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## BIPOLAR AWARENESS DAY IS OCTOBER 11

Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day was created by the National Alliance on Mental Illness 16 years ago to increase awareness of bipolar disorder, promote early detection and accurate diagnosis, reduce stigma, and minimize the devastating impact on the over 9 million Americans presently affected by the disorder. This year the event will be celebrated on Thursday, October 11.

Bipolar disorder, or manic depression, is a medical illness that causes extreme shifts in mood, energy and functioning. These changes may be subtle or dramatic and typically vary greatly over the course of a person's life as well as among individuals. The illness affects both men and women, rich and poor, educated and under educated, every nationality, your family, your neighbor's family, a co-worker, the intoxicated fighting on the street or in a bar or the person sitting beside you in church.

Bipolar is a chronic and generally life-long condition with recurring episodes of mania and depression that

## LINDSEY AND COMPANY HAIR STUDIO GETS A JUMP ON RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is just around the corner. Lindsey and Company Hair studio will be holding a Corn Hole Tournament at the Antwerp American Legion on Saturday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m. to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They will be having a raffle of Ohio State apparel and Buckeye Corn Hole boards. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Please come support our team. Sign up starts at 3:00 p.m., tournament will start at 3:30 p.m. Two person teams. The Ohio State game will also be available for viewing that day.

Any questions please call Lindsey & Company at 419-399-4869, Monday - Saturday.

can last from days to months that often begin in adolescence or early adulthood and occasionally even in children. Most people generally require some sort of lifelong treatment. While medication is

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## A GREAT DEBATE TO HAPPEN IN PAULDING COUNTY

You've read Brad Dying's articles. You've heard from Ron Lane. The Jail levy is to be voted on in November and it seems that this can be a confusing issue when you hear such diverse information.

Do you want the chance to have them answer your question? Now you can. The West Bend News is hosting the public debate on Thursday, October 25 at the OSU Extension building starting at 7:30 p.m. Bryce Steiner of the West Bend News will be the moderator.

This is a great time to get involved in the necessary decisions for your county. Here's what you can do: Send the West Bend News your question either by e-mail or to our PO Box. Make sure to put at the top of the letter "Debate Question". Next you need to put who the question should be directed to. Please put your name and phone number on the letter so if we need to clarify the question we can contact you. You must keep the questions related to the jail.

Details are being worked out so be sure to check out the WBN next week! The Paulding County Commissioners have graciously allowed the use of the OSU building for such an important event.

## COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-School Story Time at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will begin on Thursday, October 4 at 2:30 p.m. This program is for all children ages 3 years old to 5 years old. For more information, please call Sue Thomas at 419-594-3337.

October 6 at 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. will be the first Oakwood Area Scrapbook Gathering for the fall season. We will be meeting at the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Bring a card table, sack lunch and a drink along with your scrapbook/card projects to work on for the morning. Come and learn some new techniques from fellow scrapbook/card making enthusiasts. For more information contact Sue Thomas at 419-594-3337.

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

## BOO! EEK!



By: Sue Kanpp

You'll be hearing a lot of this when you visit the Classic Country 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Hay Ride. Larry and Karon Graft and Roger and Susie Baska have turned a big part of the Graft's back field into a chilling, thrilling and not to be forgotten evening with ghosts, goblins and Oh! No! is that a headless horseman!

The two couples decided they needed some excitement in their lives so along with grandkids from Bluffton, IN and Kansas City they make these yearly events frights to remember.

People and children from 10 days to in their 80's have

traveled from Portage, Grabbill, Bowling Green and other areas to witness, Oh! No! de train! de train!

First you will go through the haunted tunnel then you will get into the wagon and for approximately 25 minutes you will... EEK!

After your shaky legs get off the wagon the children will receive a treat and you can spend the rest of the evening reliving the hair-raising, spooky experiences... or maybe not.

To find out more about this "hair-raising" experience, look for the ad in this issue of the West Bend News.

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Darlene Waltenburg



Wish to express their deepest thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers, prayers and kind acts at Darlene's passing. Your kindness and generosity was deeply appreciated at our time of sorrow.

—Bill, Heather, and Heath Waltenburg

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**OBITUARIES**

**William C. Rowe**, 77 of Paulding, died October 7, 2007 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

He was born August 14, 1930 in Latty, OH, the son of Harley and Susan (Williams) Rowe. He was formerly employed by Superior Coach, Lima, and Boeing Aircraft, Columbus. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran serving during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by a son, Dana Rowe of Paulding; three daughters: Teresa Rowe of Paulding, Pamela (Alfrado) Vilaboy of Miami, FL, and Cindy (Charles) Walker of Atlanta, GA; four sisters: Esther Connor of Paulding, Agness Tucker, and Barbara Jones both of Lima, and Sharon Vasquez of Victoria, TX; sixteen grandchildren; and twenty great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters: Shelly Taylor and Kimberly Rowe; six brothers: James, Richard, Charles, Rivola, Robert and Roger Rowe; six sisters: Shirley Floore, Beulah Rowe, Ruth Davis, Wilma Hill, Olive Townsend, and Geneva Woodruff.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be at Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Grover Hill, with military graveside services.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Helen A. Rager**, 90, of Paulding died at the Van Crest Health Care Center in Van Wert, OH, on Sunday, October 7, 2007.

Helen was born on September 10, 1917 in Paulding County to the late Harry and

Madge (Stouffer) Smith. She was married to Ben Rager, who predeceased her in 1972.

She is survived by three daughters: Patricia (Randal) Taylor of Bolivar, OH, Brenda (Edward) Turnbell of Findlay, OH, and Barbara (James) Grogan of Gross Pointe Farms, MI; two grandchildren: Michael Turnbell and Lisa Rife; and two great-grandchildren: Lauren and Abigail Rife. Also, surviving Helen are two sisters: Maxine Reinhart of Payne and Julie Sinn of Paulding.

A brother, Richard Smith; and a sister, Donna Crone predeceased her.

Helen loved the farm, often working beside her husband, Ben.

She was known for her baking especially her sugar cookies, which she shared with many friends and family. Helen took great pride for years baking pies, cookies, bread and making noodles for the First Christian Church in Paulding where she was a member.

Helen traveled to many parts of the world including Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Russia, and throughout the United States.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 11 at First Christian Church, Paulding with Rev. Gregory Bibler officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

The family requests that memorial donations be given to Hospice, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, OH 45891; The First Christian Church, PO Box 330, Paulding, OH 45879; or St. Paul Cemetery Fund.

**Elizabeth Eiserle**, 93 of Paulding died Friday, October 5, 2007 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born November 19, 1913 in Akron, OH, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Kari) Keim. On July 20, 1935 she married Frank Eiserle Jr. who preceded her in death in 1976. She was a member of Paulding Church of the Nazarene, and retired from the former Grizzly Manufacturing, Paulding.

She is survived by two sons: Paul (Jackie) Eiserle of Paulding, David (Deborah) Eiserle of Ft. Wayne; a daughter, Helen Sigley of Defiance; a daughter-in-law, Velma Eiserle of White Lake, MI; a sister, Katherine (Ned) Wolf of Ft. Wayne; and eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by a son, Ken Eiserle; an infant sister; and a foster brother, John Corey.

Funeral services were October 9, 2007 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene and Pastors Kim and Cindy Semran officiated. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

The Family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

**Mildred M. Dangler**, 90, of Paulding died Sunday, September 30, 2007 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born May 25, 1917 in Napoleon, OH the daughter of Carl and Josephine (Reichert) Walters. On January 1, 1938 she married Virgil Dangler, who preceded her in death in 1985. She was a member of the Calvary Bible Church, Paulding.

She is survived by a son, Rex (Sue) Dangler of Cecil; a daughter, Joanne (Phillip) Howerton of Middletown, OH; a brother, Donald Walters of Napoleon, OH; a sister, Betty (Chuck) Wells of Clearwater, FL; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by an infant daughter, April Ann in 1939.

Funeral services were October 4 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor Charles F. Schmunk. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to SPCA, Fort Wayne, IN.

**Clarence "Sod" R. Helle**, 82, of Paulding, passed away Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at his residence.

He was born in Paulding, on November 23, 1924, the son of the late Frederick H. and Stella F. (Corwin) Helle.

He attended a country school through 8th grade, graduated from Paulding High School and served in the U.S. Army as a Sgt. in WWII.

Clarence was a farmer, but also worked at International Harvester for 24 years and enjoyed amateur radio, fishing, camping and tractors and steam engines. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding and Paulding VFW Post #587.

On March 8, 1947 he married Marjorie J. Ream, who passed away May 10, 1972. His second wife, Reba Boyer, has also passed away.

He will be sadly missed by his daughters: Barbara (Doug) Morris of Fort Wayne and Sue Ann (Gene) Dunham of Urbana, IN; sons: Allan (Cynthia) of Paulding and Dennis (Joyce) of Hicksville; step-daughter, Linda Williams of California; companion, Betty Craft of Hillsboro; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His sister, Ada Dankless; and brother, Paul, have passed away.

Funeral services at Antwerp Community Church of the Nazarene on October 6, with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating.

He was laid to rest at Saint Paul Cemetery, Paulding, with military honors.

The family requests donations to Antwerp Community Church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

**Pauline Gale Knuckles**, 90, formerly of Harlan, Indiana, passed away Friday, October 5, 2007 at Hawthorn Court, Paulding.

Born in Harlan on January 18, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Leona (Miller) Foote.

She was a teacher, having graduated from Ball State University. She was also a homemaker and farmer. On April 20, 1940 Pauline married Otha Knuckles, who passed away September 3, 1986. She attended South Scipio United Brethren Church and liked to crochet, read and garden.

Pauline will be sadly missed by her sons: Gary (Ann) of Antwerp and Kelly of Mark Center; and four grandchildren: Bob, Mary, Vicki and Teresa.

Her son, Ricky; sister, Isabel Johnston; and twin brother, Paul Foote, have passed away.

Funeral services were October 9 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

She was laid to rest at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

The family requests donations to Hawthorn Court's Activity Fund.

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

**Ernest G. Mercer**, 79, of Hicksville, died October 3, 2007 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

He was born on May 30, 1928 in Hicksville, OH the son of Levi and Agnes Mae (Shull) Mercer. He married Lola Green on June 1, 1952.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in WWII. He was a lifelong Milford Township farmer and worked at National Ideal, STM and Auburn Clutch (Dana). He was a member of West Milford Church of Christ in Milford Township. He was a past member of the Farmer American Legion Post 137.

He is survived by his wife, Lola; two sisters: Zora Gordin of South Solon, OH and Rozella Alwood of Auburn, IN; a brother, Thurman Mercer of New Port, TN; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services were October 6 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Larry Weller officiated. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, OH with military honors by American Legion Post 137.

Memorials to The Gideon's or West Milford Church of Christ.

**BEYOND GRIEF SCRAP-BOOKING WORKSHOP AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—Have you lost someone you love and want to put their photos and some of your memories into a scrapbook but don't know where to start? Start at the Johnson Memorial Library on October 18 at 6:30 p.m. The Hicksville Community Service Center is sponsoring the Beyond Grief Scrapbooking Workshop. It is a two-part program to be held on October 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Karen Smith will share insights into loss and grieving and will encourage participants to share their memories in their scrapbooks. Diane Clark will be offering her scrapbooking expertise and will furnish supplies for the mini-scrapbooks.

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

Pre-registration by October 12 is required for this program. Please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 to register.

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Travis Lichty buys a brat from Patty and Bob Kammeyer at Kammeyers IGA in Antwerp. Kammeyers sponsored a brat and dogs selling day for the All-Weather Track Campaign.

