back to visit! Drive around town and look at all the houses for sale, read the paper and see the people losing their houses! As far as Paulding being the most affordable place to live, what a twist of words! Sure you can buy the house but the taxes and hidden costs will get you! This is no way to help a town grow and prosper. By constantly bleeding people's income that they are having a hard time earning in the first place?

I recently was talking to some people who moved to Paulding from Defiance. They like the town but are paying twice the property tax as they were in Defiance and found this shocking. I myself have given up a couple of activities I enjoyed because I can no longer afford them. I also do a lot of shopping out of town because I can buy cheaper. Like a lot of people I would like to buy more here but I'm also trying to survive and pay bills.

Why not divert some property tax money to the levies? Or since gas is higher in Paulding by 7-10 cents, why not get the gas companies to donate this! These levies were voted down before for the same reason! We can't afford anymore taxes. People can only take so much and we have been taxed to the limit!

—Gregg Gorman

Paulding County Hospital offers CPR Classes
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- Tuesday, Oct. 2
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FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL: A GREAT TIME FOR ALL AGES

By: Sue Knapp

I'm sorry to confess that this is the first time I visited the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. I had such a good time, I went twice and would have liked to camp there.

Vendors came from all over and, of course, locally. They had a variety of wares to tempt any interest, including demonstrations of log carving, broom making and blacksmithing plus many others. You could ride



in a covered wagon or carriage pulled by draft horses. The kids had rides on the 'Pumpkin Express'.

Favorite food and drinks were everywhere and with the reasonable prices it was easy to indulge.

There were antique tractor pulls, polka and square dancing, and light and heavy weight horse pulling. People were riding around on Kushmans, golf carts, gators and high wheeled bicycles. There were strollers with babies and even one stroller with a cute little dog.

The dogs that were visiting the festival looked to be having a good time receiving a lot of attention and petting from passers-by. Everyone was having a good time, visiting with each other, watching the entertainment



and, of course, eating.

The Festival boasted entertainment from both locally and further away. In attendance was plenty of police and for extra protection Barney Fife and Gomer Pyle, along with their squad car, was on the premises handing out warnings and just making sure things were kept under control. They interacted largely with the crowd and with the entertainment. Barney had his bullet, just in case, and Gomer was, well, Gomer.

The entertainment was excellent with Paulding County's own Harmonica John and Nancy with Vaughn Sanderson on the bones and guitar. Spittin' Image was well worth watching, not only were

they great entertainers but they included the audience and sang all types of songs hitting the interests of everyone.

Spike and the Bulldogs are always a huge attraction and the Wesley Linenkugel Band played beautiful on the dulcimer, The Prengers and Rollie's Boys entertained plus there was a gentleman who meandered around with a saxophone.

The weather was perfect with low humidity, cool temperatures with virtually no flies or bees. The crowd was having a good time and the atmosphere was filled with excitement not only from the adults but from the children. One young boy from a boy scout tent was clogging to the music across from him. He was doing a pretty good job. One person was overheard saying they'd rather be at the Flat Rock Creek Festival than

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL: PAULDING VS. SPENCERVILLE

Spencerville upset Paulding Friday night, September 14 in High School football action. Final score was Spencerville 30, Paulding 14.

TeamStats:

Paulding - first downs 14, rushing attempts 40, rushing yards 99, passing yards 135, total offense 234, pass attempts 29, pass completions 11, had intercepted 1, fumbles-lost 0-0, punts-average 5-31, penalties-yards 2-10, time of possession 25:23, third down conversions 6-16, fourth down conversions 1-4

Spencerville - first downs 13, rushing attempts 38, rushing yards 167, passing yards 162, total offense 329, pass attempts 15, pass completions 11, had intercepted 0, fumbles-lost 3-2, punts-average 5-33, penalties-yards 5-63, time of possession 22:37, third down conversions 2-9, fourth down conversions 1-1

Score by Quarters:
Paulding 0 7 0 7 = 14
Spencerville 0 21 7 2 = 30

Scoring Summary:
Paulding - Haden Sholl 22 yd. pass to Jordan Phlipot (Cameron Owens kick), 9:23 2nd.

Spencerville - Ben Hatfield 8 yd. run (Alex Stanfield kick), 5:47 2nd.

Spencerville - Ben Hatfield 6 yd. run (kick failed), 3:15 2nd.

Spencerville - Brandon Suerer 55 yd. pass to Ben Hatfield (Adam Wolfe pass to Tyler Keysor), :32 2nd.

Spencerville - Adam Wolfe 10 yd. pass to Tyler Keysor (Alex Stanfield kick), 8:32 3rd.

Spencerville - Safety (tackle in endzone), 9:39 4th.

Paulding - Haden Sholl 10 yd. pass to Jordan Phlipot (Cameron Owens kick), 7:01 4th.

DIABETES PROGRAM IN PAULDING COUNTY

Holidays are right around the corner and now is the time to plan ahead and keep those blood sugar levels under control! Joyce Svoboda, Registered Dietician, Director of Food and Nutrition for Paulding County Hospital, Sylvia Altenburger, OSU Extension Educator for Paulding County and Linda Hankinson, LPN and Wellness Coordinator for Village Apothecary are all pleased to be working together with Kris Euler, Roche Diagnostics Corporation to present this special program.

Dates: October 4, Healthy Habits: Good Carbs, Better Carbs; November 1, Healthy Habits: When You Know Your Numbers, You're in Control; November 28, Cooking Right for the Holidays

These programs will be presented at the Paulding County Senior Center in Paulding. All presentations will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 11:30 a.m. Be sure to let the center know if you plan to stay for lunch!

To register, call the Paulding County Extension Office at 419-399-8225. Classes are free, but seating is limited. Roche will be providing free meters. Random blood sugar testing and blood pressure checks will be available at all presentations. There will be time to answer questions, and a great combination of expertise available.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Another year has gone by and if you have not had a blood profile drawn this year, its time. Preparations have been completed for this year's fair. It is to be held the first Saturday in October, the 6th, at Antwerp United Methodist Church.

The lab techs from Paulding Hospital will be there. We will again have the hearing screening and blood pressure screening. Flu vaccine will be available. Home health nurses will check for precancerous lesions that are caused by sun damage.

Other health service providers will also be available as we have had in the past.

A brunch will be available. (free will offering).

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the Johnny Appleseed Festival. People attended from all over and were not shy about joining in the festivities.

Kudos go to the organizers and those who helped plan, organize and work the festival. It was great and I, for one, can't wait for next year. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Competitive Applications of the CCIP (21st Century Grant).

**Accepted and approved appropriations for the FY08 Ohio CORE Grant in the amount of \$150,000.

**Approved ASCD annual membership for Chris Feichter and Jody Dunham.

**Approved out of state attendance at the Teaching American History New Grantee Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 17-19 for Chris Feichter, Carol Swary, Matthew Krites and Kristine Stuart. Expenses for the meeting will be paid out of the Teaching American History and Black Swamp Teaching American History Grants.

