



PFC SCOTT M. BRADLEY DEPLOYED TO IRAQ

Private First Class Scott M. Bradley has been in the Army since August 9, 2006. He has been stationed in Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri. He is in the Army Corp of Engineers. He will be deploying to Iraq on October 7, 2007. We just ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Sincerely,
—John & Julie Bradley

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION FINANCIAL SEMINAR

You are invited to attend a free 1½ hour seminar regarding:

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Speakers for this seminar will be Lawrence C. Barrett, Regional Vice-President of Sagemark Consulting, Division of Lincoln Financial Advisor, Corp., his associate, Jeremy Thompson and Attorney James Sponseller.

This free seminar will take place at the Paulding County Area Foundation office at 101 East Perry St. in Paulding on Tuesday, October 23, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Please take advantage of the valuable information that will be given.

Please RSVP by October 18 by calling 419-399-8282. Or stop in the office if you have any questions.

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RORICK - WAGLER



Cami Rorick and PFC Anthony Wagler were married on September 17 at Chapel at the Park in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Cami is an alumna of Harlan Christian School and is the niece of Dennis and Dena England of Spencerville.

Anthony is an alumnus of Harlan Christian School

and is the son of Wayne and Rose Wagler of Antwerp.

Anthony is stationed at Cherry Point, NC.

They will be residing in North Carolina.

Anthony will be shipping out to Iraq in February of 2008. The families request your prayers on the couple's behalf.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF PAULDING COUNTY RAISES OVER \$61,000

PAULDING—The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Paulding County surpassed its goal by raising over \$61,000 in June this year. Relay For Life is an 18-hour event that brings together teams from local businesses, schools, churches and families for fun, food, music, entertainment and a night under the stars, while team members take turns walking or running on a track.

The Relay For Life began with 80 survivors walking the Survivors Lap, and one member from each of the 33 teams walking each hour of the 18-hour event. Team fundraisers, church choirs, and local bands entertained the 600 plus participants and kept energy levels at their highest throughout the event.

The monies raised from this event will go toward the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and quality of life programs in Paulding County such as Look Good...Feel Better, Reach to Recovery, Cancer Resource Centers, Man to Man and Survivor activities. The American Cancer Society also helps patients directly through the Patient Naviga-

tor program. Josie Lirot, ACS Patient Navigator, links survivors and their caregivers to needed information and resources throughout their cancer journey. She is able to refer patients to ACS programs and services as well as community resources to help with common concerns associated with cancer such as finances, housing, transportation and many other issues.

For more information about Relay For Life, ACS programs or the services our Patient Navigator can provide, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-888-227-6446. The American Cancer Society is the leading nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer.

CORRECTION

The ad for Hair Off the Square in last week's paper should have read, "\$9.00 men's clipper cuts". The word "off" should have been taken off!!

—WBN editors

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OBITUARIES

June Marie Long, 89, Payne, died September 24, at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born June 10, 1918 in Adrian, MI the daughter of Ralph and Geraldine Negus. She married Orville Long who preceded her in death on November 24, 1974. She was a member of Payne Church of the Nazarene and was employed by Hardware Wholesalers of Fort Wayne, retiring in 1980 after 20 years.

She is survived by two sons: Ralph Long of Antwerp, and Timothy (Elizabeth Wolverton) Long of Fort Wayne; a step-son, Donald (Jean) Long of Rainbow, TX; a step-daughter, Marietta (Carl) Riley of Payne; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a daughter, Sharon D. Long.

Funeral services were September 28 at the Payne Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Mike Harper officiating. Burial was in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Dallas Lamb Activity Fund, Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Rebecca A. Kipfer, 85 of Payne, died September 26, 2007 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne. She was born in Payne on September

3, 1922 the daughter of John and Hattie (Bowers) Sprague. She married Herbert Kipfer on June 1, 1947, who preceded her in death in 1991.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne and was previously employed by Bissell's Grocery Store, Payne.

She is survived by 12 children: Terry (Kathie) Kipfer, Chuck (Myra) Kipfer, Jack (Deb) Kipfer, Tom (Patti) Kipfer, and Don (Marlene) Kipfer all of Payne, Christine (Bud) Adams of Paulding, Linda (Denny) Oyer of Woodburn, IN, Sharon (Dorsey) Ranker of Tiffin, OH, Connie (Darriel) Sufel of Defiance, Mary (Bob) Hornic of Delphos, Mike (Cindy) Kipfer of Fort Wayne, and Barb (Todd) McNamara of Melbourne, FL; 32 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Velma (Gayle) Shutt of Van Wert.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters: Virginia Roberts and Cemantha Cluts.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted September 29, 2007 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Donations may be made to Masses or The Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund.

Donna P. Kimpel, 78, of Hicksville, died September 26, 2007 at Inpatient Hospice

Center, Defiance, OH.

She was born on April 22, 1929 in Roanoke, IN the daughter of Frank and Hazel (Knapp) Beckwith. She married Kenneth "Bill" Kimpel on January 24, 1951.

She was a lifelong homemaker.

She is survived by her husband; five sons: David (Danna) of Hicksville, Gary (Patti) of Harlan, IN, Rick (Darlene) of Hicksville, Kenny (Kim) of Hicksville, and Joe of Orlando, FL; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn (Pat) Obendorf of Montpelier, OH; two brothers: Jack (Rose) Beckwith of Montpelier, OH and William (Betty) Beckwith of Kendallville, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a twin brother, Darwin; a brother, Frank; a half-brother, Tom Preston; and two sisters: Norma and Lillian.

Funeral services were September 29 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Larry Weller officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials can be made to the Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance.

Catherine M. Pask, 86, of Hicksville, died on September 27, 2007 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

She was born on October 26, 1920 in Defiance County the daughter of John and Gertrude (Steille) Hiler.

She married La Von Pask on April 8, 1953. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville; a former member of Eagles Aerie 2556, Hicksville.

She is survived by two sons: Delta Pask and John Hiler both of Hicksville; a daughter-in-law, Betty Bowsher of Hicksville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons: Bob Bowsher and Kenny Pask; a brother; and a sister.

Graveside services were October 1, 2007 at Tamrack Cemetery in Milford Township (Cicero Road).

Memorials to St. Michael's, Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville is handling arrangements.

Judith L. "Judy" Crowell, 65, of Paulding, died September 29, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Decatur, IN on January 3, 1942 the daughter of Carl and Sophie (Racozy) Roberts. On July 28, 1982, she married James R. Crowell who survives. She was employed by Paulding County Jobs and Family Services for 15 years. She was a member of the First Church

of God, Defiance, OH.

She is survived by her husband, James R. Crowell of Paulding; two daughters: Peri (Mike) Miranowski of Aurora, CO and Margo Smith of Los Angeles, CA; one son, Christopher Smith of Eugene, OR; five step-children: Richard (Monica) Crowell of Albuquerque, NM, Kathy (Steve) Keller of Coldwater, MI, Kimberly (George) Moss and Scott (Zulena) Crowell both of Defiance and Amy (Jamey) Ball of Big Fork, MT; one sister, Patty (Lowell) Gehm of Rockford, OH; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were October 2, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Rev. Rick Rufenacht officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests memorial contribution be made to the First Church of God, Defiance.

"WHAT THE..."

By: Pastor Rich Phelan, Living Water Ministries

This article is a departure from what I typically submit for publication in the West Bend News. But, I just couldn't resist. This is not an editorial, it's just the observations of a local guy who saw something really, really stupid and am now puzzled by it.

Every now and again I come across something that makes me say, "What the...?" You know, that reflexive reaction when you see or hear someone do something so incredibly stupid that you begin to question even the standard of what's acceptable and what's stupid. It's almost as if while you slept someone came up with a whole new set of what was acceptable and what is asinine and you didn't get the memo! Last week, I had one of those moments.

I was surfing the headlines on the internet when I found myself inexplicably drawn to one article in particular. A 19 year old college student entered Boston's Logan international airport to pick up her boyfriend. She proceeded to the counter to inquire as to his flight info. When she got the answer she left the airport to wait outside. Nothing unusual there right? Wrong.

While the college girl was at the counter the lady work-

ing there noticed something very alarming. It was so alarming in fact that when the college student left her counter she immediately called security. Airport police swarmed, and confronted her in front of the airport. They encircled her with their weapons drawn, and they ordered her to drop to the ground. When they removed her jacket they found a device that they took to be a bomb! After further questioning, and a careful examination of the device, they found it to be a fake.