**KAMMEYERS IGA SELLS BRATS TO SUPPORT ALL-WEATHER TRACK CAMPAIGN**

By: Steve Major  
ANTWERP—Kammeyers IGA supermarket recently held its third Brats and Dogs Sale to support the All-Weather Track Campaign. The funds raised will be used to help construct an all-weather track at Antwerp school to replace the existing stone track. The new track will be open to both students and the community as well.  
“This is the third time we have done this event,” said the supermarket’s owner Bob Kammeyer. “Our goal was to raise a \$1,000 for the campaign. This most recent sale we raised about \$315, which takes us over the goal.”  
Kammeyers donated all the food for the sale and all the proceeds to the campaign.  
“We have exceeded our goal, but we will probably do another sale next spring,” added Kammeyer.  
Construction plans for the track are progressing, but a significant amount

of funding still needs to be raised before the project can become a reality. To date the campaign has raised approximately \$40,000 towards an ultimate goal of \$200,000.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the campaign can send a check made out to the “Antwerp Athletic Boosters” and mailed to: Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign, PO Box 615, Antwerp, OH 45813.

**PUMPKIN BALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED IN PAYNE**

The Payne Softball League and the Payne Ball Association are sponsoring a co-ed pumpkin ball softball tournament on Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27, at the Payne Community Park.

For more information, please contact Ben Clem at (419) 786-0556 or you can also get more information at www.payneball.com.

**ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION**

The Antwerp Ball Association will hold a public meeting at the Essenhouse on Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE RAIN FOREST IS COMING TO TOWN**

It’s truly something you will have to see to believe. On Monday, October 15, Oakwood Elementary School will be transformed into a tropical rain forest.

Touring under the name “Live on Stage, The Rain Forest”, not only will you think you are right in the middle of the tropical rain forest with the beautiful sounds and sights of the Amazon region, you will also see exotic birds, monkeys, alligators, jungle cats, and snakes.

It all started as a dream for founder and current director Mike Kohlireser. In the 1980’s Mike and his wife Marcia became increasingly aware of problems in the tropical rain forests. Using his already developed skills as an animal trainer and stage entertainer, Mike wanted to educate young and old alike about these animals facing possible extinction.

In 1992 the non-profit organization Understanding Wildlife, Inc. was created. The goal is simple—educate and inspire individuals to get involved and make this a better world for us all (including the animals) to live in.

This fascinating comedy animal show will only be at the Oakwood Elementary School on Monday, October 15 for one show at 6:30 p.m. For additional information and ticket pricing call the school office.

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one key element in successful treatment of bipolar disorder, psychotherapy, support and education about the illness are also essential components of the treatment progress.

Research indicates that most cases of Bipolar can be traced to a chemical imbalance in the brain and is usually an inherited condition. No one wants to have it any more then they want to have cancer, heart disease, diabetes, hypothyroidism or other health problems. However, there are also other factors which may trigger the onset such as a stressful environment or negative life events in addition to genetic or biological vulnerability.

A ‘mixed state’ is when symptoms of mania and depression occur at the same time. During this state, depressed mood accompanies manic activation. “Rapid cycling” is when an individual may experience an increased frequency of episodes.

Dual Diagnosis occurs when people with mental illness such as Bipolar Disorder attempt to eradicate their problems by self medication such as alcohol and drug abuse instead of securing proper professional help which is readily available in our communities.

While there is no cure for bipolar disorder, it is a treatable and manageable illness. After an accurate diagnosis and perhaps a ‘second opinion’ most people can achieve an optimal level of wellness. Medication is an essential element of successful treatment for people with this disorder. In addition, psychosocial therapies including cognitive-behavioral therapy, interpersonal therapy, family therapy, and psycho-education are important to help people understand the illness and to internalize skills to cope with the stress that can trigger episodes. Changes in medications or doses may be necessary, as well as changes in treatment plans during different stages of the illness. No two people are exactly alike and the patient must work with the prescribing physician to reach the maximum benefits.

It is very common for individuals living with mental illness to want to discontinue their medication, a thought that may be appealing because side effects may be uncomfortable or because it has been a long time since the last episode. People should remember the recovery they are experiencing is a result of the treatment that they are receiving NOT the fact that the causes have gone away.

Treatment works – people recover if they seek help and continue in treatment.

Computer systems and local libraries offer a wealth of information on mental disorders, treatment plans, information on support groups, educational classes, etc. NAMI website is www.nami.org and the local NAMI organization meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Drop-In Center at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. Guest speakers and videos on mental health issues, and ‘time for sharing’ is provided at each meeting and the public is always invited to attend. The local NAMI affiliate may be reached at 800-541-6264 or 419-238-2413 or by e-mail namivw@msn.com.

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  3. Carpet Wholesalers 9-3
  4. Grace 8-4
  5. Good Thymes Saloon 5-7
  6. Hot - N - Here 3-9
  7. Eppy’s 3-9
  8. Scotty’s 1-11

**DISCOVER THE WONDROUS WORLD OF MERCER MAYER’S LITTLE CRITTER AT THE LIBRARY’S FALL STORY TIMES**

HICKSVILLE—Come discover the wondrous world of Mercer Mayer’s Little Critter at the Johnson Memorial Library’s Fall Story Times in October and November. Fall Story Times begin on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. and on October 17 at 10:00 a.m. They will run on consecutive Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. through November 6 and 7.

The Fall Story Times are free and are open to children, three years of age or older. The programs will be based upon Mercer Mayer’s 300 children’s books about Little Critter. There will be Little Critter stories, movies, activities, songs, and crafts.

According to his web site www.littlecritter.com, “I’m Little Critter. I live in Critterville. I have a mom and dad and a little sister and a little brother. But I am the oldest. I have lots of pets, too. I have a dog and a cat and a mouse and a grasshopper and a frog. And a snake and a bunch of fish and some turtles, too. Here’s what I like to do...play baseball and football and ride my bike and my skateboard. I like to go fishing and go to the beach and go to the mall. I go to Critterville Elementary School. I’m in first grade. Miss Kitty is my teacher. I ride the school bus to school with my best friends, Tiger and Gator. Anyway, I’ve got to go now. My mom is calling me to clean my room, so bye for now. Talk to you later.”

If you would like more information on or have any questions about Mercer Mayer, Little Critter, or the Fall Story Times, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

**CHAIR YOGA FOR EVERYONE AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—Have you always wanted to try yoga but haven’t had the time to learn? Or was yoga recommended to you for stress reduction and relaxation? Then come on out to the Johnson Memorial Library to learn more about yoga and its relaxation techniques on Thursday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair Yoga for Everyone program is free and is open to both children and adults. It will be led by Judy McCalla. The program is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center.

According to McCalla, “Come expecting to learn relaxation and deep breathing techniques, which promote healthy well-being and reduced stress in this 20-30 minute class.”

For more information or to register for the yoga class, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

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10/24/07 **Wednesday** - Health Dept.  
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(This is also regular children’s shot day.)

10/25/07 **Thursday** -Oakwood School - Flag Pole Entrance  
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

10/26/07 **Friday** - Health Dept. CHILDREN’S DAY  
8:30AM to 11:30AM & 1:00 PM to 3:30PM  
(Any child over 6 mos. may receive vaccine, but especially recommended for children 6 mos. to 5 yrs.)

10/30/07 **Tuesday** - Antwerp School - Main Entrance  
10:00AM to 1:00PM

11/01/07 **Thursday** - Payne School -Main Entrance  
11:00AM to 2:00PM

11/02/07 **Friday** - Grover Hill School - Main Entrance  
11:00AM to 2:00PM

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# Opinions, Opinions, Opinions...

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm not trying to start a letter "war" but I must clarify a couple of things in Ron Lane's letter. I know and like Ron and he is entitled to his opinion just as I am (the 1st amendment gives us this right).

1. I did not write my letter on a "bad day". It was a normal day. I was just expressing my feelings of more taxes that we can't afford.

2. I was merely quoting the people from Defiance on their shock at Paulding property taxes. I didn't question or doubt their integrity. I'm sure they know what their bills are just as I know mine.

One subject I would like to touch on is the proposed cleaning and dredging of Flat Rock Creek. Can you say "more taxes?" Yes, the creek needs cleaned. I have walked a lot of it and flown the full length and there are 50 to 75 log jams and obstructions in it. These need removed so the creek can flow free and clean itself out. As far as helping flooding—only to an extent!

People need to remember how flat this area is and how well the area farmers drain their fields. This water flows to the AuGlaize River and it can only accept a certain amount

of rainfall until it is over full. Then Flat Rock can no longer empty into it and it backs up into the many lowlands along it! Dredging would do nothing but destroy the natural purpose of this creek. Getting the water to flow free along its natural course will help, but in heavy rains it's going to flood just as any stream or river will when the amount of water entering it exceeds the amount flowing out. The simple solution: Don't buy or build in a known flood plain then complain. Let's not waste our money with another tax trying to fight nature! Let's work with nature—clean the creek and let it run its natural course!

—Gregg Gorman

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Both sides of the aisle in Washington D.C. go to bed each night hoping something terrible happens to this wonderful country they can blame the other side for. While Washington may be stuck with bickering and deceit the people's business takes second place. It isn't that way here. A good thing happened working on the jail levy.

Here, there is a coinci-

dence of interest among the people closest to the facts. Both of the political parties are solidly behind the jail levy. It feels good to be working together. It's both powerful and healthy. By avoiding distortions being spread a truly good program can be completed. I think a public meeting is being planned so people can be informed by facts. It isn't rocket science and this exchange can replace gossip with truth and also put rumors to rest on both sides of the issue.

Is it possible our county's political parties can show Washington how to handle the people's business? You bet. Have any opinion you wish but be sure it's based on facts. I ask each political party to discuss the people's interest at each of their meetings that can be joined by the other party as they have the jail levy. This bi-party cooperation has been great. Keep it up.

—Ron Lane

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Oops! He did it again.**

Try as he might, Mr. Dying, can't seem to get out of his own way. He tried to impress upon the voting public last election that he was just a good ole trustworthy country bumpkin hell bent to change county government. He has railed against the benefits of the county being recognized as the Most Affordable County in the United States, he has found a problem with litter, bars, taxes, public bathrooms, the new highway...

He has managed to find the negative in everything. Not exactly a trait praiseworthy of someone seeking the commissioner's office.

If the county is "drying up", and everything is as bad as he says, than maybe he's got an answer.

How about it, Brad, any ideas? If you're going to spend energy to tear others down, at least follow it up with an original idea of your own. Got any? You've had ample time in your various articles to pitch your own solutions, but all we hear is negative.

And now you've managed to turn your dim-witted doom and gloom to the subjects of Mr. Lane and the jail levy. I do not intend to speak for Mr. Lane, he does a fine enough job of that himself, but since you insinuated that he and others are just in it for the money and retirement, not public service, I assume you can back this up.

Unlike yourself, I can speak with first hand experience that Mr. Lane and the jail levy committee work hard and volunteer all our time and resources. We are a diverse group of citizens from all around this county that decided to respond to an issue in the best possible manner for all involved.

If you have a better idea, let's hear it. If not, then stop taking cheap shots from the side lines and get involved in something positive.

Hey, I've got an idea, how about the convicts stay at your house?

—Jon McCreery

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Crane Township Residents: Keep Cemeteries Beautiful**

Crane Township residents will be voting on our cemetery levy on November 6.

Our Township has five cemeteries: Rochester on US 24, Bethel, Forder and Eaton on Road 192 and Gordon Cemetery on Road 226.

Our cemetery workers work very hard to keep the cemeteries looking beautiful. It is only right that we care for the final resting places of our loved ones. This cemetery levy will read "additional" levy at a rate not exceeding 1 mill. The Crane Township Board of Trustees has previously maintained the cemeteries through the General Fund. However, due to decreased revenues and state regulations, it is necessary to create a cemetery fund for maintaining and upkeep of our township cemeteries.

Let's keep our five cemeteries looking beautiful. We must continue to maintain them in a professional and loving manner. We need your help! Please, vote "yes" on our important levy. If you have any questions about our levy or any township matter, feel free to contact any of the trustees or the fiscal officer. We are here to serve you!

—Crane Township

Officials:  
Joe Sukup  
Jerry Minck  
Charles Simpson  
Kristine Stuart

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Subject: Log jam removal from Flat Rock Creek (tributary: narrow winding passage to a river) not a ditch (a narrow dug excavation for drainage.)