**Approved a policy revision to update Policy OPERATIONS 1810 to include the mandatory training in Public Record Law for Governing Board members or their designees.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on October 11, 2007 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

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Vantage Student Ambassadors Katie Diment (Parkway), Steven Carlisle (Antwerp) and Tricia Utterback (Wayne Trace) smile for the camera along with Vantage principal Keith Rydell and ambassador advisor Marcia Osenga, during a planning meeting in July at Van Wert's Camp Clay.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENT AMBASSADORS

As another school year begins, I would like to introduce you to an exceptional group of Vantage students - the Ambassadors.

Last March, about 30 soon-to-be-seniors were hand-selected, at the recommendation of their teachers, to accept a leadership role and represent Vantage at different events and activities at school and in their home communities. In addition to serving the school in a student-leader role, meetings provide the students with focused leadership

and organizational skills.

Throughout the school year, these students will serve as tour guides when there are visitors to the building. They were on hand during new student/parent orientation a few weeks ago to help direct our newcomers to their labs and classrooms. In January, some of these students will share their story when we visit our participating schools and talk to sophomores about the opportunities at Vantage.

This dedicated group of students even met during the summer to plan and organize the annual Vantage Team-Building Day which took place on Thursday, Septem-

ber 6. From noon - 2:00 p.m., students and staff took part in a variety of different outdoor activities, geared to help students from thirteen different schools get acquainted with each other. Although only two hours long, student ambassadors began planning this event last spring.

Tyler Miller, a Carpentry senior from Lincolnview enjoys being a student ambassador. "It's a good experience - we have a lot of fun too." Calvin Sinn, an Ag Diesel senior from Wayne Trace thinks being an ambassador is a good learning experience. "We get to build on and use our leadership skills," said Jeremy Ewing, a senior from Van Wert in the Precision Machining program. Tricia Utterback, a Wayne Trace senior in the Business Information Technology program said, "I'm proud to be a student ambassador - It's a great opportunity for me. I enjoy serving as a tour guide and shadow host to guests in the building and representing Vantage."

Currently, all ambassadors are seniors. At the end of the first semester, teachers will recommend junior students who will be invited to participate in the group. Vantage is very proud of the 2007-2008 student ambassadors. They are: Nathan Arn, Brooke Baker, Ryan Bickle, Kari Burgei, Steven Carlisle, Katie Diment, Casey Dull, Emily Erhart, Jeremy Ewing, Paige Fischbach, Sean Fischnich, Brent Hoersten, Amanda Horstman, Timna Klopfenstein, Josh Ladd, Janine Link, Tyler Lucas, Tyler Miller, George Miller, Jennifer Roberts, Ashly Rogers, Tiffany Siefker, Calvin Sinn, Megan Taylor, Tricia Utterback, Rusty Warnecke, Andrew Wilt and Jacob York. Advisors for the group are Dee Howell, Adam Lee, Marcia Osenga, Ben Winans and Maryjo Wilhelm.



JUSTIN DONAT PARTICIPATES IN ALL OHIO STATE FAIR BAND

Justin Donat, a junior at Antwerp High School, has recently returned from two weeks participation in The All Ohio State Fair Band during the state fair in Columbus.

Justin marched with the band carrying an Ohio State flag during the day with the red band. He played oboe with the concert band during their performances.

Being chosen as a member of The All Ohio State Fair Band was based on his band directors recommendation and his participation in the District III honors band during his sophomore year.

Justin was awarded Antwerp's outstanding sophomore band member last year. This year Justin is the new drum major for the Antwerp High School Band.

Justin also plays piano at the United Methodist Church on the first and second Sundays of every month, and he plays once a month at the Georgetown Retirement Center. Justin is currently attending Northwest State Community College, and working at the IGA in Antwerp after school.

BOB SMALLWOOD WINS RAFFLE



Bob Smallwood, of Antwerp, is the winner of the quilt raffled by Star Quilters of Fort Wayne to support their charities. The winning ticket was sold by Iris Woodcox.

Our club donated \$200.00

to Squad #41 (at the bank). Thanks to all of you who bought tickets. Next year's quilt will be the "Autumn Leaf".

God Bless All of You!
—Iris Woodcox

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The program is free and is open to both children and adults. Bobbi Sinn will lead the program. She will share her knowledge of conservation practices for wetlands, wind breaks, and quail habitats. Bobbi will also share her passion for Riparian areas and the two acres of walnut trees and three and a half acres of oak and cypress trees that she has planted to ensure "green" areas for future generations.

For more information on the Wetland Conservation Workshop or to register for it, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

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FEAR FACTOR

By: Tommi Stahl

Sorry that I have not had any articles in the paper for a while. I have been extremely busy with school and with the coolest thing ever—Fear Factor.

While the Labor Day weekend in Oakwood was going on an event took place called "Fear Factor" and I was in it. The first thing we had to eat was mixed veggies, then cream corn mixed with spinach, marshmallows mixed with oatmeal, live worms, gummy worms covered in mayo, and last was a hot dog with tomato juice, vinegar, whipped cream and raisins. Tyler Fry came in first place and I came in second place. I think we both did really well.

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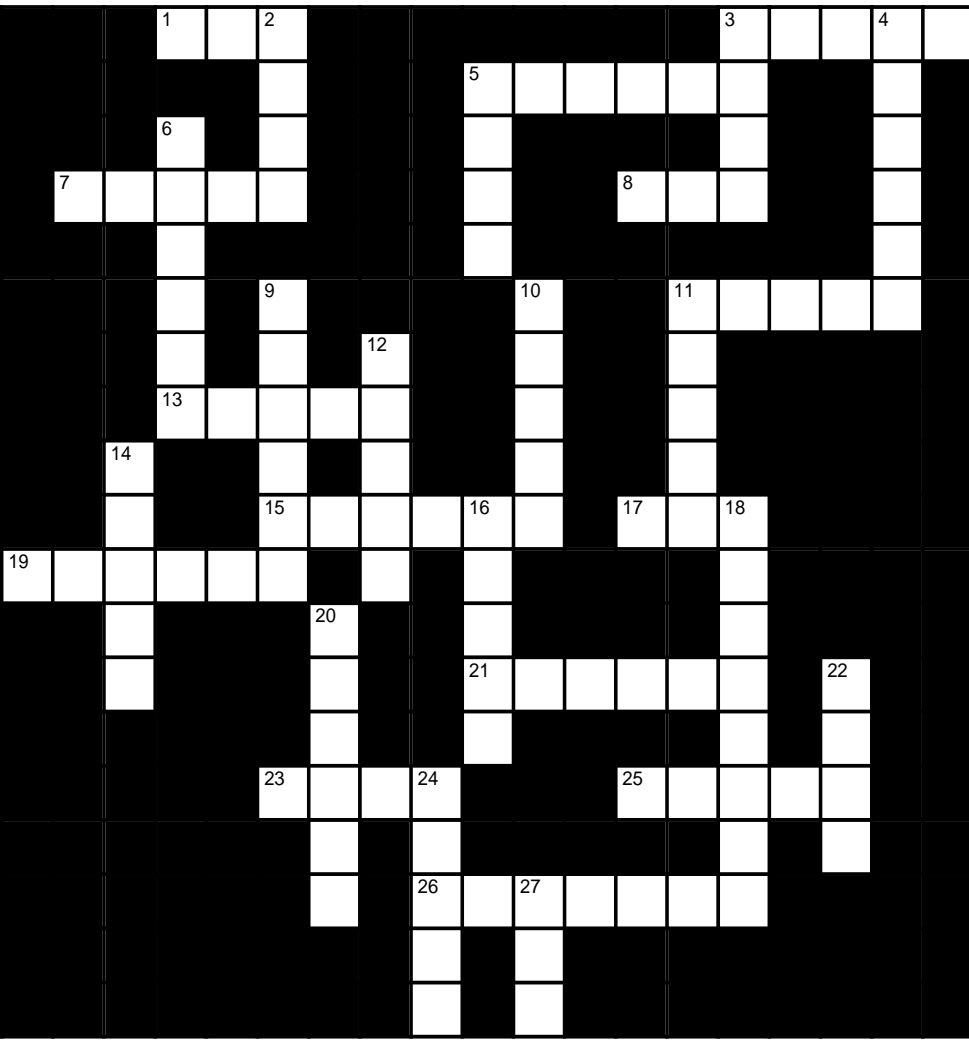
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Crossword Puzzle

