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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



The Paulding County Spelling Bee took place Monday, February 5 at Wayne Trace-Payne Elementary School.

The winner was Jared Ross, an eighth grader at Paulding Middle School. He is the son of Brian and Patricia Ross of Paulding. His winning word was typhoon.

The runner-up was Sierra McCullough, a fifth grader

at Paulding Elementary. Her parents are James and Julie McCullough of Paulding. The word Sierra missed was jovial.

Jared will represent Paulding County at the Regional Spelling Bee in Fort Wayne on March 10, 2007.

The awards for the event were sponsored by The Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp.

*This Valentine is not the ordinary kind
It's still filled with Love & Kisses inside
But mine has to be sent on the wings of Love
You see it's destination is Heaven Above*

*The message is the same as your Valentine
I Love You - my husband of mine
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*For that is one thing death can not do
You'll always be a part of me & me a part of you
You know I love you with all my heart
Someday we'll be together again... and then
we'll never part.*

*So you see the meaning is still
the same
The method of delivery is the
only change
Mine must be sent by a little
White Dove
on the wings of Love
Life is not forever Love is.*

—Forever Yours



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm a US Marine mother in Paulding County. My son, Ben Carnahan, graduated from Paulding High School last year, left the day after graduation for basic training, and on the day he got out of his schooling, was told he was going to Iraq.

He left the states in Mid-December. What I'm wanting, is to be able to send a whole package of nothing but birthday cards to him, (hopefully by his birthday) in mid March.

I was wondering if anyone who knows or just cares, could send birthday cards to me for him, then I can send one big package? The address is 20157 Rd 120, Oakwood, OH 45873.

I would need to have most of them by the 25th of February. If not, this is not a problem. I have labeled this for my friends and family, as "Operation Iraqi Birthday" Thank you!

—Penny Elliott

GIRLS BASKETBALL RESCHEDULED DATE

The girls basketball game between Wayne Trace and Continental, originally scheduled for February 6, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 14. The contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Wayne Trace High School.

Happy Valentine's Day!

THANK YOU

The family of Edie Zartman would like to extend thanks to all for your kindness, love, generosity, and prayers throughout our time of loss. Special thanks to Dr. Underwood and staff, Community Memorial Hospital, Jennifer and Julie & staff, Pastor Phil Clemens, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 5087, Dooley Funeral Home, and Antwerp classes of '68, '74, and '76. God Bless You.

—husband, Bill Zartman,
Cherri, Joe Clemens & family,
Terry, Pam Zartman & family,
Bill & Becky Zartman & family,
Kathy & Charlie Amburgey & family,
Mark & Lucy Zartman & family,
Kelly & Danielle Zartman & family

THANK YOU

We want to thank our family, friends, neighbors for the prayers, cards, gifts and attendance for our 65th wedding anniversary party. May God bless each and every one of you.

—Mildred and Richard Wannemacher

HELP WITH WINTER HEATING BILLS

By: State Representative, Lynn Wachtmann

Winter has arrived here in the Buckeye State, and while the snow often makes for a beautiful backdrop, the recent frigid temperatures have many of us reaching for the thermostat. The cold weather also means higher electric and gas bills, and with that in mind, here are some ways you can help reduce your winter heating bills.

Because winter, along with summer, results in increased heating and cooling costs, you may want to consider spreading out your payments throughout the year to keep them manageable. Most utility companies offer a budget billing plan that will stretch the cost of your energy usage over the entire year. Customers using budget billing pay a set amount each month, thereby avoiding higher costs during the winter and summer months. You can contact your local utility company for more information about their particular budget billing plan.

If you have fallen behind in paying your heating bill and have had your heat disconnected or are threatened with disconnection, you can use the Winter Reconnect Order, issued every year by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The order allows customers who

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Eric C. Rettig, 29, of Cecil, died February 7, at the University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville, KY as a result of injuries sustained in an accident.

He was born in Bluffton, OH on August 15, 1977 the son of Donnie and Lynne (Mootz) Rettig. On May 9, 1998 he married Monica Lee Coil, who survives. He was employed as a service manager for Terex Advance Mixer of Fort Wayne, IN.

He is survived by his wife, Monica Rettig; a son, Gage S. Rettig; two daughters: Taylor N. Rettig and Hannah L. Rettig all of Cecil; his father, Donnie Rettig of Leipsic, OH; three sisters: Heather (Ronnie) Lowe, Amanda Rettig and Arianna Kohlhorst all of Harts, WV and grandmother, Sylvia Rettig of Leipsic, OH.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lynn Rettig; and grandparents, Vivian and Charles Mootz and Ralph Rettig.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. James Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to the children of Eric Rettig.

Carl R. "Dick" Hamman, 73, died February 6, 2007 at home. A member of Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown, he moved from New Haven, IN to Fort Wayne, IN two and a half years ago.

The Korean War Air Force veteran was a member of American Legion Post 330, New Haven, IN and was a founding member of the New Haven Jaycees. The maintenance supervisor retired in 1993 from Uniroyal Goodrich after 28 years of service.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Janet E.; daughters: Marguerite (Wayne)

Horman of New Haven, IN, Cheryl (Bill) Fish of Antwerp, Cindy (Jeff) Akers of Bluff City, TN; son, Michael R. (Annette) Hamman of Fort Wayne; sisters: Margery (Karl) Meyer of Holmen, WS, Marguerite (George) Brueggemann of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Samuel and Harold "Gene" Hamman; and sister, Mildred Noble.

Service was February 10 at Our Hope Lutheran Church, 1826 Trinity St., Huntertown, IN.

Burial was in Christ Lutheran Cemetery, Woodburn, IN.

Preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse & Hospice; Cancer Services of Allen County; Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown; Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn; and Worship for Shut-ins.

Arrangements by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E, New Haven.

Maria Faith Foltz, 12 hours old, of Paulding, died February 3, 2007 at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born in Paulding, Ohio on February 3 the daughter of Steven A. and Rose Ann (Dietrich) Foltz.

She is survived by her parents, Steven and Rose Ann Foltz of Paulding; two sisters: Emily and Ava Foltz of Paulding; grandparents: Ron and Mary Ann Foltz of Paulding, Gus and Dorothy Dietrich of Paulding; great-grandparents: Rita Snodgrass, Juliet Schlatter and Naomi Foltz all of Paulding, and Clarence and Bess Dietrich of Silverton, OR.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Connor Reagan Dietrich; great-grandfathers: Richard Schlatter, Earl Foltz and Bob Snodgrass.

Funeral services were February 5, 2007 at the Junction Apostolic Christian Church. Burial was in Dotterer Cemetery, Junction.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, handled arrangements.

Idell Fant, 87, of Paulding, died February 2, 2007 at her residence.

She was born in Selma, AR, on September 10, 1919 the daughter of Wade and Ida (Suber) Johnson. In 1981, she married Wilton "Lightning" Fant, who preceded her in death on November 5, 1996. She was a nurse's aide at the former Total Care Nursing Home, Paulding, and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Antwerp.

She is survived by a daughter, Jackie Fant of Paulding; four brothers: Theodas (Martha) Johnson of Defiance, Preston (Maple Lee) Johnson of Columbus, Oscar (Joann) Johnson and Joe Lee (Pearlene) Johnson both of San Diego, CA; three sisters: Aleen Miles of Antwerp, Annie Lee Clark and Johnnie V. McGhee both of Omaha, NE.

She is preceded in death by eleven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were February 10 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Antwerp. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Paulding County.

The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding handled arrangements.

Louise Yancey, 81, of Oakwood died February 9 at The Laurels of Defiance.

She was born on March 4, 1925 in Paragould, AR, the daughter of the late Earl and Mattie Jo (Carrico) Richardson. On November 6, 1948 she married Alva Lee Yancey who preceded her in death on October 22, 1981. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Michael L. Yancey of Bluffton, IN; three daughters: Kathy (Rollin) Bradford of Oakwood, Vicki Richards of Monroe, MI, and Kim Yancey of Oakwood; two granddaughters: Jamie Bland and Amy Ward.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Arlene Baldwin.

Services were held February 12, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Rev. Terry Porter officiated.

Burial was in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials to Paulding County Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

Eileen Evelyn Donat, 85, of Antwerp, kept her appointment with Jesus at 1:50 am, Saturday, February 10, 2007 at her home.