I believe the old timer was correct when he marked the high-level water line for Dr. Snyder to assume that his home was not built on a flood plain. I also believe the home at that time was not built in a flood plain.

What has changed in the last 100 years? What has

stayed consistent?

Items consistent over the years:

—Rainfall: same average  
—Log jams: Even more prevalent in early years due to logging.

Items which have changed over the years:

—Elevated roadways.  
—Train road beds.  
—Dams.

Result: The flood basin current flow has been reduced nearly 70% by the construction of elevated highways and railways, constructing earthen dams across the flood plain, and the spanning of a narrow channel of 75-200 feet wide, with an overpass. Now in effect you have an earthen dam, 15 to 20 feet high with a spillway as narrow as 75 feet. What was once a creek at flooded stage measuring nearly 1320 feet across with no or little man made barriers, now restrained every mile or so with narrow spillways and earthen dams which can only move a fraction of the water that the natural tributaries could handle 100 years ago. Dams and spillways are normally used to slow current flow, and we have inadvertently created this result in our flood plain.

The only time a log or a dam such as the one at the old sugar beet factory becomes a factor is if it is in front of one of the spillways. The water is now being delivered to these narrow channels faster than they can handle it.

You cannot dig Flat Rock Creek deep enough or wide enough to eliminate the problems.

For an example, the next high flood go to the railroad overpass on the northeast

side of Payne just off 500. The cubic area of the passage within the overpass cannot relieve the source side of the creek to the egress side of the creek. The egress side could be a waterfall and the flood plain in Payne would be the same. There are many of these along the course of the creek! Log jam removal is not the root cause and would be a waste of tax payers money.

If you have engineering data discounting the above facts I will be the first to support the proposal. This data should include flow rates at various rainfall level vs. time in areas such as porous log jams, and improvements in flow rate when logs are removed. Volume of water moved across an area in time and depth, to assure flood levels are not increased when this proposed rate is increased to see if the next man made barrier will handled the increased amount of water.

Pictures of log jams are not sufficient.

—Robert Lee

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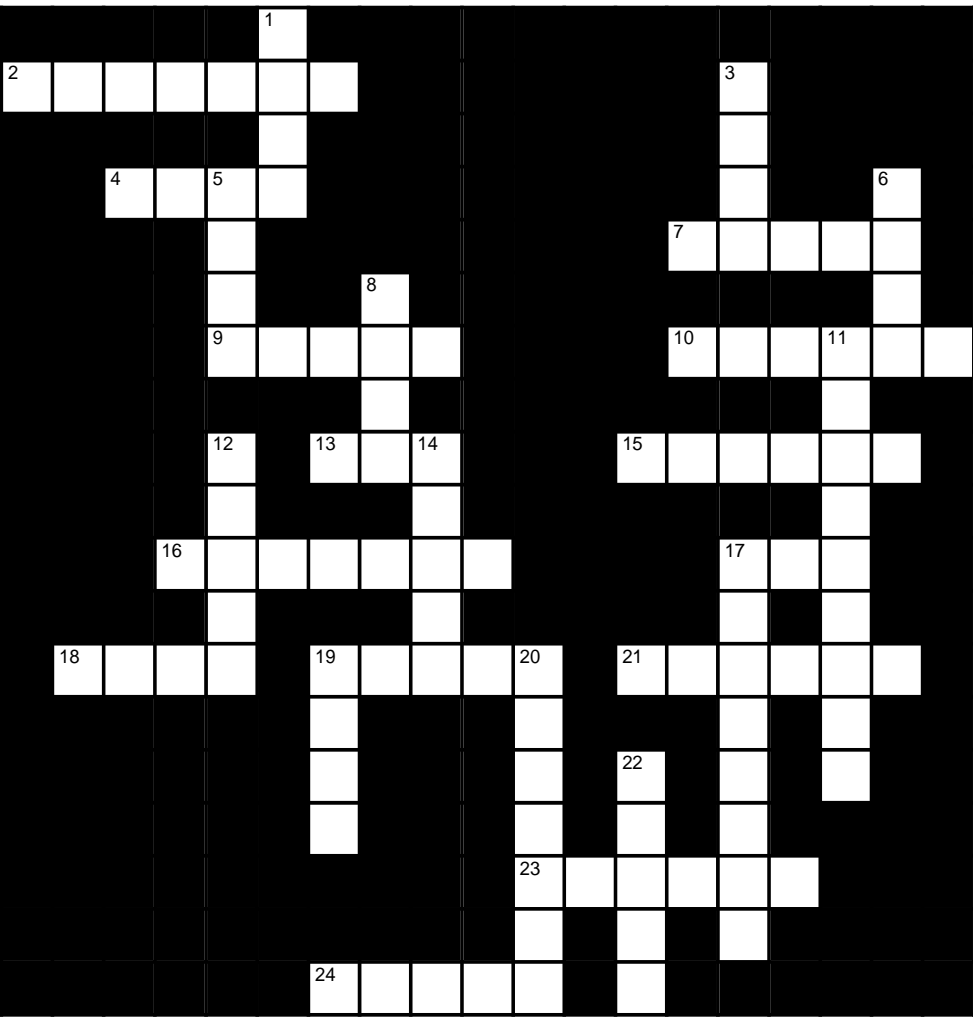
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# Crossword Puzzle

Directions for this crossword: The answers are words or phrases used for money.



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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <p>2. This cheese word for money is urban slang.</p> <p>4. male deer</p> <p>7. African animal with horn on face</p> <p>9. Funny ____.</p> <p>10. A pound coin (a gold one of these).</p> <p>13. A shilling</p> <p>15. A penny is made of this.</p> <p>16. \$10 bill.</p> <p>17. A \$5 bill.</p> <p>18. Britain's pound</p> <p>19. A skeleton is full of these.</p> <p>21. A cow sound</p> <p>23. Or a quarter.</p> <p>24. Bread</p> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <p>1. Man's name or a tool to raise a car.</p> <p>3. Cold, hard ____.</p> <p>5. Eatable water creature.</p> <p>6. Paper money</p> <p>8. Mexican money</p> <p>11. Another name for paper money.</p> <p>12. \$1,000</p> <p>14. A breakfast food.</p> <p>17. Green amphibian &amp; its outer coating (two words)</p> <p>19. Paper currency (or a man's name)</p> <p>20. To itch.</p> <p>22. \$100</p> |
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By: Chelsea Vail

A moment of silence, if you would... You see, we are in the middle of such a quiet week that I'm taking the opportunity to witness the proverbial dropping of the pin. Ah, there it is: the annual Northwest Ohio Leadership Conference is taking place this Wednesday at Defiance College. Eight Antwerp HS students will have the opportunity to meet with other student-leaders in the area and participate in leadership building activities. That, dear ladies and gents, is it for pins this week.

Looking ahead to next Wednesday, juniors can anticipate the oh-so-exciting PSAT, aka the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Yes, someone really felt it necessary to not only give the same test two names, but also dub it with particularly tongue-tying monikers at that. Brilliant.

Finally, we come to some events where noisemaking is encouraged. No pins dropping here; we don't have a bowling team.

JH Volleyball: October 11, 4:30, @ Continental; October 13, 9:00, Hosting GMC Tournament

JH Football: October 16, 5:00, Ayersville

JV Football: October 15, 5:00, @ Holgate

Varsity Cross Country: October 16, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace/Paulding

Varsity Volleyball: October 11, 6:00, Hicksville; October 13, 10:00, @ Van Wert/Lincolnview

Varsity Football: October 12, 7:30, @ Holgate

Word of the Week: Orgulous \OR-gyuh-lus\ adjective

1. proud

Example: "Knowing they are the finest, Antwerp students speak highly of their school and defend it in an orgulous manner when the situation necessitates."

The few, the orgulous, the word nerds. Whoa! I think that's a winning motto. Now all I need is a club... Keep on keepin' on, and I'll see about maybe organizing a bowling team.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As Paulding County's two representatives on the Tri-County ADAMHS Board, we ask voters for their continued support of the one mill mental health replacement levy on the November 6 ballot.

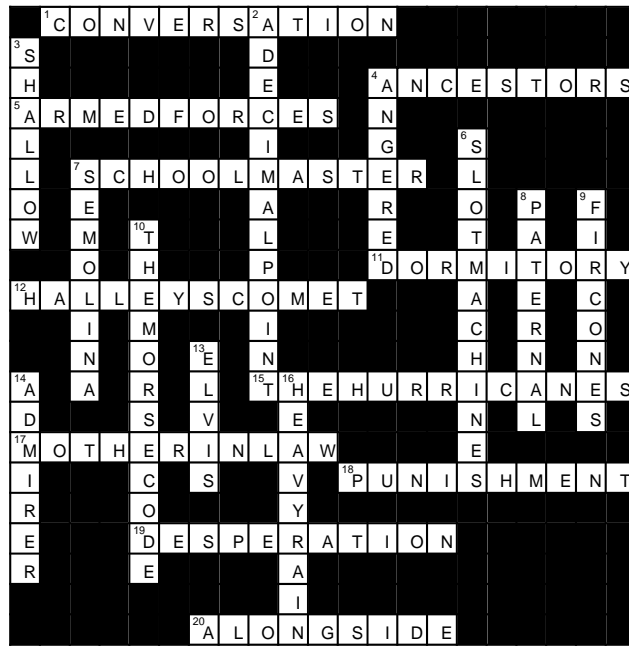
The levy was first approved in 1988 and then renewed 10 years later with better than 55 percent support in Paulding County.

When the local levy is combined with state and federal funds, the ADAMHS Board has a budget of nearly \$5.8 million to fund mental health and addiction services in Paulding, Van Wert, and Mercer counties. Every year, more than 5,000 persons with limited financial resources, but significant mental health or addiction

problems receive help from local agencies with board funds.

Persons seeking help pay what they can afford on a sliding fee scale and the ADAMHS Board pays the rest. About 80 percent of the board's spending goes to mental health services such as counseling, crisis intervention, hospitalization, psychiatric medications and housing. The remaining 20 percent is for alcohol/drug

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services and prevention.

Other letters to the editor on this topic have spoken eloquently about the need for mental health services that are provided here in our county and available to all people regardless of their ability to pay.

As members of the ADAMHS Board, it's our responsibility to do our best to make sure that people needing help have access to it and that taxpayer dollars are wisely and efficiently spent. So, it's not lightly that we're asking for a replacement levy this year instead of a simple renewal of the one mill mental health levy.

The fact is the ADAMHS Board has gone 20 years on essentially the same amount of money that the levy raised when it was first approved in 1988. The ADAMHS Board begins the current fiscal year with a cash reserve and unallocated funds totaling just \$154,000 to cover unexpected costs such as Medicaid or costly residential placements that others can order and the board is required to pay. To date, services for our neighbors who need them the most have been maintained, not expanded, but simply maintained. With

the replacement levy and careful planning, we believe we can continue to do that.

If the mental health replacement levy is approved, it will cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$70,000 a total of about \$21.44 for the entire year - about \$8.40 more than now.

Of behalf of the board and the hundreds of Paulding Countians whose lives are better than they otherwise would be because of your generosity, we thank you for your past support. Please stay with us on November 6 and vote for the mental health replacement levy.

Sincerely,

—Laura Durre,

Louis Levy,

Paulding County ADAMHS Board members

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In my estimation, the tool as an implement that has changed the face of America the most in the last twenty years is not a land mover or a big D-10 Cat but the riding lawn mower.

You can buy them in most any size from 30 inches to 72 inches. All the way from 7 horsepower to 35 horsepower and even more. It's according to your wants and needs and checking account!

You can travel about anywhere now and see large beautiful well-kept lawns. Some people have maybe 2,3,4 or 5 acres that they mow. Now that wouldn't be possible without a riding lawn mower. If those folks didn't have a good mower that extra acreage would grow up to swale grass, foxtale or they could have some animals to keep it down.

Nearly all people are proud of their large lawn and it takes time and effort to keep them up. A large lawn is a lot of work, but certainly, a lot of satisfaction!