Directions for this crossword: Finish the name of the U.S. brand. Use the clue provided!!



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- 1. Snap, Crackle, ____ (Weaver)
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- 5. ____ Juice (vine-ripened)
- 7. ____ Jacks (Adam's)
- 8. ____ Dry (Lear)
- 11. ____ Steaks (beat)
- 13. ____ Onions (environmentally friendly)
- 15. Goat ____ (horn)
- 17. Slim ____ (Dandy)
- 19. ____ Brite (tape)
- 21. ____ Bread (grapes)
- 23. ____ Ups (Truck)
- 25. ____ Jewel (popcorn variety)
- 26. ____ and Noodles (scaredy cat)

Down

- 2. ____ Sol (forest)
- 3. ____ Beer (tubular)
- 4. ____ Ham (cut)
- 5. ____ Fish (Charlie)
- 6. ____ Water (season)
- 9. ____ Fries (Oui, Oui)
- 10. ____ Fryers (all)
- 11. ____ Beans (cold)
- 12. ____ Soft (Touched by An)
- 14. ____ Sugar (tanned)
- 16. ____ Ribs (Tire)
- 18. ____ Dew (Black)
- 20. ____ Beef (Walk on it)
- 22. ____ Mixes (soap)
- 24. ____ Charms (Irish)
- 27. ____ Cream (Cube)



By: Chelsea Vail

Got spirit? Let's see it! Homecoming week is fast approaching, meaning we all once again have the opportunity to make complete goobers of ourselves in the name of school spirit. Now, that's something to cheer about!

We'll kick off the week with Favorite Music Day, for which one can dress up like a rock star, dress down like a country artist, wear his or her favorite concert tee, or get creative and represent a less ubiquitous musical genre. In preparation for Tuesday's theme, students can raid their parents' closets for Fashion Disaster Day (kidding!), and wear the chosen class color on Wednesday, designated Class Unity Day. Thursday, Camouflage Day is the perfect opportunity for you hunters out there to strut your stuff, and Friday, of course, is Crazy Blue and White Day. Yes, we are loony. The fact remains, though, that we just can't hide that Archer pride!

If you happen to be looking for a less, say, fanatical approach to declaring your allegiance to the Antwerp, the Yearbook-sponsored apparel fund-raiser may be just the ticket! Order forms for Archer t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and zip-up hooded sweatshirts are available in the high school and elementary offices, and should be turned in no later than this Friday, September 21. Go ahead, you know you want one.

JH Volleyball: September 20, 4:30, Fairview; September 24, 4:30, @ Stryker; September 25, 4:30, Wayne Trace

JH Football: September 25, 7:00, Hicksville

JV Football: September 24, 4:30, @ Fairview

Varsity Girls Golf: September 25, 4:30, @ Edon

Varsity Boys Golf: September 20, 4:30, @ Fayette; September 22, TBA, @ Bryan Invitational; September 24, 4:30, Ayersville

Varsity Cross Country: September 22, 8:00, @ Van Wert Invitational; September 25, 5:00, @ Wayne Trace/Ayersville/Fairview/Ottoville

Varsity Volleyball: September 20, 6:00, Woodlan; September 25, 6:00, @ Ayersville

Varsity Football: September 21, 7:30, @ Fairview

Word of the Week: Venerate (VEN-uh-rayt) transitive verb

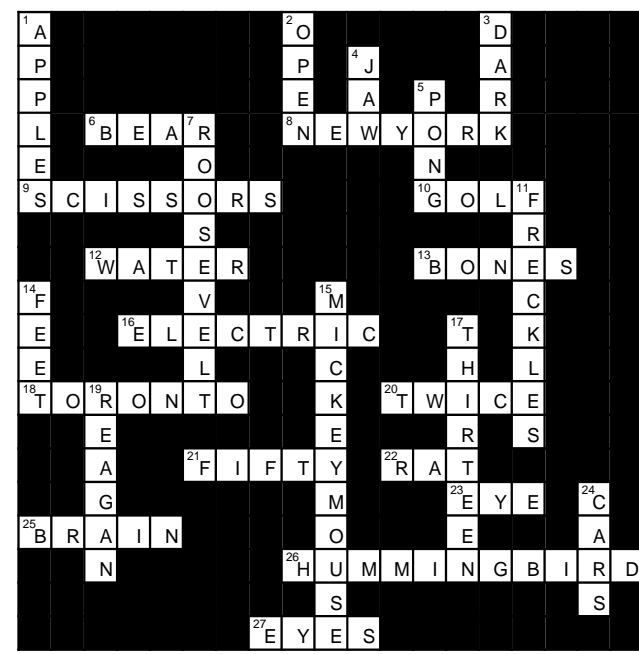
1. To treat someone or something with deep respect or deference

2. To revere

Example: "Seeing many members of the much-venerated Antwerp teaching staff wholeheartedly participate in Spirit Week alongside the students is quite amusing."

Stop back next week for more on the Homecoming festivities, including the official scoop on the dance theme, court, and the parade. It's already shaping up to be a FANTASTIC event. Be a part of it!

Last Week's answers to "Trivia Tidbits"



Antwerp played a good game against Tinora on Friday. The Archers were ahead until the last quarter when Tinora scored 2 touchdowns to win 21-12. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

By: Sue Knapp

The American Heritage Girls are a Christian organization founded in 1995 in Cincinnati, OH by a group of women that wanted something different for their daughters. The organization centers on God, family, country and community.