She was born in Antwerp on October 15, 1921, the daughter of Joseph Weldon Powell and Nola Fay Manges.

On December 25, 1940 she married Marion "Pete" Donat. He passed away November 15, 1986.

Eileen was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and its Womens Group. She worked at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, retiring after 30 years of service and was a member of the Weatherhead Pioneer Club.

A devoted mother, grandma, great-grandma (Nana) and sister, she will be deeply missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and David Carr of Antwerp; son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Mary Donat of Antwerp; sister, Eula Howard of Fort Wayne and sister-in-law, Dorothy Balsler of Antwerp;

grandchildren: Jeff Donat, Lynne Carr, Gary and Kristi Donat and Jennifer Carr; great-grandchildren: Justin, Alea, Mason, Kadi, Karsen Donat, Lydia Carr and David Addis and her loving cousin, Pauline Jordan.

Funeral service was at Antwerp United Methodist Church on February 13 with Reverend Mike Schneider officiating.

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the Church or Paulding Area VNA.

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

Anita L. Stevenson, 67, of Antwerp, passed away February 8, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Antwerp, Ohio on July 17, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Marguerite (Mickelson) Bickhard.

On May 17, 1958 Anita married John Stevenson. He passed away June 23, 1992.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp. She had previously worked at Harlan Metals.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Vikki Stapleton of Milan, GA, and Jill (Pat) Stewart of Hicksville; son, Keith (Michelle) Stevenson of Antwerp; sister, Norma Lucas of Hicksville; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on February 12, with Reverend Jim Edwards officiating.

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In her memory contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Frederick Albert Bixler (Bix), 83, of Fort Wayne, died February 10, 2007 at Parkview Hospital.

He was born in Decatur, Indiana on December 28, 1923 and retired from International Harvester, Engineering Department after 32 years. He served three years in the Army Air Corps and was a Veteran of World War II. He was an avid reader, loved classical music and spent 18 enjoyable years at Oliver Lake with his wife of 56 years, Kathryn Keating Bixler. He was a 50-year member of Meridian Sun Lodge of LaGrange, IN and Scottish Rite, the Angola York Rite of Freemasonry, and was also a member of American Legion Post 215 of LaGrange, IN. He attended Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

His parents were Dr. Noah and Hanna Elnora (Smith) Bixler of Berne and Decatur.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Kathryn formerly of Antwerp, Ohio, are his brother, Dr. Donald (Helen) Bixler of Anderson, IN; nieces: Karen Steves (Bill) of Cicero, IN, Ann Reina (Andres) of Noblesville, IN, and Barbara Bixler (Morrie Dock) of Indianapolis, IN; and a nephew, Dr. David Bixler of Centerville, Washington.

Funeral services are February 14 at 11:00 a.m., Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials to Good Shep-

herd Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, IN. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Joseph David Davis, 88, of Grover Hill died February 11, 2007 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

He was born in Paulding County on June 18, 1918, the son of Howard O. and Mary Maude (Kohn) Davis. On November 7, 1958 he married Norma May Ruble, who preceded him in death on July 9, 2002. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired farmer, past board member of ASCS office, and Charter Board member of the former Grover Hill Grain Co. He enjoyed gardening, farming, avid O.S.U. Buckeye Fan, being a father, sports watcher on television, and livestock.

He is survived by a son, Howard (Julia) Davis of Lima; a daughter, Brenda (Randy) Crawford of Paulding; a brother, James O. Davis; a sister, Kathryn Gunderman both of Grover Hill; and three grandchildren: Thomas Davis of Dayton; and Megan and Brad Crawford both of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; and five

sisters: Frieda Stahl, Nellie Gunderman, Mary Davis, Zoetta Hunter, and Marjorie Bidlack.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 15 at the Den Herder Funeral Home with Reverend Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14 and 9:00 a.m. until time of services on Thursday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Hawthorn Court Activity Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth M. Medaugh, 91, of Paulding, died February 11, 2007 at the Community Hospital of Bryan, OH.

She was born November 3, 1915, in Antwerp, the daughter of Harry K. and Eva M. (Johnson) Harris. On November 2, 1947, she married Robert M. Medaugh, who preceded her in death on June 20, 1996.

She was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding. She was a retired teacher for Paulding, Napoleon, and Whitehouse School Systems. She was a former Legal Secretary for Bill Hunt, and a

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Menu
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member of the Order of the Eastern Star Corona Chapter #95.

She is survived by a daughter, Stephene R. Medaugh, of Ann Arbor, MI; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters: Harriet Horney and Dorothy Hooker; and a step-grandson, Raymond Yeary.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, at the First Christian Church, Paulding, with Rev. Fred Schuman officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2:00-4:30 and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to the First Christian Church.

Beulah S. Reynolds, 89, of Oakwood, died February 11, 2007 at Paradise Oaks Healthcare Center in Cloverdale, OH.

She was born on August 15, 1917 in Paulding County, OH to the late Wesley and Dottie (Winchester) Bidlack. She married Paul A. Reynolds on August 15, 1936 who passed on December 8, 2005.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving her is two sons: James L. Reynolds of Port Orchard, WA and Robert A. Reynolds of Arlington, TX; one daughter, Carol A. Kuss of Richmond, IN; eight grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Bidlack of Grover Hill.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: Marlin, Maurice, and Harold Bid-

lack.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 16, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Oakwood with Rev. Michael Brown officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Cemetery in Oakwood.

Visitation is Thursday, February 15 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Oakwood United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneral-home.com.

Alice Jennie Miller, 99, of Paulding, died February 12, 2007, at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born in Paulding on August 17, 1907, the daughter of Charles P. and Myra (Bosworth) Hale. On October 11, 1927 she married Claude R. Miller who was killed in action in WWII on July 31, 1943. She was previously employed as a secretary by the former Paul Spriggs Law Office, Fort Wayne National Bank, Grizzly Manufacturing and the Columbia Sugar Beet Factory. She was the oldest living baptized member of the First Christian Church, Paulding. She was a lifetime member of the TWASI Secretary Club, Fort Wayne, and Deborah Circle of the church.

She is survived by three sons: Claude Hale (Frances) Miller of Great Falls, MT, Harold John Miller of Marion, IN and Robert J. (Shirley) Miller of Paulding; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Walter C. Hale; a sister, Zella Fullmer; and an

infant sister, Myra Hale.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 17, at First Christian Church, Paulding, with Pat Shephard officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church or Hawthorn Court Nursing Home Activity Home.

PAULDING MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION LENTEN LUNCHEONS AND DEVOTIONS

Paulding Ministerial Association will sponsor Lenten Luncheons and Devotions at Noon every Wednesday, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007. They will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Caroline and Williams Streets in Paulding.

Lunch will be served and a devotion shared as follows: February 21 - First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch and Pastor David Meriwether will share a devotion; February 28 - St. Paul Lutheran Women will provide and serve lunch and Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Webb will offer a devotion; March 7 - Paulding Church of the Nazarene will provide and serve lunch and Pastor Kim Semran will provide the devotion; March 14 - St. Joseph Catholic Church will provide and serve lunch and one of their pastoral staff members will provide the devotions; March 21 - Paulding United Methodist Church will provide and serve lunch followed by a devotion offered by one of their members. The public is welcome to share in this observance of the Lenten season. Each week's lunch and program will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church. A freewill offering will be received with all proceeds being donated to various benevolent organizations in Paulding and the surrounding communities.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH HOST ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

St. Paul Lutheran Church Men invite the public to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper to be held from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20 at the church, 601 Flatrock Drive, Paulding. The meal features all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages. A free will offering is received to donate to benevolent organizations.

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL AT LINCOLNVIEW

A heated match took place on Thursday, February 8 between the eighth grade boys of Wayne Trace and Lincolnview in junior high basketball. The final score was Wayne Trace 47, Lincolnview 44.

Wayne Trace is now 2-11. Leading Scorers: Josh Liggett (WT) had 18, Gage Critten (WT) had 10. Kraner (L) had 13, Williams (L) had 18.

LOW-KEY GILLMOR TAKES HIGH ROAD TO GETTING LEGISLATION PASSED

By: Jonathan Riskind

Rep. Paul Gillmor is not a frequent participant in the cable-TV talkinghead wars. He doesn't make a beeline for the nearest camera as he traipses around Capitol Hill. And Gillmor hails from the reliably Republican turf of the 5th Congressional District that spans much of northwest and north-central Ohio. But the Tiffin Republican is showing he knows how to get things done, now that Democrats are running Congress.