A lot of men now sit and talk about their mower like they used to brag about their car or pick-up truck.

Pudge Kennedy is in charge of mowing the cemeteries. This year Gary Gross has been helping with the mowing and doing a good job too. He retired from G.M. and he is keeping busy.

I helped Pudge for 16 years and we had a variety of mowers. We had some 44 inch and 48 inch Simplicity mowers. Then we had some with power steering. Then we had a 48 inch John Deere that was also a god mower. Then Pudge got a Zero Turn, 48 inch John Deere and I really liked that mower. In the cemetery a 48 inch mower is as wide as you

can use. That type of mower has advantages and disadvantages. You sit out front on a good seat that is more comfortable, but on chilly days you could get some heat from the engine on the other type of mower. On a zero turn you don't mow up hills as good as you can on the other type because the engine in the back makes it back heavy. I know everyone won't agree with my thinking so get the one that suits you and your job the best. Of the 16 years that I mowed for Pudge, we mowed Dana-Weatherhead's lawn for 14 years.

Let me add here that I enjoyed mowing the cemeteries. I saw lots of squirrels, coons, all kinds of birds, rabbits, geese and too many ground hogs. The deer there would consume a 40 pound block of salt in 1 1/2 years.

I stopped in the cemetery the other day and I know it's going to be a cold winter because I saw a fox squirrel going by carrying a storm window!

Steve and Nancy Derck live in the last house on North Main Street on the east side. They have a 52 inch Simplicity with zero turn and a 23 horse engine. You see their lots go all the way back to the Maumee River so they mow about 7 acres at least once a week. They both like that mower. It's a good thing because they are on it a lot and their beautiful homestead shows all of the TLC (tender loving care).

John Potter lives on US 127 on the right as soon as you cross the Maumee River north bound. They have a new house and a lot of lawn. John has a 72 inch, zero turn Grasshopper which has a 21 horse power diesel engine. He is sold on that mower and he says it does a good job.

Our beautiful new school complex is kept in tip-top shape by Lynne Bute. I called him and talked with him about his mowing and his mowers. He says the school has an old Skag, it has a 17 horse engine and mows 61 inches. It has been through the wars but will still do the job in an emergency.

The main mower at this time is a John Deere 23 horse water cooled and cuts 72 inches. It is not really a zero turn but you turn just right and it's almost a zero turn. This is his main tool that he spends

many hours each week bouncing around 25 acres. He mows all that is green out there and the football field inside and all around the outside of the fence. When he gets done it's about time to start over.

He said they have an old 17 horse Toro mower yet, but it is used mostly for snow removal and for spraying. He told me they still have an old push type mower still kept around for a little trimming.

This is what I'm talking about. We could not have this well-manicured lawn at the high school if we didn't have riding mowers. That is the same story in nearly every house and farm in the whole United States. People couldn't mow as much as they do now. It wouldn't be practical either physically or financially. We would not see all those big lawns and neat roadsides. In the country, some people mow both sides of the road around the area they farm. Some folks mow for hundreds of rods on the roadside and I'm telling you it makes our country more beautiful. Work? Yes, but I say it is worth it. It is not just here in our area. When you travel or go for a ride, just look at the thousands of acres that are kept beautiful by the riding lawn mowers.

The Veteran's Memorial Park, for many years, was mowed and trimmed and made beautiful by Walt Womack. He is retired now and Dan Pierce is now doing that job and let me add that he also does a super job. We talked about the mowers that the city has. A John Deere, 60 inch, zero turn; a Deere 25 horse, 62 inch water cooled and a 20 horse power 54 inch water cooled, both mowers have Kawasaki engines.

A typical roadside in this area is SR 49 North at Road 204. Dave and Joyce Carr have a fine home on the southeast corner right where the Stanger School used to be. Dave has a 20 horse Simplicity mower with a 48 inch deck. He keeps his lawn and roadside neat and clean. He has driven an 18 wheeler for Sam Hornish, Sr. for nearly 30 years and sometimes he is plenty busy.

On the northeast corner of that crossroad, Ray and Joan Pier have a beautiful home and lawn. Ray keeps that lawn manicured. He works on it so often it makes the rest of us look bad. Ray also mows 80 rods along the west side of SR 49. He also had about a 4 acre bird sanctuary. Ray uses a 52 inch Leesco mower, zero turn with a 23 HP engine.

I live in the next house north where the barn says Home Acres. Beside our big lawn, I mow both sides of SR 49 at 160 rods a lap so I go about 3 miles when doing this roadside. I use a 18 horse, 50 inch Simplicity. The roadside in this whole mile number 16 of SR 49 is always mowed and cleaned and picked up.

Kenny Hahn lives on the west side of 49 and has a large lawn and barn yard to mow. He has a Cub Cadet with a 72 inch deck with, I think, a 30 horse engine. They mow 1/2 mile of SR 49 on both sides and all the roadsides on the places he farms, it is acres and acres. His granddaughter, Taylor Hahn, does most of the mowing and she handles that big zero turn mower very well.

If you go east out of Payne on 613 you see a lot of large

lawns. The same thing on the Emerald Road in Paulding. State Road 111 in Defiance has many estate type homes with fine trimmed lawns. The same with CR 230 east. Many people have large, well-kept lawns to be proud of.

I guess what I'm saying is, take a drive anywhere in this whole area and you'll see homes with well-landscaped lawns that they couldn't have without a big riding mower. The lawn mower has really changed the way we live.

See, Ya!

**A SMART, SOUND ENERGY POLICY WILL BRING DEVELOPMENT, JOBS TO OHIO**

**Capitol Letter Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

Energy—it fuels our cars, heats our homes and lights up our communities. It is the lifeblood of our economy, powering everything from manufacturing equipment to the lights at the local corner store. However, as big a role as energy plays in our everyday lives, it has often been an afterthought until that electricity bill comes each month or the lights go out during a thunderstorm. This is about to change. As legislators gear up for what is sure to be a busy fall in the General Assembly, Ohio's energy future will be at the top of the agenda.

This past week, the Senate held hearings on Senate Bill 221, a comprehensive energy policy proposed by the governor, designed to address the pending deregulation of Ohio's electricity industry and lay out a plan for meeting our state's future energy needs. As the bill travels through the legislative process, there will be discussion and debate, and more than likely, a few amendments, but no matter what happens, the final product will have a tremendous impact on Ohio consumers and the state's future economic success.

In 1999, following a trend in many states, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill to deregulate the state's electricity industry. The idea was to remove control of the industry from the Public Utilities Commission and make way for electricity companies to enter the open market with the hope that this transition would bring about more competition and lower prices for consumers. While well-intentioned, the market never materialized and now, without a legislative fix, there could be substantial and unpredictable rate increases for Ohio consumers and businesses starting in 2009. According to an article in USA Today, for some customers in deregulated states who went to market prices, electricity rates jumped as much as 55 percent in one month. This type of increase would have a crippling effect on consumers and economic growth in Ohio. SB 221 attempts to tackle this issue and maintain pricing stability in the electricity market.

The other major part of the governor's energy proposal looks to address a growing demand for energy in Ohio by not only maximizing the potential of our current resources, but focusing on the development of advanced energy technologies. For decades, Ohio has derived the large majority of its electricity from coal, and

it continues to be one of our cheapest and most abundant energy resources, with an estimated 250-year reserve. In fact, it provides nearly 90 percent of our state's electricity. However, with growing concerns over environmental health, the coal industry has worked in recent years to develop clean coal technologies, which can cut carbon dioxide emissions by more than 80 percent compared to conventional methods. There has also been a push to increase research and development of renewable energy resources like hydro, geothermal, wind and solar power.

While the environmental benefits of renewable energy and advanced energy technologies are clear, these research and development efforts also have tremendous potential to spur economic growth in Ohio and bring valuable jobs to communities across the state. For instance, Northwest Ohio has already begun to see the economic benefits of ethanol research, as plants sprout up across the region, bringing jobs along with them. Our region has also experimented with wind turbines as electricity producers. Projects like this could attract manufacturers of wind turbine parts to the state. There is also research being done on fuels cells, solar power and other renewable sources that have the potential to bring business interests to Ohio. The possibilities are endless.

As our population grows and demand for energy increases, Ohio must draft a smart, sound energy policy that maximizes our energy resources, while taking into account environmental concerns, the financial well-being of consumers and the future growth and stability of our economy. The governor has put forth a plan designed to address some of these issues,

and I look forward to working with his office and my colleagues in the legislature to develop the best proposal for Ohio's energy future.

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

**GET THRILLED WITH THRILLER AT THE LIBRARY'S TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**

HICKSVILLE — Get thrilled with Thriller and haunted by ghost stories at the Johnson Memorial Library's Teen Movie Night on Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The movie night is free and is open to all fifth through twelfth graders. The movie night is a part of the library's monthly Teen Night programs. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

"We will be using a digital projector to watch the movie on the wall of the library, so that means no more squinting at the movie on our tiny TV," emphasized Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. "So please come join us for a night of 'thrills and chills'!"

For more information on Thriller, the Teen Movie Night, or for a list of upcoming Teen Night programs, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or stop by the library and pick up a Teen Talk—Library Newsletter.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

Questions concerning the petition by Dr. Don Snyder to remove logjams are continuing to be addressed. The meeting scheduled for October 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the OSU Extension Center building involves viewing problem areas along the creek. No decision to do the project will be made at that time. Following this viewing the petition automatically proceeds to the first hearing scheduled for January 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the OSU Extension Center building. There will be opportunity for public comment not only at these meetings but also at an evening meeting at a future date.

The Commissioners received a letter from Joe Burkard, Paulding County Prosecutor, stating that Commissioners Tony Burkley and Ed Straley could not preside over the Flat Rock logjam removal petition. Commissioners Burkley and Straley are landowners in the Flat Rock watershed. Judge John David Webb, Paulding County Common Pleas Court, has appointed Doug Dunakin from Antwerp and Bud Henke from Oakwood to replace Burkley and Straley for the Flat Rock petition.

Planning for the calendar year 2008 budget has begun. Information has been distributed to all the appropriate elected officials and department heads with budget responsibilities. Already, the Commissioners held a meet-

ing with Randy Brooks, the head of Paulding County Veterans Services, and discussed budget plans for 2008. The uncertainty of funding levels for the county general fund, due to the jail levy on the November ballot, causes the budget process to be full of unknowns. The Commissioners recognize that individual budget items are pending until the jail levy results are known.

On the recommendation of Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer, the Commissioners approved a service agreement for a new format for the property tax bills distributed by the Treasurer. As a service to taxpayers, the new format will have more information about the distribution of property tax dollars.

The County Auditor informed the Commissioners that the Triennial Update of property values for 2007 is on schedule. As requested by the Ohio Tax Commissioners, the tentative abstract has been submitted to the Ohio Division of Tax Equalization and has been approved. Informal hearings are scheduled for October 15-19, 2007, during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for taxpayers to meet with appraisers to view or discuss their new values. Taxpayers are asked to call or visit the office during these specific dates and hours to meet with an appraiser. They may also view their new valuations on the County Auditor's real estate web site at [www.pauldingcountyauditor.com](http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) after October 1, 2007. After completion of the informal hearings the final abstract will be submitted to the State for approval.

The Commissioners attended the Paulding County annual economic development banquet on Thursday, September 27. Over two hundred individuals attended the annual program. Recognition was provided to businesses in Paulding County for retaining and increasing business and employment opportunities.

The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Corporation organized another meeting regarding water to the US 24 and Cecil Village area. Participating in the ongoing project were the Villages of Paulding and Cecil, Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO), and the Paulding County Commissioners. Lee Sonnenberg of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Office attended and spoke to various funding sources.

The township trustees for Defiance Township in Defiance County, a township directly north of Auglaize Township in Paulding County, have petitioned to clean Beetree Run. Beetree is a natural waterway that runs north from Auglaize Township into Defiance County. The Defiance County SWCD held a hearing on Beetree Run. The Paulding County Commissioners and the Paulding County SWCD attended.