American Heritage Girls has a troop in Antwerp, it is in its second year. The troop consists of five age groups: Kindergarten called Pathfinders win beads for their completed projects. By the end of the year they will have a completed bead necklace. Grades 1-3 are called Tenderfoots, 4-6 are called Explorers, 7-8 are called Pioneers, 9-12 are called Patriots. There is also a badge that the older girls can work for called "The Stars and Stripes Award" which is the equivalent to the Eagle Scout. There is also a Religious Badge that stresses faith and involves a community service badge. The girls earn badges on completion of their project.

Shelly Burns is the chairman, Judy Hamman is the co-chairman and there are two leaders for each age group. The troop has three fund-raisers a year with all monies raised staying in the local community. The money goes for scholarships, day to day operations and helps pay for field trips, etc.

The girls participate in the community by giving help where needed. They were a big help in getting Riverside Park ready for A Day in the Park. They picked-up where needed and even scrubbed the bench-

es. They were praised highly by Dan Pierce on the work done there. They will have a booth at the United Methodist Church Craft Show this year. They will provide babysitting for those ladies who would like to browse without their children. They help the boy scouts deliver and pick up the bags for the local food pantry. At meetings they discuss what they've done to help someone that week. They want to bake and box cookies to send to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan at Christmas.

The meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month during the school season. They are from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Antwerp and is open to all girls regardless of faith. The next meeting is on September 27 and you are invited to attend and see what it is all about. You may call Shelly Burns at 419-258-2373.

CHERYL BAKER EARNS CPHT STATUS

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), has announced that Cheryl R. Baker, Payne, Ohio, has earned the National Certified Pharmacy Technician Status (CPHT).

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

These pictures today are out of the Otto Ehrhart Archives and are loaned to us by Lucille Seslar.

The one picture shows the Old River Bridge at the time of the 1913 flood. I assume Mr. Ehrhart was standing on the north end of the bridge on the west side pointing his



camera to the south. I have heard the old timers say that you could lay on your belly on the floor of the bridge and touch the water. From what I can see, that was possible. I have seen the Maumee River plenty high a number of times but nothing like the picture.

If you go north on SR 49 from the corporation limit about 300 yards on the east side you will see some light poles that carry power to Weatherhead. On one of those poles is a small box-like affair with a strap holding it to the pole. Well, when I traveled my route each day I would watch those poles in high water time and on some occasions I have seen that box covered with water, but not by much, and that was a long ways from the 1913 level.

The next picture is of the building of the present Maumee River Bridge. This was

being built about 1951 or 1952. This was taken from the north end and shows the old 1912 bridge being used until the new one was finished. The Ruckman and Hansen Construction Co., from Fort Wayne, did the steel work. I knew some of these boys. Bob, Russell and Charlie Thompson, Joe Powell, Roy Swing, Ross Knapp, Phil Ruckman, Virgil Knapp and a number of men from Scipio Township. That bridge has served us 55 years and is in good shape.

On the old bridge, the road was curved when coming from the north, from over about where the new bridge sits. You could not always see if a vehicle was coming from the south. Two farm trucks could pass on that bridge but usually your outside rear view mirror would get bent. But it got the job done.

In those years, in the 1930's, the south bank under the bridge was a dandy



sand bar. Just like a beach. I remember people being baptized in that place.

This other picture was taken on March 26, 1913. Now it was taken on US 24 West, right at the edge of town where the river bank, road and railroad all are very close together. That group of trees you see in the background is what some people called 'Harry Stiner's Island'. The man with the shovel is Henry Helsel. At

that time it was his job to keep the railroad water tank full at all times. That tank was right up the hill behind us and up against the track. Now, I grew up on the southeast side of town, I knew about the water tank and didn't bother it, but some of the neighborhood boys would swim in it in the summer.

This picture shows all of the pumping machinery covered with water. When I was a boy they had built a pumping station on the flat ground where we are standing. But I imagine the pumps were down closer to the water's edge, as you can pump or push water a lot farther than you can lift it. The other man with that shot gun is Julius Horn.

Lucille tells me that was her father and he was probably shooting ducks as that was one of his enjoyments.

If you would like some more first hand information

about the old water tank and the pumping station either one of the Hertel boys, Bake or Mike, can tell you more than I can as they grew up in that area. Those boys are very interesting to talk to.

Later on, Mr. Helsel passed away and MR. Floyd Harris lived close by there and became in charge of the pumping systems.

See, Ya!

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE 478 NEWS

RWB Walter T. Schilb opened a Lodge of Master Mason and the Pledge was given. This was the first meeting after going dark and there was an abundance of business to take care of.

Get well cards were signed and sent to Jim Wonderly, Mildred Ringer, and Fred Shaffer. Likewise, birthday cards for Randy Brooks Sr. September 18, Dick Evans September 8, Ron Farnsworth September 23, Ron Gump September 12, Lee Kallsen September 26, Mike Langham September 27, Tom Metz September 26, Donn Snell September 21, and Joe Stotler will be sent out.

RWB Schilb recognized the 15 Past Masters in attendance. He also asked the Fifty-Year members to stand up and count off. There were a total of eight that included Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Doyle Johnson, Derrill Kline, Estel Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox, Charles Carey, Wayne Carr, and Johnny Mason of Concord Lodge in Spencerville, IN. This represents well over 400 years of Masonry. Others in attendance included Russell St. John, Jim Miller, Bryon Rasey, George Underwood, Fred Leavell, Justin Krohn, Grover Blalock, Scott Ruppert, Jim Kline, Lee Kallsen, Norm Byers, Walter Schilb, Bill Metz, Dean Phillips, and visitor from Concord Lodge in Spencerville, IN John Hickman.

Cards were read from Ruby Berenyi and Kelly Finzer. It was reported that a Hicksville Lodge History was being written and will be sent to Grand Lodge. It will include all locations of Hicksville Lodge since it charter, members that have been recognized in Masonry, and anyone that received various awards.

Once again it was voted and approved to sponsor our Hicksville Soccer Team this fall. This will be the 4th consecutive year that Hicksville Masonic Lodge will once again buy shirts for 12 deserving young soccer players. The H.Y.S.A. has organized games every Saturday in the fall at the park.

In other business it was suggested that the Lodge once again start up the Free Breakfast Program in October that will be open to the public. This will include a free breakfast as well as a time to have the public tour the Lodge in Hicksville. There was much discussion about the repairs made to the roof and painting that needs to be done. The Temple board will continue its inspection of the roof, repair the back wall in the kitchen, and paint the walls in the Lodge room.

Next meeting: September 26th. Agenda "Fish Fry". The annual "Fish Fry" will be held at Tim Betts' ranch on Jericho road on September 26. Serving will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special meeting at the Lodge commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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Ohio currently does not require any pharmacy technician to be certified. Most of the retail pharmacies offer "their drug store chain only" certification after several months of employment.

Cheryl is employed by Rite Aid Pharmacy in Paulding, OH.



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of Steve and Sue Knapp and one of their grandchildren, Josiah Knapp. Steve and Sue are part owners of West Bend News.