It was Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a notorious publicity seeker, who got most of the television time last week when a bipartisan group of lawmakers unveiled a bill aiming to keep convicted sex offenders off social Web sites, such as MySpace and Facebook, which are often used by teens.

The bill would require the sex offenders to register their e-mail addresses and instant-messaging screen names with authorities and give the Web sites access to a database, so officials can double-check to make sure they aren't lurking in the online shadows and trying to lure kids into trouble.

The lead sponsor in the House is another Democrat, Earl Pomeroy of South Da-

kota. But there, too, stood Gillmor, albeit quietly and making just a brief statement during the news conference introducing the measure.

Another Ohio lawmaker, Rep. Steve Chabot of Cincinnati, also is a lead co-sponsor on this measure.

Several Ohio Republicans realize the only way to get legislation passed in the House at this point is to join with Democrats or persuade a Democrat to join your cause. In the House, majority rules absolutely.

In the House Appropriations Committee, for instance, expect Rep. David L. Hobson of Springfield to be treated pretty well by Democrats who now are in charge of the spending process. Hobson was fair with his Democratic counterparts when he was one of the so-called cardinals, heading up a spending subcommittee.

But Gillmor, whose picture should be placed next to the word unassuming in the dictionary, is proving one of the Ohio leaders of the pack entering into bipartisan legislative relationships in the House.

Like the better-known Hobson, Gillmor is a loyal Republican but a relative moderate who didn't keep Democrats at arms length when he was in the majority.

Indeed, it was Pomeroy who signed onto a similar Gillmor bill last year estab-

lishing a national sex-offender database, which was a prelude to the attempt to keep predators off the Web sites.

Likewise, Gillmor worked well on the powerful House Financial Services Committee when he was in the majority with liberal Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts. That relationship continues uninterrupted, now that Frank chairs the committee.

The pair worked last year to pass legislation in the House closing a loophole that allows retailers to carry out banking services without proper federal regulation, but it didn't pass the Senate. Frank is still pushing the bill and still noting Gillmor's involvement. The pair issued a joint release last week lauding a decision by regulators to set a one-year moratorium on the chartering or acquisition of so-called industrial-loan companies, as they continue to try to close the loophole.

Meanwhile, Gillmor, elected to the House in 1988, has another powerful ally in Rep. John Dingell, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Michigan Democrat has joined with Gillmor in reintroducing legislation giving states the authority to regulate international waste, another bill that has passed the House previously but not the Senate.

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ERIE INSURANCE AND ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL LOOKIN' OUT FOR TEEN DRIVERS



(L-R) Dan Fowler, Leland Smith Insurance, Kole Schlatter, president Antwerp Lookin' Out, Dusty Woodcox and Mickae Schlatter.

Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio recently received a grant from Erie Insurance to help spread the word about safe teen driving through the company's Lookin' Out program. Erie Insurance Agents Dan Fowler and Krista Schlemmer of the Leland Smith Insurance Agency are partnering with Antwerp High School to implement the program in the school. To engage all students, the Antwerp Lookin' Out committee has planned a number of activities to promote safe driving throughout the school year. The program and activities will be funded through this grant.

"Despite accounting for only 7 percent of the driving population in the United States, teen drivers are involved in 20 percent of all reported accidents," said Erie Insurance Agent Dan

Fowler. "Driving is like any other skill - it requires education, mentoring, practice and life experience to reach proficiency."

Lookin' Out has been managed successfully in high schools since 2001 and has awarded more than \$140,000 in grants throughout the years to educate teen drivers. More than 17,000 high school juniors and seniors from 43 schools across Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia participated in the program last year alone. And, Lookin' Out continues to add new participating schools each year.

Lookin' Out schools operate their program through a student-based committee, co-chaired by an ERIE Agent and a school faculty advisor. Each school tailors the program to address

what the students feel are the most pressing teen driving issues at their school. Lookin' Out promotes safe driving habits by educating teens about risk factors such as: lack of seatbelt use; speeding or other reckless driving behavior; alcohol or drug use; number of passengers in a car; and distractions such as loud music and cell phones.

"The Lookin' Out program is really making a difference in the schools," Fowler added. "The students on the Lookin' Out committee understand their role to convey messages their peers will embrace. They creatively design multi-faceted programs for their fellow students and are to be congratulated for their concern and efforts."

According to A.M. Best Company, Erie Insurance Group, based in Erie, Pennsylvania, is the 15th largest automobile insurer in the United States based on direct premiums written and the 23rd largest property/casualty insurer in the United States based on total lines net premium written. The Group, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, has almost 3.8 million policies in force and operates in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Insurance Group ranked 421 on the FORTUNE 500 and Erie Indemnity Company is included in Forbes Magazine's PLATINUM 400 list of the best-managed companies in America. For more information visit the company's web site at www.erieinsurance.com.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL AT ANTWERP

7th Grade Summary:
Ayersville Pilots (2-9) 0 7 9 2=23

Antwerp Archers (6-7) 8 10 7 16=41

Leading Scorers:
Antwerp - Tom Taylor 15, Drew Taylor 7, Bryant Miesle 4, Zach Dunlap 4, Troy Womack 2, Ty Lee 2, Corbin Jones 2, Brandon Dunderman 2, Grant Dunderman 2, Angelo Manella 1.

Ayersville - Lamb 9, Fry 8, Florence 3, Perez 3.

Summary: The Antwerp Jr. High boys basketball teams hosted conference opponent Ayersville, Thursday night. The 7th grade Archers threw a shutout quarter right out of the gate and continued to play aggressive throughout the game. Ayersville cut the lead to nine after three stops, but Antwerp flooded the basket with 16 points in the fourth stanza. In all, ten Archer players scored in the game. Antwerp's Tom Taylor led all scoring with 15. Ayersville's Lamb countered with 9. The 7th grade boys close conference play with a 3-4 record and a 6-7 record overall.

8th Grade Summary:
Ayersville Pilots (0-11) 3 2 9 2=16

Antwerp Archers (4-7) 8 8 14 12=42

Leading Scorers:
Antwerp - Shaile Chamberlain 8, Tanner Copsy 8, Logan Lucas 8, Jordan Koppenhofer 6, Dylan Crawford 6, John Brown 2, Dustin Hitzeman 2, Josh Hilton 2.

Ayersville - Ordway 7, Carnahan 4, Roth 2, Smith 2, Mansfield 1.

Summary: Antwerp's 8th grade boys got the tip to start the game. The Archers ran over a minute off the game clock with a couple missed shots and offensive rebounds before turning the ball over to Ayersville. A stiff defensive stand by the aggressive Archers proved positive, as Antwerp regained possession of the ball. A quick two-point bucket by Logan Lucas then had the Archers off and running. Antwerp outscored the Pilots in every quarter and dominated the boards, running away with a 42-16 victory. Antwerp shared the scoring with Lucas, Chamberlain and Copsy each scoring eight, and Koppenhofer and Crawford both scoring six. Ayersville was led by Ordway with seven. As the JH season enters it's final week, Antwerp closes it's conference season with a 4-3 record and improve to 4-7 overall.

PAULDING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET



Clip Clippinger, President of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

By: Sue Knapp

Around 170 members of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce attended the Annual Chamber Banquet. This was the first year of the banquet, taking place of the Annual Chamber Breakfast.

Pastor Ben Lowell delivered the invocation after which the crowd enjoyed an excellent salad and cheese table, a choice of steak or pork chops, baked potato, green beans and pie. A job well done by the Eagles.

Mike Gomez, instrumentalist and vocalist from Defiance, entertained during the meal. He played and

sang a lot of baby boomer tunes (much to my enjoyment).

After dinner there were announcements and recognition of Corporate Tables, introductions of the Chamber Board, and special recognitions.

Ann Miller from Bright Beginnings Preschool and Glenda Ferris of Curves spoke as well as Chamber President, Clip Clippinger.

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Opinion Column

VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

THE DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK



Thirty-five years ago this coming May I graduated from Paulding High School in the first consolidated class with Oakwood, the class of 1972. I had a great senior year of high school. I only needed one class to graduate and that was government, so I took a very light senior class schedule. In fact, I wanted to take just one class but the powers that be back then made me take four classes each semester. With this schedule I still had four study halls every day.