The Commissioners attended an information meeting in Van Wert regarding counseling services in Paulding County. The meeting was sponsored by the Tri-County ADAMHS Board (Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board.) The new organization providing counseling services is affiliat-

ed with the Van Wert not-for-profit organization currently providing these programs in Van Wert County. The Tri-County Board includes Van Wert, Mercer and Paulding Counties. The Tri-County Board has the responsibility of contracting with not-for-profit organizations for necessary services. Lou Levy and Laura Durre represent Paulding County on the Tri-County Board.

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

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WORKS TO SAVE LIVES**

PAULDING)—In 2006 it was estimated that nearly 1.4 million Americans would be diagnosed with cancer. The American Cancer Society, the nations leading voluntary health organization, is determined to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health threat through research, education, advocacy and service programs.

The American Cancer Society has funded hundreds of researchers since the beginning of its research program in 1946, with 40 of these investigators going on to win Nobel Prizes. As the largest not-for-profit source of cancer research funding, the American Cancer Society has invested over \$3.1 billion in cancer research.

The key to detecting cancer early, or preventing cancer all together, is education. The American Cancer Society prides itself on its early detection and prevention guidelines addressing breast cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer and lung cancer, among others.

The American Cancer Society establishes grassroots efforts to bring communities together in the fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network encourages volunteers to collaborate on a governmental level to advocate for patients' rights, quality of life issues and other legislative topics.

Programs offered through the American Cancer Society are focused to help those who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families. The programs also encourage the early detection and prevention of cancer through lifestyle decisions.

The American Cancer Society has served thousands of cancer patients through its programs and awareness efforts; however, the real strength of the American Cancer Society lies in its volunteers, who translate policy into reality. Motivated by personal experiences and concern for others, they accomplish the mission of the American Cancer Society.

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, through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information about cancer, call toll-free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**THOMAS - DEMPSEY**



Jennifer Thomas and Dennis Dempsey would like to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Jennifer is the daughter of Warren and Sue Thomas of Oakwood. She is a 2003 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2007 graduate of University of Iowa BA in Music. She is currently employed

in retail. Dennis is the son of Denny and Pam Dempsey of Brice-ton, OH. He is a 2002 graduate of Wayne Trace High School. He is currently employed at Home Lumber.

The wedding is set for Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

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**Joyce Carr supports the mental health and substance abuse replacement levy**



Joyce Carr of Antwerp

During my 23 year career in law enforcement with the sheriff's department and more recently with the Antwerp Police Department, I have seen the destruction, pain and suffering caused by mental health and substance abuse problems. Poor mental health and substance abuse have devastated even the most stable families.

When this occurs, effective counseling and support are necessary to resolve the issues. Many times intervention by agencies supported by the Tri-County ADAMHS Board mental health and substance abuse levy can lead to a successful resolution without further suffering for the family or individual.

One instance I'll never forget involved a young boy and his family. His parents had divorced and he couldn't cope with the situation, causing him extreme mental anguish. He began coming into the police department to be with me as a safe haven. He started getting into trouble and was failing in school. His outlook on life was dismal as well as his future. However, with intervention and professional help of our county mental health agency, he completed his education and is now a successful adult.

Because I know the difference the mental health levy makes in our community, I ask you to join me and support the mental health replacement levy on November 6. **It's not a new tax.** We've been paying it since 1988, and every year more than 5,000 adults and children in Paulding, Van Wert and Mercer counties rely on the services it provides.

**Why the mental health replacement is needed**

State and federal dollars simply do not address our community's needs. Many local families requesting help don't have insurance or enough insurance to pay the cost of mental health and substance abuse treatment. The replacement levy will allow the system to maintain necessary services for children and families in our communities. It will help adults keep jobs and become productive, tax-paying citizens. The mental health levy is a good investment in our communities.



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**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/10 THROUGH 10/16**

*Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast*  
 10/10 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk  
 10/11 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk  
 10/12 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
 10/15 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 10/16 - Fruit turnover, juice, milk  
*Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch*  
 10/10 - Taco salad or sandwich, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk  
 10/11 - Loaded baked potato, dinner roll, fruit fluff, milk  
 10/12 - Oven fried chicken, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk  
 10/15 - Chicken strips w/ country gravy, french fries, garlic toast or sandwich, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk  
 10/16 - Italian Dunkers, assorted fruit, milk  
*Paulding Elementary - Lunch*  
 10/10 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 10/11 - Hot dog or chili

dog on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
 10/12 - Ravioli, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk  
 10/15 - Fish square on a bun, potato smiles, fruit cup, milk  
 10/16 - Chili soup w/ crackers, bread w/margarine or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk  
*Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*  
 10/10 - Cheese filled breadstick w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
 10/11 - Breaded chicken patty on bun, peas, fruit, milk  
 10/12 - Toasted cheese, lettuce salad, fruit, milk  
 10/15 - Hamburger on bun, pickles, cheese, oven potatoes, fruit, milk  
 10/16 - Baked potatoes w/choice of toppings, bread, fruit cup, milk

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/10 THROUGH 10/16**

*Breakfast:*  
 10/10 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk  
 10/11 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
 10/12 - NO SCHOOL  
 10/15 - Pizza, milk

10/16 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk  
*Lunch:*  
 10/10 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn peaches, milk  
 10/11 - Breaded chicken sandwich, tator tots, pears, milk  
 10/12 - NO SCHOOL  
 10/15 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, roll, apple-sauce, milk  
 10/16 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk WT: fajitas

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS**

*Admissions:*  
 10/1 - Joseph Martinez, Paulding  
*Dismissals:*  
 10/3 - Hobart Kuhn, Payne, transferred to Lutheran  
 10/4 - Stacey McIntyre, Van Wert; Joseph Martinez, Paulding

**LUNCH MENUS FOR ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/10 THROUGH 10/16**

10/10 - Meatball sub or turkey on bun, orange smiles, gogurts, corn, milk PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice  
 10/11 - BBQ rib patty or grilled chicken on bun w/ pickles, green bean casserole, warm cinnamon applesauce, milk PLUS: salad bar or fresh grapes  
 10/12 - Cheese pizza or ham salad sandwich, salad, pineapple, chips, milk PLUS: salad bar or celery w/peanut butter  
 10/15 - Corn dog or ham & cheese on bun, au gratin potatoes, applesauce cup, milk PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup  
 10/16 - Grilled chicken on bun or deli wrap, yellow cake w/strawberries, green bean casserole, milk PLUS: salad bar or brownies

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**



**INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY OR FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—Celebrate Family History Month in October by researching your family tree. The Defiance County Genealogical Society and the Friends of the Hicksville Library will co-sponsor an Intermediate Genealogy or Family History Workshop at the Johnson Memorial Library on Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m.

The workshop is free and is open to both children and adults. It is designed for individuals; who have some experience researching their family history but who may have run into a dead end, a brick wall, or need new ideas as to where to look.

The class will be led by Defiance County Genealogical Society members, Dianne Kline and Mary Williams. They will provide personalized assistance in your family history hunt. To better accommodate participants and to make sure everyone gets enough personalized assistance and computer time, please register for the workshop by Monday, October 15.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

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



Wayne Trace started their game like you wouldn't believe and I wish I was writing to say that they smoked the Apaches' pipe, but unfortunately I cannot for they did not. Even so, they did a great job and the new Super Fans (Top pic. Be Nice!) helped push them to play their game. Pictured here is three Apaches trying to bring down Senior Ryan Davis. Final Score: Raiders 35, Fairview 66. More pix at www.westbendnews.net



It was an unusually hot Friday night and the Archers were just no match for the Ayresville Pilots. Speed was on Ayresville's side all the way. Antwerp did pickup more points in the second half than the first but they just could not stop the Pilots from scoring. Final score: Archers 20, Ayresville 49. More pix at www.westbendnews.net

The Paulding Panthers also lost Friday night against Allen East with a score of 7-14.

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**FALL FEST IN GRABILL**

Best Dressed Scarecrow Contest, Cindi Layne Fabrics 10am - 2pm

October 13th will be Fall Fest in Grabill. The following merchants participating in Fall Fest are having drawings that you can sign up for starting October 6th. A name will be drawn each day at the close of business and these names will be entered into the "GRAND PRIZE" drawing to be held on Saturday, October 13th at 2:00pm.

A parachuter will drop onto the empty field next to the Cedar Creek Carry Out and the name he lands on will win the Grand Prize which consists of \$1100.00 in gift certificates from the merchants involved with Fall Fest.(must be 18 to enter drawing)

Each merchant will draw for the prize given at their business and the winners will be announced at the jump site at 3:00pm.

The merchants participating are:

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| Catalpa Tree Shops             | \$50.00 Gift Certificate   |
| Cedar Creek Carry Out          | Jar of different types of liqueur                                    |
| Cindi Layne Fabrics            | Fall Quilted Table Runner  |
| Country Shop of Grabill        | Vera Bradley Cancer Candle of Hope & Vera Bradley Pink Elephant Tote |
| Grabill Bank                   | \$100.00 savings bond  |
| Grabill Hardware               | Deluxe Grill on Wooden Stand   |
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| H. Souder & Sons General Store | Basket of Hot Drink Mixes & Snacks                                   |
| Katie's                        | Polywood Adirondack Chair & Ottoman                                  |
| Mother Hubbard's               | Hand carved Wooden Pumpkins  |
| Save-A-Lot                     | 1 minute Shopping Spree at Save-A-Lot                                |

Free Pumpkin Decorating, Town Hall of Grabill 10 am - 2pm!

Largest Pumpkin Contest, Grabill Hardware 10am - 2 pm

The Country Shops of Grabill will have a "Vote for Your Favorite Fall Scent". The winner will receive a basket full of Greenleaf Home Fragrance products. Kurtz Farms will be selling pumpkins on the boardwalk.

H. Souder & sons General Store will be having a Candy Count Contest. The customer that guesses closest to the correct amount of candy will receive the jar filled with candy.

Cedar Creek Carry Out will have a Liqueur Bottle Counting Contest and the winner will receive the different types of liqueur.

Katie's Amish Dolls & Quilts will be serving FREE homemade ice cream.

There will be caramel corn being made over the fire at the corner at Grabill Hardware.

Save-A-Lot will be serving FREE chili and pop as part of their Customer Appreciation Day. Pulled pork sandwiches will be given FREE to the first 1500 people. The pork is prepared by Grabill Inn and sponsored by the Grabill Chamber of Commerce. This will also be served at Save-A-Lot.

The Olde Church Museum will have their display on honoring the local volunteer fireman and photos of fires in the Leo/Grabill area. A drawing will be held in the Museum for a free brick Memory Walkway beside the Museum. 10am-4pm

A plane will also drop buckets filled with candy and coupons for a prize in 6 different categories: female child 3-12, male child 3-12, female 13-18, and male 13-18, adult female and adult male. After the last drop the children will be allowed to pick all the candy. For more information call Susie at 627-5227 ext. 4

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# MAHS "PAINTS" THE GYM PINK



The Antwerp High School gymnasium was one of the sites for Volley for the Cure '07 benefit. Nearly everyone there was dressed in a pink shirt supporting a cure for breast cancer. Being that even the teams were wearing pink, it was quite difficult to distinguish between them. Three teams competed this year

with Antwerp coming out as the leader. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. A fantastic show for all who came for the benefit. Shown in the picture is Taylor Vail of Antwerp. Visit [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net) for more pictures of this event.

## TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION BY MATH TEACHERS AT VANTAGE BOARD MEETING

At the Vantage Board of Education October meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007, members of the Vantage math department - Jean Minnig, Mike Knott, Kelly Horstman and Kari Druckemiller - demonstrated how they use Smart Board interactive technology in their classrooms. The treasurer's report included the approval of the September 6, 2007 regular board meeting minutes. The financial statements for the month of August, 2007 were also approved, along with a resolution to approve the five year forecast.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with updates on the OSFC (Ohio Schools Facility Commission) project and her recent visit to Southern Hills Career Center. She also discussed the upcoming Vantage Advisory Committee meetings to be held on Tuesday, October 16 and the Ohio Association of Joint Vocational Schools breakfast at the Capital Conference in November. Director Bob Vennekotter's report included updates on enrollment figures, the OGT administration, the new Vantage DVD, participation in the Day of Caring and the Principal's meeting to be held on October 11. Principal Keith Rydell spoke to the

board about Progress Book training for teachers and the attendance marathon. He reviewed current career technical and academic lessons. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on upgrading the Adult Education registration software and six customized training classes.