Steve was born in 1948 over in Indiana. He was the youngest of eight children of Ross and Mary Knapp. He started school in Center Scipio. When they closed that school he went to Harlan.

His mother was a Sunday girl from Antwerp. Her parents lived on SR 49 south about across from what is now Country Times Market. Her folks were Al and Dora Sunday.

Ross and Mary ran a country store just west of the South Scipio Church. Ross passed away early in life and Mary continued to manage the store. She found full time employment at Woodburn Diamond Die, so the family moved there in about 1963.

Steve finished his schooling there in 1966. He worked about 12 years for Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp.

He married Sue Bradway in 1967. She was born in South Bend, IN in 1948. She went to school in Fort Wayne, Garrett and Kokomo and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1966.

They have four children. Mike lives here in Antwerp with his wife, Lisa, and son Cody and is very active in the Antwerp Fire Department

and the E.M.S. Michelle lives on the County Line Road with her husband, Russ, and daughters, Kayla and Kaycee. Shawn and his wife, Amy live by Newville, IN with their children, Josiah, Elijah, Olivia, Samuel, Gabriel, Seth and Titus. Troy and his wife, Eshell, live by Marquette, MI—that's in the Upper Peninsula. Their children are Ross, Brookelyn, Dylan, Abigail, Grace, Susanna and Isaiah, who went to be with the Lord.

Sue has worked retail and also at Harlan Christian School.

I asked them, "How did you come up with the name The West Bend News," and this is what they told me. Paulding County is in the western part of the state and the Maumee River makes a big bend right around here, so, The West Bend News.

They entered in the business with Bryce and Angel Steiner in 2005, a new venture for everybody.

The paper is ready for the printer on Monday night. It is sent to KPC in Kendallville electronically at that time. Steve picks up Josiah and they pick up about 10,000 copies on Tuesday A.M. They are delivered to all the post offices in the county and some in Defiance and Hicksville. Most people get the paper on Wednesday.

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WAYNE TRACE HOMECOMING 2007

Wayne Trace hosted Hicksville for its 2007 Homecoming game on Friday, September 14. The Raiders pulled off a victorious evening against the Aces in an upset of 48 - 7.

During the pregame ceremonies, senior Hannah Stoller was crowned queen while senior Zach Gerber was crowned king.

The court members are:
 Front (l-r) - Crown bearer, Abby Schaper; Freshman Attendant, Abbey Linder; Sophomore Attendant, Rylee Ulm; Senior Attendant, Kendra Liggett; Queen Hannah Stoller; Senior Attendant, Nicki Lay; Junior Attendant, Marla Sinn.

Back (l-r) - Freshman Attendant, Gage Critten; Sophomore Attendant, Henk Akkerman; Senior Attendant, Austin Newcomb; King Zach Gerber; Senior Attendant, Ryan Davis; Junior Attendant, Arthur Stoller.

Hannah Stoller is the daughter of Todd and Pam Stoller. Hannah has been a member of Student Council for four years and is currently serving as president. She is a member of her church youth group and is involved in community service. She is employed at Payne Super Valu. After high school Hannah plans to attend college to study dental hygiene.

Zach Gerber is the son of Brian and Anne Gerber. Zach is currently vice president of Student Council, a member of National Honor Society, and editor-in-chief of the 2008 yearbook. He is a two-year letterman of the varsity football team. Zach participates in various service and community projects and is employed at Payne Super Valu. He is also a member of St. John's Church in Payne where he is a mass server.



Homecoming court pictures provided by Anne Gerber



The Raiders flattened the Aces at Wayne Trace's Homecoming. Kyle Bostelman shown here tackling a member of Hicksville's team. Final score was 48-7. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



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Lunch:
 9/19 - (right line) General tso chicken with rice, brownies, corn, milk; (left line) Cheeseburger, fries; Ala Carte - Chef salad or nacho cheese & chips

9/20 - (right line) Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, cinnamon rolls, carrots, milk; (left line) Fish sandwich; Ala Carte - Breaded chicken breast salad, muffin, chef salad or nacho cheese & chips

9/21 - (right line) Sloppy jo sandwich, tator tots, cinnamon graham cookie, broccoli, milk; (left line) Sausage, egg & cheese sandwich; Ala Carte - Chef salad or nacho cheese & chips

9/24 - (right line) Sicilian sub, baked beans, g-force bar, mixed vegetables, milk; (left line) Chicken nuggets; Ala Carte - Chef salad or nacho cheese & chips

9/25 - (right line) Create your own dog day, potato chips, apple cake, peas, milk; (left line) Lasagna with garlic bread; Ala Carte - Popcorn specialty salad, chef salad or nacho cheese & chips

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: OTTOVILLE VS. WAYNE TRACE

Thursday, September 13 saw Ottoville over Wayne Trace 25-11, 25-23, 21-25, 25-15 in High School volleyball action.

Individual Wayne Trace stats:

- Sara Priest - 18-27 hitting, 11 kills, four blocks
 - Natalie Snyder - 25-32 hitting, 12 kills, 16-17 serving, 2 aces
 - Krista Germann - 100-107 setting, 31 assists
 - Kristi Wenninger - nine digs
 - Katie Buehrer - 13-18 hitting, three kills, 13 digs, 11-11 serving
- Wayne Trace is now 1-5 on the season
 JV - Wayne Trace 25-20, 25-21
 Wayne Trace is now 4-2

GIRLS GOLF: WAYNE TRACE VS. LIMA SHAWNEE

Girls golf teed off at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Payne on Thursday, September 13.

The course ended in this score: Wayne Trace 200, Lima Shawnee 202.

Wayne Trace - Gabrielle Hook 42, Shelby Critten 48, Kacey Hockenberry 53, Elyse Myers 57

Lima Shawnee - Kate Hoops 41, Allie Johnson 67, Amy Burg 52, Katie Allen 63, Morgan Aikens 49, Allie Cole

Wayne Trace is now 5-5
 Wayne Trace JV - Kaitlin Hughes 59, Courtney Hicks 61, Lynn Bidlack 52, Jo Ellen Fickel 57, Brittany Wilcox 52, Aryn Denny 63, Jordin Jackson 54

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF: BELLMONT (IN) VS. WAYNE TRACE

High School Girls golf teed off on Wednesday, September 12 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Payne.

Team scores:
 Bellmont (IN) 167, Wayne Trace 213

Individual scores:
 Bellmont - Kaitlyn Geyer 40, Breigh Elder 41, Audrey Ortiz 42, Mallory Phegley 44
 Wayne Trace - Kacey Hockenberry 49, Elyse Myers 54, Shelby Critten 55, Gabrielle Hook 55

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING

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. and cost for the day includes green fees, meal and door prizes. This is a nine-hole event.

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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. MCCOMB & MILLER CITY

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Scores for the day:
 McComb over Wayne Trace 25-21, 13-25, 25-22; Wayne Trace over Miller City 25-20, 13-25, 26-24

Stats for day:
 Krista Germann 114-120 setting, 35 assists; Maria Schaefer 48-49 setting, 14 assists; Kristi Wenninger 13 digs, 18-22 hitting, 8 kills; Natalie Snyder 5 blocks, 34-38 hitting, 16 kills; Kelly Janka 34-36 hitting, 15 kills; Sara Priest 21-21 passing, 21-24 serve reception
 Wayne Trace is now 2-6.