To say the first day of school that September, 1971 was chaos is an understatement. There were kids everywhere and the teachers from Paulding didn't know the Oakwood kids. You see back then teachers monitored study halls, they didn't have full time study hall monitors so when I sat down at my study hall seat that day the teacher, whom was one I didn't know and who I suspected didn't know me, passed a yellow notebook pad around and told us to write down our name. I didn't, I just passed it on to the next kid. I wasn't a trouble maker back then, so if I went or I didn't go to study hall no one knew or cared. I slipped between the cracks for my whole senior year. It was great. I would go bowling some afternoons, some mornings hunting ducks would occupy study hall time or hunting groundhogs, others. In the spring I helped coach Leininger get the baseball field ready for our home games. I had taken a heavy enough class schedule at Oakwood and did well enough with my grades to allow me to do this and still graduate. This may have been the first time in my life that I started to suspect that just because someone had a job or held a political office didn't mean they knew what they were doing. As long as you didn't make waves and make their job harder you could just about do what you wanted to.

Thirty-five years have passed by since 1971 but now more than ever I believe what I suspected then is in fact true. I'm afraid that no one really has an idea what's going on today. I don't know why people in public service so often tend to change after they get there but observation should prove it to anyone who's watching even a little bit. Is it the rules of government, the Red Tape? Maybe it's the frustration of dealing with the public that sends good people over the edge. Sometimes I'm sure it's wanting to do something good but feeling helpless to do anything or maybe they have a machine that sucks the common sense right out of you. I don't know what it is, but it sure seems to me that something happens, how about you? Even worse, many times they change the rules to fix something that's not broke, rules and laws for the sake of rules and laws, or maybe to look and feel like something important and worthwhile is being done. Inaction is sometimes as important as action. Change for the sake of change can be, and often is, very costly. To me, for example, building big expensive buildings, whether schools or jails, isn't worth the cost if you can't afford to operate them.

I haven't always believed that people in authority seemed clueless. When my mom or dad told me something, I may have questioned them but deep down I thought they knew what end was up. I knew what you could expect to get away with in school. If, when I was in high school at Oakwood I'd have told my Mechanical Drawing Teacher that the reason I didn't have my homework to hand in was that my dog had eaten it, I can just imagine what he'd have said. I'm sure it would have went something like, "to start with it was my dog, and why couldn't I control my dog, and it wasn't his problem if my dog had eaten my homework, and why did my dog eat my homework, wasn't I feeding my dog, didn't I love my dog, and maybe he should call my parents and tell them I was abusing my dog and how would I like that, and get your butt up to the office, coming in here with a story like that and expecting me to believe it?" So I didn't use the dog ate my homework excuse. I did my homework at Oakwood and because I did, it led me to a great senior year at Paulding High School of goofing off. Life does have it's rewards.

The reason I'm bringing up my high school years, as glorious or infamous as they may be, is that today I'm not so sure that the dog ate my homework story isn't a government sanctioned answer. Is it just me or is it fact that elected officials and unelected bureaucrats seem to always have an excuse as to why something can't be done, the answer not found? Rules, regulations, mandates, or you just don't understand is to often the answer we hear. Sometimes to a 52 year old Oakwood and Paulding High School educated person, ME. It's true I don't understand. Do you? Back then my teachers taught me personal responsibility. The dog was not to blame, even if it had eaten my homework, I was. Today, who makes the rules, regulations, mandates? My Mechanical Drawing Teacher was right to expect better from me, just as the voters should expect better from officials. Don't blame the dog. If you're a leader, lead. If you're bureaucrats, be glad you have a job and do it with a smile.

Another example of where we're at in this country is what is happening in North Carolina. As hard as it is to believe my favorite profession is involved lawyers. This time, though, it is a county prosecuting attorney. If you're not familiar with what I'm talking about it's the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case. The Durham County prosecutor, Mike Nifong, filed rape charges against three Duke Lacrosse players without any evidence. In face he hid evidence. He had DNA evidence that proved three boys didn't do it. He was in a close re-election campaign so he used the black accuser against the three white boys in a race baiting re-election scheme to gain the black vote. He didn't care if he ruined these three boys or not, he did what he wanted to get elected and justice be damned.

There is some good news here though, he was so crooked he is being investigated by the North Carolina Bar and has been removed from the case and hopefully he'll end up in jail, but I won't count on it because where do judges come from but lawyers. The only reason he may end up where he belongs is that the parents of the three Duke boys have money and vengeance in their eyes and won't let him get away with persecuting their kids if they can help it. But where would this case be if the kid's parents didn't have the bucks to go after the crooked prosecutor as he hid behind THE LAW?

So this case got me to thinking, why does Paulding County have a part time prosecutor? It seems to me that if the prosecutor's office is so busy that they need two assistant prosecutors we should have a full time prosecutor, if the law allows it. So I wanted to find out what was the law on county prosecutors. Is it mandated that because we have a population under 20,000 we have a part-timer or what? So using my gift of gab I called the Ohio Attorney General and asked how many counties in Ohio had part time prosecutors and why some counties had part timers and others full timers? Is it the law? When I told them I wrote an opinion column for the West Bend News they couldn't have been nicer looking for an answer, you have to love the freedom of the press.

After talking to a couple of different people, they were a little embarrassed to tell me they didn't have the answer but they gave me the number of the State Prosecutors Association and told me maybe they knew, so I called them.

I repeated my story and questions and after a fifteen minute wait the nice girl on the other end of the phone line told me that she had a partial answer. She told me there are 70 counties with full time prosecutors, 12 counties with part timers and 6 counties unaccounted for. You got to love the government. I didn't ask them if Paulding County was unaccounted for some things even I don't want to know. When I asked her why counties had full time or part time prosecutors she handed me over to a very nice man whom she said might know the answer.

He told me that it was by law, not population and that it was the prosecutor's choice. It doesn't matter what the county commissioners want, a prosecutor can pick full time or part time. Even though all the counties around Paulding have a full time prosecutor it was our prosecutor's choice. His salary is set by statute, based on county population. It also states how much money the county commissioners must give the prosecutor. The only financial leeway commissioners have a say in is how much money over what the law requires they give the prosecutors office. If you want the details you can look it up on the web at Anderson's OnLine Documentation. 325.11 for salary of prosecuting attorney and 325.12 for additional allowance to prosecuting attorneys.

With the Duke case going the way it is, it just would make me sleep a little better at night if we had a full time prosecutor on the job, one whose full attention was towards county business and not somewhere else. Just a thought, it was that homework eating dog of mine that made me have it. Bad Dog!

While I was writing this I just glanced at the calendar and guess what? Today I have to pay my first half property taxes. I always wait to the last day; I see a lot of like minded people in line that day paying their taxes too. You know what, I've got an idea! Hey, Spot, come over here, are you hungry, I got something you just might like, how about a little ketchup on that. Good Doggy.

"HEY...HELLO...this is Brad Dysinger... is this the courthouse...uh, I'm going to be a little late with those taxes this year, you see my dog was hungry...and he ate my homework...you believe me don't you... would I lie...dogs are man's best friend you know...don't worry it'll all come out OK in the end...I'll be bringing those taxes to the office in a day or so...Hey better yet, can I mail those to you?"

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have had their heat disconnected or are threatened with disconnection to pay a set amount to have their service restored or maintained. Customers using the order are required to pay \$175 plus a reconnection fee of no more than \$20 to maintain or restore service. Customers who owe more than \$175 may also be required to agree to a payment schedule with the utility company. Residents can use the Winter Reconnect Order one time between now and mid-April. For more information about the Winter Reconnect Order, or if you have any utility-related questions, you can contact the PUCO online at www.puco.ohio.gov or by phone at 1-800-686-7826.

Additionally, help is also available for households with fixed or low incomes. The Home Energy Assistance Plan (HEAP) is administered through the Ohio Department of Development and provides residents with a one-time payment based on energy usage to help pay for heating bills. Any customer who meets income guidelines is eligible to apply for HEAP, and applications are available at local post offices, libraries, and Community Action Agencies across the state. You can contact the Department of Development for more information about this program at 1-800-282-0880.

Another program available for low-income households is the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). This program allows eligible customers to pay a percentage of their monthly incomes toward utility services to make them more affordable. In order to qualify for PIPP, you must have a gross yearly household income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level and also have applied for all the energy assistance for which you are eligible. Contact your local gas or electric company for more information about PIPP or to sign up.