In new business, the board: —Approved the following supplemental contracts, as needed, as scheduled: Kristy Bidlack, Banquet Supervisor, Gail Gillett, Robin Burns, Nancy Sheets, Vicki Smith, Mary Ann Hall, Joyce Runyon, Cindy Harting, Marcia Osenga, and Diana Becker, all adult workers; Jeff Prowant, Jessica Ann Detwiler, Cassandra Martinez, Alexandra Mitchener, Barbara Show, Carol Sauder, Christine Miller, Kathryn Pavel, Shantel Bowen, Ashly Rogers, Lara Smith, Drew Fisher, all student workers.

—Approved employment of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Robert Garcia, James Monfort, and Dennis Wagonrod, Police Academy; Barbara Thompson, English; Kimberly Baker and Pamela Herminghuysen, Health Careers; Irvin Tumblin, Tow Motor Operator; and Aaron Brown, Welding;

—Approved payment of one-half Ohio ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education) membership dues for one year for first-time members of the Vantage

Career Center staff; —Approved purchase of Vantage Career Center shirts for all staff members —Approved purchased services for Tools for Schools (Mark Perna, consultant) not to exceed \$15,000 for the 2008 fiscal year for the purpose of log and tagline development and student retention services;

—Amend the current public records policy to include the additions of designated board personnel for training in public records law and Vantage's cost of copies requested;

—Approved a two-year unpaid leave of absence for Linda Clay, cafeteria employee, effective August, 22, 2007;

—Appointed Lori Davis as the board's designee to receive public records training for the current term of boardmanship;

—Appointed Don Arend to receive and summarize superintendent and treasurer evaluation forms that have been completed by individual board members.

The Superintendent requested an Executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Delphos City Schools contract with Vantage Career Center.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage Cup and Saucer restaurant.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

**By: Tommi Stahl, Oakwood Elementary**

Kids should be more involved with their schools. At Oakwood Elementary, 6th graders are running for Student Council. The Council, along with the teachers and principal help make wise decisions pertaining to the students and classes.

The 6th graders that are running will need to think of ways that they can make our school a better place. I am running and it takes a lot of thinking to make your posters, fliers and any other things to help win votes.

While you are on the Council, you need to be willing to help others when in need, whether you agree with their opinion or not, you have

to stay flexible and listen to all sides of a problem. You also need to help find a solution and follow it through so everyone will be happy.

This is why I have chosen to run for Student Council at Oakwood Elementary.

## PUPPIES

**By: Tommi Stahl, Oakwood Elementary**

I love dogs—they are so soft and fluffy. I love the dogs that are different breeds mixed together. I love the ones that are different colors—like my dog, Matilda. She is a fox terrier and she is the colors of black, white, and brown. She is three years old.

Matilda is very playful and loves her mom very much (my mom). She was given to us by our uncle, and we have had her for a long time. When she was given to us she could sit in the palm of your hand. We had to keep her in a box and she could not lay in our beds with us or we would squash her because she was so small. She is not so small now though. She has no tail—it is just a little stub.

My other dog, Jakie, is a Jack Russell. She is a black and white dog and is very old. She has gone blind and lost all of her hair and does not have

any teeth but she is still loved by my mom, dad, two brothers, and I. She has a longer tail than our dog Matilda.

I love animals—all kinds: horses, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits, deer—I think the only animals I don't like are snakes. I care and love for all other animals but not that one. The snake is so weird—they have long fangs; they are an animal with no backbone; and some are even poisonous.

I have always loved all animals especially puppies because they can be lovable and have that look that says, "kiss me or love me." They stare at you with their big eyes. Their fur so soft and shiny—and their puppy breath! I love when the puppies lick you and they have that smell in their breath.

I love cats too. I have a cat named Traveler. She is so mean and loves to scratch and bite. She leaves marks on your arm. I love her though and she is a spoiled cat that has a great house to live in.


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# "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES... IT'S WHAT MATTERS



At the Day of Caring Blood Drive, Vantage senior Health Careers students Chelsea Spryn (Antwerp) and Katie Lindeman (Delphos Jefferson) flank the Vantage blood drop, Kim Kreischer (Wayne Trace).

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Van Wert County United Way "Day of Caring" was held on Friday, September 28, 2007 and Vantage Career Center is proud to have been a part of such a successful day. More than 100 students pitched in to help make a difference by volunteering.

Since early September, Medical Office Management students, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Linda Bales, have been planning the Vantage food drive. Each morning, from September 17- 27, students collected food donations from each program, displayed the food in the Commons area window and tallied the totals. This year, they even shouldered the responsibility of shopping for food using the money that was donated. Spearheaded by Mrs. Bales and her class, a friendly competition was held between all the Vantage programs to see which one could contribute the most food per student. In a come-from-behind victory, Culinary Arts edged out Sr. Medical Office



Junior Industrial Mechanic students Tyler Watson (Crestview), Tim Fralick (Crestview) and Jarvin Decker (Kalida) gather the canned food they retrieved from the bottom of the collection barrel during the Food Drive at the Salvation Army.



Vantage senior Medical Office Management students Katie Diment (Parkway), Amanda Litmer (Crestview), Andrea Schroeder (Ft. Jennings) and Loretha Hopkins (Paulding) along with their teacher Mrs. Linda Bales, begin boxing up the nearly 4,000 food items collected for the United Way Day of Caring Food Drive.

Management and Sr. Health Careers. Vantage students and staff contributed nearly 4,000 non-perishable food

items to the Salvation Army this year. The winning class will be treated to a pizza party for their efforts.

Providing some much-needed muscle to load and unload the donated food on and off the collection trucks were the juniors and seniors from the Vantage Building and Grounds Maintenance program and their teacher, Mr. Larry Mengerink.

Junior and senior Industrial Mechanics classes, along with their teachers Mr. Mike Klutka and Mr. Kevin Van Oss, volunteered a few hours of their lab time to work at the Salvation Army Food Drive to sort, count, box and store donated food items from around the county.

Mrs. Shirley Jarvis, and her senior Health Careers students, along with junior Early Childhood Education students and their teacher, Mrs. Linda Morris, volunteered their expertise at the bloodmobile held at Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center. Using what they've learned from class, along with their practical experiences, they performed duties on the bloodmobile floor and in the kitchen and canteen to assist the American Red Cross and insure that things went as smoothly as possible. Although the Culinary Arts class stayed at school, they participated by preparing a delicious vegetable beef soup that fed 100 volunteers at the bloodmobile.

Vantage Student Ambassadors also participated by working on a Day of Caring project at the Van Wert YWCA. While at the YWCA, they did some general clean-up, yard work and helped move an office. They even cleaned windows!

While all of this was going on, the Business Professionals of America (BPA) students

held their annual "walkathon" for Special Olympics. Fifty-five students gathered pledges from family and friends for the six-mile walk to Smiley Park and back. Over \$1,200 was raised for the area Special Olympics.

And as if that wasn't enough going on, the Vantage Interact Club sponsored a jeans day at school, with all the proceeds going to the Putnam County flood relief fund. Students chose to collect the money for the flood victims because the Ottawa Rotary is one of the sponsoring clubs of the Vantage Interact Club. Four of the thirteen Vantage associate schools are in Putnam County. Over \$500 was raised through the jeans day event.

Learning through being a part of community service projects is so important for young people. Being able to give help without expecting anything back in return, is an important lesson in life.

### PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD HOLDS STRATEGIC PLANNING

Paulding County Hospital board of trustees held their annual strategic planning meeting to discuss initiatives for the remaining quarter of this year and for the first three quarters of next year.

CEO Gary Adkins updated members on the remodeling project. "The construction project to upgrade inpatient rooms is moving along well," Adkins reported.

"It is anticipated that the first phase of the project will be complete in early November with total completion of the entire remodel by the end of 2007." Changes include more

spacious bathrooms with one bathroom per room, new windows and updated décor.

Adkins also told the board that he will be meeting with a urology group to discuss the feasibility of starting this service in our outpatient clinic. "Urology was a very busy specialty clinic that we last had at Paulding County Hospital in June 2004," Adkins stated. "We certainly feel there is a need to offer this service and we are anxious to see if we can bring this back to the community."

The financial report was presented with an August net profit of \$15,440.

Adkins' report included: —In the area of physician relations he is currently interviewing a candidate for the replacement for Dr. Fishbaugh due to his retirement.

—In September Paulding County Hospital managerial staff underwent HEICS training which will help prepare our hospital in case of a local or national calamity.

Chief Operating Officer Randy Ruge's report included:

—We are working with the Heart Center Cardiology Group to determine feasibility to increase the availability of cardiolute studies.

—We are considering upgrading our CR (Computerized Radiography) technology to enhance the images which would allow for digital mammography studies which provides additional ability to diagnose disease.

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## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Over 3000 mailings were sent to individuals owning property that drains into the Flat Rock Creek. This includes the land contained in the villages of Payne and Paulding. The mailings were caused by a petition to clean the creek submitted by Dr. Don Snyder. State law requires the mailings once the petition is properly filed. The purpose of the required mailings is to notify landowners of the petition and start a process that will include public meetings. Individuals receiving this mailing will also be notified of the public meetings to allow for questions. Although the petition was filed by Don Snyder, and the Paulding County Engineer's Office is required to conduct a study of the proposed work on the Flat Rock, the Commissioners' Office has the responsibility of getting the notices out to those possibly impacted by the petition.

Kirk Hopkins and Jim Pendergrast of the ACDC (Antwerp Community Development Corporation) and Antwerp Village Administrator Sara Keeran met with the Commissioners to present information about the grant award for restoration of the Wabash Railroad station. Hopkins and Pendergrast spoke of their enthusiasm for new developments in the Antwerp area spurred on by the work on US 24. The two community leaders indicated that the station could be used by community groups and will also display items of historical significance.

Otto Gerdeman, an engineer employed by the Village of Cecil, met with the Commissioners at the request of Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development Director. Gerdeman has been working with the Village of Cecil to allow for eventual water lines on both sides of the new US 24 route. Gerdeman and Langham reported that the process involves a series of meetings to involve many different individuals and groups to arrange for the necessary approvals and

funding.

Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court Judge, met with the Commissioners for a regular report. Judge Beckman reported a decrease in the overall numbers of probationers and a division of those on probation by the level of oversight needed. Beckman also announced a plan to improve the process of collecting fines and fees for the lower level of misdemeanors to reduce or remove any backlog. Beckman is also working with the Commissioners to replace the roof over the area of the Court facilities.

Sylvia Altenburger, the Paulding County OSU Extension Agent assigned to 4-H, reported on programs at a session with the Commissioners. Altenburger noted that the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a program designed to help individuals prepare for and find employment. One major effort is to help school age students, those who meet eligibility requirements of income, through active membership in the county 4-H activities.

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

## DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

On September 24 the Defiance County Genealogical Society met at St. John United Church of Christ at 950 Webster Street, Defiance, Ohio. The program title for the evening was "Church Records: Do I Need Them? How Do I Find Them?" Presenting the program was Dwane Grace from Lima, OH. He shared information about researching Church records. Currently he serves as a Trustee for the Ohio Genealogical Society representing the Defiance District and part of the Bowling Green District. As Trustee of OGS, he co-chairs the Church Records Survey Committee. He is in the process of completing the transcription of the Lima, Ohio Presbyterian Church Records (1833-1903). He also serves as the Archivist & Historian for Lima's Market Street Presby-

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING TO PAULDING COUNTY



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By: Sue Knapp

Come on, get your pole, we're going fishing! That's right folks, right here in Paulding County there will be a public fishing lake.

