

WAYNE TRACE WINS REGIONALS — ENTERS STATE FINAL FOUR



Dane Treece, Senior, scores a free throw against Ayersville at Findlay. The Raiders won against AP ranked (10) Ayersville in the first game of Regionals Wednesday, March 5th at Findlay High School. The score ended up 61-60 with Wayne Trace in the lead. They played Van Buren Friday, March 7th at Bowling Green University and won in overtime 50-43.



Wayne Trace plays New Knoxville tomorrow night (3/13) at 8:30. Head coach Al Welch has been busy this season working with this fantastic group of boys. He has announced his intent to retire after this season. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

BENEFIT BAKE SALE AT KAMMEYER'S IGA

One of the many great things about our town in which we live is how we help each other in times of need.

With this in mind, the community is invited to participate in a benefit bake sale to help Dean and Coni Gaisford. Dean is presently having cancer treatments and is no longer working. You may help them out by donating baked goods or monetary gifts and by coming out to buy some Easter goodies.

This event will be held in the lobby at Kammeyer's IGA on Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be baked goods to buy and a canister for monetary donations. Please have baked goods there around 9:00 a.m. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

For more information you may call 419-258-2248, 419-258-3494, or 419-506-0348.

MUSIC EVENT WITH BLUES BAND

A Multiple Sclerosis Benefit and Music Event will take place on March 15, 2008 at the UAW Hall on 2140 Baltimore Rd. in Defiance, OH. The event will be entertained by Curtis, Jr. and the Midnight Rockers featuring Bobby G.

Food and beverages will be provided along with a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Multiple Sclerosis.

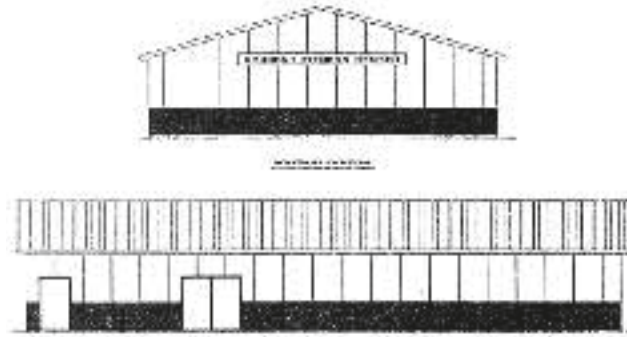
PAULDING LIBRARY'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM EASTER PICTURE FUND- RAISER

The Paulding County Library is getting a visit from the Easter Bunny. He will be here on Friday, March 14 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:30-5:00 p.m. All pictures are a donation for our Relay for Life team. Morning pictures will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Friday and afternoon pictures will be available on Monday after 10:00 a.m. The Easter Bunny will have a special treat for everyone who visits. Other fund-raising events at the library that day will be a garage sale, bake sale and during the week leading up to the 14th, the library will be selling tickets for a variety of baskets to be won that day. All proceeds again going to Relay for Life.

RESCHEDULED DATE FOR JR. OLYMPICS AT PHS

Due to the severe weather our area experienced last weekend the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition has been rescheduled for March 16 at 1:00 p.m. All portions of the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition will be hosted by Paulding High School. Participants may register the day of the event.

For more information please contact Robert or Marsha Bland at 419-594-3188 or mjbland@hotmail.com



WELLNESS CENTER FOR PAULDING SCHOOL

The Paulding Athletic Booster Club is very busy raising funds for a Wellness Center for Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

The Wellness Center building will be 36'x64' and will contain weight equipment and looking forward to obtain aerobic equipment in the future. It will include restrooms and a supply room. It will have a rubber floor for weight lifting and will purchase some new equipment to go along with the old. It will be located north of the elementary school on Emerald Road.

The new building is much needed since the building now in use is too small to fit all the boys in and is not heated properly or air-conditioned. The ceiling has been known to leak and snow has blown in and there has been flooding.

Dr. Michael Mott, Brett

Kausar and Al Cook are the people behind the Wellness Committee. The Parents' Football Club started the project and when Coach Messick left the project it was turned over to the Booster Club in the spring of last year.

The committee is very much thankful that Chris Etzler has allowed all the profits from the winter concession sales to go for the project. They also have had a good response from the community with donations and fund raisers. The Wellness Center is being built totally by fund-raisers, donations and time given by contractors and volunteers. There will be no added taxes for this project. The Booster Club has worked very hard to make this project happen without having to involve your tax bill.

They hope to break ground in June with it being opened in August for football. The Wellness Center will also be used for physical education classes.

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OBITUARIES

Charles "Junior" E. Bair, 77 of Paulding died Friday, March 7, 2008 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center Defiance, Ohio.

He was born in Grover Hill, Ohio on July 16, 1930 the son of Austin E. and Margaret E. (Stahl) Bair. On January 15, 1949, he married Roberta Merritt, who survives. He retired in 1993 from the former Continental Can Company of Van Wert, Ohio, where he worked for 46 years. He was a veteran of the Ohio National Guard serving from 1947 to 1950. He attended the Melrose United Methodist Church of Melrose Ohio and the Trinity United Methodist Church of Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta of Paulding; two sons: Doug Bair of Cincinnati, OH and Dana (Ruth Ann) Bair of Oakwood, OH; two daughters: Sue (Denny) Reinhardt of Oakwood, OH and Jayne (Rick) Molnar of Grand Rapids, OH; one sister, Joyce (Marvin) Estle of Oakwood, OH; and one brother, Robert (Patricia) Bair of Melrose, OH; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Betty Sherry.

Funeral services were conducted March 11, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Revs. Tim Burden and Carol Retcher officiated. Burial was in the Little Auglaize Cemetery Melrose, Ohio. Military graveside services were conducted by Paulding V.F.W. Post # 587.

Memorials to Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance, Ohio.

Marjorie Jean Grant **Winners,** 91, died Thursday, February 28 at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born February 9, 1917 in Oakwood, daughter of Lawrence and Alice (Gettal) Bidlack. On December 24, 1936 she married John A. Grant, who passed away August 6, 1974. On April 1, 1984 she married G. Basil Winners,

who preceded her in death April 29, 2002. She had been a press operator at Figley Tool and Die, and was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and the Martha Club at the Church, Defiance, OH.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda (John) Cramer of Fort Wayne; a step-son, Mike Winners of Defiance; and a brother, William Bidlack of Oakwood, OH; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two sons: Ronald Grant and John P. Grant; a step-son, John Winners; and four sisters: Mabel Robinson, Kathryn Reimschuessel, Melva Mumma, Margaret Friess; and two brothers: Paul and Lawrence Ray.

Services were held Monday, March 3 at Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath Funeral Home, Defiance with Rev. Joe Chrisman officiating. Burial was in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance County.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Frances C. Brooks, 96, of Antwerp, passed away at 9:20 am, Monday, March 10th, 2008 at Hawthorn Court, Paulding.

Frances was born in Hoytville, Ohio, on July 23, 1911, the daughter of the late Charles A. and Ida E. (Bickers) Reynolds.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp and the Royal Neighbors of America.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Edward Kilpatrick and second husband, Homer Brooks.