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COUNTRY INN ENHANCED LIVING CENTER

By: Sue Knapp

The Country Inn Enhanced Living Center held a three year celebration on Saturday, September 15. Residents and families enjoyed a cook-out prepared by the kitchen staff. Lucy, frequent visitor and pet mascot (she's a dog), was also included in the festivities. It was a beautiful day with cooler temperatures and big white fluffy clouds

against a clear blue sky.

The atmosphere at the Country Inn was peaceful, elegant and inviting. It boasted a quiet country setting with rocking chairs on the front porch. You could hear the birds, sight different animals and watch the sunset or sunrise with an uninterrupted view.

The Country Inn is a non-profit assisted living facility affiliated with the Apostolic Christian Church. There are four different size rooms to

choose from and four different levels of care. The activities director makes sure that the physical, mental and social well-being needs of the residents are met. There is also a beautician for the residents.

LuAnn Mealer, Director of Nursing, works hard at making sure the residents have all the comforts of home and all the special attention they need including in house nurses 24 hours a day.



VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE ANNOUNCES 49TH SEASON

Van Wert Civic Theatre, on the corner of Race Street and Central Avenue in Van Wert, continues to offer award winning theatrical performances by local talent for one of the most economical prices around. The entire volunteer staff of VWCT is pleased to announce their 49th season.

"A Nice Family Gathering", a comedy by Phil Olsen, will open on September 27 for a two-week run. Jane Jones will direct this show about the Lundeens, who are having their first Thanksgiving since Dad died. At the gathering, Dad comes back as a ghost to tell his wife he loved her during their 41 years of marriage. However, only the youngest son is able to see him. The trouble begins when Mom invites a date to dinner. Auditions have already been held and the cast is busy with rehearsals.

Opening on November 29 for a three-week run is "Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings," the best of "Forever Plaid" tied up in a nice Christmas package. The boys are back to do their Christmas special. Unsure why they've returned, they get a phone call from Rosemary Clooney who tells them they need to put a little harmony into a discordant world. Teri Sowers will direct this musical filled with Christmas favorites that have been "Plaid-erized." Sowers will audition for this show, written by Stuart Ross, on September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

"Kitchen Witches," a comedy by Caroline Smith, will open on January 24 for a two-week run. Linda Stanley will direct this show, which features Isobel Loma and Dolly Biddle, two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called The Kitchen Witches, the insults are flung harder than the food. Trying to keep them on track is a losing battle, but the show becomes a ratings smash that tops both Jerry Springer and Martha Stewart. Auditions will be held on September 30 and October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Wiegand will direct "The Amorous Ambassador," an American farce by Michael Parker. When Harry Douglas, the new American Ambassador to Great Britain, tells his family he is going to Scotland to play golf, his wife and daughter announce plans of their own. The newly hired butler watches stoically as each leaves and secretly returns for a romantic rendezvous in an empty house. Harry's secretary and embassy security then arrive in the wake of a bomb threat, and the embassy is sealed off with hilarious results. "The Amorous Ambassador" will open on March 6 with auditions tentatively set for on January 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m.

The 49th season will close with the sixth in the Nunsense series, "Nunsensations: The Nunsense Vegas Revue." This musical by Dan Goggin will open May 1 for a three-week run. When a parishioner donates \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Reverend Mother is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," Rever-

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROSE CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. John (Bill) Rose of 502 Park Avenue, Antwerp will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on September 23. John Rose and the former Beverly Eibling were united in marriage on September 23, 1967 by evangelist Marvin Biery at the Payne Church of Christ.

They are the parents of three daughters: Tianne (Tad) Pendergrast of Antwerp, Michelle (Mike) Smith of Fort Wayne and Laurie Rose, deceased. They also have five grandchildren: Brandon and Jonathon Pendergrast, and Dustin, Christopher and Marissa Smith.

end Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan-dancing Nunsense ever. Director Jerry Zimmerman tentatively will audition for "Nunsensations" on March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

For those who wish to attend the shows, the best value is still a season subscription. The VWCT sales team is nearing the end of its membership drive and will be happy to assist patrons in purchasing subscriptions. Subscription purchasers get to make reservations ahead of the general public and receive a newsletter before each show reminding them of show times and box office hours. There is a subscription to meet everyone's level of giving.

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Ashlyn Strahley, 2006 Jr. Pre-Teen Ohio titleholder and 2nd runner up in the 2007 Pre-Teen America National (50-state) competition held in Baton Rouge, LA, will give her speech titled: *What Freedom Means to Me* at the John Paulding Historical Society's upcoming public meeting to be held Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum on Fairground Drive in Paulding.

Pre-Teen scholarship participants were evaluated in seven categories including: academic, volunteerism, honors and activities, personal skills and abilities, general knowledge, ability to communicate, and on-stage expressiveness and overall pre-teen image. The program is in its 17th year and is not a beauty pageant, but a by-invitation-only scholarship and recognition event.

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BUEHRER ELECTED TO LEAD REGIONAL LEGISLATORS

COLUMBUS—State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently elected by his fellow legislators to serve as an officer of the Executive Committee of CSG Midwest, the regional branch of the Council of State Governments. The election was held at the Council of State Governments' Midwestern Legislative Conference annual meeting during the last week in August.

Specifically, Senator Buehrer was chosen to serve as second vice chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) in 2008. As part of the MLC's team of officers, he will provide leadership and guidance for the organization. His election as an officer also puts him in line to serve as vice chair in 2009, and ultimately, as chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference in 2010. As chair of MLC, he will preside over the 65th Annual Meeting in Toronto.

"I am very honored to have been selected to a position of leadership by legislative leaders from across the region," said Buehrer. "I am deeply

humbled by this unique honor."

The Council of State Governments is a national, non-partisan organization that has championed excellence in state government for more than 70 years by sharing innovative solutions to common problems across state borders. CSG Midwest includes legislators from 11 Midwestern states, and three Canadian provinces.

Throughout his tenure as a state legislator, Senator Buehrer has been highly active at both the Midwest and national level of CSG. At the Midwest level, he has served on the Midwest-Canada Relations, Radioactive Materials Transportation, Resolutions, Annual Meeting and Innovations Committees. In addition, he earned the honor of attending the Bowhay Leadership Program. On the national level, Senator Buehrer has served on the Executive Committee, the International and Suggested State Legislation Committees and attended the Toll Leadership Program.

"CSG is a great organization that provides timely and scholarly information to key decision makers," said Buehrer.

PAULDING COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING



Unidentified CERT volunteers fill sandbags in Paulding on August 21, 2007. The Paulding County EMA will offer CERT training again on September 22-23.