Wayne and Carolyn Carr received a visit from the contractors who are constructing the new 24. They were ready to work on the CR 11 and Railroad overpasses and they needed dirt. Wayne and Carolyn sold them dirt and wondered what to do with the big hole that would eventu-

ally be filled with water. What they did was donate the hole (land) to the DNR for a fishing lake. The lake will be approximately 15 acres with 1/3 being 10' deep and 2/3's being 20' deep. The lake will have a public access with a parking lot for five vehicles with boat trailers. The DNR will keep it up and keep it stocked. All you need is a fishing license.

The lake will be called Ferrarre Lake after Wayne's great-aunt and great-uncle who originally owned it.

terian Church and is writing the history for the Church's 175th Anniversary which will be in 2008. Dwane is Vice President of the Mercer Co. Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. He serves as a Board member of the Allen Co. (Ohio) Historical Society.

The Defiance County Genealogical Society will be collecting monetary donations to help both the Hancock Public Library in Findlay and the Ottawa Library in Putnam County to replace genealogy books lost in the recent flooding. A collection was taken at the September meeting and a collection will also be taken at the October 2007 DCGS monthly meeting. Donations for the two libraries can also be sent to the Defiance County Genealogical Society at P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, Ohio 43512. The DCGS chapter will also donate two of its DCGS publications to each library. Each library will have their choice of publications.

DCGS members will offer free genealogy classes on Saturday, October 13 at 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Sherwood Branch Library in Sherwood on "Beginning Genealogy"; and on October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Johnson Memorial Public Library in Hicksville on "Overcoming Brick Walls in Genealogy Research". For reservations, call at least one week prior to the class to the respective libraries; Sherwood Branch at 419-899-4343 and Johnson Memorial at 419-542-6200. The DCGS Research Guide and notepads will be given to participants in the classes. The free classes are open to non-members and members.

For more information about the Defiance County Genealogical Society visit their website at [www.roots-web.com/~ohdcgs/](http://www.roots-web.com/~ohdcgs/). The site allows visitors to search for surnames or leave a query concerning a Defiance County ancestor. Links to many other Defiance County and nationwide genealogy sites are provided. DCGS Membership applications can be downloaded. E-mail [defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com) for more information or to ask questions about Defiance County records or family genealogy.

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what they expected. "Parents can alleviate some of their own concerns about grades not reflecting their child's full potential by maintaining an ongoing, open line of communication with their child, as well as with the child's teacher, about scholastic performance. That feedback helps arm parents with the information they need to identify potential challenges, and they can work with their child and with the educator to determine what types of learning support, such as tutoring, would be beneficial for the student," said Craig Beckett, Executive Director for the Sylvan Learning Center located in Defiance.

"An objective, personalized assessment of a student's academic strengths and weaknesses is another opportunity for parents to take a proactive approach to an unsatisfactory report card or progress report," Beckett said.

Several of the responding mothers referenced parent-teacher conferences as one of the most effective tools for monitoring their child's progress at school, as well as for seeking advice on how to improve performance. One respondent noted, "I always ask the teacher where my daughter could use improvement, and what I can do with her at home to help with that." Another mother questioned the teacher about specific results her daughter brings home, "You need to talk to the teachers to find out what is going on; if it's not a good grade, I want to know why and what my daughter needs to work on to improve it."

**Sylvan's Solutions for Handling Report Cards**

Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, also recommends the following tips to help eliminate report card surprises and encourage optimum performance:

—Discuss goals and objectives for the school year and set expectations with your child. This may be a great way to learn about difficulties

your child feels he or she has in specific subject areas.

—Talk with your child about study habits and develop a study plan. Set aside specific time for studying and homework and make sure that he or she has a proper workspace with a minimum of distractions.

**How to Handle Report Card Results**

Tracking test scores and other assignments on an ongoing basis helps parents, teachers and students work together to improve performance prior to report cards.

Establish an ongoing dialogue about challenges and successes to ensure your child is not apprehensive about sharing his or her reports card with you.

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The program is free and is open to both children and adults. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. The Friends will provide rolls, coffee, and juice for the Book Brunch. In addition to Miller's insight, participants are encouraged to share their World War II experiences, research, and any books that they may recommend.

According to Ray Riles Arms Book Co., "Kent Miller's books are an invaluable aid to the researcher and historian." Among his books are 365th Fighter Squadron in World War II: In Action Over Europe with the P-47, Fighter Units & Pilots of the 8th Air Force: September 1942-May 1945, just to name a few.

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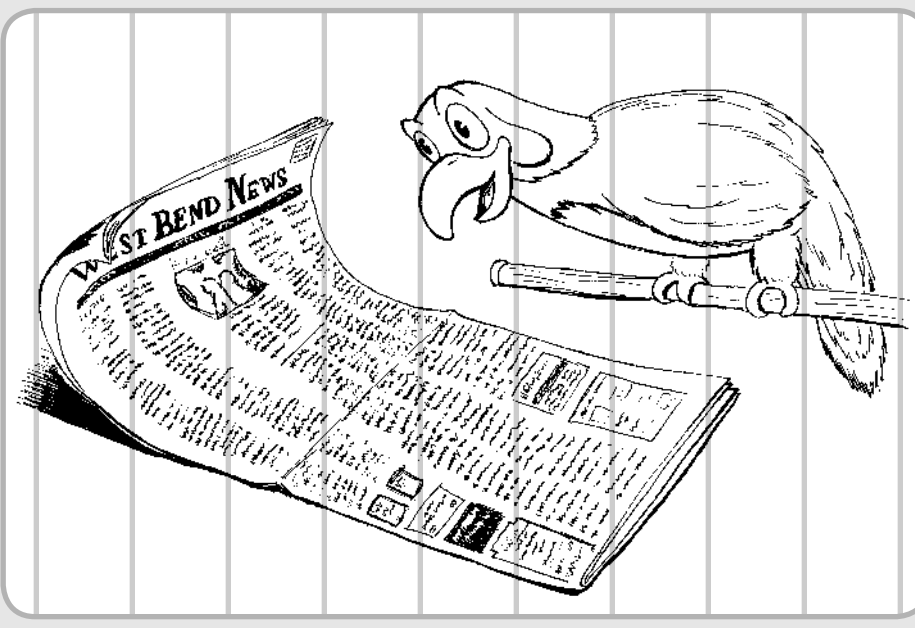
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**PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on September 4, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

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

Tope noted Administrator Wiebe had requested "Flat Rock Drive &" be removed from the first sentence of the last paragraph on the first page of August 20th's minutes. Rife motioned to approve the revised minutes of the August 20th meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Rife also motioned to approve the minutes of August 22nd's Special Council meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Chip Hampel of J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc. was present to discuss the upcoming Pool Note issue. Mr. Hampel informed Council the renewal rate for the

2007/2008 Pool Note will be 4.5%. The maturing note also holds an interest rate of 4.5%.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate certifying the proposed note issuance of \$340,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to renovate, improve and equip the Paulding Swimming Pool and its site was presented to Council. Ordinance 1366-07 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Renovating, Improving and Equipping the Paulding Swimming Pool and Improving its Site, and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency for the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

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

Sierer presented the Park Board's August 27th's min-

utes. Pool Manager Rachel Jones and Police Chief Randy Crawford were present. The following items were discussed:

—Rachel Jones presented the year end pool report.

—Mulch for the Playstation was delivered on August 28th.

—Randy Crawford was present to discuss the recent vandalism at Lafountain Park (ie. fire, broken bottles, graffiti, etc.). He believes erecting an additional security camera(s) and closing the park from "dusk until dawn" will help deter such acts.

—The Board would like to change the time of their monthly meetings from 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of every month to 4:30 p.m.

The Park Board recommends closing Lafountain Park from dusk until dawn, and placing an additional security camera in the park. Sutton suggested starting a "Neighborhood Watch" in the area. Rife motioned to approve the Park Board's report, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$567 for the month of July and \$1,135 for the month of August.

Wiebe presented Council with the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda requested the following:

—Approval to install a directional sign at the corner of Williams and Wall Streets to the Herbert E. Orr Company at their request. The sign and installation costs would be at Orr's expense. Daeger inquired if the directional signs are necessary. He believes motorists often use GPS devices or internet directions to locate properties.

—Authorization for the Administrator to enter into a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group to perform work in relation to the Rite-Aid project. Wiebe noted the contract formalizes the project's payment procedure.

Daeger motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: Daeger, yea; Sierer, yea; Breedlove, no; Rife, yea; Jeffery, yea; Sutton, yea.

Wiebe provided Council with a copy of a map highlighting Rite-Aid's plans to tap into a more applicable water source needed to service its sprinkler system. Atwell-Hicks, Rite-Aid's engineering firm, is working with Poggemeyer Design Group to determine the most effective route and water line size. Poggemeyer has recommended increasing the size of the line and extending the water main in front of the car wash west on Dooley Drive and crossing Williams Street. The line would then make a 90-degree turn on the west side of Williams Street and extend North across the proposed site and tie into Rite-Aid's existing waterline. Wiebe noted the Village will not allow an open cut along Dooley Drive. Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design Group noted the only open cut will be on Gasser Road where the line will cross over to Rite-Aid. Mr. Weaver also noted everything possible will be done to keep traffic open to the other businesses in the area.

Wiebe noted he has been in contact with InSource Technologies and Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, regarding truck traffic on Flat Rock Drive. Mr. Mc-

Garvey has no objections to increased truck traffic on East Wayne Street. Solicitor Jones also noted he has spoken with representatives of InSource. He noted internet map directions provide Flat Rock Drive as the main route to InSource from the North and West. He suggested placing weight limit signs on Flat Rock Drive to deter truck traffic. Wiebe noted that Ed Carlisle, Street Supervisor, has relayed speeding cars are more of an issue on Flat Rock Drive than truck traffic.

Solicitor Jones noted Dave Hyman is scheduling a meeting with the trustees of the Lela Jeffery trust to discuss the Village's proposals.

Daeger relayed the Chamber of Commerce met on August 28th to discuss Clip Clippinger's article in the Paulding-Progress regarding the Village of Paulding providing water to the Village of Cecil sometime in the future. Daeger noted the Chamber would like to work with the Villages of Paulding and Cecil to keep the public better informed of local news and to keep the lines of communication open between local entities and the Chamber.

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

Jeffery motioned to approve Poggemeyer's Change Order for telemetry to the elevated tank to accept the telemetry from the main lift station, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

White reminded Council of the Paulding Economic Development Dinner on Thursday, September 27th. All interested in attending are to make reservations with Finance Director Tope.

Tope also requested all parties interested in attending the Ohio Municipal League Conference to contact her to make their reservations as soon as possible.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—Recreation Committee & Parks Board - Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m.

—PCFA - Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife.

**ACDC GOLF SCRAMBLE**



The weather was with The A.C.D.C. Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 6 to raise funds to revitalize the old train depot in Antwerp, Oh. The tournament had a total of 17 teams of both men and women. Patty Kammeyer helped with lunch by grilling bratwursts and a good time was enjoyed by all for a very worthy cause. More pictures: www.westbendnews.net

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Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the September 4th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1206-07 re: A Resolution authorizing the Village of Paulding, Ohio to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Wiebe noted Greg Otey of URS Corporation recommended the legislation be passed to begin preparing an OPWC grant application for the new water plant.

Resolution 1205-07 re:

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, was read for the third time. Jeffery motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

White presented Jones & Henry's letter regarding the Main Pump Station Replacement project. The letter recommends awarding the project to Vernon Nagel for a cost of \$510,500. Tim Phlipot, Kirk Brothers representative, was present to discuss the bids. Mr. Phlipot noted the Invitation to Bid did not indicate the project would be awarded to the lowest "base bid". Kirk Brothers interpreted the documents to mean the project would be granted to the lowest "combined bid"; therefore, Kirk Brothers would have underbid Vernon Nagel by \$500. Solicitor Jones noted page B-4 of the Bidding Documents states the award was to be determined by the lowest "base bid". Solicitor Jones recommended approving Jones & Henry's recommendation to award the project to Vernon Nagel. Jeffery motioned to award the Main Pump Station Replacement project to Vernon Nagel for a cost of \$510,500, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Sierer inquired if the alternate pump will be purchased. Winners,

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WTP Superintendent, noted the alternate pump will be discussed in the future. Solicitor Jones relayed the Village has 60 days to accept or reject Vernon Nagel's bid for the alternate pump.