Frances will be sadly missed by her sister, Rita Lambert of Antwerp and brother, Jim Reynolds of Aurora, IL.

Also preceding her in death are her sisters, Kathryn Swann & Theresa Hammer and brothers, Leo, Bernard & Edward Reynolds.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, 10 am, at

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, with Father Thomas Oedy and Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating.

You may call Wednesday, 9 to 9:45 am, at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

She will be laid to rest at Wiltzie Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to the church. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

A LESSON FROM THE ANTS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I hate it when I'm at the doctor's or dentist's office and somebody else is reading the Sports Illustrated. It happened again just the other day. I was left with the options of the Ladies' Home Journal, a Humpty-Dumpty magazine or the National Geographic. With a "sort of" desire to broaden myself (and yet still a little miffed that I didn't have SI), I picked up the National Geographic. One of the articles caught my eye and, surprisingly, was fairly interesting.

It was about a slave-making ant that aggressively attacks other ants, overpowering them and forcing them into submission. The article described this in some detail: "Hundreds of these ants of the Amazon periodically swarm out of their nest to capture neighboring colonies of weaker ants. After destroying resisting defenders, they carry off cocoons containing the larvae of the worker ants. When these 'captured children' hatch, they assume that they are part of the family and launch into the tasks they were born to do. The never realize that they are forced-labor victims of the enemy."

As I read the article it struck me that human beings are in a similar predicament. Just as these creatures are bound from the time of their birth, so WE enter the world enslaved to sin and dominated by Satan. We are victims of Adam's sin and born into a world that is controlled by our adversary, the Devil.

The only solution and escape from this tyranny is by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Through personally asking Christ into one's heart, a person can be released from the control and condemnation of sin and Satan. Then, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can begin serving Jesus Christ.

We are all servants of one master or the other. Our de-

cision, as Joshua pointed out in the Old Testament, is not WHETHER we will serve, but WHOM we will serve (cf. Joshua 24:14-28). As one man has penned so well, "Choose you this day!" Time hastens on—you cannot neutral be: To serve the devil, sin or Christ—choose now which it shall be.

As I sat there, holding the National Geographic, and considering the habits of the slave-making ants, I was glad that I've committed my life to serving Christ. In fact, it really didn't bother me that I didn't get to read Sports Illustrated, after all.

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST #2

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In last week's article we read the comparison between our wedding vows and the church. In Ephesians 5:27 it tells us there that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. We also have seen how that love must be present for the relationship to continue. Today, we will look at the word honor and what exactly it means.

Honor means consideration due or paid, as to worth; Respectful regard. I love and respect my wife and have for all the years of my marriage. I try to do all that I can from bringing shame and/or disrespect to her. But why is it that we do not try to do the same for Christ? After all he shed his blood and died on the cross so that we may have eternal salvation Acts 20:28; so I pose this question, do you and I show him the honor he is due? The bible says Christ build the church (Matthew 16:13-18) and Christ as the only foundation (I Corinthians 3:11).

Just as my wife respects and wears the Potter name proudly, shouldn't you and I wear Christ's name with even more pride and try our hardest to keep it from any shame, spot or blemish? You might ask what is the name that Christ wants me to wear (Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Peter 4:16)? These scripture verses will answer that question. You might ask as those

in Acts 2:37 did and the answer is in Acts 2:38.

Have you ever asked yourself how do I become a Christian? All you need to do is follow these steps which are found in the Bible, in the New Testament. Hear the Word, Romans 10:17; Matthew 7:24-27; Believe the Word, Hebrews 11:6, Mark 16:15-16; Repent, Acts 2:38, 17:30, Luke 13:3; Confess, Matthew 10:32-33, Acts 8:36-37; and be baptized, Acts 2:38, Mark 16:15-16, and Acts 22:16. Also we must remain faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10. Loved ones, read the Bible which is important, but what is most important is studying the Bible and knowing what it says. Search for truth, John 8:32; and not what man says. Remember, give God the highest honor from what he is doing through Jesus and the Holy Spirit: Jesus loves you and so do I!

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lines and no applications. Anyone who eats and wants to save money can purchase the food, so share this with everyone you know!

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The last order date for March is March 15 at the Church of the Nazarene in Hicksville on 505 Antwerp Drive from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You may phone 419-487-0442 or 419-487-1347 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church in Paulding will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day supper on Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The menu for the evening will be corn beef and vegetable Reuben sandwiches and assortment of desserts. A free will offering will be accepted. This event is open to the public.

Any questions, contact Sharon Cooper, 419-399-5852.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have never considered Lazy Island Lake to be in the middle of nowhere as Angel referred to Klingler's Beach (as I knew it growing up). I grew up on Road 126, right around the corner from Lazy Island Lake and in the 60's that was THE PLACE TO BE. My dad farmed for Harold Klingler and I spent most every day in the summer at the "Beach"... I was the life guard there. My mom taught swimming lessons and Life Saving. My little sister learned to swim there before she learned to walk. Some of the best moments of

my teenage years were spent at the Beach. In recent years when I go out to visit dad, I still walk over to the Beach and walk around the lake. What memories!! So I agree with Angel when she said it is a rare find and a diamond in the rough... something I have known since I was a kid.

—Ann Waldman
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'd like to comment on the letter from Christina West. Thank you very much for your information about the "Pledge of Allegiance". I went to school before and during World War II and the words "Under God" were not in the pledge. As a child and young adult, myself and everyone I knew, were so proud to be Americans to be free to choose or not to choose a religion we believed.

I was never clear on how the change came about—but now I know. I agree with you completely; the Pledge of Allegiance should be as it was intended, an allegiance to our flag and our country.

I would also like to comment on a letter in last week's paper from Amy McCreery. It's nice to see that so many Americans are interested in the candidates this elections. Amy's main concerns seem to be about "Gays" (homosexuals) and guns. It seems to me our country has more really important issues, like our economy, health care for all our citizens.

By the way, gays are Amer-

ican citizens—they work and pay taxes, fight for our country. They deserve the same rights we all have.

—Hazel Meglick

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stan, I appreciate your position of not getting involved in dueling letters in print, I hold a similar position of never arguing with an idiot in public because bystanders can get confused as to just whom the idiot is, but since you took it upon yourself to violate your own rules, I will too, and I'll respond to you.

I'm glad your years of running the school and county were personally fulfilling. How heady it must have been to hold power over teenage high school students for all those years, students who had to unquestionably accept any half-truth or unsubstantiated utterance sent down from your god-like position of superintendent. Fortunately I wasn't educated this way. Back in the day I was taught to think, not robotically believe.

When I ran for commissioner in 2006 and requested a copy of the county budget many weeks later you sent me the last 30 pages of a 90+ page budget. I wanted the whole budget, not one third of the budget. I wanted to know how much each department spent, who spent what on what. Even though I thought all the information I asked for was public record, I didn't receive it. I took this to mean you thought I wasn't important enough to receive the full budget, maybe you figured it was none of my business and I would just go away, or maybe you had something to hide. Maybe I didn't ask the right way but don't insinuate this info is easily obtained, and is there for the asking, it didn't happen in 2006 and with the continuing inability or unwillingness to explain what the jail levy money has been spent on it doesn't happen today either. By the way, the current auditor sent me a copy of the whole appropriation budget soon after she took office, at my very first request.