This seemingly intelligent girl, a girl who had the grades, and allegedly the brains to get into college deliberately strapped a fake bomb to her chest and then went into an airport! By the way, she is not just any ole' college student either. She attends MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) this is a school that many say is harder to get into than Harvard. I guess MIT doesn't require incidentals like common sense, good judgement, basic intelligence, good taste, or common decency as essentials for admissions to their fine institute of higher learning. At least she had the "sense" to drop to the ground and do exactly what the police ordered her to do. One exasperated officer said later that it was a really good thing that she obeyed them. She would have been shot!

This really prompts the question, "what the...?" How stupid can you be and still live? Luckily for her she'll live to find that out. If she had taken her "prank" to the next level and those officers had shot her thinking that was a real bomb, they would have been the ones forced to live with it. And you know as well as I that in our country today they would've been raked over the coals of political correctness for shooting a "harmless college student pulling a prank." CNN and others would've tracked down the grieving parents who would have lamented before the whole country, that these "trigger happy" police officers who were unable to tell a harmless prank from a true terrorist attack took the life of their "little girl." Their every move that day would've been investigated and dissected down to the very minute of their day leading up to

the "shooting in question". Thank God, none of that happened.

She left the jail only a short time after the incident with a smile on her face. Her fate now rests with some equally puzzled judicial officials as they try to figure out what to do with her. Is she guilty of a crime? Dear Lord, I hope so. Is she a terrorist? No, I don't think so. Is she a girl who poses a threat to America? Probably not. Is she a girl who lacks several vital character traits that all humans were endowed with by our God? Maybe. Is she guilty of several felonies that are punishable by a prison sentence measured in years, not months? Probably. Is she guilty of premeditated stupidity with intent to commit fear and confusion, with a criminal lack of understanding in our post 9/11 world? Most definitely yes.

She entered an airport with a fake bomb strapped to her body, which some may argue is a heck of a lot better than bringing a real one into an airport. The airport she chose to pull her little "prank" in is the same one that was used by hijackers to fly two planes into the World Trade Center six years ago.

My prayer for her is that she would first and foremost grow up. Thankfully because she at least had the sense to obey the police, she'll have that opportunity. We may weep at the future of our country and those coming up now who will one day lead our country. (Can anyone hear Whitney Houston singing, "I believe the children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way...") I pray not only for this generation, I pray that somehow through all this she'll see that there's a God who loves her. I was young once, and I made more than my share of stupid decisions. I had to learn a very important fact about Jesus Christ, one that I pray this girl does as well. Jesus is a God of "do-overs," a God of second chances (see John 8, the woman caught in the act of adultery). God loves you stupid.

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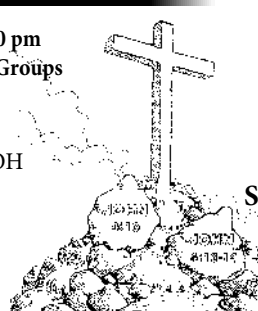
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MOMS *2* MOMS TO MEET AT PAYNE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Payne Church of Christ has recently formed a small group of mothers to meet and discuss some of the challenges of marriage and childcare.

The church recognizes that sometimes a Mom with so much responsibility for infants and toddlers needs a place to relax, make new friends with other Moms or maybe just to vent. This group, called Moms*2*Moms has created a relaxed atmosphere of caring and sharing with the mentoring of two women in the church. They meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in The Old Parsonage for an hour or more and discuss God's plan for His family.

The group is open to new members at this time and no fees are required although a free-will donation is appreciated.

IT'S FALL, WHO SAYS THERE'S NOTHING TO DO?

I know what a lot of people are saying this time of year, "Where did summer go?!" With all our summer chores around the house, and taking the kids for that "relaxing" day at Cedar Point or the water park, we're finally ready for a break to enjoy some beautiful weather. But, our calendars tell us plainly that summer has indeed left us behind, whether we're ready for it to go or not.

You know, that's okay with me, I love fall. The changing of the leaves, the crisp nip in the morning air, the frost on the grass. Just because it's fall, doesn't mean that there's nothing you can do outside. There are plenty of awesome village fall festivals coming up in Paulding County. And

there's a good time coming to Payne as well.

By popular demand we're bringing back *Worship Without Walls!* On Sunday, October 7, we're "taking the church to where the people are" and gathering on the east lawn of the First Financial Bank in Payne for one last "worship blow out" of the summer. We're kicking things off at 10:00 a.m. with great contemporary worship music by One-A-Chord (who will have copies available of their brand new worship CD). Then we'll hear a powerful message from God's word, followed by a great time of food, fun, and fellowship together.

So, bring your lawn chairs or beach blankets and let's meet on "the lawn". If you've been to all or just a few of our previous events, then we look forward to seeing you again. If you haven't been able to get to one, then this is your chance. We look forward to getting to know you. Bring someone you love, or someone you'd like to love and come as you are to *Worship Without Walls*.

In case of typhoon, hurricane, snow storm, or otherwise uncooperative weather, we'll move everything inside to the "Rock", the Payne Community Center, 104 S. Main St. in Payne. For more info call 419-263-2728 or by e-mail richjuliaphelan@hotmail.com

Worship Without Walls will be back in 2008.

BROKEN TO BE MADE BEAUTIFUL

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

The royal palace in Tehran is breathtakingly beautiful! When one steps into the palace, that person is surrounded with millions of pieces of glittering, spar-

kling glass. It appears as if the domed ceilings, the side walls and columns are diamond-covered and not cut glass; however, they are small pieces of mirrors. The edges of the myriad of little mirrors reflect prism light, throwing out the colors of the rainbow. Spectacular!

Here's how it happened: When the royal palace was planned, the architects ordered mirrors to cover the entrance walls. When the mirrors arrived, it was found that they had all been broken in transit. There were thousands of pieces of smashed mirrors.

They were going to dispose of them all when one creative man said, "No, maybe it will be more beautiful because they are broken." He took some of the larger pieces and smashed them also and fitted them together like an abstract mosaic. Today, the palace is beautiful beyond words, awash with sparkling rainbow diamond colors.

The royal palace in Iran illustrates an interesting principle—out of brokenness can come beauty. And that is true in much of life.

The beauty of salvation came from the brokenness of Jesus on the cross.

The beauty of forgiveness can emerge when our hearts have been broken because of personal sin.

The beauty of true character can be seen when our dreams and hopes are broken by the sting of unfortunate circumstances.

If you or your family is going through a difficult time right now, recognize that brokenness can often lead to beauty. Give the Lord time to bring healing, to restore hope, and to produce Godliness in your life during these days.

He can produce beauty out of brokenness if we trust Him.

VFW FAMILY PICNIC

The Antwerp VFW will hold a family picnic for all its regular, auxiliary, and social members and family members. It will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from noon to 8:00 p.m. There will be free food and drinks, and door prizes all day. A drawing will be held at 8:00 p.m.

—Bob Johnson, Post trustee

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SEMINAR

Dar "I'm Here To Help!"

Barbara Simpson Griffith is the State Organizing Secretary for the Daughters of the American Revolution and will be in Van Wert October 8 and work towards assisting chapter registrars and prospective members in completing documentation for new applications. Barbara holds workshops across the state to train members in "How to Complete Applications Without a Migraine."

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Barbara is a member of Cuyahoga Portage Chapter and working with prospective members has resulted in 100 new members for her Chapter. She is the first member of NSDAR to accomplish this and has helped hundreds of prospective members in other chapters.

Do you have a Revolutionary War Ancestor? Bring the documentation you have and let Barbara help with your problem areas or assist you in completing an application.

This free Seminar (2 hour) will be held October 8, 2007 at the Van Wert County Hospital Board Room at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow the seminar at your own expense.

For more information and to register call or e-mail: Chapter Registrar Joan Stripe 419-238-0267 or e-mail bobjoan@bright.net.

ENJOY A GLASS OF SPARKLING CYANIDE AT THE LIBRARY'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

HICKSVILLE—Enjoy a glass of *Sparkling Cyanide* by Agatha Christie on October 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly book discussion group.