1913. That is the last time some residents of Northwest Ohio had seen flooding like those of August 2007. "It's difficult to exaggerate or embellish upon what has happened here," Ohio Governor Ted Strickland said.

"It's absolutely devastating." The Governor had declared emergencies in nine North Central counties of Ohio: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, Seneca, Van Wert and Wyandot.

Locally, hardest hit was Ottawa, where volunteers from across Northwest Ohio made heroic measures to save homes, businesses, and property.

Members of the region's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) from Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, Henry and Fulton Counties along with volunteer firemen and the communities at large provided manpower to fill over 25,000 sand bags to help hold back the floodwaters in Paulding and Ottawa.

Randy Shaffer, Director of the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) said, "We could not have done it without these trained and dedicated volunteers. We need more of them in Paulding County."

Paulding County residents have an opportunity to learn more about the CERT program and assisting in a disaster by becoming members of the CERT team.

According to Shaffer it is very easy to take the training to prepare yourself, your family, and neighbors by attending the free CERT class to be held at the EMA office September 22 and 23. "The program includes insights from the Ready Now! campaign that prepares individuals and families for disaster situations when it may be difficult for first responders to assist you right away in a disaster," added Shaffer.

Jamie Blank Citizen Corps Coordinator for the Volunteer Connection and one of the CERT class instructors said, "Jason Germann and Chris Bearcaw, both recently trained Paulding CERT volunteers, were invaluable to the Paulding and Putnam operations. Both were among the first CERT volunteers to respond on August 21 to the early afternoon request for help in Paulding and Ottawa.

They went on site to place sand bags at homes in Paulding County. The next morning they were both back to Ottawa and Paulding to help some more."

One goal of the CERT program is help people help themselves in a time of disaster, and then helps their neighbors too. In the CERT class participants learn light search and rescue, how to put out small fires properly, how to shut off gas, water and other utilities if necessary.

Critical incident stress management, basic family preparedness, terrorist awareness, and American Heart Association C.P.R. round out the training.

The class is free for the community.

For more information or to register for the Sept 22-23rd CERT class call the Volunteer Connection at 419-782-3212 or e-mail citizen corps@defnet.com

ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

All but Karen Lee attended this meeting.

Randy Shaffer passed out reports on runs from the EMS. The replacement equipment for Squad 41 is being replaced. He has a donor promising \$10,000 and one promising \$5,000 and along with the insurance, it should cover a new defibrillator. The insurance company is ready to settle for a squad unit and Randy has questions because it will cover to replace what the Village had before which those units aren't available right now and won't be until January. Randy wants the insurance to cover the cost of a unit that's ready now. The contract with the rental from New Haven is up on October 1.

Police Chief Clemens reported 170 calls for service and 42 offenses in Mayor's Court. He also asked for \$10,000 to be transferred to the police fund. He also suggested that the ordinance be changed on the time limit a property owner or renter has to clean up the property.

Sarah Keeran reported on the Shaffer Road Water Line Project. It is being funded by the OPWC and the final engineering will be completed by 10/1/07. Request for bids will be mailed out on 10/15/07 with bids due back by 11/1/07. Construction is scheduled to begin on 11/5/07 with construction to be completed by 2/1/08 and seeding and grading done by 5/1/08.

Action is being taken on the properties on Oswalt Street in conjunction with the Paulding County Health Department. Other properties that need cleaned up in the Village were also discussed.

All the landlords in the village were mailed letters and a copy of the ordinance and a deposit application form in-

forming them of the new deposit for utilities and their responsibilities. The landlords will be responsible for any unpaid balance on utility bills from their property.

Kirk Slusher of ODOT informed the Village that it has been awarded the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Railroad Depot Improvement. Kirk will be in town on September 19 to discuss the award and talk about the US 24 improvements needed on the existing route located in the Village. The Village had applied for \$294,219 of grant funds to rehabilitate the depot. The ACDC Committee has helped with this project and will provide matching funds of \$73,000.

Letters were sent to garbage companies requesting estimates to provide Village wide garbage collection. They were given 7 days to respond. When the requests are received they will be presented to the Council.

On 9/5/07 a planning commission reviewed the request by Harry Harmann to re-zone his property from A-1, Agricultural to R-1 Residential in order to develop 8 more lots in his sub-division on Diamond Drive. A Public Hearing will be held on the re-zoning on Monday, Oct. 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Council Chambers. After this public hearing, council can proceed with the acceptance of the planning commission's recommendation and start the 3 readings of the ordinance at the next council meeting on October 15.

The application for planning grant funds to develop a program to promote walking and biking to school was submitted to ODOT on 9/7/07. The Village is applying for \$5,500 in planning dollars to assist in the development of a program in conjunction with Antwerp Schools. Once the plan is completed, an appli-

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DISCOVER THE LIBRARY'S TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION AND VIDEO GAMING NIGHT

HICKSVILLE—What do teenagers, princesses, video games, and books have in common? They're all at the Johnson Memorial Library the last week of September. The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting a Princess Diaries teen book discussion on September 25 and a teen video gaming night on September 27.

On Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will sponsor its monthly teen book discussion group. The teen book discussion is free and is open to all middle school and high school youth. The discussion is facilitated by Teen Advisory Board Member and library volunteer Naomi Barkman. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide refreshments for the evening.

"This month join as we follow the adventures of Mia (a.k.a Her Royal Highness Crown Princess of Genovia Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo)," explained Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. "You choose which of the eight vol-

umes of the Princess Diaries that you would like to read. Will you start at the beginning with Mia just learning who she is or do you like teen drama in some of the later books? The important thing is 'You decide.'"

The library has ordered copies of all of the books and audio books for the discussion, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

But the excitement doesn't end there! On Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will also be hosting a Back-to-School Video Game Night. The teen video game night is free and is open to all middle school and high school youth. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide refreshments for the evening.

"So if you already need a break from school or are tired of doing your homework, stop by the library for a little Mario Kart or Super Smash Brothers on September 27," invited Harris.

For more information on the teen book discussion or the video game night, stop by the Johnson Memorial Library or call the library at 419-542-6200.

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SCHOOL FIELD TRIP GROWS TO GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS



By: Tracy Hower

Before school was out for the summer my son's 1st grade class took a field trip to the Green House Effect in Antwerp. There the owners graciously allowed each child to take home a tomato plant starter. It came home in a paper cup and was no taller than 6 inches. I honestly didn't think it would make it to the end of the month. My husband transplanted it into a clay pot and it grew a little bit, but not enough for anything to grow. Colton, our son, suggested that if we planted it outside in the backyard it would get plenty of sunshine, and he would water

it everyday! My husband and son built a tiny box and filled it with some of last years potting soil. I knew then it didn't have a chance.

Somewhere in all this I prayed that God would just give Colton one tomato and he would be happy and that would be that. I know now that God has a great sense of humor, because only one of us eats tomatoes and I stopped counting tomatoes at 110. We now call Colton's plant the "tree". Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever thought that his tiny plant would grow so big and have plenty of tomatoes for canning.

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ation for construction costs will be prepared and submitted to ODOT to fund sidewalks to the school.