I understand why you liked working with county officials, too long the commissioners allowed you to run the county instead of doing it themselves. This budget

crisis Paulding County is in may well be your legacy. Unfortunately the county can't take ten more years like the last ten.

I have a question for you, what is better in the county today than the day you were hired, are there more jobs, are taxes lower, has the population grown and how many of the students you saw graduate when you were school superintendent live and work in the county today? More importantly what is the future of the county and is it better than the day you became administrator?

Unfortunately, when someone sets atop the pyramid it's easy to lose sight of the base. I think this has happened in our county. Whether it's putting up false signs saying how cheap our county is to live in or by harassing your neighbor about the size of his business sign. County government is out of touch, and you want to blame me for pointing it out, but you should know I don't look on your disdain of me as a bad thing. I am proud to be one of the people in the county saying enough is enough and I don't care whether you like it or not. I'm not a scared high school kid who's afraid to be sent to the office, intimidation doesn't work with me and I don't like it when government leaders try to intimidate voters into shutting up.

Voters have figured out the dirty little secret of county financing, they can cut off governments' ability to play God by voting no on taxes. Unless county government answers questions, all questions, even if you and they find the answer's personally distasteful or embarrassing, "NO" will continue to be the voters answer.

You say you suspect I'll be held accountable for my actions. I pray I get the chance to be held personally responsible. I have filed as an independent candidate for commissioner in the upcoming November election. I know county residents are upset with the government we have. Almost anyone born and raised in Paulding County knows our county offices' don't always operate up to snuff. That's just the way it is and we understand it, but the difference today is we also have an expensive and arrogant government that believes itself entitled.

Make no mistake about it, if I'm elected it won't be the same old, same old we've had. The good old boys network won't find a friend in me and shouldn't expect one. My first reaction as commissioner won't be we need another tax; cutting spending is what we have to do.

So, in closing, Stan, I hope the readers of your letter last week and mine this week don't get us confused. "For the record" I'm the one without two government retirement checks. You can call me at 419-587-3555.

—Brad Dysinger
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would just like to take a moment to recognize a couple groups of people that are probably often taken for granted. First of all, the city/county workers who drive the snowplows/salt trucks and work so hard all winter keeping our roads as clear as possible. I realize that they have to be on call whenever road conditions get bad, and when all others are urged to stay off the roads, they are expected to be on them. Also, EMTs and fire squads. Around here, these people are also on call, as we have volunteer services in our area. They have jobs to support them and often their families, and they have families that they have to leave at a moment's notice to go help complete strangers. These are jobs that I realize I could not handle, but I am thankful to those that can and do. God bless all these groups of people for their attempts in keeping me, my family, and my friends as safe as they can.

—Justin Sterrett,
Payne

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter in reference to Stan Searing's letter in last week's edition. I feel I need to point a few facts out to the public at this time. Firstly, I don't recall seeing any of Brad Dysinger's editorials for quite some time. I haven't read any editorials from Brad in the last month or so about any jail issues. Why the backlash now?

Secondly, the issue on whether or not the jail is in a flood plane is easily answered. Yes, the Army Corp of Engineers did a survey in 1986 and found the building, which now holds the jail, to actually be in a flood plane. This is factual information. It doesn't matter if the survey was done in 1986, 1996, 2006... or even 1976, it

STILL is in a flood plane. The building elevations have not changed. And just because we had a lot of rain last month and it didn't flood then, does not mean it can't flood in the future. Unfortunately, this issue won't be resolved because it is a done deal. We need to look at what needs to be done to insure a flood won't jeopardize the existing building.

Thirdly, Brad's accusations of money being spent without any documentation of where it went isn't "grossly incorrect." Mr. Searing was quoted as saying, "Their work is conducted in public with elaborate written and financial records also available to the public." If this is true, why can't anyone answer where the money went? Where is the public documentation of this? I'm sorry Mr. Searing, but another retired, public official saying it was spent on training and things of that nature is not public documentation. All documents that are housed in county offices should be transparent and should be accurate and complete. And until this documentation is presented, in full with all records of money being spent, I will assume Brad's comments to be accurate and very concerning to ALL taxpayers of this county. And besides, I thought the grant money from the Department of Homeland Security was to be used for training and things of that nature?

Lastly, I recently read an ad in another Paulding County circulation from Kay Langham dated March 3, 2008. Now before I go any further, I do not know Kay and my comments here are in no way to be detrimental or degrading to her. I am sure she is a very nice woman. I am only using her ad to prove what Brad has said all along. Everyone knows Kay ran for commissioner and she has had several ads and a letter

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—Lou Ann Wannemacher
Paulding County Treasurer
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 to her Republican friends. Her recent ad states, "Many feel that the commissioners have not been given adequate and/or complete information as to how the monies have been spent from the jail operating levy and the balance remaining of the monies collected. Although our commissioners feel that they have addressed this issue, many of our citizens feel that it has not been fully explained in clear, understandable terms. Until this is addressed, we are at a stalemate. I don't believe Paulding County can move forward until this issue is put to rest." She goes on to say, "My plan as commissioner is to encourage better communication with the public." In her letter she sent out to her Republican friends, she says, "Paulding County, with a land area of 416 square miles, 7,773 households, and a population of 19,432..." What does all this have to do with Brad? This is what Brad has been talking about for the past couple of years. The public hasn't been given the facts on paper, and the issue needs to be put to rest through factual documentation, not by someone's word. Brad has also stated there should be better communication with the public and the commissioners. And he has also stated that the population in the county is under 20,000. This is the magic number for the pay rate for officials in this county.

In closing, is it safe to say that what Brad has been "grossly incorrect" about just might be true? As far as the backlash now, is this dirty politics to steal votes away from him now that he

has filed as an independent to run for commissioner? If Brad was so far off base, why did Kay Langham address the same issues? Hmm...
 —Tim Dauten

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If I might, I would like very much to respond to a letter that Mr. Stan Searing wrote in the March 5, 2008 edition regarding Mr. Dysinger.

I generally beat to my own drum consumed by democracy issues relating to front-line news, but when someone I know is attacked, for what seems to be no apparent reason, I feel that I must speak up.

I can only surmise by Mr. Searing's comments that he is upset about the jailhouse issues and the controversies surrounding it but what I don't understand is why, out of the blue, is he impaled to attack now? I can't remember the last time Mr. Dysinger has written anything but I do know it has been awhile.

As far as the information and questions brought up by Mr. Dysinger and fellow Paulding citizens I think it's fair to say that they are legitimate and to date most have not been answered. It's not worth repeating each one but I know for CERTAIN (with my hand on the bible, certain) that most of the information that was disclosed in his articles were factual. I personally looked them up and unless the State of Ohio and federal government agencies are disclosing false information, well, you know what I think - "If it acts like a duck, walks like a duck, talks like a duck - then it must be a what?"