The discussion is free and is open to everyone. It will be facilitated by library volunteer Collette Knight. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

"One year ago, seven people sat down to dinner. Rosemary Barton never got up from the table. The same group of people sit down together just one year later and realize that one of them is the murderer," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "Help Hercules Poirot figure out who that murderer is and while you're at it enjoy a glass of *Sparkling Cyanide*."

The library has ordered copies of the book for the discussion, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. For more information on the book or the discussion group, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

MONEY BEQUEATHED TO ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool was recently gifted with a check from the Mrs. Wanda Miller estate. Wanda loved music and she loved children, so the administrator decided to get the class new musical instruments with some of the funds.

Shown here enjoying beautiful music are from left: Taylor Lucas, Emma Shuherk,

Madi Coler, Ethan Herman, Madison Farquar, Evan Burtch, Ella Cook (Wanda Miller's great-granddaughter), Alexis Kashner, Zachary Lockhart, and Hailey Stallard. These children are in the morning class of three and young four year olds with Miss Carrie Busch and Mrs. Ann Miller.

LEARN TECHNIQUES FOR PUTTING YOUR GARDEN TO BED FROM DEFIANCE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

HICKSVILLE—Learn techniques for Putting Your Garden to Bed by a panel of Defiance County Master Gardeners. The panel will be facilitated by Diane Clark on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The program is free and is open to both children and adults. It is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Ser-

vice Center. "Thought the growing season is winding down, you don't have to stop gardening," explained Clark. "Help ensure that next year's garden thrives by giving your garden a little extra attention now."

The program isn't just a panel discussion. It's an open discussion, so feel free to bring and share your favorite gardening book, magazine, or plant/seed catalogs.

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

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Opinion Column

Tough Love and Reality Check

My kid wants a car, he's found a really good deal on a used Ferrari, none of his buddies at the dorm can believe how cheap it is. If he can sweet talk the old man into buying it he'll have to completely redo the motor and it will need a paint job and some new tires, a little work to fix up the inside is needed too, but darn this car is a steal. Even though he knows he can't afford the little things like insurance, or gas, he hopes things will work out in the future. He's pretty sure he won't always have to drive out of Paulding County to find a job. After all the signs say "Paulding County the Most Affordable County" Sometimes he wonders who paid for these signs in the first place and what does it really mean or have to do with anything relevant, but the great buy on this car is what is really important. After all jobs are everywhere and easy to find according to the county economic development guys; good deals on used Ferraris only come along once in a blue moon.

And my son said, "You know Dad I've been saving most of the money you've been giving me for Christmas for the last four years so I'll be able to make the payments. But, Dad you'll have to come up with more cash, because you know even as cheap a place as Paulding County is to live the price of things in the outside world where I work just seem to go up and up, so you can't really expect me to be able to pay for this with what I've got now. You know dad all the guys at the dorm are just sure how good a deal this is, we took a vote and we think you'd be a fool to not jump on this Ferrari, it's really cheap."

"After thinking about this long and hard son, [it's amazing how hard you can think in two seconds] you know I love you but just who do you think I am, your Uncle Sam? The answer is "no" but I got to tell you've got guts to ask, even if you do lack the common sense God gave a mushroom." I answered.

Just like my kid and his car it's time for voters to show a little tough love and say enough is enough. As the anti-drug campaign from the 80's said "just say no". How many tax dollars do you think it would take before our county government would have enough? The reality is no matter how much money tax payers give it's never enough.

I'm sure Ron Lane and the others on the jail levy committee mean well, but Ron, step out your front door and look up and down the street and let us know how many homes you see for sale? I think there's five in eyesight but it might only be four, and I'm not counting the old jail or hotel that's for sale, just homes. I can't believe that anyone in county government doesn't see what is happening in Paulding County today, I'm sure you can, Ron, right outside your front door.

Our county is drying up. Our kids can't find good paying local jobs unless they're government jobs. Ron, what I think Gregg Gorman was trying to say was it's tough out here in Paulding County without a government job. Sometime in the future, it could be this election or maybe the next, but sometimes voters are going to get fed up with the waste, the lies, the scare tactics, and change this tax and spend mess we have today. If voters really think that the jail is such a good deal I'm sure they'll vote for it. My question is what happened to the jail operating money that was collected for those years that the jail wasn't built, and wasn't operated? Was it spent on something else, and if it wasn't spent, how could four years worth of operating money not be enough to run the jail for even one year without asking for a renewal and a tax hike all at once?

If four years of tax money isn't enough to operate the jail for even one year how much more money do you think is needed? Will this tax hike be the only one the jail needs or will there be another one next year, and the next year and the year after that? Ron, do you ever foresee enough tax being enough, or are we condemned to having tax hikes forever? Will the jail operating tax keep going up until the last person without a government job leaves Paulding County, at that time then the government employees that are left can just tax the hell out of each other and live in a perfect government employed county?

Ron if you don't understand that Gregg wasn't having a bad day he was just saying what people out here in God's country away from the Paulding County ruling class are saying, then my advice to you is get out of the coffee shop into the real world of Paulding County and talk to some different people. Listen to what people are saying. Tax and spend will have to come to an end someday, tough love and reality demand it and I think it will happen. No time in recorded history have a people taxed themselves to prosperity. People in Paulding County can't do it either.

The driving force for getting a local government job is health care and retirement, not government service. Ron, you and I, and all the guys at the coffee shop know this is true; it's just one of the unfortunate little ugly secrets about local government. Local officials hire their friends, their relatives, their political buddies with too many times, little or no regard to whether they can do the job or not, and I think this is what Gregg was talking about in his letter, his frustration that county leaders, not county voters, just don't get it.

There is one other thing I believe every voter in Paulding County should think about concerning the jail. If you check the flood plain maps, the new jail, and I know how unreliable the county flood plain maps are, but if you check the flood plain maps the new jail is either in the flood plain or right on the edge of the flood plain and if Paulding floods like Ottawa did and the jail floods who will pay for it? You and I both know the answer, the voters again. How good a buy was this building the county bought in the first place? Building or remodeling a new government building in a flood plain makes about as much sense as building your house in a flood plain and then expecting everyone else to pay for your screw up.

Also if you think a river log jam removable project is the answer to not flooding think about this; so did Findlay and Ottawa. Everyone on the Blanchard River got the pleasure of paying for a log jam removal project on the Blanchard River that runs through their towns just like Flat Rock does through Payne and Paulding, at best this project didn't stop either town from flooding but at worst, and what I suspect, it caused them to flood.

Remember the only control any of us have is at the ballot box and the only way to keep government from spending our money is to keep them from getting it in the first place. So just say no, it's tough love to be sure, but how long can we head down the path we're on before the Ferrari's wheels fall off and we end up in the ditch?

Brad Dysinger, 419 587 3557

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Over two months ago, five people departed from our lives. Wherever I go, I see signs of remembering. Of course, I will not forget them. But, as we are healing from this loss, we must remember to choose our words carefully.

Whether it is in an article in a newspaper or talking away from our homes. You don't know who is listening or reading. It's so hard to find the good in this, but at the very least, let's help each other heal by being sensitive to others feelings. Talk about how they lived, not how they died. Rest in peace all five souls aboard "Squad 41".

—Coni Gaisford

LISTEN TO THE VOTERS, KEEP GAMBLING OUT OF OHIO

Capitol Letters weekly column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Over the last several years, Ohio has seen a barrage of campaigns from gambling interests trying to setup shop in communities across the state. Time and time again, Ohio voters have sent a resounding message that expanded gambling, and the social ills that come with it are not welcome.

As you may recall, last November, Ohioans defeated Issue 3, a constitutional amendment backed by horse race track owners and other gambling advocates that would have allowed gambling at Ohio's seven horse tracks, while also clearing the way for additional casinos in Cleveland. This proposal was preceded by similar pro-gambling campaigns in 1990 and 1996, both of which were killed by voters. There was also an attempt in the General Assembly recently to pass legislation that would permit horse tracks to install instant racing machines—a clear punch in the face to millions of Ohio voters who had just voted against Issue 3.

You would think after three unsuccessful campaigns and a botched attempt in the legislature, these gambling

interests would get the message. However, recent events have shown that apparently we haven't sent the message loud enough.

For weeks, controversy has been brewing between the state and manufacturers of so-called "skill-based amusement games" over the legality of their machines, which carry names like Tic-Tac Fruit, Nudgemaster and Puzzlebug and closely resemble slot machines. Having seen these machines in a recent demonstration, I can tell you that the "skill" involved is minimal at best. According to reports, the number of these machines in Ohio has grown from 20,000 to 50,000 in only three months.

