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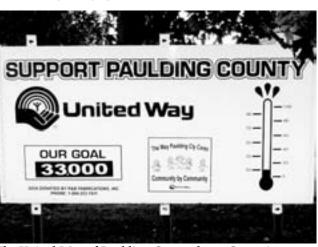
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OUR VETERANS DE-SERVE THANKS YEAR AROUND

Capitol Letters weekly column by: State Senator **Steve Buehrer**

On the east lawn of the Statehouse in Columbus stands a simple, yet powerful tribute to the brave and dedicated service of thousands of Ohio military men and women who have laid their lives on the line in defense of our freedom and way of life. Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of downtown and the green grass of the Capitol lawn, stands two stone walls, part of the area known as the Ohio Veterans Plaza. These walls are inscribed with letters written by Ohio soldiers to their families in the midst of battle. They bring to light the emotional difficulties of war, while showing the strength of our service men and women in the face of adversity. The monument is also an important reminder that our military is more than soldiers, they are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, neighbors and friends-people who deserve honor, thanks and recognition year around.

November 11 is Veterans Day, and in communities across the state, people will gather at local parades and veterans' ceremonies to pay homage to our war heroes.

Over the years, the state of Ohio has done a number of things to recognize Ohio's military personnel and thank them for their service to our country. For example, since 1992, the state has honored our service men and women through the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. What makes the Hall unique is that inductees are chosen not only for their military credentials, but also their impact on their communities. The 2007 class of veterans, which includes a gentleman from the 1st Senate District, Terry L. Maris of Hardin County, an army veteran during the Vietnam War, will be inducted in a ceremony on November 8 in Columbus.

The General Assembly has also taken steps to honor Ohio veterans and improve benefits for military personnel and their families. Through the years, we have extended scholarship opportunities to Ohio soldiers, provided tax relief for Ohio troops serving overseas and benefits to the families of those who lost their life in battle. In addition, lawmakers have worked to honor the contributions of veterans through various memorials, highway naming projects and special license plates. Most recently, the House introduced a multi-faceted proposal to improve veterans' benefits

in Ohio, aimed at not only honoring our military men and women, but bolstering Ohio's economy as well.

First, the bill would exempt military pensions from the state's income tax. Currently, 35 other states exempt all or part of military pensions from their state income tax, causing many Ohio soldiers to leave after their service is complete to live in a more tax-friendly state. These are men and women who have not only put their life on the line in defense of our country, but carry with them tremendous skills that would contribute greatly to the growth and success of our economy. A similar measure was introduced in the Senate earlier this year, Senate Bill 19.

In an effort to ease the transition for Ohio veterans from their military service back into a civilian career, this veterans legislative package would also give soldiers returning home from service, a six-month window to renew any professional licenses that may have expired. In addition, the bill would waive probate court costs, which can total up to \$500, for military families who have a loved one killed in action.

The state has taken important steps to honor and assist our veterans over the years, but the truth is we can never do enough for these brave and selfless men and women. That is why these efforts should continue.

America is the greatest country in the world, and we must not overlook the role our military heroes have played in making it great. They have not only made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our soil and preserve our nation's ideals, but after their service, have be-

(Continued on Page 3)

VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY AT THE ANTWERP SCHOOL

Antwerp Local School will be hosting a Veterans' Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 13 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the main gymnasium. Larry Wirtz, a retired social studies teacher from Crown Point, Indiana, will be conducting most of the ceremony. This assembly is open to the public. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Those attending should use the north parking lot and come in the northwest set of double doors.

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Robert "Joker" Laney, Sr., 64, of Hicksville, died on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN. He was born on September

OBITUARIES

15, 1943 in Antwerp the son of James and Olive (Swann) Laney. He married Lynne Hanna on January 24, 1963. He was retired from Diet-

rich Steel Company, Hicksville where he was a foreman. He was a life-time member of Paulding Eagles Aerie #2405 and a CB Radio hobbyist.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne; three daughters: Donna Osmun, Loretta Conley and Lorraine (Dave) Anderson, all of Hicksville; seven sons: Michael (Maggie) of Pompano Beach, FL, Robert Jr. (Deb), David, and Greg all of Hicksville, James (Chellie) of Harlan, IN, Steve (Susan) of Antwerp, Rick (Amanda) of Arlington, VA; 21 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; eight brothers: William, Donald, George (Betty), Richard and Kenneth all of Hicksville, Larry (DoraMae) of Cecil, James Jr. (Earline) of Paulding, Daniel of Spencerville, IN; five sisters: Doris (George) Clemmons of Continental, OH, Mary Smith and Sue (Gary) Mansfield of Hicksville, Claris Jean Robinson of Urbana, OH, Maxine McMullen of Antwerp.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild; two brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be

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on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Brian Wilcox, Coburn Corners Church of Christ, will officiate. Visitation will be on Wednesday, November 7 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Memorial contributions to

Parkview Hospital Foundation or Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance. Gladys M. Hart, 85, of St.

Joe, IN died Friday, November 2, 2007 at the Laurels of Dekalb-Butler, IN. She was born on Decem-

ber 31, 1921 in Newville, IN the daughter of Lloyd and Thelma (Benninghoff) Keener. She graduated from St. Joe High School. She married James A. Hart on September 6, 1940. He preceded her in death on January 31, 2003.

She was a lifelong homemaker and enjoyed her grandchildren, sewing, needlepoint, gardening, and playing the accordion.

She was a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, where she taught children's Sunday School for many years. She was also a Home Economic Club member.

She is survived by three sons: William D. (Phyllis) of Springfield, OH, Gary L. (Roberta) of Harlan, IN, Dennis G. (Karen) of St. Joe, IN; a daughter, Evon S. (special friend, Cecil Hulese) Hart of Auburn, IN; eight grandchil-

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dren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother: Jerry L. Keener of Butler, IN; two sisters: Deloris Inlow of Fort Wayne, IN and Shirley Fritz of Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and a daughter, Sue Ann.

Funeral services were November 5, at Coburn Corners Church of Christ with Doug Holley and Brian Wilcox officating. Burial was at Newville

Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

O. Frank Leinard, 72, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Frank was born in An-

twerp, on May 8, 1935, the son of the late O.F. "Jack" and Margery M. (Roszman) Leinard. He was the owner at Leinard Mobile Home Park, Antwerp, since 1969 and had owned Leinard Chevrolet from 1955 to 1987. Frank loved Nascar racing,

having held a Nascar Crew License. He was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church; Flatrock Masonic Lodge #580 & Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

On May 5, 1967 he married Barbara Hallock, who died March 2, 1996.

He will be sadly missed by his daughters: Mary Leinard, Lynne Johnson, Toni (Charlie) Hanes; son, Mike (Lydia) Johnson all of Antwerp; sister, Carol (Mike) Zedaker of Van Wert; brother, Lyle (Karen) of Antwerp; and grandchildren: Justin Johnson, Megan Lein-

Funeral services were held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on November 3, with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.

Ottilee "Ottie" Dunderman, 74, of Antwerp, passed away October 30, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ottie was born in Port Clinton, OH on December 24, 1932, the daughter of the late Richard and Dorothy (Cruse) Murphy.

She attended the Antwerp United Methodist Church, where she was the church secretary and previously worked at Kwik Lok in New Haven. She was a member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and Antwerp American Legion Post 253 Auxiliaries.

On March 3, 1950 Ottie married Richard "Dick" Dunderman, who survives.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Dick; daughters: Darla (Frank) Considine and Jackie (Sandy) Doctor, both of Antwerp; sons: Richard (Gloria) of Mechanicsville, MD,

Donald of Antwerp and David (Chris) of Bryan; sisters: Ginger Kruyd of Orlando and Roberta Hastings of Flint, MI; brothers: Frank Murphy of Key West, FL and Larry of Orlando, FL; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchil-Her granddaughter, Sara Doctor; sister, Patricia Mc-

Cracken; and brother, John have passed away. Funeral services were held at Antwerp United Methodist

Church on November 2, with Rev. Michael Schneider offici-She was laid to rest at Mau-

mee Cemetery, Antwerp. The family requests donations to the charity of your

choice. Condolences and fond

memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome. Helen C. Lawson, 88, of

Payne, died November 1, 2007 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne. She was born in Paulding

County on August 4, 1919 the daughter of Rudie and Osie (King) Roberts. She married Robert Lawson, who preceded her in death in 1985. She was a member of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, Payne; American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Payne; Harrison Township Grange; and an avid Bingo player.

She is survived by three sons: Jack (Caroline) Lawson, and Allen (Karen) Lawson, both of Payne, and Bill (Janet) Lawson of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren: Timothy and Terry Lawson of Payne, Katie Lopez of Fort Wayne, and Bob (Lisa) Treat of Ann Arbor, MI.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Leroy and Harry Roberts; and three sisters: Marie Reeb, Leona Longardner, and Betty Shipman.