There's a tale written by

Hans Christian Anderson named, "The Emperor's New Clothes." It's about a king who unwittingly hired a couple of swindlers to make him clothes, do you recall this story? Well, the gist of the whole story is that they had the king believing he was wearing the most beautiful and luxurious clothing and although they were invisible to him they were none-the-less real. But the swindlers went to great lengths and took great pride to making everyone in the kingdom, including the king himself, to go along with the farce even though it was so apparent that the king was wearing nothing more than his under garments. This tale is just that, a tall tale, but how is that any different than what Paulding officials are doing to the budget? People don't just hop on the band wagon for no apparent reason and if that be the case that could only mean one thing - another ballot. Am I certain of that, no, but my feathers are ruffled.

Cities across Ohio and this nation are struggling and so are the citizens that support them. The citizens of Paulding County came together in a meeting and asked viable and reasonable questions about the jail and it was their vote that became their final answer to whether they were satisfied with official's explanations. This problem was then placed back into the hands of the people who created it and left up to them on how to resolve it with the understanding that it could not impede on other agencies serving Paulding programs and residents (as disclosed in town meeting).

Government should be transparent, it should be fair

and it should serve all the people, not a select few. This is our home, our little piece of the American dream, and it's our right to demand accountability, responsibility, and transparency from the officials that we place into office.
 Most Humbly,
 —Christina L. West

BOB PELLE TO INSTRUCT AT SOFTBALL CLINIC IN PAYNE

The Payne Ball Association will be sponsoring a fast-pitch softball clinic on March 28, 29 and 30. The featured clinic instructor will be Mr. Bob Pelle, nationally and internationally known for his softball instruction. Mr. Pelle has worked with over 400 collegiate players as well as former United States Olympic team members. Sessions will include a special coaches/parent session along with sessions for pitching and all-skills. Discounted pre-registration fees are available if paid by March 20. For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805), Mike Krouse (419-263-1393), Mike Linder (419-263-2149) or Colleen Saylor (419-263-2541).

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW: ODOT REMINDS MOTORISTS TO GIVE SNOW PLOWS ROOM TO WORK

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is reminding motorists to give snow plows room to work, especially during the morning and afternoon 'rush hour' drive times.

Statewide, as many as 1,800 ODOT snow plow trucks and graders will be on state, U.S. and interstate routes at any given time. The equipment is often large and slow-moving, and operators must contend with limited visibility.

This winter season, four fatalities have resulted from motorists hitting ODOT snow plow trucks.

ODOT safety experts urge motorists to stay clear of snow plows and graders by using the following tips:

—Distance - Give snow plows and graders room to work. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and be aware of the snow cloud.

—Speed - Snow plows and graders travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Ice and Snow ... Take it Slow.

—Vision - A snow plow or grader operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops.

Update on ODOT Salt Supplies:

Although ODOT has used more than 850,000 tons of salt this winter - 200,000 tons more than the yearly average - the state's salt barns are stocked with more than 170,000 tons of salt statewide, an adequate supply for the expected winter weather.

Motorists can learn about up-to-date closures and delays before leaving home or work by logging on to www.buckeyetraffic.org. The site was recently upgraded to include the latest mapping technology, allowing motorists to view road conditions, construction information, live traffic cameras, and events that may affect their travel.

CARDS OF THANKS

Here is one of the most heart-felt Thank You's from Madge Elliott, Larry and family for making Madge's 90th birthday on March 1st such a special one.

To all of our families and friends for spending the afternoon with us and bringing back all those wonderful memories.

For the cards and gifts received, Thank you.

What a warm, happy way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

—Madge Elliott, Larry & Lucille Elliott, and the rest of the family

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
 3/6 - Marjorie Proxmire, Paulding

Dismissals:
 3/4 - Larry Gerken, Antwerp

3/7 - Marjorie Proxmire, Paulding

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/12 THROUGH 3/14

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3/14 - French bread pizza or tuna salad sandwich, cheese curls, salad, cherries & cake, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie

3/17 - 3/21 - SPRING BREAK



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

The shelter has many dogs available for adoption this week. Please check out our new website to see pictures of the available dogs and puppies at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

This week's featured pet is Sasha. Sasha is a female adult ivory Husky. She appears to be about two years old and is very friendly, and loves the snow.

Anyone looking for a new dog can call the shelter at 419-399-9728 and have your name added to the dog wanted for adoption list. You need to leave your name and phone number and what type of dog you are wanting to adopt. Several area residents have found their perfect canine match this way.

The office is open for adoptions on Fridays from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

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I look forward to another spring in Northwest Ohio along with meeting new friends in Paulding County as well as seeing old friends. Please feel free to approach me with any questions or concerns about my direction for our County Recorder's Office.

Sincerely,
Dawn L. Smith
Republican Candidate for Paulding County Recorder

Paid for by Smith for Recorder,
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

As I sit here at the kitchen table with my eyes closed and think back about my fine association with the people from Payne. I have known a lot of Payne's "Old Timers", a lot of them are gone now, but I knew them for years.

Like Tony Adamski, Budd Murray, Harold Perrine, Crosby, Fred Berkholt, Dick Overmyer and the twins. Bob Treat, Frannie Olwin and the list goes on.

In the football season of 1938, Antwerp went undefeated, untied and unscored upon. But Payne played us very hard and was in scoring position twice.

The score at half time was 12-0 in favor of Antwerp. In the second half, Stabler, the quarterback, took Payne clean down to the 10 yard line. Antwerp dug in and held them for no gain for three downs. On the 4th down Stabler threw into the end zone and it was incomplete. So Antwerp took over and had to punt. A little later, Payne got down to the 20 yard line and Raymond Ewing intercepted a pass and Antwerp took over.

You are wondering why Payne didn't try a field goal when they were that close. Well, field goals were not as much in the game of football, as they are now. At that time

they tried to "drop kick" a field goal instead of having a man hold the ball for the kicker. Most of the football fields were little more than a pasture field and very rough and uneven. About half of the time the point of the football would fall between two clods and the ball when kicked would veer off the one side or another.

Nowadays, the field goal is an important part of the game. In the NFL many games each season are won or lost by the field goal kicker.

In this game with Payne, Yager missed two extra points via the drop kick. That is how the score ended up: 19-0.

The Japanese bombed us at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1942 triggering us to enter WWII. I was a senior in high school at that time. Gasoline was six gallons for a dollar, so we would drive over to Payne and go to Sam Griswald's Equity Ice Cream Parlor. Frannie Olwin worked there and we became good friends for many, many years.

I was going steady all through high school with my future wife, so we didn't bother the Payne girls. But we were good friends with two of them, Edna Lentz and Vivian King Schilb. Ah, yes, I also knew Paul Lentz, Ray and Dick Flaugh, the Benschneider boys and

then back in the '50's and '60's, most of the boys on the Payne Fire Dept, Odel Williams and Bob Smith, to name some of them.

I know a lot of the boys at the Flat Rock Lodge and the old softball teams. I have always been treated graciously and with respect by everyone from Payne, except Winston Gross.