There are competing opinions over what sparked the proliferation of these games. Some point to a 2003 law passed by the legislature which attempted to draw a line between legal games of skill (much like the machines you would find at arcades or restaurants like Chuck E. Cheese) and illegal games of chance (slot machines). Critics say that the bill was too broad and has created a loophole in Ohio law that game operators are now using to make money and spread gambling statewide. Others point to a decision issued by the attorney general that gave a looser interpretation of the legality of these gambling devices. Either way, I think it is clear that these game manufacturers are trying to take advantage of a supposed loop-hole in Ohio law and circumvent the will of Ohio voters.

In an attempt to rid the state of these devices, on August 22nd, the governor issued an executive order to outlaw the machines and give the attorney general authority to prosecute business owners who do not remove them from their establishments. Not surprisingly, the order was met by strict opposition from gambling interest groups and the companies who operate these so-called "games of skill." It has also led to several legal challenges that have slowed progress on any effort to remove these gambling machines from the state. The manufacturers of Tic Tac Fruit, Nudgemaster and Puzzlebug have all been successful in court in blocking state action against skill-based wagering devices. The hold up in court has also opened the door for horse tracks in Columbus and Cincinnati to buy up dozens of these "slot machines-in-disguise" and turn their facilities into mini casinos.

Despite some setbacks, the effort to keep gambling out of Ohio and uphold the will of the voters is showing some progress. A Columbus newspaper reported this week that the Ohio State Racing Commission, which regulates the state's seven racetracks, has called into question the actions of the Cincinnati and Columbus racetracks (Continued on Page 5)

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By: Chelsea Vail

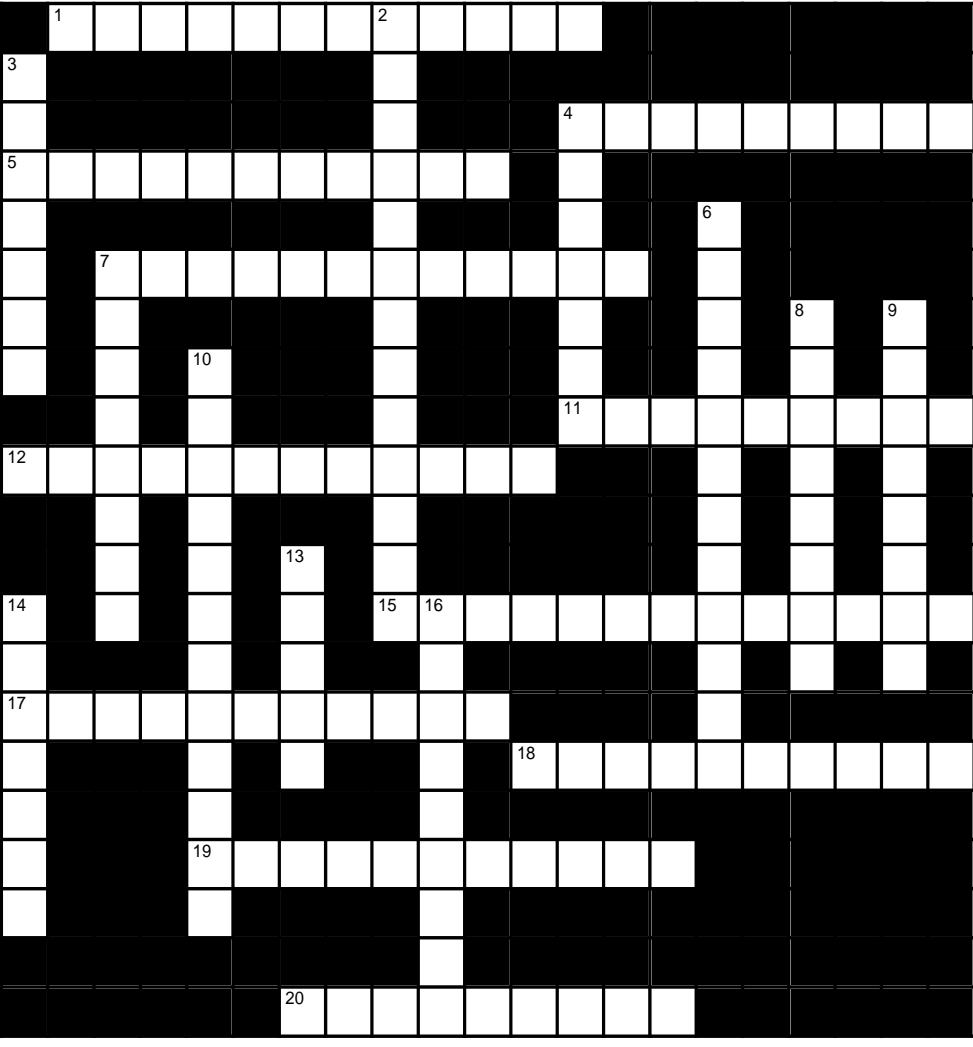
Sitting down to write this article, I find myself positively pooped from the weekend's Homecoming festivities. A whirlwind week filled with outlandish costumes, countless pictures, and a memorable football game and dance left me ready to slow down a bit, but glancing over the calendar I found that, if anything, the pace is quickening.

Pictures by Lifetouch will kick off the week's goings-on, with Pre-KA, KA, grades 1-6, Senior, and Vantage portraits being taken on Wednesday and Pre-KB, KB, and grades 7-11 portraits being taken on Thursday. Added to Thursday's mix is a meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the parents of students in the 8th grade interested in the annual Washington, DC, trip.

Saturday brings another exciting weekend event: the "Volley for a Cure" volleyball tournament. Eight hundred teams across the country will participate as volleyballers raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. The Varsity "A" Club will be sponsoring a bake sale during the matches as well, and all are encouraged to wear the pink promotional t-shirts. In sum, it's a combination of varsity athletics, baked goods, and predetermined attire. What's not to like?

Looking into the following week, October 10 marks the kickoff of 8th and 9th grade magazine subscription fundraiser, and is also the day of the Northwest Ohio Student Leadership Conference, which is held at Defiance College.

I told you we aren't slowing down.



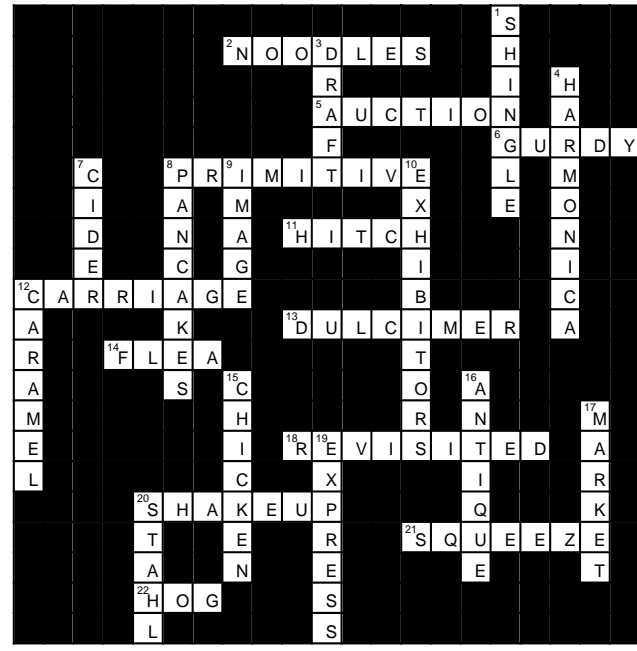
Across

- 1. Voices Rant On
- 4. Son Traces
- 5. Scared For Me (2 words)
- 7. The Classroom
- 11. Dirty Room
- 12. Shall Yet Come (2 words)
- 15. These Churn Air (2 words)
- 17. Woman Hitler (3 words)
- 18. Nine Thumps
- 19. A Rope Ends It
- 20. Aligned so

Down

- 2. I'm A Dot In Place (3 words)
- 3. All Show
- 4. Enraged
- 6. Cash Lost in 'em. (2 words)
- 7. Is No Meal
- 8. Parental
- 9. Conifers (2 words)
- 10. Here Come Dots (3 words)
- 13. Lives
- 14. Married
- 16. Hire a Navy (2 words)

Last Week's answers to "Flat Rock Creek Festival '07"



JH Volleyball: October 4, 4:30, @ Woodlan; October 8, 5:00, Parkway
 JH Football: October 9, 5:00, @ Edgerton
 JV Football: October 8, 4:30, Ayersville

Varsity Cross Country: October 6, 9:00, Antwerp Invitational

Varsity Volleyball: October 4, 6:00, @ Continental; October 6, 10:00, Hilltop/Montpelier; October 9, 6:00, @ Edgerton

Varsity Football: October 5, 7:30, Ayersville

Word of the Week: Inimitable \ i-NIM-i-tuh-buhl \

1. incapable of being imitated or copied; surpassing imitation; matchless

Example: "The inimitable intensity with which Coach Altimus led the football team onto the field last Friday awed the crowd and got Archer fans fired up for a win."