Funeral services were conducted November 3, 2007 at St. Iacob United Church of Christ, with Rev. James Langham officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to St. Jacob United Church of Christ.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

I'D PICK MORE DAISIES

By: Pastor Joel DeSElm, **Woodburn Missionary**

Thumbing through a magazine the other day I came across a poem that I remember having seen a number of years ago. I re-read it and it struck me fresh once again. It's the kind of thing worthy of cutting out and sticking on your retrigerator or putting in your wallet. I have no idea who wrote it but that person captured a sense of what many of us feel:

If I had my life to live over I'd pick more daisies.

I'd walk more, whistle more, and wink more at my wife. I would be sillier than I

have been on this trip. I'd relax, limber up, and

not be so intense. There would be a mini-

mum number of things I would take seriously.

I would recognize that there are very few things that

would fit into the category of "true emergencies." I'd walk along more river banks, hike more foothills,

and sleep under the stars

more often.

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net I would be crazier.

I'd be less hygienic.

I would talk out loud to myself more often without feeling foolish. I would watch more sun-

sets, skip more stones, and take more naps. I would eat more ice cream

and less beets. I would have more actual

troubles and fewer imaginary I'd give out many more

hugs and much fewer criti-I'd be much more flexible.

You see, I am one of those people who lives practically and sensibly and predictably hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my mad mo-

And if I had it all to do

over again I'd have more of Just "moments" ...one af-

ter another, instead of living so many minutes ahead. I have been one of those

people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, hot water bottle, change of underwear, umbrella and a

road map. If I had my life to live over

I would start barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would ride more merry-

go-rounds and fewer eleva-

I'd buy a backyard birdfeeder and maybe a ham-

I'd pick something off the menu that I'd never tried before at a Chinese restaurant.

I'd turn more somersaults, take more bike rides with my children, and walk hand-inhand more with my wife. If I had my life to live over

I'd spend more time with God. I'd sing more hymns by myself, read more of the Psalms, and ask for fewer explanations from the Lord. I'd cry out loud more of-

ten, laugh out loud more often, and pray out loud more I'd just try to be "me" and

let other people be "them". I wouldn't sweat the little

Yes, I'd pick more daisies



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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Antwerp Boy Scouts will be picking up the bags that were handed out last week. Fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable items and leave them on your front steps by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 17. These bags will be taken to the Antwerp Food Pantry at the Antwerp United Methodist Church. Your donations are appreciated for this service project to help the town

INTERNET SAFETY CLASS TO BE OFFERED AT ANT-**WERP LOCAL SCHOOL**

Christmas break will be here before we know it. During that time, teenagers will inevitably spend more time on the computer. In the news recently, we heard about a 15-year-old girl who met a 42-year-old man on MySpace. Luckily, the girl was returned unharmed, but others have not been as lucky. No one wants to see this happen to his or her child.

Trisha Fuller, an IT Trainer at Do it Best Corp., is offering training to parents and teenagers about internet safety. Topics planned for training include the following:

- 1. Learning the dangers of social networks, such as MySpace and instant messag-
- 2. How to avoid identity
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terfall and gazebo and many

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granddaughter Cindy Lou run the general store and the post office in Happy Hollow where there are plenty of eccentric characters to keep things lively. Add some show biz types from Hollywood trying to make a film about the hill people; some terribly snobby distant relatives who are stuck visiting; and a couple of clever crooks bent on stealing Gram's property which sits on top of a large deposit of natural gas, and you've got all the ingredients for a comedy explosion. The cast of characters is as follows:

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Henrietta Paxwax —

Whitney Morhart Cindy Lou — Hayley Clel-

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PARADE OF LIGHTS IN

The second annual Antwerp Parade of Lights has been set for Saturday, November 24 at dusk. Sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, the parade is "just for fun" and in the spirit of Christmas-there are no awards or judging involved.

We encourage everyone in the area to join in: individuals, families, businesses, churches, and organizations. Find yourselves a bike or lawn mower, golf cart, tractor and wagon, hitch up the horses, or even bring the dog—anything that you can decorate with

THANK YOU The family of Jack Thom-

as would like to thank Van Wert Manor for the loving, wonderful care they gave our loved one. Thanks also to Hickory Creek for their care. Thanks to everyone who sent cards, gave flowers, prayers and acts of kindness, also for donations. Special thanks to Shawn and Michelle Dooley of Dooley Funeral Home for being so helpful and considerate and for everything going so smoothly. WE appreciate you so much! Thank you for the slide show DVD. Thank you Rev. Jim Edwards for officiating and encouragement, Marilyn's Petals and Vines for the lovely flower arrangements, Antwerp VFW Post 5087 for the military service and Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful

Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

PAULDING VFW POST 587 NEWS

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The VFW Post 587 in Paulding will hold a special meeting, Tonight, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for nominations and to elect officers to finish year.

(Continued from Page 1) come leaders in their communities, have contributed greatly to our economic growth and have served as important role models for young and old alike.

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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To all the people of the Fifth Congressional District who have written, called, emailed, and visited with me over the past weeks to express their condolences on the death of my husband, Congressman Paul Gillmor:

During what has been the most trying time that our family has ever experienced, your words have brought great comfort to me and our children. Paul's death has left me missing my best friend and our children missing their father, but as your sentiments tell, we know that we do not grieve alone.

I have read the kind and supportive letters from Paul's constituents recounting the times he greeted them at Rotary lunches and county fairs, or helped them when their Social Security checks had not arrived. I have been touched by stories from current and former cadets whose lives were forever changed when Paul recommended them to attend our nation's military academies. I have heard from Ambassadors and Presidents who have told me how important Paul's service was to our nation's relationships across the world. Indeed well wishes have come from all across the district, the state, and the world from people who were touched by Paul's life.

In the stories told across Ohio, Paul is being remembered as a man who was accessible to his constituents. interested in their situations, and who carried his office with honor. From his time as

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a junior State Senator to his time as a senior Congressman, Paul never changed; he remained an easygoing, softspoken servant of the people.

Paul had many great accomplishments in his political career, from leading the Ohio Senate to championing a bill in Congress which has created more than 85,000 jobs. But I know that Paul's accomplishment cannot be easily measured, for he took the most satisfaction from furthering the lives of his constituents.

Paul will forever be missed as will his shining example of bipartisanship and quiet effectiveness. He chose public life for the opportunity to improve his constituents' lives, not for self-gain, or self-pro-

Gratefully,

—Karen L. Gillmor, Ph.D., Tiffin, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

During this year's American Education Week - November 11-17, 2007, millions of educators, parents, students, and community leaders will join the National Education Association (NEA) in raising awareness about the critical need to provide every child with a quality public education. Here in Oakwood and Paulding, Paulding Exempted Village Schools (PEVS) will be recognizing the positive impact of public education by incorporating special activities throughout the week to promote this awareness.

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ther" window cling-ons that show our commitment to our kids. IN addition, our students in the district will have an opportunity to practice using letter format to write to a teacher or other staff member, who has made a difference in their lives; someone who impacted them in such a positive way that his/her life is forever changed for the better. WE educators will treasure these positive letters for vears to come. Knowing you have made a true positive difference in the lives of children to help them be successful is the valuable, rewarding part of education. Our celebration will help reinforce American Education Week's tag line, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The tag line represents NEA's vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so that he/she can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

We encourage you to become involved in our mission to provide quality education by promoting the importance of public schools in the lives of our children. For more information on American Education Week, please visit www.nea.org/aew.

-Brenda Trover, American Education Committee Member. Oakwood Elementary School

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Thursday, October 26 I attended the "Great Debate" between Ron Lane and Brad Dysinger! I would like to thank them both for their entertainment and their sportsmanship! As far as information: we all knew what the main issue was, but it gave people a chance to ask both parties questions and get their views. Both Ron and Brad, as well as all in attendance, agreed that Paulding is a great place to live, but then the opinions clashed.

Paulding is not an overly affordable place to live under the present financial structure. Ron goes with the Political view that it is such a great place to live that we should be glad to pay never ending or never decreasing taxes for the privilege of living in Paulding so we can pay more taxes! Not

Brad goes with the normal everyday person working hard to survive and wondering where we will get more money to pay these taxes. It was obvious, since more questions were directed to Ron, that the normal working person is already pushed to the limit on taxes and bills. Just once I would like to see these people in politics listen to the small person and think, 'Maybe these people are trying to make a point and not just complaining to hear themselves talk. Maybe these

people are having a hard time making ends meet and can't afford all of these taxes. Maybe, I as a political figure, should do something to lower taxes so that the people and their families can enjoy life a little more!'