Daeger presented the Recreation Committee's minutes from its September 12th meeting. The meeting was held to discuss vandalism at the parks and potential solutions to prevent further acts of vandalism. The following items were discussed:

—Move one stationary security camera from the pool area to view shelter area of Lafountain Park.

—Purchase a new Spectrum security camera that will cover the restroom and skateboard areas at a cost of \$3793.

—Erect signs requesting individuals to contact the Police Department to report vandalism.

—Request the Police Department contact neighbors and area businesses to watch for, and report, vandalism.

—Research the cost of motion detection lighting for the playground area.

—Change park hours - closed from "dusk to dawn".

Sierer motioned to approve

the Recreation Committee's report, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White reminded Council of the Economic Development dinner scheduled for September 27th at 5:30 p.m. He also announced Halloween Trick-or-Treat has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. following the Lion's Club parade. Mayor White requested any interested Council member sign Ron Lane's letter supporting the upcoming Jail Levy. Tope will forward the letter onto Mr. Lane expressing Council's support.

Wiebe relayed a letter has been received from the Paulding County Commissioners regarding a petition that has been filed by Don Snyder to remove the log jam in Flat Rock Interstate Ditch No. 777. The cost of this project will be assessed to "the benefiting parcels of land" (i.e. all Paulding Village residents) taxes. A first hearing has been scheduled for October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Extension Building.

Wiebe proceeded to present the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda consisted of four items:

—Request for authorization for the Mayor and Ad-

ministrator to sign the Title Sheet for the proposed waterline extension for the Rite-Aid relocation project. The Title Sheet of the plans and/or modifications will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

—Request for authorization for the Mayor and Administrator to sign the Title Sheet for the Flat Rock Drive/Garfield Avenue Waterline Replacement Project. The Title Sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

—Request for authorization to enter into a contract with Jones & Henry Engineering regarding the continuation of the Lift Station Replacement Project and for work on the Long-Term Control Plan.

—Request for authorization to apply a UV protective coating over the lettering on the new water tank. The cost for the additional protection is \$900. The painter was present and anticipated the Village will be able to fill the tank with water on Thursday September 20th.

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

Wiebe requested the painter be present at the Council meeting to discuss the location of the logo and lettering. Consensus of Council was taken to approve placing the "Panther" logo facing the 50 yard line on the football field and the "PAULDING" lettering on the north and south sides will be equal distance from the logo with the Northwest corner of the Chief property being the focal point for the north side. Sutton motioned to approve painting a "panther" logo on the water tower for \$2,000, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

—Pre-construction Meeting - Wednesday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Waterline Replacement Project

—Utility Committee - Tuesday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m.

—Salary & Allowance Board - Wednesday, September 26th at 5:30 p.m.

—PCFA Meeting - Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Daeger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sutton.

**PAULDING DEMOCRATS ENDORSE ROBIN WEIRAUCH**

The Paulding County Democratic Party formally endorsed Robin Weirauch in the special election to fill the 5th District congressional seat following the death of Representative Paul Gillmor. A special primary election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 and a special general election is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

Robin Weirauch accepted this endorsement during the Paulding County Democratic Party meeting on October 3, 2007. Robin communicated that "Ohioans are demanding change. We need to invest in our communities, retain good jobs, and bring the War in Iraq to a responsible end. But Washington isn't listening. Send me to Congress and I'll make you proud."



**PAULDING COUNTY MAN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR OHIO'S 5TH CONGRESSIONAL SEAT**

PAULDING—Republican Fred Pieper, 51, of Paulding, Ohio has announced his candidacy to fill the unexpired term of the late U.S. Congressman Paul Gillmor.

Fred Pieper believes in an America where the ordinary, hard-working citizen can run successfully for United States Congress. He wants to be your voice in the U.S. Congress. He is committed to representing all of the citizens of Ohio's 5th District with honor and integrity. He is frustrated when he sees some Republicans bow to special interest or compromise their ideals just in order to gain popularity. Fred is a strong Conservative Republican and has the strength to stand by his convictions.

Pieper received his BA in Religion and The Bible from Anderson College (IN) in 1980 and his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Toledo in 1990. He has been on the board of directors of Financial Partners Credit Union (Woodburn, Indiana) since 1992 where he has served as chair and currently is treasurer. During Pieper's fifteen-year tenure, the credit union has grown from a 12 million dollar single office to two offices worth over 20 million. He is a veteran of the United States Navy, has been a small business owner and currently works as a lineman for a rural electric cooperative.

Pieper was born and raised in rural Paulding County. The grandson of a farming family, he still lives within a few miles of his family's farm that is still being farmed by his uncle and cousin. His wife Susan is a librarian. For more information about Fred Pieper, visit his website at [www.fredpieperforcongress.net](http://www.fredpieperforcongress.net).



More pix at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS' LUAU**

By: Sue Knapp

With grass skirts, bathing suits and hot weather, you would think you were in Hawaii. The United Methodist Church in Antwerp is where the American Heritage Girls held their Luau on Saturday, October 6. The fellowship hall was decorated in Hawaiian with hula hoops and beach balls galore. The older girls played volleyball and the younger ones were making crafts with play-dough and, of course, there were snacks.

The American Heritage Girls are looking forward to a year of serving the community and good positive fellowship.

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The Payne (Ohio) Ball Association will be hosting a fast-pitch softball pitching and hitting clinic on November 3 and November 4. Hitting and pitching clinics will be held for beginner to intermediate players on November 3 with a more advanced session for older players on November 4.

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# ANTWERP CHILDCARE CENTER GAINS SUPPORTERS



The Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc. is gaining support from other community organizations as they begin their fund-raising campaign. The Advisory Board for the Antwerp Community Fellowship and Care Campus, The Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission, The Antwerp Community Development Committee and The Paulding County Office of Economic Development all show great interest in the creation of a daycare center for Antwerp.

ACC is currently exploring sources of revenue for start up costs including the purchase of furniture and supplies for the center such as tables, chairs, bookcases, cribs, high chairs, changing tables, toys, books, and materials and games, toys for the children to use. Office supplies such as a computer, desk, phone, answering machine, copier, filing cabinets are also needed. ACC is willing to accept donations of furniture, sup-

plies and equipment in good condition as well as financial support to get this project ready for an opening day. If you are interested in making a donation, contact any board member or call Chris Feichter at 419-258-2386.

During the past year, Antwerp Childcare center has established a Board of Directors who acquired 501 (c) (3) status, made initial connections with community organizations and businesses and has begun to apply for grants and funding from local, state and national organizations. Board members include: Jamie Landers, Chris Feichter, Kim Askins, Gini Turnbull, Myra Hoffman, Denise Kinder, Theresa Essex and Darline Clemens.

The Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc., purpose is to provide quality childcare services for children ages six weeks to twelve years of age in a secure, educational and nurturing environment. ACC will enhance and improve the

community and surrounding area by providing services from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. throughout the year for sixty children and their families. In addition, it will create 10-15 new jobs for the community. ACC is optimistic that it will be able to open its doors prior to the summer of 2008.

## BUEHRER ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO PROVIDE IMPROVED HOUSING OPTIONS FOR OHIOANS WITH MRDD

COLUMBUS—As part of the state's ongoing effort to strengthen home and community-based health care, State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) today announced that the state Controlling Board approved the release of \$14.5 million to improve housing opportunities for adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities across Ohio.

Specifically, more than \$6.3 million will be used to help reimburse counties for the purchase of housing for adults with developmental disabilities. In July 2005, as part of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities' (MRDD) community capital assistance housing program, 55 counties in Ohio applied and were approved for financial assistance to expand housing options for MRDD adults in their communities. The program calls for each county to receive 75 percent of the average cost of a home in that county. Sen. Buehrer noted that several counties in the 1st District are slated to receive funding as part of this package, including:

- \*Auglaize County \$103,043
- \*Defiance County \$74,981
- \*Henry County \$78,077
- \*Van Wert County \$95,005
- \*Williams County \$83,066

In addition, the Controlling Board approved the re-

lease of more than \$8.1 million to assist counties with the acquisition and/or renovation of property that will house adults with developmental disabilities who are receiving an Individual Option (IO) waiver as part of the Martin v. Strickland settlement. An IO waiver is a home and community-based Medicaid waiver that provides federal reimbursement for certain Medicaid services in non-institutional settings.

In October 2006, a settlement was reached in the federal class action case of Martin v. Strickland, which sought to give Ohioans with developmental disabilities the option of receiving care in a home-based setting as opposed to the traditional institutional setting. Under the settlement, the state will fund an additional 1,500 IO waivers over the next two fiscal years for individuals who are currently in an institution and choose to move, or who will be at risk of being institutionalized but who would choose to be served in a community setting.

"This program is more than an effort to provide Ohio's MRDD community with greater freedom to choose where they live and receive care, it is part of an ongoing effort to strengthen Ohio's home and community-based care system, which has the potential to save Ohio taxpayers millions each year," said Buehrer. "It is also a positive way to improve infrastructure in our communities."

## PAULDING HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING NEWS

The Paulding Hospital Auxiliary met on September 4. Updates on the past fundraisers, jewelry and book sale were announced.

One of the Auxiliary's fall fundraisers, Craft Fair, was discussed and plans are underway.

The Auxiliary Craft Fair will be held on November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Extension Building located on the Paulding Fairgrounds, Paulding Ohio.

The Paulding Science Olympiad will again have their great "Cookie Walk".

The Paulding Band Boosters will be hosting the luncheon that will begin at 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Crafters will be displaying their items for just about everything.

Ohio State and Michigan fans usually find something for the big day.

The Hospital Gift Shop will also have many items for sale, a Bake Sale will also have many homemade food items donated by the Auxiliary members.

It was announced that there are still some spots open to crafters. For table space and prices contact fundraiser chairman Elaine Sierer, phone number is 419-399-3727.

If you're in need of that special gift for someone on your birthday or Christmas list this would be the time and place to start. Further details will be announced at November meeting.

The Auxiliary invites all residents of Paulding County to support your Auxiliary by attending our meetings.

Next meeting will be held 2:00 p.m., first Tuesday of November in the conference room, located in the Paulding County Hospital.

## OCTOBER NAMI MEETING

On Monday, October 15, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) support/educational group of the Tri County area will meet at 7:00 p.m. at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert.

Barb Thompson and Dorothy Gleckler, co-chairman of the Van Wert County Citizens for Mental Health, will share information and show a video of the facilities and resources available in Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert Counties to assist individuals and families in need of services.

These facilities and services have been provided by the 20 year old Mental Health-Substance Abuse Levy which will be up for replacement on election day, November 6. Levy funds are needed to provide matching funds in

order for the community to continue to receive Federal and State funds.

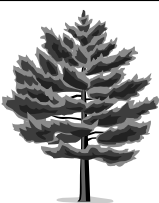
The local NAMI Affiliate meetings are always open to the public and those desiring to 'have a better understanding' are encouraged to attend.

The affiliate may be reached by calling 800-541-NAMI (6264) or 419-238-2413 or sending e-mail to namivw@msn.com. Information about mental illnesses, medications, support groups, Family-to-Family classes, etc. may be obtained by logging on to www.nami.org.

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 <b>Great Vivid White Toothpaste 4.3 oz.</b> <b>3<sup>49</sup></b>	 <b>Self Grip Self-Adhering Bandage 2.5 inch Wide</b> <b>3<sup>89</sup></b>	 <b>Aleve Pain Reliever 50 ct, 10 ct.</b> <b>6<sup>29</sup></b>

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