There are also steps you can take to make your home more energy efficient, thereby reducing the amount of energy needed to keep it warm. Investing in a programmable thermostat will allow you to keep your house cooler at night and while you are away during the day, saving energy. These thermostats are usually inexpensive and can be found at most hardware stores. You can also use weather-stripping and plastic sheeting to seal drafty doors and windows, preventing energy from leaking outside. If you are using a space heater, make sure to turn it off at night and keep it away from walls and objects on the floor, as they can present a fire hazard.

Winter weather will be sticking around for a few more weeks and I hope this information is helpful to you as we wait for warmer temperatures to set in. As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns or need assistance working with a state government agency, please contact my office. I can be reached by mail at 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by phone at (614) 466-3760.

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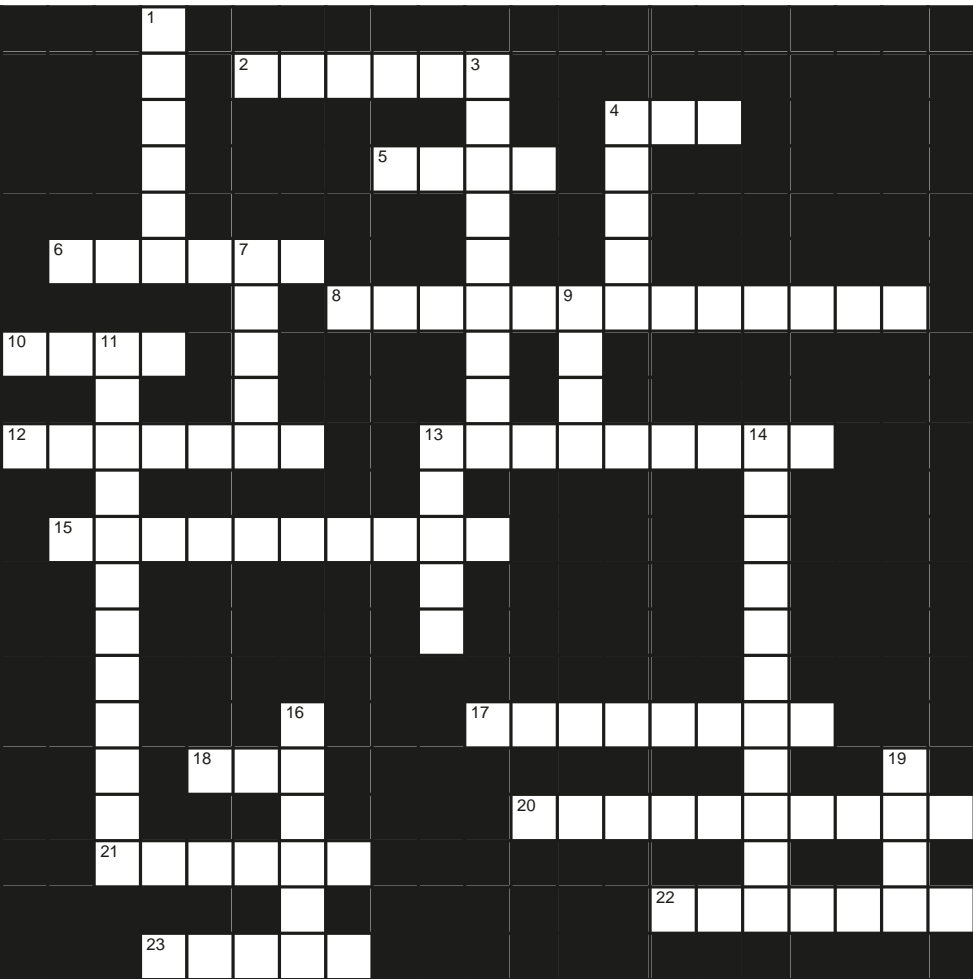
OPERATION: Iraqi Birthday

I'm a US Marine mother in Paulding County. My son, Ben Carnahan, graduated from Paulding High School last year, left the day after graduation for basic training, and on the day he got out of his schooling, was told he was going to Iraq. He left the states in mid-December. What I'm wanting, is to be able to send a whole package of nothing but birthday cards to him, (hopefully by his birthday) in mid March.

Anyone who knows or just cares, could send birthday cards to me, to send to him in one big package. My name is Penny Elliott, **20157 Rd 120, Oakwood, OH 45873**. I would need to have most of them by the 25th of February.

—Thank you!
Penny

Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. This is formed from the wind blowing the snow.
4. The amount of sides a snowflake has.
5. This is the other color that snow can be. (besides white!)
6. This is the percentage of air that is in fresh snow.
8. This U.S. city, state has the coldest record temperature.
10. This is how many times a year the sun sets and rises in the Arctic.
12. This is what freezing water makes.
13. Heavy equipment used to clear snow off the roads.
15. As water droplets freeze, they grow into tiny snow crystals. These stick together to make this.
17. The U.S. state that had a world record snowfall of 76 inches in 24 hours.
18. One inch of rain is equal to this many inches of snow.
20. This U.S. state is viewed as the snow capital of the world.
21. The world's largest iceberg was found here.
22. The type of snow made when the air is cold and dry.
23. Wet snow that splashes and makes puddles.

Down

1. This glitters in the sunlight and is known as "Diamond Dust."
3. Sunburn can happen even in the winter, so you had better be prepared with this.
4. The side of buildings on which most icicles form.
7. The word Canadians use for "a winter hat".
9. This is the name for when the snow melts at the end of winter.
11. The fear of snow is this phobia.
13. This animal can be buried under snow.
14. When these two elements are mixed together a
16. These people use the word "Quanik" for dry, powdery snow.
19. A type of frost formed by flat frozen crystals.

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AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail
Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday Mr. President, happy birthday to you! Note: the italic text was included with the intention of providing breathiness in the written form a la Marilyn Monroe's verbally expressed version to her dearest Jack. It seemed appropriate enough, seeing as the Mr. President I am talking about, George Washington, wrangled us a school-free February 19th. Just try telling me that does not deserve a standing ovation, just you try.

With the basketball season almost finished, your opportunities to watch the Archers in regular season action are dwindling. However, there are still a few games left to catch before varsity tournaments, and as always, the upcoming contests are listed below.

JH Boys Basketball: Saturday, February 17th, TBA, @ Holgate (GMC Tournament).

Freshman Boys Basketball: Thursday, February 15th, 5:00, Holgate; Saturday, February 17th, TBA, @ Tinora (GMC Tournament); Monday, February 19th, TBA, @ Tinora (GMC Tournament).

Varsity Girls Basketball: Thursday, February 15th, 6:00, @ Holgate.

Varsity Boys Basketball: Friday, February 16th, 6:30, Holgate (Dance after game); Saturday, February 17th, 6:00, @ Hilltop.

Word of the Week: Mussitation \muhs-ih-TEY-shuhn\ noun

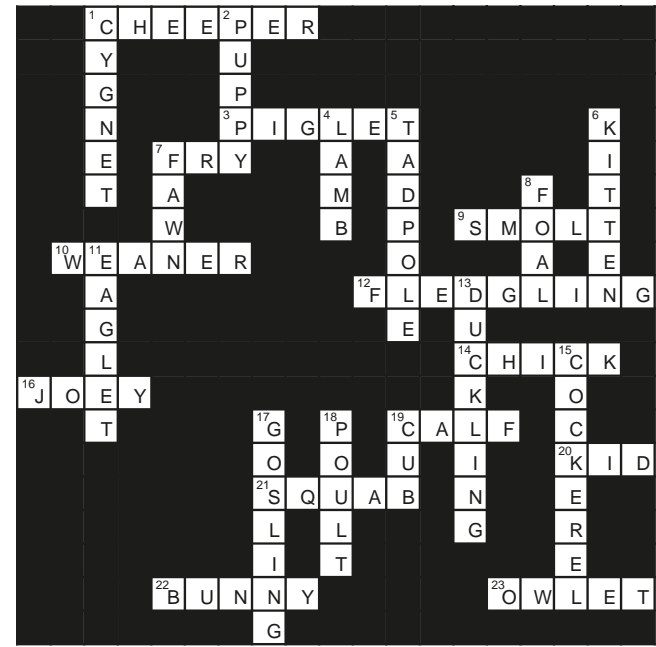
1. Silent movement of the lips in simulation of the movements made in audible speech.