Will this ever happen in politics? I will not hold my

Ron also confirmed something that I had heard before—it costs \$25,000.00 per inmate per year! What benefits are these people getting? Three full meals? Cable T.V.? Any magazines they want? This is not a vacation resort. This is a jail - someplace you are not supposed to want to go back to. No wonder there are so many repeat offenders! They've got it better than home and no hard work. Maybe I should break the law and get put in jail. I'm really getting tired of working 40-50 hours per week in all weather!

Like Brad I'm self-employed and after paying all expenses, utilities, taxes and everything related to my business, my clear profit is in the mid-teens. Out of this comes my food, auto, fuel and many other personal costs. Even when I worked in a factory I only took home over \$25,000 a few times. Why not give offenders a reason to avoid jail and cut this cost down!

I am tired of criminals getting treated better than their victims by complaining about their rights! They chose to break the law, they chose to victimize another person and prey on them or violate his property, so accept some responsibility. Take your medicine. Serve your time and don't complain. It's jail, not a hotel.

There are ways to fund these levies but don't constantly bleed the tax payers. As the taxes continue to grow or be extended, you will see more houses for sale and our population growing smaller. Give us a reason to stay in Paulding County. It can be done. I know how I am voting! Everybody needs to look at their pay check; their cost of living, and how they are being forced to live because of taxes! Then they can vote their choice.

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is an open letter to the person or persons who trespassed on my lawn and took two of my pumpkins right beside my door! Do you feel good about stealing from an 80 year old woman who is recovering from a fractured pelvis and has been unable to work for nearly four months? It is safe to say that your conscience doesn't bother you because you don't have any.

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By: Sue Knapp

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Call Lynne for an appointment or details @ 258-1442 **Ź**۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸۸

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3.66-3.33 - Brian Bashore, Cody Bok, Zachary Carr, Alexandria Fillmore, Richelle Fraley, Teresa Knuckles, Kristen Meyer, Timothy Ryan, Spencer Timbrook, Jennifer Womack

3.32-3.0 - Robert Bragg, Nicholas Cottrell, Jennifer Fillmore, Ashley Hughes, Lydia Kananen, Nittaya Major, Mariah Overmyer

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3.6-3.33 - Tyler Bok, Andrew Ehlinger, Vanessa Gordon, Zachary Kimmel, Anthony Reid, Sierra Short, Toni Winslow, Katrin Wochele

3.32-3.0 - Brandi Aldrich, Nicholas Berry, Jacob Bond, John Brown, Mitchel Buchan, Tanner Copsey, Desiree Delgado, Leah Dolinski, Joshua Hilton, Jordan Koppenhofer, Cody Mabis, Breanne Murlin, Nicholas Stevenson, Loni Walk, Audrey Winhover

GRADE EIGHT

4.0-3.67 - Jayla Chamberlain, Morgan Cramer, Brandon Dunderman, Zach Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, Cassandra Harter, Corbin Jones, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Jessica McCreery, Bryant Miesle, Alex North, Ann Reinhart, Kyle Reinhart, Tayler Shaffer, Tricia Smalley, Alysha Stuck, Drew Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Ellise Wetli

3.66-3.33 – Austin Bowers, Karli Brumett, Kelsea Burns, Michael Coak, Katelyn English, Samantha Foreman, Alexandrea Gross, Nicholas Herndon, Joseph Hilton, Nicole Hughes, Albert Angelo Manella, Jasmine Price, Jacob Shook, Dalton Skeens, Ashlee Smith, Hannah Tempel, Rachel Vachon, Troy Womack, Amanda Zielke

3.32-3.0 - Sabryna Allen, Jacob Brown, Lauren Cline, Grant Dunderman, Haylie Forrer, Megan Fry, Hayleigh Gremling, Brianna Hahn, Skylar Howell, Brittany Laney, Benjamin Major, Michael Richards, Nicholaus Richey, Michael Stultz

GRADE SEVEN

4.0-3.67 – David Altic, Nicholas Bragg, Kacy Brumett, Justin Bute, *Shawn Dooley, Noah Ganger, Ryan Girardot, Chelsea Grimes, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Alexis Jones, Marissa Kitzmiller, Rachel Stewart, *Morgan Williamson, Jesse 3.66-3.33 - Katlyn Bissell,

Colin Krick, Edward Reinhart, Isaac Reinhart, Kyle Ryan, Avrial Sawyer, Colby Schaefer, Lydia Yenser

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All A's - Emma Butzin, Matthew Dooley, Becca Johanns, Klayre Manella, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Jaime Ryan, Peyton Short, Hayden Spryn, Jarrison Steiner, Maggie Wilson

All A's & B's - Alexie Bennett, Lindsey Bok, Justin Booher, Ashley Bowers, Carley DeLong, Mariah Elkins, Marissa Elkins, Tayton Hathaway, Evan Hilton, Katie Hook, Autumn Hughes, Eden Kilcoin, Olivia Miller, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Ashley Pratt, Derek Reeb, Hanna Richey, Halie Roberts, Arron Romero, Kaylee Schroeder, Sydney Sheedy, Michael Taylor, McKenzie Turpening

FOURTH GRADE

All A's - Serena Drake, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Ienna Wilson

All A's & B's - Mikayla Boesch, Avery Braaten, Erik Buchan, Cainan Carlisle, Domino Daugherty, Emily Derck, Tyler Edgar, Beth Hawley, Audrie Longardner, Joshua Longardner, Anne Miesle, Aqiyl Moore, JoAnne Powers, Destinee Schlegel, Brittany Smith, Jacob Sukup, Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson, Cayla Woodcox

FIFTH GRADE

All A's - Steven Bowers, Tristan Carwile, Nicole Hughes, Sarah Neace, Jacob O'Donnell, Collin Perry, Joshua Steiner, Parker Swenson, Olivia Tempel, Alex Vail All A's & B's − Julia Balser,

Maria Bradbury, Dionicia Burk, Michaela Burns, Jarett Bute, Lydia Carr, Trenton Copsey, Alston Doctor, John Huss, Samantha Provines, Alisha Schroeder, Bailey Sigman, Kelsey Titus **SIXTH GRADE**

All A's - Nathan Zuber

All A's & B's − Alex Booher, Nathan Hawley, Katie Hunt, Austin Laney, Erik Miesle, Maddie Reinhart, Matthew Reinhart, David Sarsfield, Megan Slattman, Derek Smalley, Brock Taylor

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6th grade - Amber Combs, Emilie Linder, Kyle Recker, Libby Stabler, Aaron

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2007-

*Denotes all A's

Mrs. Arend 1A - *Asia Arellano, *Jacob Eblin, *Morgan Edgar, *Katelyn Estle, *Nick Gee, *Katelyn Hartzell, *Clay Herr, *Brian Holbrooks, *Emma Horstman, Hunter Kesler, Lakota Mann, *Allie McStoots, Joe Shaffer, Chelsi Spears, *Jennifer Stahl, *Trinity Temple

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Miss Hornyak 3C - Beth Yates, Kori Wolfrum, Kourtney Thomas, Caleb Ripke, Nathan Keyes, Matt Karia, Iulie Anne Holbrooks, Vanessa Hernandez, Devin Gee

Mrs. Hohlbein 4A - Jaycie Varner, Katie Stork, Sa-

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tie Carnahan, Jacob Dingus, Lexus Hernandez, Jacob Long, Ellie Miller, Julie Rhees, *Laurel Wehrkamp Mrs. Thornell 6A - *Eric Busch, Justin Carnahan, Ken-

neth King, Kaity Roughton,

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY **HONOR ROLL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2007-08**

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nah Farr, Isabel Hanekratt, James Mourey, *Bailey Pieper, Cherish Porter, Simeon Shep-

Mrs. Crossland: Blaine Jerome, Emily Knodel, *Skyler McCullough, Wyatt Miller, Ava Moats, *Chantal Monnier, Ryan Nicelley, *Dayton Pracht, Ashley Snipes, Tatem Stallard, Cameron Strahley, *Joshua Webb, Brooke Weidenhamer

3-4 Mrs. Karzynow: *Brittany Brown, *Christine Clapsaddle, William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Kameron Echols, Katlynn Fuller, Preston Ingol, *Preston Johanns, Taylor March, *Caitlin Proxmire, Becca Rohrs, *JoEllyn Salanis, Tiffany Schilt

4-2 Mrs. Walker: Lucas Arend, Kynsie Etzler, Megan Fife, *Allison Harpel, Victoria Johanns, Emily Moore, Johnathon Rose, *Taylor Schooley, Jarret Sitton

4-4 Mrs. Jones: *Victoria Bradford, Zach Buchman, *Damon Egnor, Lauren Johanns, Taylor Kochenour, *Sabrina Leaman, William Reeves, *Megan Reineck, Jordan Shull, Jacob Stoller, *Cullen Wenzlick