We were all bass fishing down in Florida and Winston was visiting for a few days. Thank goodness the weather was great and the fishing was also. Winston was fishing with his brother, Ray and I went with my good friend Stewart from Southgate, MI.

After a couple of hours, Stu and I ended up beside Ray's boat to have a coffee and a Twinkie. Our boat didn't have a fish or even a hit so we had made up a story about loosing a big one that even straightened out our hook and we even had a straight blank hook to show it.

Well, before we could tell our tale of woe, Winston said, "Look here in the bottom of the boat." My goodness, they had five or six Black Bass that would average about four pounds each. Those boys were having a ball and it was only nine o'clock in the morning.

Those boys went home thinking that they hit like that everyday! But, they don't hit all day and they don't bite every day. I'm glad those boys hit it just right. Every time I see Winston he looks at me and grins. I guess he has a right to gloat a little!

Here is the "All County Football Team of 1938". That is almost 70 years ago. That is certainly part of Paulding County History.

All these stats are courtesy of Tim Copsey.

All County Team: Ends - George Magdich, Antwerp and Erin Shaffer, Paulding; Tackles - Bob Stabler, Payne and Woodrow Fulk, Payne; Guards - Donald Fruchey, Oakwood and Dick Davis, Paulding; Center - Jack Stabler, Payne; Quarterback - Jack Yager, Antwerp; Halfbacks - Carl Johnson, Oakwood and Dick Crosby, Antwerp; Fullback - Richard Allshouse, Paulding
See, ya!



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

Yes, you are right. This is the same picture that we ran last week. But now we've gotten all the names of these boys. We asked in last week's paper that if you knew any of these soldiers to please let us know. Well, Ann Miles of Hedges, called right away and gave us all the correct names. We were not sure about two of them, but she had all the correct names and we really

appreciate her help.

So we are running the picture over and if you want to keep it, all the names are correct.

So once again we say thanks to all our readers as we had a number of phone calls and e-mails. I didn't know that picture was in the archives in Paulding.

We are really thrilled to see how many people like history like I do.

"A" Co. 148th first row (l-r): S/Sgt. Ralph Shaner, T/Sgt.

James Jordan, 1st /Sgt. Rex Billman, Capt. Max Seslar, Maj. Lawrence Hipp, Capt. Harold Gorman, T/Sgt. Woody Friend, PFC Ronnie Savage, Sgt. Clyde Krohn, Sgt. Therlo Stemen; back row l-r: Pvt. Steven Jackson, Jr., Sgt. Eugene Rife, S/Sgt. John Heck, PFC Glenn DeLong, PFC Charles Thomas, CPL Chris Davis, PFC Amel Din-smore, Sgt. Ray Stahlbaum and CPL Gerald Cavander.
See, Ya!

ACDC ASSISTS THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP WITH RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WABASH RAIL DEPOT

From its beginning, Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC), desired to create a pro-active approach to establishing the orderly and successful growth of the Antwerp area as a desired residential and commercial location. That goal is being met in a number of projects and events that ACDC is supporting.

Currently, one major project is in conjunction with the Village of Antwerp and the restoration of the historic Wabash Rail Depot (later the Norfolk and Western). The ACDC commissioned a study of the Wabash Rail Depot for the period-appropriate restoration project. This is a widely publicized project with much local, regional, and statewide support.

By way of background, previously a local group of interested citizens began a restoration project of the historic Wabash Rail Depot. In the late 1970's the group actively met and worked through the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit corporation. However, the project was not completed and the building has remained much the same as it was at the time they worked on the project in the late 1970's.

This is a unique historical building in Paulding County deserving of preservation. Due to the efforts of the Otto E. Ehrhart group, the Depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. Further, it is one (1) of only a total of three (3) historical buildings in the county (the other two are the Carnegie Library in Paulding and a round barn near Paulding). The building remains original with many existing artifacts including passenger logs, baggage carts, wood trim, hardware, and more.

The current site of the Depot is along the proposed multipurpose trail (referred to as the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor) that will eventually link Toledo and Fort Wayne, Indiana. This will be a significant point of interest for many travelers who wish to stop and visit a wonderful

and historical site.

It is the goal of the Village to create a community meeting place out of the existing historical building. This project will not only preserve local history but also provide an invaluable educational benefit for school children in the surrounding counties. One benefit is that it would serve as a source for meeting state-mandated curriculum objectives for public schools. Further, a proposed information center would house a kiosk containing pamphlets, showing the location and nature of local businesses, restaurants, streets, and other points of interest. In addition, it is the hope there would be an area to display historical photographs (which would also have text and audio support), posters, and would serve as a site for numerous residents' memories of historical value.

The Village will fund the project through a variety of sources. The Village has obtained a Transportation Enhancement Program grant with federal funds and is pursuing matching state funds for the project as well as pursuing donations from other tax-exempt organizations and individual donors.

The Village of Antwerp desires to complete the project, however, simply does not have the resources and funding for the project. The Village of Antwerp recognizes ACDC as the fundraising arm of this important project. ACDC

actively and enthusiastically supports the project and is actively raising funds to assist in the worthy cause.

In the near future, the Village would like to host an on-site inspection for the county commissioners, state government representatives, local charitable organizations, prospective donors, and other supporters of the project.

The Depot Committee of the ACDC is pleased to report this progress being made toward the restoration of the historic Wabash Rail Depot. Anyone wishing to participate in the project and volunteer his/her time and energy is welcome. The Depot Committee of ACDC is being lead by Jim Pendergrast; also on the committee are Dan Fowler, Gale Jordan, Suzanne Rister, Ed Glass, Jenna Pendergrast, Denny Lee, and others.

Railroad enthusiasts are encouraged to join the group and bring your unique interests, knowledge, and memories to the project. Tax-exempt organizations and individual donors can make donations to Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) with a note that the funds are designated for the Depot Restoration project. Each tax-exempt organization and individual donor will receive the required receipt and documentation to receive an income tax deduction for your gift.

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL'S PLAYER OF THE GAME

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative and WKSD recently recognized members of the Paulding High School basketball team. The players are chosen by the WKSD announcers for outstanding

sportsmanship and performance. Paulding-Putnam recognizes the sacrifices that our local athletes have made in order to excel in their sport and acknowledge their dedication. Pictured L to R: Jarod Riley and Bryant Troyer, missing from picture Jakob Perl.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES AND SNOW REMOVAL REQUEST

Ryan reported M C Wheeler came to inspect the wells at the high school. They found wires at the control panel that needed replaced and the wells need to be cleaned. They will do repairs, clean both wells and put us on a schedule for cleaning. Ryan stated the drain on Hwy 101 is a county tile; they will repair or replace it, but we would need to get a petition signed from the homeowners affected and the county would assess the homeowners. Mayor stated he would like to include it in our sewer plans instead of the county assessing the homeowners. Ryan reported aerators on pond 1 are not working; he will get them fixed. He finished the water revenue/ expenditure report needed for the new Hwy 24 project. He reported needing more cold patch for road repairs. Ryan thinks there was a glitch in the system that caused the water tower to overflow, he will look into.