It's life in the fast lane this week, guys, and there's no stopping it. Hold on to your britches!

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10/5 - Pepperoni pizza or chicken salad sandwich, cole slaw, mixed fruit w/marshmallows, milk PLUS: Salad bar or cottage cheese w/pineapple

10/8 - BBQ rib patty on bun or chili w/crackers, celery & carrots, mixed fruit, milk PLUS: Salad bar or pie

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture here of the Town Hall was loaned to us by Kathy Smith Wilson and I appreciate it very much. I think this picture was taken sometime after 1920. The Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department used the "push and pull" fire apparatus starting about 1880. They didn't get any mechanized equipment until 1920. You can see that the right side of the Town Hall was used as a fire house and to store the trucks until about 1964.

The new Town Hall did not come easy. Let me tell you what I know about getting a new Town Hall.

On March 2, 1897 the Council put on the ballot an issue of \$5,500 to build a new Town Hall and again it was turned down. They fought back and forth over this and in 1906 again it was on the ballot for \$8,000 and in February of 1907 it was approved for a new Town Hall and that is the one we have today. It is 100 years old now and is in pretty good shape.

What I have read, up until 1907 what was used for the town meetings was a

small building on the southeast corner of North Erie and East Stone Street. That is where the first water tower stands. The city probably owned that lot. Anyway, the people hem-hawed about the price for ten years and it cost them about 1/3 more to build it.

Now you look at the right side of the Town Hall you will see a wooden building. Well, that was Frank Armstrong's electrical business at that time. Frank and Olive lived in the second house west of Dooley's Funeral Home. I know they



had a boy named Ralph who graduated in 1928. Olive lived to be 104. She was the next to last person buried in the Riverside Cemetery here at the edge of town. The last person buried there was Herb Gordon's wife. She was well over 90 years old and had been living in Michigan.

In about 1939 or '40 Bert Major, Sr. started a small restaurant in that building. It was a hang out for kids as well as older folks. There was no cafeteria at the school so you had an hour and you could go to Bert's, Abie's or

Tiny's for lunch.

After WWII, Mr. Major had a shoe repair shop out of the building. A few years later it was torn down and became part of Leinard's Chevrolet.

The Town Hall became quite versatile. You could rent the top floor for receptions, square and round dances or for any gathering.

There is a cell in the basement that housed a lot more hobos and travelers than it did bad guys.

After the Fire Department moved down to their new quarters, the south side of the Town Hall was the show room of the "Otto Ehrhart Collection." That was very well-received for many years, then I guess technicalities closed it up.

I'm a fixin' to do a column on O.E. Ehrhart on down the road. He was one of my favorite men.

caption: This is a picture of the Antwerp Fire Department in 1941 when the town was 100 years old. I have shown this picture before, but it was taken in front of the Town Hall and in front of the Fire Department doors.

Jack Leinard was the Chevrolet Dealer. Gene Donnell had a team of horses and did dray work.

Harry Reeb was Fire Chief and was employed at the East Elevator. One of his daughters, Barbara Reeb Cleland of Hicksville helps me out now and then.

Bert Laisure was town marshal, school bus driver and truant officer.

Os Ruppert operated a saw mill east on Rd. 220.

A tough old woodsman, Cecil or "Sally" Billman was employed at J.B. Johnson Furniture, Melvin "Dougan" Billman also worked at the Furniture Factory.

Ted Hawkins was a car salesman and he also had a dump truck. He would haul stone and gravel.

Ray Zuber was retired as a farmer.

Ed Carr was in charge of the city water supply. He was called "The Water Works man."

C.A. Quisno had a construction crew. They built houses and did heating and plumbing.

George Jordan was night watchman and sometimes Marshal.

Tommy Schilb was co-owner of Schilb's Funeral Home and Schilb's Furniture. He was also very active in the Baseball League.

Forest Billman was also employed at the Chair Factory. By now, in 1941, J.B. Johnson Furniture Co. was doing fine and had a lot of workers. They made good furniture.

Lawrence Sidenbender came to Antwerp from Rockford and was book-keeper at the East Elevator. He married Jannette Adcock and settled down into the insurance business. Ivan Gaisford came to Antwerp from Illinois along with his brothers, Ivan and LeRoy. Ivan and Dick operated a hardware beside the Bee-Argus building. It caught fire and burned down in 1939 or '40.

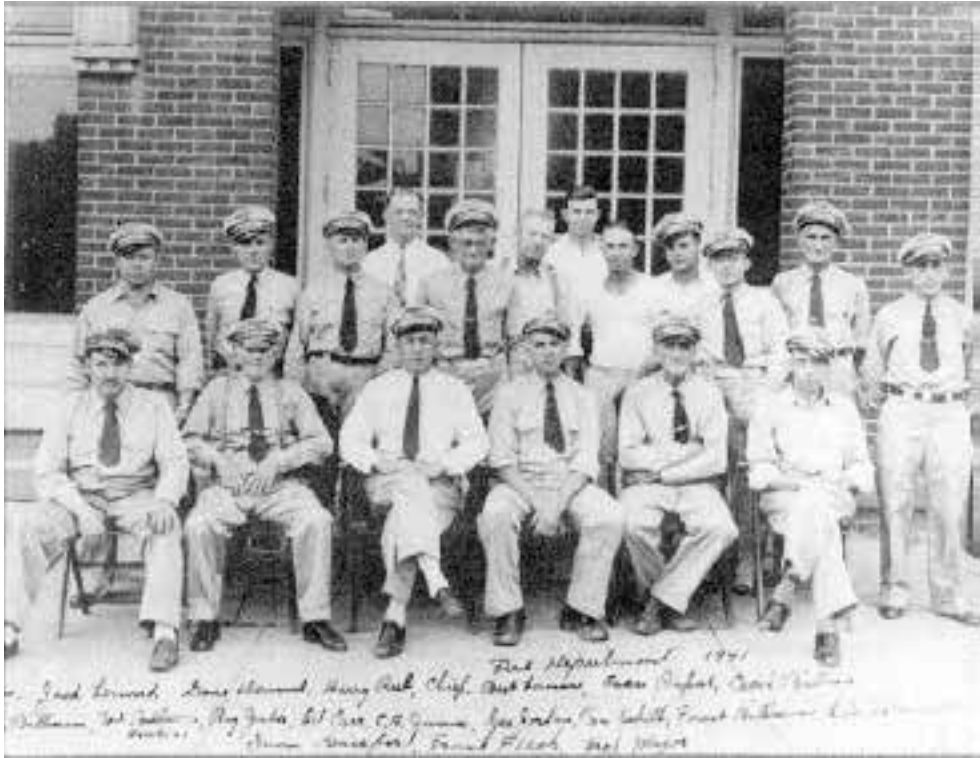
Frank Fleck was retired and lived there on what is now Waldo's Hill. The Fleck's were farmers northeast of town.

Fred Major was a versa-

tile worker, but he worked at Weatherhead mostly. He retired from there after a good many years.

All the boys were ready to help whenever they could. The fire alarm was a bell on top of the Town Hall that was rung real fast when it meant there was a fire. At that time they had a 1933 Dodge Fire Truck.

See, Ya!



Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department - 1941
First Row (l-r) Jack Leinard, Gene Donnell, Harry Reeb, Chief Bert Laisure, Oscar Ruppert, Cecil Billman **Second Row: (l-r) Melvin Billman, Ted Hawilins, Roy Zuber, Ed Carr, C.A. Quisno, George Jordan, Tom Schilb, Forest Billman, L.S. Sidenbender, Ivan Gaisford, Frank Fleck, Fred Major**

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

The following is of my own opinion and feelings and doesn't represent the other people at the WBN.