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(Continued from Page 5) Kim Matson, Victoria Meadows, *Emilee Ringler, Chace Robinson, Drayson Wenzlick

5-1 Mrs. March: Lauren Adams, Jarrod Clark, *Jacob Dye, Nelson Foster, *Alex Howell, Caleb Mays, *Emily Pastor, *Ashlyn Strahley

5-3 Mr. Manz: Christopher Adams, Taylor Ankney, . Christian Burtch, Hannah English, Kyle Gardner, Ben Heilshorn, Morgan Riley, *Shayla Shepherd, Kaylene

5-4 Mrs. Bradford: *Kathryn Clapsaddle, Lyndi Clinton, Brooke Combs, Rachel Dooley, Ashley Flynn, Claudia Foltz, Devan Gamble, *Erin Johanns, *Abbi Miller, Isaac Nice, Konnor Owens, *Jessica Schroeder, Dalton Talbott

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2006-07 FIRST 9 WEEKS

All A's - Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Sierra Mc-Cullough, Kaylyn Rager

All A's and B's - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, Shelly Brewer, Timothy Bush, Taylor Dangler, Chase Gideon, Joseph Kauser, Kelsi Manz, Rachael Mourey, Devin Otto, Sydney Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter, Alesha Simon, Kaley Varner, Bailey Zeller

Grade 7

All A's - Abbey Edwards, Austin Miller, Alexis Rue, Maggie Wilhelm All A's and B's - Jackson Adkins, Benicia Barnett,

Colton Bollenbacher, Kara

Burak, Jessen Bussing, Kelly Colley, Sydney Early, Mike Hernandez, Ashley Justinger, Daniel Keeterle, Bianca Lindeman, Danielle Mays, Matthew Meriwether, Sarah Myers, Sarah Nardone, JD Nathan, Catlyn Pavel, Marlee Pease, Macey Provines, Cory Rager, Savannah Roughton, Jacey Schroeder, Trey Schroeder, Courtney St. John, Steven Strayer, Julia Stuck, Emily Thielbar, Olivia Tressler, Patrick Troyer, Kayla Warni-

Grade 8

All A's - Kristen Beck, Katie Kohart, Mesa Pracht

All A's and B's - An-Arellano, Brandy Beard, Cody Bradford, Justin Burkhart, Drew Burnett, Jill Busch, Nikole Craig, Logan Englehart, Jessica Harpel, Jason Koenn, Eric Krick, Taylor Mock, Kyle Mohr, Alyson Munger, Ian Munger, Audra Phlipot, Kelli Schlatter

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FIRST NINE WEEKS 2007-08

4.0 - Jessica Carnahan, Dohoney, Kayla Gawronski, Julie Koenn, Amber Manson, Kevin Mumma, Jon Ross, Chelsi Sherry, Megan Simpson, Logan Sunday, Troy Vance

3.50-3.99 - Tiffany Anderson, Chris Britt, Kenneth Butler, Dustin Carnahan, Jeanelle DeMuth, Gage Evans, Amber Gebers, Beth Gottke, Michael Halter, Daniel Heilman, Nicole Hicks, Kassi Kadesch, Kennedy, Jerrod

Knodel, Derek Koch, Libby Neer, Kameron Owens, Jacob Perl, Chris Phlipot, Tiffany Razo, Brandon Schang, Caleb Schlatter, Staci Smalley, Shelby Smith, Zachary Stallkamp, Jessica Strable, Kara Suffel, Paul Webb, Chantell Weidenhamer, Emily Weller, Tiffany Westendorf

3.00-3.49 - Justus Barron, Kim Cline, Michelle Colley, Ashlev Crowl, Alisha Crutchfield, Tyler Crutchfield, Ramon Esquivel, David Fickel, Abby Gross, Ryan Jones, Toska Maliske, Brooke Mehring, Jordan Phlipot, Alfonso Rocha, Matthew Rose, Tiffany Rosenhan, Brandon Smith, Seth Thomas, Katherine Torres

JUNIORS

4.0 - Peter Brown, Alli Clevenger, Joshua Duslak, Sara English, Christa Gasser, Staci Gunderman, Katherine Harmon, Heather Hemker, Britney King, Brenda Manz, Lilly Manz, Audrey Nice, Eric Ross, Haden Sholl, Ashley Switzer, Logan Steele, Spencer Wilhelm

3.50-3.99 - Estee Arend, Tyler, Arend, Kelsie Carnahan, Kari Gibson, Morgan Hammon, Rachel Hemker, Cassandra Kauser, Ashley Koenn, Amanda Korney, Andrew Mott, Jennifer Nafziger, Jessica Nathan, Brian Porter, Isaac Porter, Michael Reinhart, Mercedes Rios, Briana Ripke, Brady Schroeder, Garrett Stoller, Selena Switzer, Remy Tope, Tess VanVlerah, Ashley Yant

3.00-3.49 - Caitlin Blair, Nathan Edwards, Tyler Fenter, Tara Fraley, Jessica Goodwin, Amber Jones, Eve Kohart, Jessica Miller, Whitney Morhart, Caitlin Pennington, Corbin Rhonehouse, Melinda Slattman, Dalton Stallkamp, Clint Vance, Corbin Vance, Brean-

SOPHOMORES

4.0 - Maycee Adams, Jamie Buchman, Jaclyn Carr, Stephanie Donaldson, Taylor Hatcher, Angela Manz, Bryant Sheppard, William Wilhelm

3.50-3.99 – Elizabeth Bradford, Chase Burnett, Kelsie Deel, Gary DeVault, Ashley Fisher, Danielle Grindstaff, Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern, Nathan Hancock, Staci Manz, Amanda Porter, Tyler Rohrs, Derek Schlatter, Audrey Smiley, Dakota Vogel

3.00-3.49 - Jessica Adkins, Jacy Barnwell, Jesse Bollenbacher, Katarina Caryer, Elizabeth Cooper, Jared Deatrick, Hailey Early, Lindsey

Frederick, Brandi Kline, Belle Leong, Trisha Manson, Alysha Mays, Zachary Miller, Shabrie Moyer, Darlene Overmyer, Billy Rios, Josh Sharp, Haley Vorlicky, Ali Wayne, Ben Wiswell, Rachelle Woodring, Stephanie Yates

FRESHMEN

4.0 - Joey Buchman, Shauna Darrigo, Jacob Farr, Nicolas Flint, Nicole Gebers, Spencer Gross, Kassandra Hammon, April Manz, Alex Mott, Derrick Pease, Jared Ross, Danielle Smith, Alex Snyder, Wesley Zeller 3.50-3.99 - Devan Ber-

mejo, Trenton Bradford, Jeff Budd, Hayley Clellan, Andy Favorito, Sara Gardner, Jacob Gideon, Ashley Hahn, Grant Harder, Elise Hartzell, Sam Heilshorn, Alex Knodel, Treslynn Laney, John Meriwether, Ashley Myers, Brooke Otto, Amber Plotts, Breck Ripke, Alyssa St. John, Patty Shaffer, Kaelyn Snyder, Logan Stoller, Danielle Stokes, Jessica Vance 3.00-3.49 - Cameron Al-

drich, Dillon Ankney, Olivia Arend, Crimsen Back, Ashlee Beck, Addi Bergalowski, Ricky Bergalowski, Alissa Bok, Jackson Carter, Ryan Doan, Taylor Dotson, Eric Fitch, Stephanie Gerschutz, Jesse Glass, Nicholas Hanenkratt, Zak Kauser, Haley Kesler, Sarah Koenig, Aaron Manz, Corey Miller, Tiffany Nelson, Connor Pease, Alyssa Price, Rachel Razo, Bradley Wilcox, Levi VanV-

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8th Grade: Kari Myers, Megan Pierce, Kelly Zartman

9th Grade: Taylor Baumle, Huong Nguyen, Jessica Wen-

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11th Grade: Angelo Harris, Elyse Myers, Marla Sinn, Jeremy Zartman

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8th Grade: Tyler Arnett, Zachary Cotterman, Rebecca Eberly, Sarah Feasby, Lindsey Gibson, Rebecca Habern, Ryan Jewell, Gary Klopfenstein, Rachel Long, Emily Molitor, Christian Raab, Ashely Saylor, Peter Sinn, Reuben Stoller, Sadie Wasserman

9th Grade: Jacob Eklund, Josiah Gordon, Katie King, Nicholas LaBounty

9th Grade: Erika Langmeyer, Abbey Linder, Nathan Tumblin, Timothy Willborn

10th Grade: Hendrik Akkerman, Vivian Baker, Derrick Baksa, Caleb Davis, Brock DeLong, Dylan Flint, Russel