Fort to Port project. It does not include Woodburn Road in the contract. Councilmen made motions to deny this contract, all agreed.

Jim reported Keith Gieger is going through data on the Cities sewer infiltration problems; he will be making his recommendations to either do spot repairs on lines, replacement of the line or lining a sewer line. He stated it would be cost effective to redo some taps and lateral lines. He should have the report in 90 days. Councilman Reichhart has not heard back from resident about the easement on his property that is needed. He would like Jim Lauer to meet with resident to discuss; Mayor Hoepfner will set up a meeting and contact Jim with the date and time.

Mayor presented an invoice to IACT for Mayors dues totaling \$200.00. Councilmen made motions to pay, all agreed. Warrants were presented for payment, totaling \$96,791.87 checks # 5996-6018; Lesa went over warrants with council. Councilmen made motions to pay all warrants, all agreed.

Officer Carpenter reported 93 calls in January. It was budgeted to purchase an additional taser gun; he would like to order it. Councilmen, made motions to purchase the taser gun, all agreed. He would like to purchase new cameras for the cars, he is looking for grant money or help from Homeland security.

Councilman Mason stated we need to do repairs on Tile Mill Road. Councilmen made motions to get bid estimates to repair Tile Mill Road, all agreed.

Business owner inquired about the chamber of commerce. Mayor Hoepfner stated he spoke with a resident, and she would like to speak with business owners. She is working on getting a fall festival going, he stated it might be October 4, 2008. Some Councilmen reported speaking with business owners and they are interested in being involved.

He recommends purchasing cameras for police vehicles, council would like for Officer Carpenter to check with Homeland Security on replacement and get firm figures on cost by next meeting.

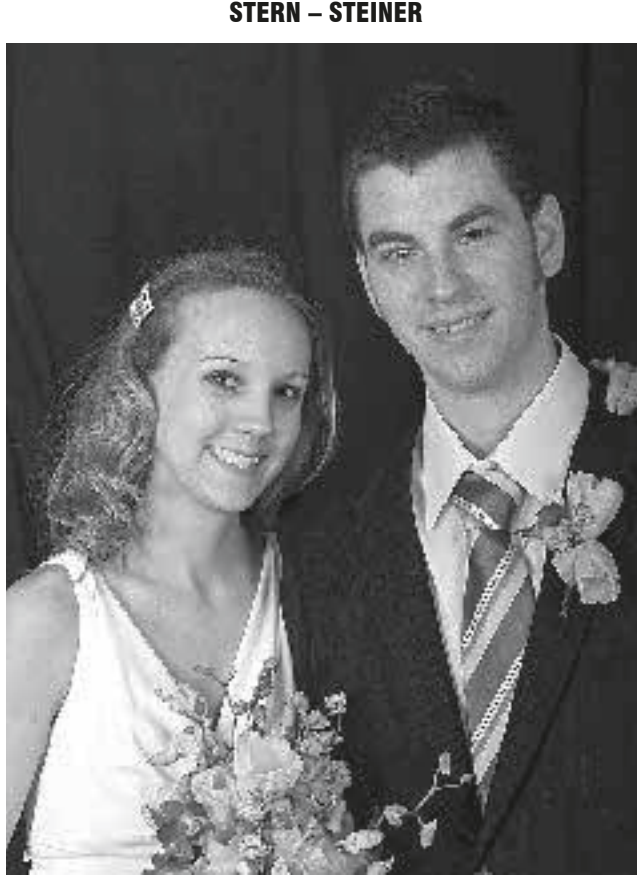
A Platter Parkway resident ask if the Havenwood Bond payment will be coming off their utility bill. Councilman Reichhart stated, it is a 20-year bond, with the additional houses being added we will be able to pay it off early and then it will be taken off. Mayor Hoepfner reported the City is mandated from IDEM to separate sewer and storm water and we are going to do a bond to fix the sewer issues and that bond payment will be passed on to all users. Jim Lauer does not recommend signing the agreement with the state for moving the effluent lines on Gustin Road and Woodburn Road for the

Councilman Zimmerman went through the data on the sewer infiltration problems within the city, and agrees with Jim Lauer on the worst areas. He would like to see the industrial park advertised on the web site. Jan Ehle may have pictures to use. He would like to have new signs made and put up. Mayor stated the wood will be donated and he needs to speak with the high school to see if they would be interested in making the new signs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Minutes Submitted by Lesa Meadows

The City of Woodburn would like to request that when possible, residents park their vehicles in their driveways when there is a possibility for snow. This will make clearing the streets easier.

If you are unable, be considerate of your neighbors and park your vehicle in front of your own home.



STERN - STEINER

Rachel Francis Stern of Milton, Delaware and Kent Ryan Steiner of Grabill, IN were married on March 8, 2008.

Rachel's parents, Francis & Raymond Stern of Milton, Delaware; Kent's parents, Kay & Samuel Steiner of Grabill, IN; Kent's siblings, Kara Souliere & family of Grabill, IN, Lisa & Michael Walsh & family of Burlington, VT, Angel & Bryce Steiner & family of Antwerp, OH, Christa Steiner and Adam Steiner of Grabill, IN; Kent's grandfather, Maurice Steiner of Ocala, FL; and Kent's cousin, Kirk Hacker of Grabill, IN.

Rachel and Kent were married at the Steiner family home in rural Grabill, IN. The reception was held at the Antwerp Church of Christ building following the ceremony. Samuel Steiner, Kent's father, officiated the marriage ceremony. Those attending that day with Rachel and Kent were

Andrew and Sarah Finnegan of Oakwood, are pleased to announce the early arrival of their son,

Dexter Edward Finnegan.

Born Feb. 21st, he weighed 2.09 lbs and is 14.5 inches long.

Both mother and son are doing well. Dexter is receiving excellent care at Dupont Hospitals' NICU

Grandparents are Chuck and Linda Finnegan of Oakwood

Richard and Cheryl Parrish of Antwerp.

Great Grandparents are Ed and Kate Finnegan and the late Raymond and Mildred McClure, Oakwood

Richard & Donna Parrish and Paul & Peggy Klender, Cecil

The Best Uncle, Aunt and cousin — Brad, Angie and Connor Pease, Oakwood

A special thanks and appreciation to the Finnegan's and Pease's for their help and caring to Sarah when she was ill.

—Cheryl and Richard

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Student Artist of the Month for February is Sara Stephenson. Sara is a senior at Wayne Trace, and is the daughter of Jay and Phyl-

lis Stephenson of Scott. Sara plans on a career in graphic design. Sara's father is a fireman, and this is reflected in much of her art.

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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM KEY TO OHIO'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

Capitol Letters Weekly
Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Ohio's economy is in a period of transition. In an effort to meet the demands of a growing global marketplace, we have worked to attract new industries to the state, including the budding alternative energy sector, while making strategic investments in education and workforce development to make sure Ohioans are prepared to compete for the jobs of the future.

These are important efforts, but no matter what direction our economy goes, the strength of our transportation system will always be a key to Ohio's success. Well-maintained, easily-accessible roads help spur economic development, which brings business growth and jobs to our local communities. Strong rail systems and quality ports help support these same goals.