2. Muttering; mumbling; murmuring.

Example: "You stop that mussitating right now and go to your room!"

Parents: utilized in the right context, it is possible that you could confuse your children with the above sentence so completely that they would retreat to their rooms sans further argument. It's all in the tone; you've got to sound like you know what you're saying. And now you do, thanks to the Word of the Week. Good luck!

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Northwest Ohio Boys Basketball Standings

Northwest Conference		
Crestview	4-0	14-2
Lima Central Catholic	6-1	13-2
Bluffton	5-1	13-3
Ada	4-2	12-3
Spencerville	3-3	12-4
Lincolnvew	3-3	7-9
Columbus Grove	3-4	8-6
Delphos Jefferson	1-6	5-10
Allen East	0-6	4-12
Paulding	0-6	0-15

Green Meadows Conference		
Ayersville	5-0	13-1
Wayne Trace	5-0	11-4
Antwerp	3-2	10-5
Holgate	3-2	10-6
Tinora	3-2	6-9
Fairview	1-4	5-11
Hicksville	0-5	9-7
Edgerton	0-5	7-8

Northwest Ohio Girls Basketball Standings

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Crestview	7-0	11-4
Columbus Grove	6-1	13-2
Delphos Jefferson	6-2	11-5
Lima Central Catholic	6-3	9-7
Ada	3-4	10-7
Bluffton	3-5	8-10
Lincolnvew	2-5	8-7
Allen East	2-5	5-9
Paulding	2-5	5-11
Spencerville	0-7	1-14

Green Meadows Conference		
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Tinora	4-1	12-5
Wayne Trace	4-1	10-5
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They also have two grandchildren: Angela (Kevin) Myers of Lewis Center, OH and Joshua Shelton of Hilliard, OH.

They will celebrate with a family dinner in Van Wert.

REP. GILLMOR INTRODUCES BILL TO AID COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) today introduced bipartisan legislation which would provide liability insurance to community health center employees who are providing services in an emergency area. Gillmor became involved with Community Health Centers after a group from Fremont, Ohio was initially denied liability insurance to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. The Community Health Centers Bill is also sponsored by Democratic Representatives Dianna DeGette of Colorado and Gene Taylor of Mississippi.

"Community Health Centers receive federal liability coverage to serve low-income and needy populations in the state in which they practice. If a center tries to volunteer during a disaster, the employees must apply for extended coverage from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)," Gillmor said. "Unfortunately, doctors from Community Health Services in Fremont were initially denied liability insurance when they tried to aid victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Biloxi, Mississippi in September 2005. After my office contacted HHS, Fremont's doctors were granted federal medical insurance to practice in Mississippi. However, the same group was again denied insurance in January for a return trip to Mississippi."

Gillmor's Community Health Center Bill will extend federal medical liability insurance to Community Health Center employees in disaster areas when a public health emergency or Presidential disaster declaration has been issued. The legislation does not expand coverage but allows Community Health Center employees to take their coverage into federally declared disaster areas.

"Every American knows that the high cost of medical liability insurance is driving a wedge into our nation's healthcare system. After the incidents with Fremont's Community Health Services, it has become clear to me that Congress needs to provide additional authority to the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that people in disaster areas receive the aid they need at the time they need it," Gillmor said. "Denying adequate medical care because insurance has not been extended only compounds the tragedy. After these disasters, our volunteers should not be denied the opportunity to use their expertise for the benefit of the most in need," Gillmor concluded.

Joe Liszak, the CEO of Community Health Services in Fremont, praised Gillmor for his leadership on this issue. "I am so pleased that Congressman Gillmor has introduced legislation that allows Community Health Centers to respond to the needs of Americans in times of disaster without the hindrance of bureaucratic red tape. Community Health Services and the American people thank him in advance for his leadership." Liszak continued, "If we can help the world in times of disaster by providing medical relief, we should be able to help our own people. Those who suffered the wrath of Ka-

LOCAL LEADERS ATTEND THE OHIO INAUGURAL BALL



The Ohio Inaugural Ball took place on January 13, 2007 at The Lausche Building, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus. The Ball took place from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Attending from our very own Paulding County were (l to r): Susie and Dennis Thrasher, Cheryl and Ron Farnsworth, Carol and Ed Straley, and Ellen and Joe Sukup.

trina still do not have access to basic health care and need our assistance. Congressman Gillmor has demonstrated great leadership and persistence in introducing this legislation which is critical to our nation's public health especially in times of national disaster."

Congressman Gillmor was awarded the Distinguished Community Health Superhero Award by both the National and Ohio Associations of Community Health Centers in Fremont, Ohio last year after his letters and phone calls helped extend liability insurance to Fremont's Health Center. He was also praised for questioning HHS officials at a Congressional hearing and speaking directly to HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt about extended liability insurance coverage.

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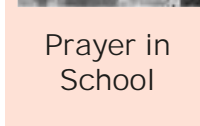
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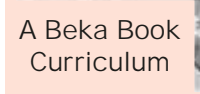
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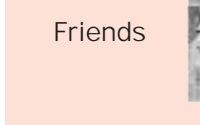
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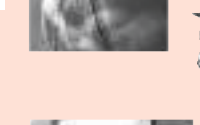
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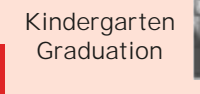
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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 2/14 THROUGH 2/20

2/15 - Antwerp at Holgate; Fairview at Hicksville; Wayne Trace at Ayersville; Delphos Jefferson at Paulding
 2/17 - Antwerp at Crestview; Wayne Trace at Lima Central Catholic

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF 2/14 THROUGH 2/20

2/16 - Ayersville at Wayne Trace; Hicksville at Fairview; Holgate at Antwerp; Columbus Grove at Paulding
 2/17 - Antwerp at Hilltop; Licolnview at Wayne Trace; Paulding at Bryan

VARSITY AND JV BOYS BASKETBALL AT HOLGATE

February 9 saw heated basketball action between the varsity and JV boys basketball teams of Wayne Trace and Holgate.

The final score for the varsity game was Wayne Trace 40, Holgate 38.

Score by Quarters:
 Wayne Trace (12-4, 6-0 GMC) 12 10 7 11=40
 Holgate (10-7, 3-3 GMC) 9 8 6 15=38

Leading scorers in the varsity game:

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 13, Dane Treece 11.

Holgate - Joe Baker 14, Logan Brubaker 7.

Turnovers - Holgate 11, Wayne Trace 9.

Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 29, Holgate 18.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Vantage Business Professional of America (BPA) state qualifiers are Row 1: Aaron Patterson (Kalida), Jubal Minnix (Wayne Trace), Jason Stump (Van Wert), Ozzy Finnigan (Paulding), Andrew Williamson (Crestview), Holden Profit (Antwerp). Row 2: Victor Nieto (Wayne Trace), Katie Diment (Parkway), Tricia Utterback (Wayne Trace), Jenna Wilson (Van Wert), Linzi Hundley (Parkway), Carlette Coppes (Wayne Trace). Row 3: Kimberly Shaeffer (Parkway), Andrea Schroeder (Ft. Jennings), Andrew Ross (Wayne Trace), Cody Thompson (Paulding), Anthony Bradtmueller (Antwerp), Chazz Roger (Van Wert), Cristy Branham (Continental), Kayla Wells (Lincolnview), Heather Huff (Paulding). Not pictured: Amber Thatcher (Van Wert)

Vantage Career Center recently hosted the first round of Region 16 Business Professionals of America skills contests. Students from Interactive Media, Business Information Technology, Medical Office Management and Network Systems competed in a variety of different contests including Novell Network Administration, Programming, Digital Media, Network Design, Medical Office Concepts, and Graphic Design, along with occupational, specialized and general competitive events. In all, twenty-two students earned the right to advance to the state competition held in Columbus in the spring.

Senior Network Systems student Anthony Bradtmueller from Antwerp qualified for state competition by placing first in VB.NET Programming. Holden Profit, a junior from Antwerp in the Network Systems program placed second in the same contest. Cristy Branham, a junior from Continental in the Interactive Media program teamed up with classmate Linzi Hundley, a Parkway junior to take first place in the Web Site Design Team contest.