Angle

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By: Chelsea Vail

Oy. With so many school events for the upcoming week, the "oy" factor just can't be helped. Seriously. It all begins Friday with the eighth grade class trip to Vantage, where the students will be introduced to all the various programs the Career Center has to offer. The following Monday brings a meeting for parents of high school juniors. Concerning the allimportant workings of planning after-prom activities, the gathering is set for 7:30 in the auxiliary gym. Then on Tuesday, in addition to picture re-

Fulk, Evan Klopfenstein, Sarah Lantow, Molly Long, Marcie McDougle, Chelsea Miller, Jason Miller, Maria Schaefer, Chelsey Shuherk, Jazmine Smith, Trevor Speiser, Martin Stoller

11th Grade: Akke Akkerman, Lynn Bidlack, Shelby Critten, Cody Feasby, Jenna Gordon, Kristy House, Cory Irwin, Paul Kipfer, Karl Klopfenstein, Meghan Kuhn, Ashley Litzenberg, Parker Martin, Joseph Morehead, Whitney Mullins, Sara Priest, Kristi Wenninger

12th Grade: Kyle Beech, Tabitha Binkley, Katie Buehrer, Ryan Davis, Kayla Flint, Zachary Gerber, Kelsey Hughes, Nathan Jewell, Jacob Reuille, Christopher Rozier, Brittany Schuller, Courtney Singer, Joshua Woody

takes, there will be a Veterans Day assembly at 1:30 to honor all the members of our armed forces. Capping off the sevenday stretch on Wednesday is the much-anticipated (oftdreaded?) administering of the PLAN test, to be taken by interested sophomores. With the Fall Sports Awards and a concert performance from the band scheduled for Thursday, here's hoping the 10th graders suffer minimal casualties in the pre-ACT war zone that is the PLAN test. The JH girls will start off

the winter (winter?!) sports season this Saturday against Tinora at Hicksville's annual opening competition. Oh, yes, basketball already. Oy. JH Girls Basketball: No-

vember 10, 1:00, @ Hicksville vs. Tinora; November 12, 5:00, Holgate Word of the Week: Exhort

\ig-ZORT\ verb 1. To incite by words or

advice; to urge strongly; to advise, warn, or caution Example: "Though the

PLAN test seems a rather tedious precursor to the ACT, I hereby exhort all the participating sophomores to take it in full seriousness so as to glean from it how to manage the brutal nature of standard-

ized testing."
Before clocking out, I want to offer my sincerest apologies for what was quite possibly the driest Angle to date. After having spent a great deal of energy on answers to college application essays this week, I seem to have actually wrenched the faucet from which creativity flows clear off the wall. Oops. Full disclosure: Okay, so it wasn't just the faucet. Plans are in the works to dig a completely new well. Oy!

Thank You

Our family would like to extend a sincere Thank-You, to each and every person that shared their concern during the sudden death of our Husband, Father, Son, Brother & Grandpa John P. Phipps.

For those of you who called, came by, sent flowers, brought food, monetary donations and all other acts of kindness please accept our THANKS!

We may never understand the reason that such a tragedy has occurred, but may we all take lessons from what he shared and taught us. Every person John met through his lifetime was always looked at with the same eyes, he did not judge. He touched many lives with his smile and genuine kindness. We can only hope that we will be as fortunate as he was to have so many to call "FRIEND".

We thank you all!! May he live on through his sons!

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Crisann, Josh, John Wm and Joe Phipps Cali, Jakob, Madison and Clayton



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MEET THE CANDIDATES



On, Friday, November 2, citizens had a chance to meet the candidates for the upcoming election. Each candidate was given a certain amount of time to speak. The room at the Paulding Senior Center was full of voters taking the opportunity to listen to and talk with the candidates.

PAULDING COUNTY HOS-PITAL RATED FIVE STAR QUALITY

At the Paulding County Hospital board of trustees meeting, CEO Gary Adkins informed members of a report released by the Employers Health Coalition of Ohio, Inc. This report compares data from all reporting hospitals in Ohio. Three quality indicators contribute equally to a hospital's ranking. Mortality, which is deaths that occur in the hospital, major complications, which is the occurrence of problems such as

blood clots and infections, and failure to rescue, which are deaths that occur in the hospital after a condition or procedure-specific complication. "In the three categories in which the hospital was rated, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Coronary Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and Pneumonia," Adkins reported, "PCH was rated five star, which is significantly above average." He added, "in the tri-county region, Paulding County Hospital is the only hospital rated in the top rank in all three of these categories." This report can

pleased to have Lisa in this be viewed by logging on to www.ohiohospitalquality.

The financial report was presented with a September net profit of \$12,402. The board approved the operational budget for 2008 and the capital budget for 2008 through 2010. An operational profit for 2008 is ex-Adkins' report included:

-In the area of physician relations Adkins presented a contract with a family practice physician to replace Dr. Fishbaugh due to his retirement. More information

will be released concerning this new family practice as it becomes available. -The Paulding County

fered a donation to the Antwerp EMS to help replace the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that was destroyed in the EMS unit

Hospital Foundation of-

crash in July 2007. -The veteran's flu shot

clinic held at Paulding County Hospital this week was well received. This service was offered in conjunction with the Paulding County Veteran's Service and twenty-seven flu shots were given to veterans free of charge. Adkins stated, "This was a way to honor and thank Paulding County veterans and show our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made for our country and offer them something back."

Chief Operating Officer Randy Ruge's report includ-

—Lisa Nicelley, RN, has accepted the position as Utilization Review/Discharge Planner/Infection Control. Ruge stated, "We are very —Paulding County Hos-

pital is providing family physicians access to computerized radiological images. The physicians are extremely pleased with the new capabilities and enhanced data. This allows the doctors to actually view their patients x-rays on line. Ruge is evaluating offering the same service with lab results, which will allow for better management of patient information.

BOARD PREVIEWS NEW VANTAGE INFORMATIONAL

Members of the Vantage Board of Education previewed the newly created informational DVD at their November meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2007. The DVD includes information about high school programs and adult workforce education classes and will be used during public speaking engagements to community groups. The treasurer's report

included the approval of the October 4, 2007 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of September, 2007. Appropriations and revenues for FY08 were amended and a resolution to permit contract exchanges to a tax deferred annuity program was approved. Superintendent Staci

Kaufman provided updates on those board members with expiring terms at the end of this year and information regarding contracting for collection of past debt. Adult Director Jim Grant reported on the results from the state GED examiners meeting he recently attended, which indicated that Ohio has increased the number of GED testers each year for the past 3 years. Vantage has also increased GED testing over the past several years.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Darrel Rhoad, Fire Protection, Jackie Brandt, EMS, Trisha Breese, Police Academy, Carolyn Fast, Basket weaving, Robert Hall, Residential Wiring, Kelly Loll, Computers, Natalie Winans, Health Careers;

-Authorized the Superintendent to enter into a purchasing agreement for the purchase of a lot for the 2008-2009 Carpentry house project;

-Approved a resolution ranking professional design firms and authorizing negotiation of an OSFC professional design services agreement for Vocational

Facilities Assistance Pro-

gram Project;

Held the first reading of NEOLA new, revised or replacement policies.

The Superintendent and Treasurer requested an Executive session in accordance with Vantage Career Center board policy for the purpose of evaluations. No

action was taken. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vantage

Cup and Saucer restaurant.

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The above picture is Donna Snyder, Gerry Snyder's widow presenting Jim Dix of Paulding with the Gerry Snyder Memorial Traveling Trophy. Gerry was a Lifetime member of the NRA. He loved to hunt and shoot and he also had a love for guns. I remember when Gerry was so sick he couldn't hardly hold up his head. But he was there to help me with the trap and rifle shoots. We really miss him. Bob Hayburn of Latty has donated the trophy to the club. Snyder also donated four custom made shooting benches to the club. October 10 was a very windy day and the targets were flying crazy. But it didn't seem to bother Jim Dix. He broke 46 out of 50 targets to win the shoot. Jim not only won the trophy and shells but, Mike Smith of Antwerp donated a gun make over to the winner. Mike Smith is Gerry Sny-

der's son-in-law who took over Snyder Gun Repair business. Mike has most of Snyder's tools and machinery and is located in a new shop on CR 204. We had a good crowd that Saturday. The same day the club had an open house to present our new building to the public. The new building is 30x60 with a nice 8 foot front porch. This is a dream come true for the members.

Through the Fish Fry and a number of raffles and hard word we made it. We have a 60 foot room upstairs and we anticipate a bow range and air rifle range for the youth.

We also have a nice kitchen and men and women rest rooms. We also anticipate renting it out to the members. On October 21, we had our last Rimfire Rifle Shoot. Again it was very windy and those little 22 cal bullets were going crazy. But the top score of the day was 735 out of 800 shot by Byron Rasey.