Along about the last week in August in Indianapolis, the Colts played the Tennessee Titans, I think, for the opening of the National Football League season. It really doesn't matter who the players were because they had nothing to do with my gripe.

It was a momentous affair. The stadium was filled to capacity—over fifty-three thousand. There were many volunteer actors and dancers at the square helping to open the football season.

They had a lot of musicians of all types and sizes and many other acts. When it was time to start the game the person to sing the National Anthem was a young pretty blond girl and a good singer, but why can't these musicians sing the National Anthem the way it was written. She also had a chorus of over 100 students from the Fort Wayne area who had to help her as she quivered her voice up and down the scale on certain notes. I'm sure those pupils (from different schools in Ft. Wayne) were taught to sing the Star Spangled Banner in the old accepted way.

In my opinion, 99 percent of all veterans, men and women, like to hear the National Anthem sang as it should be, as it was written. I cannot express my feelings when somebody "does their own thing" and I'm no different than any other veteran.

If I was the scheduling agent from the stadium, I would ask the singer if they would sing the National An-

them at the game, "Can you sing it the way it was written?"

If they answer, "No, I have my own rendition that I sing."

I would reply, "Well, we want it sung as it should be!"

"Well you can't tell me how to sing," they would insist.

"I'm sorry, we can't use you then, I'll find someone else," I would say.

I would probably get fired and they would be hired. My feelings are strong on this subject and I know that I'm not alone.

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PAULDING AND ANTWERP'S HOMECOMING PICTURES



The 2007 Antwerp Homecoming court from left to right: Sophomores Erin Hughes & Aaron Hughes, Seniors Chelsea Vail & Nick Cottrell, Jacqueline Thomas & Anthony Smith, Katie Brown & Jared Delong, Junior

Victoria Zuber & Dusty Woodcox, Freshmen Taylor Vail & Jordan Koppenhoffer. Katie Brown was chosen as Queen and Nick Cottrell as her attendant. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The 2007 Paulding Homecoming Court Back Row L to R: Sophomore Escort Ben Wiswell, Freshman Escort Jesse Glass, Senior Escort Ben Kauser, King Zach Stallcamp, Senior Escort Dustin Carnahan & Junior Escort Haden Sholl. Front Row L to R: Sophomore Attendant Alicia Carnahan, Freshman Attendant Jessica Manz, Senior Attendant Chelsi Sherry,

Queen Kala Gawronski, Senior Attendant Jeanelle DeMuth Crown Bearer Lidia Brewer, Ball Carrier Jacob Deisler, Crown Bearer Sadie Estle & Junior Attendant Morgan Hammon. Photos here and on website by Christa Thomas #67 Football Mom (TY!). More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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FRIDAY NIGHT'S FOOTBALL GAMES



The Panthers played the Ada Bulldogs on Friday night's matchup. Paulding ended up one touchdown shy matching Ada's score at 13 to 21. Paulding's No. 33 Junior Wade Bissell shown here as he jumps over the competition with the ball.



Friday night at Antwerp's homecoming game the Archers beat the Wayne Trace Raiders with a score of 42 to 8. Antwerp senior Tim Ryan shown here as he caught the pass on his way to the end zone. More pictures at www.archerpics.com or www.westbendnews.net



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GROUND BREAKING DATE SET FOR THE NEXT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

Something new is coming to Paulding. We are so excited about the announcement that was made at the regular September board meeting of the Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County. Board members and committee members set the ground breaking date for the fourth Habitat House in Paulding County. The next house will be owned by Marla Hershberger and her two teenage children. It will be located next to the very first house built by Habitat on West Jackson Street.

Ground breaking is set for October 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. We are inviting the public to this important event.

A Habitat House is not a free house. All applicants are asked to put in sweat equity hours, take money management classes at the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission or known as NOCAC, and are encouraged to save money into an account that NOCAC will match when the home is completed.

NOCAC will establish a fund for the Hershberger family and for every dollar that goes into that account, NOCAC will double that and that amount goes into the cost of their new home to help pay closing costs and the down payment.

The house is built with as much volunteer labor and donations as we can get. The actual cost of the house, over and above the volunteer help and donations, is then estimated and that amount goes into a 20 year loan of which the homeowner will be asked to repay in monthly installments.

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 10/9 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
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 10/4 - Pizza-pepperoni or cheese, tossed salad, peanut butter fudge, applesauce, milk
 10/5 - Sloppy joe sandwich, smashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, milk
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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" FALL SPORTS SPIRIT DAY



Vantage fall athletes, band members and colorguards.

Friday September 14 was "Fall Sports Spirit Day" at Vantage. One Friday during each sport season, athletes, band members, colorguards and cheerleaders proudly wear their home school sports uniform, T-shirt or jersey to celebrate their particular sport or activity. Students who attend Vantage are encouraged to stay involved in their home school extracurricular activities. There are over 40 student athletes at Vantage this fall. They are: Matt Rhodes, Antwerp Cross Country; Corey Talbot, Continental Soccer; JD Morrison, Continental Soccer; Brett Carder, Antwerp Cross Country; Eli Hovest, Continental Soccer; Holden Profit, Antwerp Cross

Country; Jake York, Van Wert Football; Tyler Miller, Lincolnview Golf; Calvin Sinn, Wayne Trace Football; Colt Ulm, Wayne Trace Football; Joe Briggs, St. John's Football; Tom Zuber, Antwerp Football; Sam Beregszazi, Antwerp Football; Cody Markward, Van Wert Soccer; Nathan Arn, Van Wert Band; Katelyn Houts, Parkway Band; Aaron Geckle, Kalida Cross Country; Katie Myers, Delphos Jefferson Soccer; Dustin Geckle, Continental Soccer; Tom Darby, Continental Soccer; Eric Beck, Paulding Football; Sean Fischnich, Kalida Cross Country; Steven Carlisle, Antwerp Cross Country; Cody Rau, Continental Soccer; Jordyn Jackson, Wayne Trace

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MARSHALL MEMORIAL SUPPORTING FOUNDATION (MMSF) - YOUNG FARMER PROGRAM

The MMSF Young Farmer Program now has seven Paulding County young farmers that are using the Marshall Memorial Young Farmer Program. The link deposit program was established through a gift given by the late Paul Marshall. This money is used to lower the interest rates on agricultural loans of local young farmers with a linked deposit program through the Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation. The total amount of MMSF money now working for these young farmers is \$238,430.00.

Applications are reviewed by a Young Farmer Committee appointed by the Board of the Foundation.

The Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation operates under the Paulding County Area Foundation. The officers are: Roy Klopfenstein, President; Joe Woods, Vice-President; Myrna Cook, Treasurer; Stan Searing, Secretary. Trustees are John Aden, Lori Davis, Lyle Ebel, Ken Hahn, Rick King, Dr. John Saxton and Duane Sinn.

This is an example of how our Paulding County Area Foundation can protect a gifted principle and uses the income for the good of the people of Paulding County forever. The Foundation was created for the community and the Board invites your interest.

For more information contact the Paulding County Area Foundation at 419-399-8282.

Check us out on the web: www.pauldingcountyarea-foundation.net

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NORTHWEST PLAINS UMW ANNUAL MEETING DAY

September 22, 2007 was a very eventful day for the Northwest Plains UMW. 132 UMW members and guests were in attendance at the first district annual meeting at the St. Andrews UM Church in Findlay.

Guests for the day were Mary Kersherval Short, the West Ohio UMW conference president, David Chivington, Asst District Superintendent and his wife Roxy, and the speaker for the day, Mebane McMahan. Special music was presented by Gale Mallory and Mark Detamore.

New officers for the 2008 year were elected and they are:

President Tina Basinger, Vice President Marie Eichar, Secretary Eileen Kochensparger, Treasurer Amy Sellers, Spiritual Growth Ada Eyer, Communications Jean Disher, Education and Interpretation, Kathy Denny, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Leah Flory, Program Resources Barbara Cline, Chairperson of nominations Betty Marvin and the nomination team is Carol Blass, Charlotte Pratt, Jean Bucher, Marilyn Noel, Jane Schnarre, Shirely Gehron, Jeanne Smith and Shirley Baldwin.

The Northwest Plains budget and the standing rules for 2008 were accepted by the members.

Units were honored for their 5-star giving, and for their Mission Today activities.