Recognizing its importance throughout my career in the General Assembly, I have stressed the importance of a strong transportation system to grow the state's economy, while working to secure funding for infrastructure projects in our local communities. For example, as a member of the Ohio House during the 124th and 125th General Assemblies, I authored and successfully passed Ohio's two-year transportation budget, which provides needed funding for road construction projects across the state. In addition, after coming over to the Senate last year, I was appointed to serve on the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee and sponsored a key amendment to HB 67—the most recent transportation budget—that worked to protect the Route 24 project and other priority highway projects across Ohio from being delayed or cancelled.

Recently, I was given the opportunity to play an even larger role in shaping transportation policy in the state. In January, Senate President

Bill Harris appointed me to serve as chairman of the Transportation Committee. I will take this new leadership position very seriously and have a number of goals for the committee moving forward.

Aside from its work on the transportation budget every two years, the Transportation Committee has traditionally spent much of its time on bills to name highways or create a new license plate to honor or recognize a certain group or issue. While some of these measures are important—earlier this year the committee passed a bill to create the Gold Star Family license plate for families who have lost a loved one in military service—I would like to focus more time on bigger policy issues. For instance, I plan to invite outside groups to the committee to make presentations about key transportation topics, including the Department of Public Safety to talk about their budget, outline their priorities and discuss how we can work together in the future.

I also feel the committee should work to develop a better understanding of the needs and issues of the Ohio Department of Transportation, while spending more time studying the department's transportation construction plans and the funding needed for these projects. This is typically only done during the transportation budget.

In addition, I hope to work with my colleagues on the committee to explore opportunities for intermodal transportation in the state, which is important to our economic future. Often, businesses looking to locate in Ohio are seeking areas that can bring together road, rail and even water transportation. Due to our strong road system and our long time leadership in rail, Ohio has the ability to be a leader in distribution and we are already seeing opportunities to combine all forms of transportation to spur job growth.

As we work to accomplish these goals and develop a long-term plan for strength-

ening Ohio's transportation system, there will be some big issues coming on the horizon. For instance, legislation addressing the so called "REAL ID" card may come through the Transportation Committee. Enacted in 2005 by Congress, the REAL ID program requires that all Americans have an identification card that has met standard security and authentication rules set by the federal government. The new law has been part of a heated debate and will surely be a hot topic as Ohio moves to implement the program.

Also, in their business plan, ODOT talked about funding shortfalls in the department and the possibility of shifting priorities to cover costs. Knowing this, the committee will be exploring ways to assist the department in dealing with the situation while protecting the quality of our transportation infrastructure.

As we focus on ways to grow Ohio's economy and prepare the state to compete globally, we must not look past the importance of a strong transportation system in this effort. As Chairman of the Transportation Committee, I will continue to advocate for ideas and projects that benefit our economy, while working to find new, cost-effective ways to meet the state's transportation needs.

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 email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/12 THROUGH 3/18

MS/HS - Breakfast
 3/12 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
 3/13 - Cinnamon twist or coffee cake, juice, milk
 3/14 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

3/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 3/18 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch
 3/12 - Turkey noodles, whipped potatoes, bread or roast beef sandwich, tator wedges, assorted fruit, milk
 3/13 - Ham & cheese, stromboli, broccoli cheese soup, assorted fruit, milk
 3/14 - Footlong chili dog, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

3/17 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/country gravy or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk
 3/18 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch
 3/12 - Taco salad w/crackers, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
 3/13 - Hot dog on a bun, tator tots, fruit cup, milk
 3/14 - Toasted cheese, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 3/17 - Hamburger on a bun, tator tots, fruit cup, milk

3/18 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch
 3/12 - Ravioli, lettuce sal-



By: Chelsea Vail

Give me a break, give me a break... Oh, what's that? A Spring Break, you say? Well, it's no Kit Kat, but I'll take it with the enthusiasm it deserves! With the senior project out of the way and the third quarter coming to a close, everyone could use an energy break of sorts. Next week is our chance to break off a piece of that well-deserved chocolaty goodness from the comfort of our own homes if we so choose... How sweet it is! Be cool - don't come to school. (How many times in a person's life can that phrase be uttered legitimately, I wonder?)

Another saccharine little morsel of information: the quiz bowl team took third place in the GMC tournament behind Tinora and Ayersville. The team was honored with a plaque for winning the regular season competition with over 500 total points - that's a bunch! Don't quote me on this, but I believe Mrs. Deb Altic, quiz bowl advisor and lunch coordinator, is planning to serve a new (and as of yet top-secret) creation she has dubbed a QuizBowl to commemorate the occasion. Look for its debut in early April.

Word of the Week
 Raison d'être \ray-ZOHN dih-ATRAH \ **noun**

1. Reason or justification for existence
 Example: "The raison d'être of the QuizBowl is not only to acknowledge the quiz bowl team's success, but also to change up the lunch menu a bit."

I know, I know - Tinora and Ayersville came in ahead of us (for reasons beyond comprehension). Give me a break, right? All in good time... Otherwise known as next week!

ad, bread, fruit, milk
 3/13 - Hamburger on a bun, pickles, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 3/14 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/pizza sauce, corn, fruit, milk

3/17 - Chili soup w/crackers, bread, fruit, milk
 3/18 - Sloppy joe on a bun, vegetable, fruit, milk

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/12 THROUGH 3/14

Breakfast:
 3/12 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 3/13 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 3/14 - Turnover, milk
 3/17 - 3/21 - SPRING BREAK

Lunch:
 3/12 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk
 3/13 - Pepperoni or cheese pizza, tossed salad, apple-sauce, milk
 3/14 - Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, fruit crisp, milk
 3/17 - 3/21 - SPRING BREAK

LATTA ANNOUNCES 110TH CONGRESS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

WASHINGTON—Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) today announced his committee assignments for the 110th Congress. Latta will serve on the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

"With agriculture and transportation serving as important industries in Northwest Ohio, I am excited to be a member of these committees. The issues in front of these committees will have a direct affect on the daily lives of my constituents, and I look forward to being a voice for them," Latta said.

On the Committee on Agriculture, Latta will serve on the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, in addition to the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.

"I welcome Congressman Latta as the newest member of the House Agriculture Committee and know that his extensive experience as a lawmaker and his familiarity with Capitol Hill will make him a valuable member of the Committee. I look forward to his contributions, especially as we move forward with the farm bill, and I look forward to working with him to do great things for Ohio agriculture," said Ranking Member of the Committee on Agriculture Bob Goodlatte (R-VA).

On the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Latta will serve on the Highways and Transit subcommittee, as well as the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

"I am pleased to welcome such an experienced legislator to this committee," said Congressman John L. Mica

(R-FL), Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. "Congressman Latta has already built a strong record of helping the residents of Northwest Ohio, and he'll be able to continue doing so as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure," Mica added.

LATTA ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE AND VIRTUAL OFFICE

WASHINGTON—Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) today announced the rollout of his redesigned website and virtual office. The website <http://latta.house.gov> will serve as a convenient resource for constituents who are interested in the daily business of Congress as well as researching various aspects of the federal government.