The first match was won by Al Ehlinger of Antwerp. The second match was won by Marion (Buck) Howard. The last match was won by Steve Winn of Sherwood, Ohio.

We have 10 shooting benches under roof with 50 yard, 100 yard, 200 and 300 yard range also a trap range and pistol range and bow range. Something for everyone.

If you would drop by, you may like what you see. Our 2008 memberships are now ready. Our last shoot of the year will be November 11 at 1:00 p.m. The Turkey Breast and Ham Shoot. So come out and have some fun.

A side note: Joe Smalley's son won the 50 cal muzzle loader with one raffle ticket!

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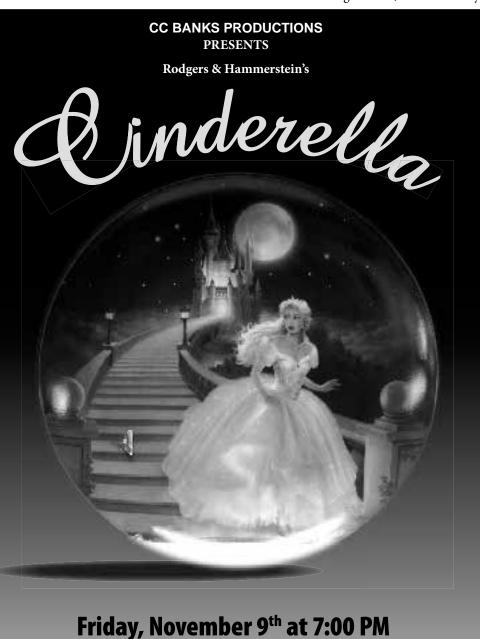


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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

The southeast corner of East Washington and Erie Street was the site of the Carr Brothers Grist Mill. It burnt down in 1927 or 1928. I can't find anyone who knows the exact date. Anyhow, the remains of the foundation laid there for about thirty years and then a man named Ed Roberson built a new house on that lot. After a few years he moved away and Harold and Mert Secrist lived their for many years. Now it is the home of Tim Reid and family. When I was a boy there was three big hip roof barns in that area. One for the Grist Mill, one for Gene Donnell who had a team and wagon, and the other sat just about where Roland Gibson's house is. There was a preacher whose last name was Harold and he did custom butchering in that barn. All of those barns have been gone for decades. Now our new water tower stands just a few rods to the north-

The last house on East Washington Street was the home of Adam Carr. He was a veteran of WWI. While in combat in France he came in

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contact with German Mustard Gas on his right forearm. From that day in 1918 until he died in the 1950's he had sores on his right forearm. That was the nature of that gas—it would never heal. I'm glad they didn't use it in WWII. We are indebted to Cord

Ehrhart for a good deal of this information, thanks, Cord. Just south of Tim Reid's

house is where Jason and Kelly Hormann live. For years the Jim Vail family lived there. Now when I was a boy those were just empty lots. Let's move on down south

to where the caution light is on SR 49 and let's look back one hundred and sixty-six years to about 1841. At this time, this area was solid forest. No roads, no sidewalks, just timber.

The whole county was covered with sycamore, elm, maple, cottonwood, hickory, ash and a number of types of oak. The forest was so thick I was told a fox squirrel could go from the Ohio River north to Lake Erie and never touch the ground. Just close your eyes and imagine the scene in the poem of "Hiawatha", 'Right behind them rose the forest, rose the dark and gloomy forest'. But by 1840 they had cut

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down a few trees.

In 1841, Horatio Curtis,

Isaac Woodcox (this man was a direct fore-father of Elmer & Max Woodcox, Antwerp residents), Sam Rice and two surveyors, William and James Riley, just finished surveying and plotting this whole village as it stands today. They were sitting on what is now Dan and Sue Fowler's front vard. These men agreed the town needed a name so a sort of debate was started. They wanted a name where there wasn't a duplicate as yet. With the use of a postal guide, they came upon the name of Antwerp, Belgium. There being no other town with that name in this country, it was this, then and there, and they called the town Antwerp. In Mr. Ehrhart's book "A Century of Progress", he stated that this meeting took place in what was, in 1941, the front yard of Fred Carr's

Fred Carr was a twin, his brother, Ed, became the 'Water Works Man' at the onset of city water for Antwerp. Fred and Dollie had a son, Lavon. Fred became Probate Judge of Paulding County and Lavon and his wife, Manetta, lived in the home place. After the boys grew, Lavon built the house where Ruth Snyder lives now. Lavon and Manetta retired to Florida and after a few years, Dan and Sue Fowler moved to that historic corner.

home. Well, this whole area is

full of history and now Dan

Fowler lives there.

Across the road where Johnnie Woodcox lived was the beginning of the future.

In the year 1840, General Hiratio Curtis was looking ahead and he could see the canal coming and the prosperity that would come with it. So he built a store or tavern just across the street to the south of the Fowlers. When I was growing up, Mrs. Jennie Hughes lived on the lot and then some more families. That store faced the south, toward the canal beside the road called 'Payne Avenue'. Iust north of State Patrolman Miller's house. Also, that store was a Post Office. There were no streets or sidewalks at that

time, just a lot of mud. That same year, Isaac Woodcox, another pioneer, built and operated a tavern and hotel on the lot now owned by Mrs. Bert Major. The building faced the south towards the canal. All this time a large contingent of men were digging the canal. The foresighted men could see business coming, but the canal wasn't finished for two years yet. Some hotels and

stores were built on the street we know as Canal Street, but at that time was Main Street. A few years later businesses boomed in this area.

I have seen pictures of a bridge over the canal there on Payne Avenue. That was a very busy corner a little later on. It is hard for us to visualize all the hotels, taverns and factories that later lined the canal. Please remember all the rest of this area is covered with big virgin timber. I think there was also a

bridge over the canal up on the Wentworth Road. In those busy years, there was a number of factories and mills on the east side of the south end of Wentworth Road. As I understand, in the evening when there was no wind, the smoke from those stacks and chimneys would slowly drift off to the east and lay in a line over Payne Avenue, and for many years, that was called 'Smokey Row'. I'm sure there was also a

bridge over the canal down on Harmann's corner. There were factories on Park Avenue and nearly all the way down to the Harmann Road. Nearly all of these factories made products made of wood. There was a steel smelter over by US 24 after the railroad came but it also had access to the canal.

When I was a little boy, the second house east of Dan Fowler's house was some people named Jaderstrum. On his tombstone in the cemetery it says he was born in Ursala, Sweden. I don't remember him but I do Mrs. Jaderstrum. She lived into the '30's.

More on this area next

-See Ya!

STAN AND SUE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan & Sue

Sue and I traveled to the Manor House and we interviewed the three Joes: Joe Ross, Joe Ott and Joe Ramos.



Joe Ross

So we start out with Joe Ross and his name wasn't Joe it was Walter. He was born in Cecil, Ohio on October 19, 1917 and he is now 90 years old. His parents were William and Edith Woodring Ross. There were a total of five boys in the family.

He went to school in Cecil for the first four grades. He walked 1½ miles each way to school. He started in the fifth grade in Paulding and graduated there in 1936.

He married Betty Stiebling in 1938. He has six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

He came to Antwerp and opened a service station that had been closed for awhile. He sold Linco Gas and he was called Linco Joe. In 1939, he changed to Sinclair Gasoline.

When the Army called him in 1944 he already had two children so he locked the front door and he boogied off to Brooklyn, NY.

The Army had some boats and he served on one that took new recruits to England and Europe and brought back some soldiers with a lot of discharge points. His job was to operate the commissary on the ship. He was discharged in 1945 and he came back to Antwerp and opened his station again. He and Betty had four

children. Terry is an attorney and is retired and lives in Indianapolis. Sue married Walter Schielb. She is an RN and worked most of her career in Fort Wayne. They had four children. Sue and Walter live northwest of town. William is a doctor and has a large clientele in St. Louis. Jan is in administration in a large corporation in Chicago. Walt says she is the youngest on the Board of Directors and is also the only lady on the board.

Betty died on November 13, 2004. Walt lived alone there on East Canal Street for three years. He moved into the Manor House on the first of September. He likes the food and has gained nine pounds. He likes all the people and they like him. He fits in well at the Manor House.



Joe Ott

The other Joe is Joe Ott. He is 96 years old and surely doesn't show it. He is just as sharp as can be.

He was born in Payne, Ohio in 1911. The son of Henry and Anna Ott. He was one of 13 children.

He attended the first three grades of school in Payne. He then moved to Rensselaer, IN. and he finished school there, graduating in 1929. He had a grade average of 95.