This ends the Administrator's report.

Melanie Farr, Village Solicitor, reported on the contracts from Meta-Link and Medicount. Meta-Link would like to start their project soon to get done before the weather gets bad. Melanie will make some minor changes to the contract before sending it back for their review. One question is, "will the residents get discounts for the service?" The Medicount contract will go to Randy Shaffer and Darlene Fillmore for review.

*Resolution 2007-13 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 and declaring the same as an emergency.

*Ordinance No. 2007-27 An ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$10,000 and declaring the same as an emergency.

HUNTING, TRAPPING SEASON BEGINS IN OHIO

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

This past week marked the beginning of the 2007-2008 hunting season here in Ohio. Wildlife is big business for our state, with officials estimating that hunters, trappers, fishermen, and wildlife watchers contribute billions of dollars to our economy each year. With that in mind, we are once again looking to build upon Ohio's strong hunting tradition.

As the new hunting season gets underway, it is important to remember that to legally hunt in our state, a person must purchase an Ohio hunting license and show evidence of completing a hunter safety course. Information about hunting licenses and safety courses can be found on the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Web site at www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife.

In addition to a regular hunting license, Ohio now offers an apprentice hunting license as a way for new hunters and trappers to experience hunting prior to completing a hunter education course. Apprentice hunting licenses are available to both youths and adults and those granted apprentice permits must be accompanied by a fully-licensed hunter age 21 or older. The apprentice hunting program is a great way to increase access to the sport and provide first-

time hunters with hands-on experience and I would encourage anyone interested in hunting to take advantage of the program.

Here are important season dates for the 2007-2008 hunting season. Additional information about bag limits and other restrictions can be found in this season's hunting regulations manual or by contacting the Division of Wildlife.

—White-tailed deer: Archery season runs September 29 through February 3, while gun season runs from November 26 to December 2. In addition, there are two muzzle-loader seasons – the first runs October 22-27 and requires a special permit, while the second runs December 27-30. The youth deer gun season takes place November 17-18. No more than seven deer may be taken during the season. Only one antlered deer may be taken per license year, and no more than two deer may be taken per day.

—Wild turkey: Ohio's fall turkey season runs from October 13-28, with archery only dates of October 29 through November 25. Please remember that turkey hunting is permitted only in certain counties in the eastern and southern parts of Ohio.

—Ducks/geese: The duck and goose season opens on October 20 in Ohio's north and south zones, with the youth season opening two weeks prior to the regular season. The daily bag limit for

ducks is six, which may not include more than four mallards. The bag limits for geese are two Canada geese, 10 light geese and two white-fronted or brant geese.

In the north zone, the duck-hunting season runs through December 9, with a second season from December 22-30. In the south zone, the season runs through November 4, with an additional season from December 15 through January 27.

In the Lake Erie Canada goose zone, the goose season is October 20 through November 4 with a second season from December 8-31. The goose season for the remainder of the North Zone is October 20 through December 2, with a second season December 22 through January 6, 2008. In the south zone, goose season runs October 20 through November 4 with a second season from December 15 through January 27, 2008.

The late Canada goose season is January 12 through February 2, 2008. No special late season permits are required.

Although there were more than 2.1 million hunting, fishing and trapping permits issued last year, there are still some individuals who choose to hunt wildlife in Ohio illegally, preventing hunters from having access to larger, trophy-class animals during the hunting season. To help address the issue of poaching in our state, the Ohio House

recently passed House Bill 238, which would increase the penalties for poaching white-tailed deer and other wildlife in Ohio.

Under the bill, the chief of the Division of Wildlife would have the ability to set restitution rates for animals taken illegally in Ohio, taking into account factors such as the education and recreational value of the animal and whether it is a threatened or endangered species. The bill also specifically increases the fine for poaching white-tailed deer through the use of a scoring system based on several antler measurements.

Ohio's strong hunting tradition continues to have a positive social and economic impact on our state and I hope you find time to enjoy this year's season. For more information about hunting regulations and safety tips, contact the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-945-3543 or visit their Web site. For information specific to the counties in our area, contact the Division 2 headquarters at (419) 424-5000.

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.

BUEHRER RECIEVES 'GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS' AWARD

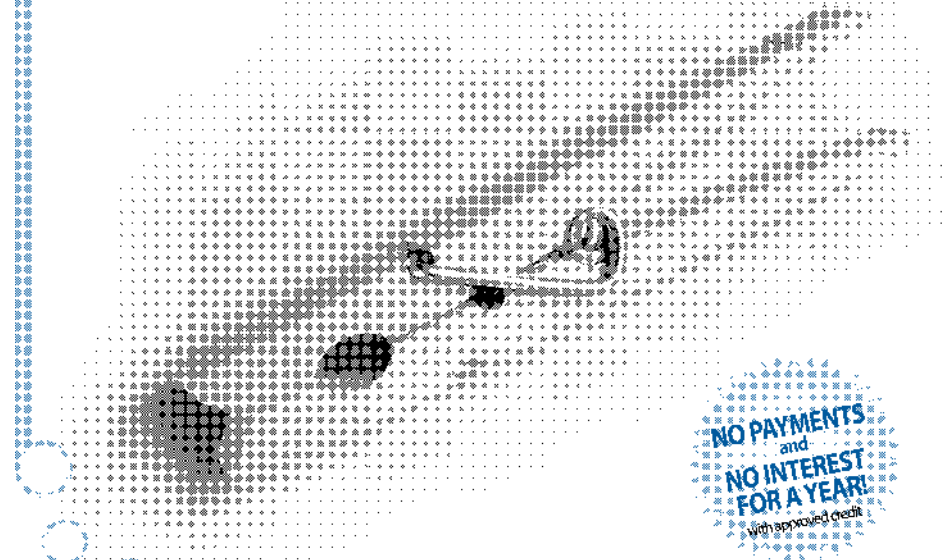
COLUMBUS—The National Federation of Independent Businesses/Ohio, the state's largest small business advocacy group, today presented State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) with its Guardian of Small Business award in recognition of his strong support of small business issues in the Ohio General Assembly.

Sen. Buehrer received the honor after delivering the keynote address at an NFIB/Ohio luncheon this afternoon at Sauder Village in Archbold. He was joined at the event by State Representative Bruce Goodwin (R-Defiance) to discuss the challenges faced by Ohio's small employers.

"This award is a great honor because it recognizes that my work in the legislature is having a positive impact on Ohio's small business community, which is critically important to our state's economic success," said Buehrer, who is an NFIB member. "Now more than ever, as small employers face the ever-growing challenge of competing in a global economy, we must work to create an environment in which businesses can grow and create jobs."

During his time in the Legislature, Sen. Buehrer has consistently voted for issues important to the success of Ohio's small businesses and the overall health of our economy. He has long advocated for limited government and conservative spending policies; sponsored workers' compensation reform legislation to streamline the system and reduce costs for employers; opposed costly health care mandates on businesses; and worked tirelessly to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits through historic tort reform legislation.

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