Crestview's Andrew Williamson, a senior in the Network Systems program, took top honors in the C++ Programming event. Andrea Schroeder, a junior from Ft. Jennings in the Medical/Legal Specialist program placed first in Legal Office Procedures while her Vantage classmate Kimberly Shaeffer, a junior from Parkway placed second in the contest.

Kalida's Aaron Patterson, a junior in Network Systems, was a member of the first place Network Design Team. Senior Medical Office Management's Kayla Wells from Lincolnview placed first in Medical Office Procedures.

Katie Diment, a junior in the Medical Office Management program from Parkway placed first in the Keyboarding Production skills contest. Paulding is sending three students to the state competition. Heather Huff, a junior in the Business Information Technology program qualified in the Fundamental Word Processing skills contest. Joining her will be Ozzy Finnigan from senior Network Systems who placed

first in JAVA Programming and Cody Thompson, also from senior Network Systems who placed first in Novell Network Administration.

Van Wert students competing in the day's activities and advancing to the state competition include Chazz Roger, a senior in Interactive Media who took first place in the Digital Media Production contest, Amber Thatcher, a senior Business Information Technology student taking top honors in the Integrated Office Applications contest and Jenna Wilson, a senior Medical Office Management student who qualified for state in the Medical Office Procedures competition. Jason Stump, a Van Wert junior in the Network Systems program, was a member of the first place Network Design Team.

Five students from Wayne

Trace advance to the state competition. Tricia Utterback, a junior Business Information Technology student placed second in the Integrated Office Applications contest while Carlette Coppes, a senior in the program qualified for state in the Basic Office Systems and Procedures event. Junior Network Systems student Andrew Ross placed second in the Novell Network Administration competition and classmates Jubal Minnix and Victor Nieto, both juniors in the Network Systems program were members of the first place Network Design Team.

Students who qualified for the state contest will compete on March 8th and 9th in Columbus. Congratulations and Good Luck to all student competitors!

VARSITY AND JV BOYS BASKETBALL AT WAYNE TRACE

On February 10, the boys of Crestview and Wayne Trace took it to the net with major basketball aggression.

The final score for the varsity game was Crestview 54, Wayne Trace 49.

Score by Quarters:
 Crestview (15-2) 13 8 15 18=54

Wayne Trace (12-5) 18 12 11 8=49

Leading scorers in the varsity game:

Crestview - Aaron Vining 12, Ben Shindeldecker 24.

Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 15, Dane Treece 9.

Turnovers - Crestview 19, Wayne Trace 16.

Junior Varsity Score - Wayne Trace 32, Crestview 18.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB

By: Coach George Clemens

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Club participated in the Napoleon wrestling tournament this past weekend, placing twenty-four wrestlers in the top four.

Placing first: Hunter Showalter, Shanya Temple, Jacob Dingus, Tyler Sipes, and Aaron Harris.

Placing second: Daniel Rolf, Sawyer Temple, Myranda Stahl, and Zack Cotterman.

Placing third: Kameron Bevis, Max Rassman, Brendon Dingus, James Coyne, George Clemens, Zaine Cotterman, Shane Stahl Jr., Lucas Dull, Robbie Long, and Zack Wesley.

Placing fourth: Anthony Rooks, Kenny Mansfield, Justin Pierce, Nick Blair, and Aaron Miller.

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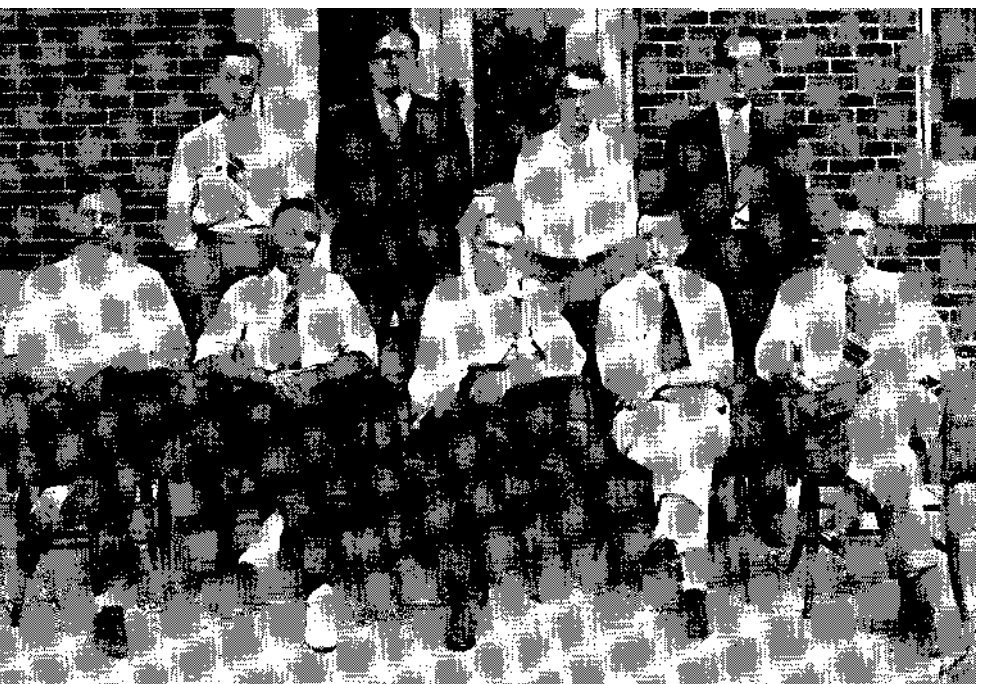


Photo courtesy of Cord Ehrhart. I was 17 when this photo was taken and I knew all these gentlemen.

by: Stan Jordan
The above picture is of the Town Council in 1941. That was when the town celebrated 100 years. The first row from left to right: Joe Zuber, Dale Ehrhart, C.O. Ellsworth, Ed Bickard and Arthur Fields. The second row from left to right: Delmar Seslar, Ken Boland, Freddie Major and Bernard Deager.

WWII, he put a lot of time in the Panama Canal Zone. He and Mildred had a son, Kenneth. After the war ended he bought a farm east of The Grange Hall. Joe passed away in 1996, he lived to be 90. Dale Ehrhart, at the time the picture was taken, was the City Clerk. He had a large hand in writing the book called, *A Century of Progress for Antwerp, Ohio*. He was very good at bookkeeping. He worked for years as a bookkeeper for May, Sand and Gravel. Then for years he

was the clerk for the Antwerp School Board. He was very proficient in the knowledge of the laws and by-laws and the operating procedures of the city, county and state. He and Vivienne had four daughters, Rita, Shelia and the twins, Marla and Carla. Dale passed away in 1970, he was 64. The man in the center of the first row was C.O. Ellsworth. He was the Mayor at that time. Most of his life Charlie lived on the River Road East and did some farming. They had two chil-

dren. The son, Fred, married Gladys Reeb and the daughter was named Nellie. I couldn't find out any more about her.

The Ellsworths moved to town and lived on North Main Street where Mick Whitehouse now lives. I think Charlie served one term as mayor, he died later on in the 1940's.

Ed Bickhard is the next fellow in that row. All the Bickhards came to Antwerp from Markle, IN and purchased the Antwerp Bee Argus in 1914 from North Osborne. There was D.C., Mark, Ed, Amos and Edith. Another daughter married a man named Hoover and moved to Paulding. Edith married Sam Anderson and worked for years at the Bee-Argus. Ed was a veteran of WWI and had the tough job of being in Medic. He also subbed on RR 1 out of Antwerp for a number of years. He and Margurite had two daughters, Anita and Norma. Ed lived from 1896 until 1964.

The last man in the first row is Arthur Fields. On Oswalt Street north of the east stop light on the left after you cross the ravine, he had a greenhouse and florist business. That house and buildings are all gone now. They were real friendly people and had a good business. Arthur and Georgetta had one son named Marshall. He lived over around St. Joe, IN with his family. Arthur died in 1953.

Delmar Seslar is the first man in the back row. He was in business with his father on South Main Street. Back in the early days of automobiles, Warren Seslar opened the first garage in town. That was down where the Masonic Temple stands. In 1912, they built that new building which is the second one north of East Daggett on Main Street. They also owned The Park Station. They also had a Texaco Bulk Oil Dealership. They also had a service station south of Paulding at the corner of SR 613 and US 127. They also had a garage at the rear of the building and Herb Bender was head mechanic.