He married Marie Meyers in 1935 in Payne, Ohio. They had one child, Charles, in the

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He worked most of the time for Brady Brothers. He generally operated their elevators in Payne or Oakwood and for awhile in Worstville. Then he retired when he

was 65, but still helped out at

the elevator in the winter and on the farm in the summer. He liked to keep busy and also help out. Their son, Chuck, had four children: Rhonda, Randy,

Rene and J.C. Joe also has great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Marie passed away in 1986. Joe has kept busy for many years.

He moved into the Manor House last August. He is very happy and says it's just like living in a fine apartment. He likes the food, his friends and



Joe Ramos

Joe Ramos

Joe Ramos was born in Mt. Pleasant, MI to Marguitos and Seasrio Ramos. They lived there about a year and went to Texas for a few years. They went from there to Missouri then back to Michigan. Joe's dad worked on the railroad and his mom worked in the fields. In high school, Joe played football and worked in

He went to the Army and served for two years and after coming home he worked at

He has four children who live in Defiance and Fort Wayne. He has one grand-

Joe likes fishing and going out with his children. You can see him out and about and

walking in the Manor House. Joe has been at the Manor house for about six weeks and likes it. The food is good and he likes to visit with the staff and play bingo.



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By: Sue Knapp

Everyone loves a secret and everyone wants to know the secret. Well it's high time to let the secret out.

Paulding County has a museum, a historical museum located across from the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

If you knew this, my question is, "have you visited it?" The first time I was in it was last week and I was impressed. A lot of hard work is done by volunteers who want to keep the history of Paulding County alive.

Well, now is your chance. The museum is getting ready for the Festival of Trees. At least 55 trees are being decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations such as: 4-H clubs, schools, cub scouts, hospitals, preschools, girl scouts, retail and many more.

Eileen Kockensparger, Louella Thomas, Rose Munger, Anna Kauser, Becky Beach, Diane Stouffer and Deb Plummer complete the decorating committee and they have been very busy getting the museum ready for this year's festivities.

There will be a talking Christmas Tree that is just waiting to talk to the kids. Also a silent auction with donated items and the money will be going to the museum for operating costs. One of the awards is the People's Choice Award, while you visit you choose which tree you like the best.

The museum is set up with different "rooms" that will be decorated. There is a town with a barber shop, lawyer's office and other businesses. There is a general store that has many hand made items for sale that are priced for anyone's budget. There are woven rugs that a couple of people weave on the looms right in the museum.

This year they have also decorated Barn #1. In the barn is a real log cabin that was donated plus a model of the Paulding County Courthouse. There are a lot of things on display that you will remember that your grandma and grandpa had plus some things that you have no idea what they are, but you'll have fun guessing.

The Festival will be held from November 15–18, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 4:00 p.m.

Winning trees will be announced on Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

The museum's regular hours are every Tuesday all year around and the first Saturday of each month.

The museum does close during the months of December and January. Free will donations are appreciated.

This is just another great thing in Paulding County that we need to get out and

Yeah, that's what I'm talking about.

PAULDING FFA COMPETES IN THE DISTRICT AG SALES **CONTEST**

By: Ashley Yant, Paulding **FFA Reporter**

The marketing of agricultural products is key to profitability in today's competitive economy, and agricultural sales play a major role in the marketing process. Through this CDE, students will save the opportunity to demonstrate skills in sales by participating in a wide range of activities oriented around the total sales process. The team competed at the District Contest on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at New Reigel High

objective test, oral sales pre-

sentation, and a practicum.

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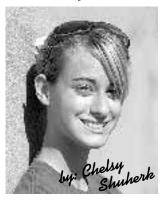
The agricultural sales CDE consisted of three parts: an

The practicum was based on a customer complaint about a natural resources product. The CDE is a team event consisting of four students. All team members will participate in the test and sales presentation components of the CDE, each of the members will participate in a practi-

The 2007-08 Ag Sales team consisted of Alex Straley, Amanda Porter, Matt Arend and Caleb Schlatter. These four placed 2nd as a team, competing against 5 other teams. With a 2nd place finish, the placing will advance the team to Columbus for the State Ag Sales which will be in Plain City on March 1, 2008.

We would like to congratulate Alex Straley on his performance. Alex, being only a Junior, was 1st in District 4.

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What is a six letter word that all teenagers go through? Do you know what it is? I know the word is on the tip of your tongue. Okay, stop guessing—the word is stress, and it is a fact of life. This past week I have been feeling very stressed, and I know my friends have been too. Where does our stress come from, and how do we deal with it?

The top three places that people around my age get stress from are friends, family, and school. Maintaining friendships is hard work in high school. Even though most of them you can tell them anything—there are still some things that you worry will upset them. For example, who you like is hard because your friend could like that same person, which causes a fight with them which is awk-

Next, is family, who are

suppose to be the ones that comfort you, but give you stress unknowingly. They try to get you to do your best, so you try hard and hope not to disappoint them. That is a lot of stress because you want to make them so proud of you.

Last, is school, which nowadays is extremely stressful. Teachers pressure you to do well, and when you do not, it is depressing. It makes you feel worthless, when you give it your all and the result is not the intended one. People are always telling us you have to do good in high school, to get into college, to get a good job, but is that the plan I want to follow? Everyone tells us, that we are the future, but what about what is happening right now? I have one thing to tell you readers, and that is a quote by Douglas Adams.

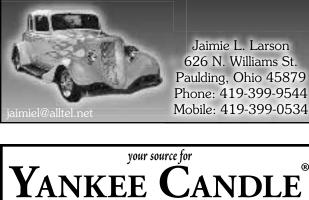
Adams said, "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I need to be."

This means maybe how you end up living your life was not how you planned, but it is how it needs to be. Everyone, if you get stressed out, then you can take a walk, read a book, listen to music, or do whatever you enjoy. Live life to the fullest and do not worry so much.

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THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN PAULDING COUNTY -Using insurance to re-

PAGE 10 – WEST BEND NEWS – NOVEMBER 7, 2007 "FROM THE VANTAGE POINT":



The 2007–2008 Vantage construction house project on Bruns Avenue in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert.

The Vantage senior carpentry class is hard at work building the 2007-2008 construction project house. Vantage Carpentry students have built over thirty different and unique houses as a part of the senior carpentry curriculum.

BUILDING A FUTURE

This year's house, a 1,975 square foot home, is located at 1079 Bruns Avenue in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert. Highlights of the home include a great room with 10 foot ceilings, a dining room with a tray ceiling, 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths and an attached 3 car garage with interior steps to the full, unfinished basement. The upstairs will be a 300 square foot unfinished bonus room. The outside of the house will boast a stained front doors with side lights and brick front with vinyl siding.

The senior Carpentry students and their instructor, Roger Ruen, work at the house each afternoon during their scheduled lab time. They

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are currently in the process of framing the house.

Mr. Jerry Robinson's students in the junior carpentry class will be getting involved in the project very soon. They will begin building custom oak cabinets for the home.

The senior electricity students, under the direction of their teacher, Mel White, have used their knowledge and skills to install the electrical service to the house, including the breaker panel and electric meter. They have also installed temporary receptacles and lighting for construction purposes.

The Vantage Carpentry house is for sale. If you're interested in seeing the house, you may arrange an appointment by calling Bob Vennekotter, Vantage Career Center Director at 419-238-5411 ext. 122. He can also be of assistance if you need directions or have specific questions about the house.

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PAULDING COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS

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

The Commissioners reviewed questions about the new jail operating issue. They noted that the need to support the judicial process, including jailing prisoners, would continue to be a county obligation. Individual law abiding citizens may object to paying for the costs of people who break the law, however, it remains a responsibility of the county. The Commissioners continue to agree that asking the voters to approve funding to operate the jail is the correct action.

Doug McVey, Interim Director of the Paulding County MR/DD program, met with the Commissioners for an update. McVey reported on the various programs offered by MR/DD through Parc Lane and the PC Workshop, Inc. McVey was pleased to announce the Early Intervention program at Parc Lane has been expanded from two to three days a week, eliminating a waiting list of sixteen children. A classroom setting, as well as home visits, is available for eligible newborns to age three and their families. Parc Lane is also currently serving six children ranging in age from six to twenty years. Children receiving services have significant needs, including intellectual and autism. The PC Workshop, Inc. currently employs 100 individuals who reside in Paulding County. Forty-five individuals are currently receiving residential support services, enabling them to remain in their homes. Thirty people are on a waiting list for these services. Service

and Support Administration

provide crisis intervention

and advocacy services for eligible county residents. Federal dollars help to support these services. McVey also reported MR/DD runs four busses to provide countywide transportation for individuals using these services. Busses travel approximately 350 miles per day, 12 months a year. McVey stated Paulding County's MR/DD program "offers top-notch services to the community" and the MR/DD Board is "collectively a good bunch of people." A special election in De-

cember, caused by the death of Representative Paul Gillmor, will add to county expenses. The Paulding County Election Board informed the Commissioners that the state mandated special election is expected to cost approximately \$25,000 in addition to the funds already appropriated. Although they have worked hard to keep expenses as low as possible, the costs for poll workers, advertising, programming and mail will drive the costs. The Commissioners recognized that the cost is unavoidable. They also commented on how the state, whether through requirements for prisoners or elections, push many costs on local taxpayers. None of these additional expenses are to be reimbursed by the state or federal government.