We honored many of our unit members who have gone to be with our Lord.

Mary Kersherval Short, along with the help of Claire Richtmyer, installed the officers for 2008.

Offering for the day was given to the Henderson Settlement and also to the Worthington Children's Home.

We were inspired with a wonderful message from Rev Mebane McMahan who spoke of how her life resembles the white water rafting that she enjoys doing. She gave us a detailed story of her first time to ride the rapids and how inexperienced she was. She told us that every time she runs the rapids she questions if she can overcome all of the obstacles that will be in the way of getting to the goal and that she compares it to her life. She has rapids to overcome in her everyday life and in her spiritual life but if she keeps focused on the goal which is God, riding the rapids is a success. This past summer she rode the rapids at Niagara Falls and she related that the rules never change. Just as our focusing on God should never change or draw us away from the goal or the challenge that has been put to us.

Rev Chivington and Rev McMahan led us in a wonderful communion service to end the day.

The spirit of God was surely with us as we partook of the elements and remembered the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior.

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GROVER HILL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary students of the month for September 2007 are the following:
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Back row - Noah Hasch, Luke Miller, Bailey Poling, Megan Moore, Alexis Flores, Allie Boroff, Emily Beech, Kelsee Rittenhouse, Emil Stoller, Leigha Flores.

JANE TAFT RETIRES FROM PCH



Jane Taft recently retired from Paulding County Hospital as the Public Relations/Marketing manager. Hospital administration presented her a gift certificate in appreciation of her service. Pictured

are: front (l-r), Amy Lieber, director of human resources; Jane Taft; Rob Goshia, chief financial officer; Back (l-r), Gary Adkins, chief operating officer; and Randy Ruge, chief operating officer.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THE START OF A BEAUTIFUL CAREER



Vantage Cosmetology seniors Meagon Egnor from Wayne Trace and Kayla Moore from Paulding, practice styling techniques on mannequins in preparation of the open day of salon services on Wednesday, October 3

The Vantage senior Cosmetology class is proud to announce that opening day for the salon will be Wednesday, October 3, 2007. This year brings even more opportunities for you to check out the hair care services offered at Vantage. For the second year in a row, there are two senior Cosmetology classes - a morning class and an afternoon class. What does that mean to you as a client? The salon will now be open from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A variety of cosmetology services including hair care, skin care, manicures, pedicures, permanents, hair cutting and styling are being offered. Please be sure to call 238-5411 ext. 177 to make an appointment.

In addition to serving customers, students are also taught salon management skills, retailing practices and

communication skills. Specific study of anatomy and chemistry, related to the hair care industry, is also included in this two-year program.

This year's instructors are Mrs. Amy Grothouse, who is in her third year teaching Cosmetology. This year she is teaching the junior class, as Vantage welcomes Mrs. Maureen Teman as the new senior Cosmetology teacher. A graduate of Delphos Jefferson High School and the Ohio State Beauty Academy, Mrs. Teman owns "So Chic" salon in Delphos and has more than 12 years of experience in the cosmetology field. She is looking forward to seeing students in her program be successful. She says, "Giving the students the opportunity to apply the skills and procedures they have learned in the Cosmetology program helps them to understand how a real salon or day spa functions."

Students completing the cosmetology course of study and meeting the competencies have the opportunity to graduate with a diploma and a license issued by the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology. This program continues to boast a high rate of graduates who receive their license prior to or immediately upon graduation from high school.

The Cosmetology students have also elected class officers for the 2007-2008 school year. Senior officers in the morning lab are President, Courtney Young (Wayne Trace), Vice President, Charley Kemp (Van Wert), Secretary, Ericka West (Paulding) and Reporter Jennie Bryant (Paulding). Senior officers in the afternoon lab are President, Katie Carroll (Wayne Trace), Vice President, Casey Dull (Wayne Trace), Secretary, Victoria Taylor (Continental) and Reporter, Kacia Violet (Delphos Jefferson). Andrea Sherry (Paulding) will be serving as Treasurer for both senior classes and Kayla Kerns (Lincolnview) is Assistant Treasurer for both senior classes.

Junior officers for the morning lab are President, Ashley Gaskill (Crestview), Vice President, Brandi Yoh (Paulding), Secretary, Chelsea Stickrath (Parkway) and Reporter, Shannon Morris (Van Wert). Officers for the afternoon junior cosmetology class are President, Keirston Laukhuf (Van Wert), Vice President, Brandi Goodwin (Van Wert), Secretary, Leanna Pitts (Kalida) and Reporter, Stephanie Okuley (Continental). Serving as Treasurer for both junior classes is Haley Moser (Crestview).

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Each year the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) declares the first full week of October as "Mental Illness Awareness Week. This year's event is scheduled for October 7-13 and the theme is "Building Community, Taking Action."

The community is built by civic-minded individuals who want to see their community improved and growing. One way for improvement is to recognize that many have health problems, need help and may continue to need help for their entire life. Our community needs to provide care and services to all individuals regardless of whether it is cancer, soldiers returning with post traumatic stress, children with ADHD, col-



PAULDING COUNTY JAIL LEVY COMMITTEE

The Paulding County Jail Levy Committee: Wayne

Stoller, Bill Bolenbaugh, Tony Burkley, Jon McCreery, Ron Lane, Ed Straley, Dave Harrow, Ron Etzler, Anna Lee Adams, Betty Layman, and

Marty Harmon. Not pictured: Ron Farnsworth, Coe Gordon, and Les Weidenhamer.

CURVES® OF PAULDING, OHIO IS MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER®

PAULDING—Curves® of Paulding, part of the world's largest franchisor of fitness clubs, today announced it will be teaming with the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fund-raiser during October Breast Cancer Awareness month to create awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds to help eliminate it. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women in the United States.

Curves® of Paulding has plenty of ways for everyone to get involved. New members who join between October 8 and 20 will receive a reduced price for the service fee when they bring in its matching do-

leage students suffering from depression or those unable to care for themselves due to the age factor.

Our community has been greatly improved by nursing homes, assisted living, growing hospitals, condos, more physicians and specialist and Mental Health - Substance Abuse facilities. Also, the residential homes for those with a mental health problems and the efficiency apartments available to those under a treatment plan.

Mental Illness is not the same as 'mental retardation' which is caused by under development or injury to the brain. Again, the community has helped provide the Thomas Edison School for the Mentally Retarded.

The major mental illnesses are clinical depression, bipolar (manic depression), schizophrenia, schizo-effective disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), anxiety-panic attacks, attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD), eating disorders, seasonal affective disorder, suicide, Tourette's Syndrome, and post-traumatic stress. Then there is "dual diagnosis." Many people with these disorders turn to alcohol, substance and drug abuse to cover up or treat the underlying problems.

To learn more about NAMI, the mental illnesses, medications, available help, etc. log on to www.nami.org or call the local affiliate at 419-238-2413 or 419-238-2413 or send e-mail to namivw@msn.com.

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nation to the American Cancer Society or show proof of a current mammogram.

Current members who make a minimum donation to the American Cancer Society will receive a donation certificate that will hang in the club, and can be filled out "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Each donation also entitles the member to put her name in a treasure chest and be eligible for weekly prize drawings all through October.

Anyone in the community can purchase Curves' Diane fragrance products and help in the fight against breast cancer. Curves founders Diane and Gary Heavin will donate 10 percent of the wholesale sales of all Diane fragrance products in October to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Members who pur-

chase Diane fragrance products will also have their name put in the treasure chest. The fragrance collection includes eau de parfum, Shea body butter and refreshing body wash, and makes a great holiday gift or stocking stuffer.

"Curves of Paulding is committed to helping the women in our community live healthier, stronger lives," said Glenda Farris. "Breast cancer will touch about one in every eight women, but breast cancer death rates are going down. This decline is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and having access to improved treatment. By encouraging women to get mammograms and rewarding them for doing so, we are helping to fight and even eliminate breast cancer in our lifetime. That's something we take very seriously."

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ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING



By: Sue Knapp

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Up for discussion was the problem of the houses that need major repair and trash and junk that need to be cleaned up around houses. It was decided that the Village would take the landlords to court and the Solicitor, Melanie Farr, would represent the town.

The Metalink Contract was approved.

Resolution # 2007-14 A

Resolution authorizing the EMS Coordinator to enter into a purchase agreement for the purchase of an EMS Squad vehicle and declaring the same as an emergency.