Warren, Pearl and Delmar were some of the mainstays of early Antwerp and helped make it grow for many years.

Delmar served in the bridge making engineers in WWII. Delmar and Ruth had a boy, Tom, who lives in the Chicago area and a daughter, Diane, who lives in Oregon. Delmar served Antwerp until he was 80 and passed away in 1993.

The next man is Ken Boland. He was a big strong fellow who worked with his father in Boland's Blacksmith Shop. That sat on the corner where Antwerp Car Parts is now. Ken also drove a school bus for many years. That building had a dirt floor in it and if you were a younger boy they might spit tobacco juice on your bare feet. He and Frank could fix most anything or make you a new part. At that time, the farmers relied a lot on the blacksmith.

Ken married Francis Hudson and they lived on North Main Street. They didn't have any children. Ken died in 1969.

The next man in the last row is Freddie Major. He lived for years on West Canal Street where Harry Cottrell lives now. Freddy worked for many years for Weatherhead and retired out of there. He was on the maintenance

crew for them. He married Hazel Ehrhart and they had a daughter, Janice, who married Freddie Shaffer and they live in the Antwerp area. Fred Major lived from 1905 until 1981.

The last man in the last row in Bernard Deager. He was a farmer in the area, but was very active in the city affairs. He and his wife, Hilda, didn't have any children. Bernard died as a young man, only 58. If you remember his father, Nick, was a "grand old timer". He lived to be over 100 years old.

All these fellows were in office when WWII started in December of 1941. They continued to do their job and done it well.

All this is truly part of Antwerp's History.
See, Ya!

GIRLS BASKETBALL AT WAYNE TRACE

On Thursday, February 8 the varsity and JV girls basketball teams of Holgate and Wayne Trace went head to head.

The final score for the varsity game was Holgate 44, Wayne Trace 34.

Score by Quarters:
Holgate (14-4 overall, 6-0 GMC) 9 6 13 16=44
Wayne Trace (10-6, 4-2 GMC) 6 2 13 13=34

Leading scorers for the varsity game:

Holgate - Liza Clady 11, Beth Giesige 15.

Wayne Trace - Brandi Bradtmueller 9, Renee Bidlack 8.

Turnovers - Holgate 18, Wayne Trace 19.

Junior Varsity Score - Holgate 24, Wayne Trace 23.

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FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL AT HOLGATE

Thursday, February 8 saw freshman boys basketball at its best. The players from Wayne Trace and Holgate gave it their all for a victory. The final score Wayne Trace 35, Holgate 31 in double overtime.

Wayne Trace is now 6-6, Holgate is 4-10.

Leading Scorers:
Jordan Sherry (WT) - 9,
Jason Gordon (WT) - 8.
Gonzales (H) - 15.

WAYNE TRACE PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION HOSTS LASAGNA DINNER

The Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association will be hosting a lasagna dinner on Friday, February 16th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The meal will consist of lasagna, lettuce salad, garlic toast, drinks and homemade pies. It will be a free-will donation. Why not come out and support the Wayne Trace band, choir and drama department before the boy's home basketball game against Ayersville.

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Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation can send their gift to the Sky Bank in Paulding in care of the Terrill S. Landers Benefit Fund. Monetary donations and gifts can also be accepted at the Paulding Eagles in the name of Terrill S. Landers Benefit Fund. The Paulding Eagles and the Landers Family would greatly appreciate your support.

ANTWERP VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYERS REACH FOR VICTORY



At the game against the Hicksville Aces on Friday, the Antwerp boys basketball team won with a score of 52-47. Here, lead scorer Tim Ryan adds two to his total of 16 points. Junior Boston Hormann contributed 15 points, and sophomore Adam Taylor had 12.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Defiance Genealogical Society will meet February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John United Church of Christ at 950 Webster Street, Defiance. Webster St. is on the NE side of the Defiance College Campus and the Church is next to the college gymnasium. The program for the evening will be "Antiques Road Show Defiance Style". DCGS members can bring two family heirlooms to the meeting. Three local antique enthusiasts JoAnne Barton and Ralph and Karen Hahn will use their knowledge to evaluate and give information about the heirloom. Every member will get at least one item evaluated. If time permits more heirlooms will be evaluated. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public. If you have an interest in history or genealogy, consider becoming a member the Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Many experienced members will share information to help you begin researching your ancestors in or out of Defiance County. Dues for 2007 membership are being accepted. Membership forms are available at Defiance County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512 or by email defiance-genealogy2002@yahoo.com or forms can be printed from the website, www.rootsweb.com/~ohdcdgs/.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISMISSALS, AND BIRTHS

- Admissions:**
2/5 - Florence Fisher, Payne
2/7 - Constantina Bauer, Payne; Connie Sprouse, Paulding; Mary Lou Cramer, Paulding
2/11 - Waneta Sanders, Payne
Dismissals:
2/5 - Sandra Dix, Paulding
2/6 - John Scott, Paulding
2/7 - Constantina Bauer, Payne; Florence Fisher, Payne
2/8 - Connie Sprouse, Paulding, transferred to Parkview
2/9 - Mary Lou Cramer, Paulding

PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On February 16, there will be a preschool screening for Antwerp Elementary at Antwerp United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Preschool is available from birth to five years old. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments may be made by calling 1-800-686-2964 ext. 115.

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/14 THROUGH 2/20

Panther Paw Cafe – Breakfast
 2/14 – Bacon, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk
 2/15 – Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk
 2/16 – no school, conferences
 2/19 – no school, President's Day
 2/20 – Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

Panther Paw Cafe – Lunch
 2/14 – Idaho nachos, dinner roll or sandwich, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk
 2/15 – Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk
 2/16 – no school, conferences
 2/19 – no school, President's Day
 2/20 – Chili cheese hot dog on a bun, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary – Lunch
 2/14 – Taco salad, lettuce, crackers, fruit cup, milk
 2/15 – Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
 2/16 – no school, conferences
 2/19 – no school, President's Day
 2/20 – Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary – Lunch
 2/14 – Pepperoni pizza, corn, fruit, milk
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2/15 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
2/16 - Turnover, milk
2/19 - no school, President's Day
2/20 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:

2/14 - Hot ham/cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, cookie, pears, milk. WT: stir fry
2/15 - Pizza, tossed salad, PB fudge, applesauce, milk
2/16 - Nacho chips w/ meat/cheese, corn, peaches, milk
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PAULDING COUNTY COM- MISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 and Monday, February 5, 2007.

During the Wednesday session the Commissioners visited the Board of Elections office to discuss possible remodeling efforts. The Election Board has documented a need for additional space to maintain the new touch screen voting machines and space for training poll workers how to use the equipment. The back portion of the Board of Elections area is currently occupied by book storage for the Paulding County Law Library. The Law Library is moving toward computer accessible information instead of books and has graciously agreed to vacate their storage area. This will allow the Election Board to expand into this area. Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, noted, "It is convenient when changes in space needs for one group allows for new needs of another. This is much more economical than having to find a new location for the Election Board."

Commissioner Ed Straley attended a meeting of the Area Office on Aging in Toledo on Wednesday night. Straley reported that the money for the meals on wheels program, which flows through the Area Office on Aging, will continue to be funded at current levels. Straley also noted that the popular Farmers Market coupon program will operate again this coming summer. The program helps seniors purchase fresh

vegetables. The coupons are distributed from the Paulding County Senior Center. This year the coupons will be available at only one time; whereas in past years the coupons have been distributed at three different times. In 2006, residents of Paulding County redeemed coupons at numerous county farmers markets including Rock-Sea Farms, Nothing But Nature, Belau Farms, Blue Creek Market, Dwight's Orchard and Stoller Farm Market.

The Monday, February 5 meeting included a presentation by Mike Jones, Director of the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA). The CSEA is the local office responsible for enforcing court orders and administrative agreements about child support payments. The Paulding County office is located in the old Chief building along with the Paulding County Court. Jones shared information about changes in federal and state financing for child support.

The Commissioners attended the bi-weekly jail construction meeting during the afternoon of the Monday session. Prior to the formal meeting the Commissioners toured the facility to gauge the progress that has occurred since the last meeting. Although progress with windows, floor coverings and painting is obvious, the Commissioners expressed their concern about keeping the progress moving at the fastest possible rate.

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