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.

ANTWERP COUNCIL MEET-

ING

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp Council had a special meeting on Monday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. Two ordinances and one Resolution were read.

Resolution # 2007-15: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to enter into the First Amendment to the 2005 Paulding County Community Reinvestment area agreement by and between TDM3 LTD., D/B/A Essenhouse Assisted Living and Restaurant, LTD., the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and the Antwerp Local School, and declaring the

same an emergency. Ordinance 2007-32 second reading: An ordinance amending the official zoning map of the village of Antwerp, Ohio, specifically, an ordinance amending the zoning classification of real estate located at 111 Diamond Drive from A-1, Agricultural District, to R-1, Single Family District.

Ordinance # 2007-35: an Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note in anticipation of the issuance of bond to pay a portion of the cost of constructing, furnishing and equipping an emergency medical service building and improving it's site and declaring the same an emergency.

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HICKSVILLE—Enjoy The 13th Tale by Diane Setterfield on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's monthly book discussion group.

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

According to The Book Review, "If you read just one mystery novel this season—or this year—make it The Thirteeneth Tale by Diane Setterfield. It is the story of Vida Winter, a best-selling British writer nearing the

end of her life, and Margaret Lea, the youngish apprentice bookseller and part-time biographer, whom Ms. Winter has chosen to write her life story. The problem is that Ms. Winter has spent her life telling stories—including 19 different ones about her background. Will she be able to tell the truth this time?... To add another layer, Margaret has ghosts of her own, ghosts that are awakened as she hears Ms. Winter's story."

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

PAGE 11 – WEST BEND NEWS – NOVEMBER 7, 2007 PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL **FLU SHOT DAY**



trooper. His wife Shuba also received a shot.

By: Sue Knapp

Paulding County Hospital gave out flu shots for free to Veterans on two different days. On this day, October 31, a total of 23 shots to Veterans and 132 shots to the public

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COMMUNITY MEMO-RIAL HOSPITAL NEEDS THE COMMUNITY'S HELP TO WIN A NEW MRI SYSTEM

Community Memorial Hospital could be the big winner in an MRI system giveaway sponsored by Siemens Medical Solutions. Siemens is giving away its newest MRI system to a deserving hospital that secures the most votes for a video posted to www. WinAnMRI.com. Staff at Community Memorial Hospital has submitted a video showcasing why it deserves to win.

"This new MRI system can really enhance the level of care we're able to provide the community," states Gregg Harpel, Director of Clinical Services. "Now we need everyone to visit this website and vote daily, if possible for our video!" The video features the Hicksville community, stating why Hicksville is a great place to live. It also shows local industry and the new hospital facility.

"A system like this will help us expand our service to the community by providing daily MRI services as opposed to twice a week with our current mobile MRI," states Mel Fahs, CEO. "Both patients and physicians will have much easier access to some of the best medical technology on the market today."

The MAGNETOM Essenza was released to the market on October 17, 2007, and it could help Community Memorial Hospital and area physicians deliver improved imaging services in neurology, orthopedics, body imaging, angiography, cardiology, breast imaging, oncology and pediatric imaging. The system operates at a 1.5-Tesla magnetic field strength, which means it delivers high-resolution clinical images.

Additionally, an MRI system can accommodate a wide range of patients who are generally difficult to image, such as women who have dense breast tissue or breast implants. These women are typically at higher risk for breast cancer because the X-rays used in annual mammography screening can not penetrate that type of tissue. A system like the Essenza could allow physicians to image these women and to potentially detect the disease in its earliest stages when it is most treatable.

While an MRI system has many clinical benefits, many hospitals the size of CMH find it difficult to justify its cost - typically \$1.5 million for a system of this magnet strength. Siemens tapped its extensive research and development resources to develop the Essenza and market it for just \$800,000 - nearly half the cost. And now, facilities like Community Memorial Hospital have the opportunity to actually win this advanced piece of medical technology in the Win An MRI contest. "While the Essenza is priced well below other systems, to win this contest and pay absolutely nothing for this advanced MRI scanner would be a fantastic thing for our community," states Mel Fahs.

The contest closes on December 31. Community members are encouraged to vote often at www.WinAnMri. com and help Community Memorial Hospital bring this valuable technology to Hicks-

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CINDERELLA: A LITTLE GIRLS DREAM COME TRUE



By: Sue Knapp

Well, they did it again. CC Banks Production, Cinderella, is playing at the Antwerp High School Auditeria this weekend.

Little girls dream about meeting her knight-in-shining amour and getting married, looking like a princess in a fairy tale wedding. It takes us 'older' girls back to our wedding and the nostalgia it creates in us—all the feelings we had 'back when'.

We have watched Rachel Banks grow up and have watched her as Shirley Temple and Dorothy. Now, as Cinderella, she is a woman, playing the part with perfection, beauty and grace. Rachel, as Cinderella, had accepted her lot in life but still had faith that something better was coming.

David Griffiths, as Prince Charming, was excellent in portraying his convictions about waiting for the right girl to come along, no matter what came across his path.

Crystal Banks, (Rachel's mom) played Portia, one of the step-sisters. She was perfect and hilarious—we now know where Rachel gets her

Julie Hall, as Joy another step-sister, really did put the "less" in Joyless. She was rude, tomboyish and totally uncouth. The chemistry between her and Portia was exactly as it should be between two spoiled siblings that has totally opposite personalities.

The King and Queen, David Snyder and Kay Crosby, were the proverbial mom and dad, with mom fussing and fretting over her unmarried son and dad more or less saying leave him alone he's al-

The Godmother, Cathy Christoff, truly made the impossible into the possible.

The townspeople, the dancers, everyone played their part with professionalism and made you feel like

The Ball, the costumes, the scenery, the wedding—everything was faultless and you came away wanting to go back and see it again.

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In addition, producers must meet the eligibility for EQIP (any producer engaged in livestock or crop produc-

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CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK WITH THE CARE BEARS AT THE LIBRARY

HICKSVILLE—Celebrate Children's Book Week with the Care Bears at the Johnson Memorial Library with Care Bears Story Times on November 14 at 10:00 a.m. and November 15 at 6:30 p.m. and with a Care Bears Afternoon Movie Matinee on November 16 at 4:00 p.m. The Children's Book Week

Programs are free and are

open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart. On Wednesday and Thursday, there will be Care Bear stories, sing-alongs, activities, a short video, and a Care Bear craft. On Friday, there will be an afternoon Care Bears movie matinee, complete with popcorn and drinks provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. "Care Bears speak to chil-

dren, because they can see the world the way they wish it would be... full of love, safety, sharing, and caring,' explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. If you have any questions

or would like additional information about Children's Book Week, the Care Bears Story Times, or the Care Bears Afternoon Movie Matinee, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS FOR PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL

There is a patriotic group in the area that would like to erect a Memorial for any and all veterans who served their country. Deceased or alive, in time of peace or in time of conflict, overseas or not.

Please think this over and we will have a stated meeting in the near future.

HBLS IS ACQUIRED BY FIRST PLACE FINANCIAL

November 1, 2007 First Place Financial Corporation, completed its acquisition of the Hicksville Building, Loan and Savings Bank effective as of the close of business October 31, 2007. With the addition of HBLS Bank's banking facility in Hicksville, First Place now operates 42 retail locations in Ohio and Michigan, two business financial centers in Ohio and 18 loan production offices located in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and North Carolina. Steven R. Lewis, President

and Chief Executive Officer of First Place commented, "We are excited to be able to provide our comprehensive array of financial products and services to the households and businesses of Hicksville and Defiance County. We are committed to continuing the high level of personal service that customers have been receiving from HBLS Bank for more than a century. High quality personal service is the backbone of community banking and the very mission of First Place Bank."

Place Financial Corporation., a 3.2 billion financial services holding company is based in Warren, Ohio. First Place Financial Corporation operates 42 retail locations, two business financial service centers and 18 loan production offices through the First Place Bank, and Franklin Bank Divisions of First Place Bank. Additional affiliates include First Place Insurance Agency, Ltd.; Coldwell Banker First Place Real Estate, Ltd.; Title Works Agency, LLC and APB Financial Group Ltd., an employee benefit consulting firm and specialists in wealth management services for businesses



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