Ordinance # 2007-28 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an antenna site lease agreement with Metalink Technologies, Inc.; and declaring the same an emergency.

Ordinance # 2007-29 An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation and declaring it an emergency.

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GARAGE SALE: OCTOBER 5 & 6, Friday 6:30 a.m.-6pm, Saturday 8am-2pm. Lots of Coca-cola bottles and collectibles, toys, bottle clothes 3-18 months, Christmas, Easter and Halloween decorations, 12x12 dog kennel, DVD players, DVD/VHS combo players, computer peripherals, digital cameras, camcorders, pictures, shelves, pictures frames, and a whole lot more. Everything is priced to sell! 11167 State Line Rd., Hicksville. Take St. Rt. 2/37 towards Fort Wayne turn right on the State Line, go about 1/2 mile, Watch for signs! p

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3 PARTY GARAGE SALE: Sat. Oct. 6, 9am to 2pm. 711 Jacobs Dr., Payne, OH. Furniture, household items, sewing machine, holiday decorations, cross stitch and much more. p

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PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. HOLDS IT'S 8TH ANNUAL BANQUET PROGRAM



The Paulding Economic Development Board Members. More pictures at www.westbend-news.net

By: Sue Knapp

The evening started out with a social hour with music from the Antwerp Community Band after which Tony Langham, PCED Director, welcomed the crowd. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Howard, PCED Board Member and the Star Spangled Banner was sung by Stephanie Schweller.

After a recognition of the Banquet co-sponsors the County Commissioners were recognized. John Kobee, PCED Board Member, delivered the invocation and dinner was served.

Lynn Shock, Director of Allen County Job and Family Services was the first speaker. The program serves 44 counties with Allen, Paulding and Putnam counties all working together.

Shock explained that the Job and Family Services do more than you think. A program called Accent links job seekers with employers. At no charge Accent helps businesses find employees by posting available job positions, applicant screening and skills assessment, reimbursement for training, etc. You may receive information by going to www.AccentOhio.com or www.scoti.ohio.gov.

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to the website or to the facilities to find employment that matches your skills, again, at no charge. They will help you with your resume, cover letters, job leads, etc. and also available is occupational skills training, career counseling, GED classes, etc.

The Job and Family Services has moved from hand-outs to giving people the skills to find jobs.

Bruce Merry, ODOT District Construction Engineer, gave an update on the new 24 project. The project should be completed in 2009, the project is on or a little above schedule.

This is the biggest project that ODOT has undertaken with Defiance, Napoleon and Antwerp-Paulding going on all at once. Indiana to 127 and 127 to Defiance is 20% completed. Depending on the weather, the dirt operations will shut down in November. The bridges operations will continue depending on the weather.

Earth work and prep work is what you're seeing now with the drainage and culverts mostly done. Next year the roadways will start and they will start to pour cement.

At the end of the construction the county roads will be repaired from the damage

done by the construction.

A question was asked on the speed limit of the new highway. It will be 65 MPH. It was asked about Indiana's side of the project. Merry said that the 101 exchange should be done at the same time as our project. He didn't have any information about the 469 to 101 project.

He announced that U.S. 30 construction would be done and the highway would be open at the end of this year.

The Board Members were recognized along with the non-voting members and Administrative Assistants, Carole Fillmore and Pam Miller.

Plaques were handed out recognizing those companies who experience economic development in the last 12 months. The 2007 Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Members received plaques and the 2007 Members received certificates.

Randy Derck, PCED Board President, picked the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing and the PCED Board Members handed out the Door Prizes.

The wonderful dinner was provided by Grant's Catering. Grant's is located in Payne with a reception hall in Antwerp.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY FIVE SCHOOL MEET AT GROVER HILL PARK

These are the results from a Cross Country five school meet that took place on September 25, 2007 at Grover Hill Park.

Varsity Boys:
School - followed by top runners, places and times

1. Fairview - 36 - Justin Perkins 1st 17:31; Logan Alvarez 2nd 17:44; Taylor Tripoli 5th 18:09; Josh Tonneas 12th 19:13; Martin Singer 15th 19:24

2. Antwerp - 56 - Hayden Krick 6th 18:25; Spencer Timbrook 7th 18:34; Dylan Crawford 11th 19:09; Josh Hilton 13th 19:13; Nick Berry 19th 20:10

3. Ottoville - 64 - Cory Clementz 3rd 17:58; Roger Knippen 10th 18:58; Ryan Miller 14th 19:18; Drew Bendele 20:07; Taylor Gasser 21st 20:28

4. Wayne Trace - 86 - Levi Kurtz 4th 18:00; Karl Klopfenstein 10th 19:07; Colin Klopfenstein 22nd 20:28; Angelo Harris 24th 20:32; Cory Irwin 26th 21:02

5. Ayersville - No team score - Sebastian Rue 8th 18:39

Varsity Girls:

1. Ottoville - 32 - Shayla Siefker 1st 19:41; Molly Maag 2nd 20:47; Melissa Turnwald 4th 22:07; Rachelle Bendele 8th 23:08; Leesha Blake 17th 26:07

2. Ayersville - 38 - Kelsey Dockery 5th 22:39; Chelsea Monashed 6th 22:40; Olivia Stewart 7th 22:42; Dani Bassious 9th 24:05; Lauryn Ludenium 11th 24:37

3. Fairview - 82 - Kaylie Tekenberg 10th 24:20; Crystal Miller 13th 24:46; Tina Schroeder 14th 24:54; Kate Chittenden 22nd 27:19; Tierney Czartoski 23rd 27:25

4. Wayne Trace - 110 - Jenna Gordon 18th 26:15; Leah Ross 20th 26:25; Cassie McDougale 21st 26:32; Samantha Dacis 25th 28:57; Whitney Mullins 27th 29:03

5. Antwerp - No team score - Alexis Godeke 3rd 21:13; Vanessa Gordon 15th 25:21; Aly Skeens 16th 25:34

Junior High Boys - No Times (printer malfunction):

Winner Jason Turnwald, Ottoville
Team Scores:
Ottoville 29
Fairview 37

Antwerp 57 - Drew Taylor 6th, Noah Gasser 7th, Dalton Skeens 12th, Isaac Reinhart 13th, Colin Krick 19th; Ayersville 60

Wayne Trace - 62 - Eli Cook 4th, Joe Mckvay 5th, Andre Burkey 15th, Eric Maassell 18th, Mike Davis 24:04.

Junior High Girls - No Times:

Winner Kathleen Walsh - Fairview

Fairview 22 (Only team score)

Antwerp - Lauren Cline 6th, Jessie Martin 7th, Harlee Husdon 9th

Wayne Trace - Michala Elliot 8th, Mackenzie Fleagle 10th, Mackenzie Campbell 13th

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. FAIRVIEW

Wayne Trace is now 5-8 overall, 1-3 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Wayne Trace over Fairview 25-22, 27-25, 25-18.

Wayne Trace Stat Leaders:

Natalie Snyder - 17-18 passing, 20-23 hitting, nine kills, five blocks

Sara Priest - 9-9 serving, 11-11 passing, 20-25 hitting, eight kills, eight digs

Krista Germann - 13-14 serving, 80-82 setting, 23 assists

Maria Schaefer - 19-19 setting, six assists

Kelly Janka - 8-8 passing, 14-19 hitting, six kills, four blocks, three digs

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Fairview 25-8, 25-20

Raider junior varsity is now 7-5 overall, 2-2 in the GMC

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF: WAYNE TRACE, ANTWERP, & FAIRVIEW

The High School Girls Golf teams from Wayne Trace, Antwerp, and Fairview teed off on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Pond-A-River Golf Course.

Team scores for the evening were Wayne Trace 184, Antwerp 229, Fairview 263

School Stats:

Wayne Trace - Gabrielle Hook 46, Shelby Critten 45, Kacey Hockenberry 46, Courtney Hicks 47, Elyse Myers 54, Brittany Wilcox 66, Courtney Rue 70, Arryn Denny 58

Antwerp - Christy Kortokraw 55, Chelsea Vail 53, Kucera Hull 57, Paula Slattman 64, Hannah Butcher 70

Fairview - Brittany Eicher 59, Ulrich 62, Heaven Holtsberry 76, Zeedyk 66, Ferguson 76

Wayne Trace is now 9-6 on the season.

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