"I am excited to rollout my new website and virtual office today. This website is a great resource for my constituents who need assistance from my office or federal agencies, in addition to providing information about the United States Congress. I look forward to using this site as an additional resource to serve the constituents of the 5th District," Latta said.

Some features of the website and virtual office include:

- Office location and contact information
- Links to federal government agency sites
- Downloadable form for federal agency assistance requests
- A "Write Your Rep" section
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FASHIONABLE OR NOT

By: Tommi Stahl

Do you wear the most up to date clothing or accessories? I do not because you do not need to dress up all the time. I like to be casual. I love to wear sweat shirts and jewelry. I wear nice clothes but they are nothing fancy. Some people like to look their best at all times with no flaws. I find it funny when they get mad when someone messes up their hair and they get upset. So, if you are a diva or a regular person, either way, be yourself and have fun.

WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISION IV WIN REGIONAL SEMI-FINAL

Wayne Trace made it a step closer to the state championship with a awesome win over Ayersville last Wednesday night. Final score was

Wayne Trace 61, Ayersville 60. Records - Wayne Trace 20-4, Ayersville 21-3
 Score by Quarters:
 Wayne Trace - 18 14 8 21=61
 Ayersville - 14 18 17 11=60
 Wayne Trace's Dane Treece hit a 14-foot jumper with six seconds remaining to lift the Raiders to the victory.

Stats:
 Wayne Trace - Aaron Hockenberry 0-1 2pt., 0-4 3pt., 4-6 FT, 1 RB, 3 A, 2 S, 4 Pts.; Ryan Davis 0-1 2pt., 6-6 FT, 1 RB, 2 A, 2 S, 6 Pts.; Alex LaBounty 3-3 2pt., 3 RB, 6 Pts.; Riley Linder 4-6 2pt., 3-4 3pt., 4-5 FT, 5 RB, 1 A, 1 S, 21 Pts.; Dane Treece 5-10 2pt., 0-2 3pt., 8-10 FT, 2 RB, 3 A, 1 S, 18 Pts.; Nathan Jewell 2-4 2pt., 2-2 FT, 3 RB, 1 A, 6 Pts.
 Totals - 14-25 2pt., 3-10 3pt., 24-29 FT, 17 RB, 10 A, 5 S, 61 Pts.
 Ayersville - Demetrius Trapps 3-3 2pt., 1-2 FT, 2 RB, 7 Pts.; Travis Flint 1-2 2pt., 2-2 FT, 3 RB, 1 A, 3 S, 4 Pts.; Eric Fishpaw 1 RB; Mathew Martin 5-13 2pt., 3-4 FT, 7 RB, 2 A, 13 Pts.; Preston Zachrich 1-2 2 pt., 2-4 3pt, 2 RB, 2 S, 8 Pts.; Anthony King 1-6 2pt., 5-12 FT, 6 RB, 1 A, 1 S, 7 Pts.; Joe Ewers 1-1 2pt., 0-3 FT, 4 RB, 3 A, 2 Pts.; Logan Wolfrum 3-4 2pt., 3-3 3pt., 4-6

FT, 3 RB, 2 A, 1 S, 19 Pts.
 Totals - 15-32 2pt., 5-7 3pt., 15-29 FT, 31 RB, 9 A, 7 S, 60 Pts.
 Turnovers - Wayne Trace 14, Ayersville 16

WAYNE TRACE COMMUNITY SEND OFF FOR BASKETBALL SEMI-FINAL

There will be community send off after practice on Wednesday night at 4:45 p.m. at Wayne Trace High School. The community is welcome. Please come out and send the Raiders off on their trip to the Schott.

Tickets will be on sale at the following times:

Tickets for the Wayne Trace boys' State Semi-final game at Columbus on Thursday, March 13 will be sold at the high school (enter the west door and follow signs) according to the following schedule:

Tuesday evening, March 11, 4:30 p.m. - Varsity players, Varsity cheerleaders, and H.S. boys basketball coaches may purchase tickets for their immediate family*.

5:00 p.m. - Those who have Coaches passes or GMC passes may purchase tickets and JV players, JV cheerleaders, and team managers may purchase for their immediate family*.

5:30 p.m. - Those who have Athletic Dept. passes or Season Ticket holders may purchase tickets.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - General Public may purchase tickets.

Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. - General Public may purchase tickets.

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 a.m. until noon - General Public may purchase tickets.

All pass holders and season ticket holders may purchase one ticket per person covered under pass.

Wayne Trace will be chartering a bus that will take you to Columbus to watch the state semi-final basketball game on Thursday. The bus will leave from the high school at 4:30 and return Thursday evening after the game. If you are interested please contact Kevin Wilson at the High School for price. There will be no chaperones for this trip. Anyone under 18 will need an adult riding with them.

**Immediate family includes parents, and brothers and sisters through grade 12 or in college who are still living at home.*

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These words proclaimed by President Reagan still hold true 20 years later. Recognizing the humanitarian spirit of the organization, March has been declared Red Cross Month by each President since 1947.

In addition to disaster re-



SGT. KEN FISHER COMES HOME FOR LEAVE

Sgt. Ken Fisher, parachute rigger with the 173 Brigade of Vicenza, Italy, but now serving in Afghanistan will be coming home on leave this week. Ken is a 2002 graduate of Antwerp High School and a former member of Boy Scout Troop #143. His parents, David and Mary Fisher, along with his wife Angela and son, Jacob, will be celebrating his return with a carry-in dinner at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 16, from noon - 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop to see Ken and enjoy lunch with him. If you can't make it for lunch, come in the afternoon for a piece of cake and say "Hi" to him. He would love to see all of his friends again. Come on in and join the fun!

lief, the American Red Cross supplies half of the nation's blood supply. Locally, over 60 hospitals rely on the organization to supply a safe and adequate blood supply for patients like accident victims, people undergoing surgery and cancer patients. There is no substitute for human blood.

Red Cross Month is a celebration of the organization's history, accomplishments and staff, 96 percent of which is constituted by volunteers. Commemorate this month by giving blood on Friday, March 28, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Antwerp High School located at 303 S. Harrmann Road in Antwerp. All presenting donors will receive a music download card.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).



ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL'S PLAYER OF THE GAME

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative and WKSD recently recognized members of the Antwerp High School basketball team. The players are chosen by the WKSD announcers for

outstanding sportsmanship and performance. Paulding-Putnam recognizes the sacrifices that our local athletes have made in order to excel in their sport and acknowledge their dedication. Pictured L to R: Tim Ryan, Anthony Smith, Boston Hormann and Adam Taylor.



Sitting, Mark Ryan, Tim Ryan, Lisa Ryan. Back: Drew Altimus, football coach

TIM RYAN SIGNS INTENT TO PLAY FOR ST. FRANCIS

By: Sue Knapp
 On March 6 at 2:00 in the Antwerp High School Library, Tim Ryan signed an intent agreement with the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, IN for a partial scholarship in football.

Tim is the son of Mark and Lisa Ryan. He has three siblings, Kyle, Jaime and Alayna.

Tim is in the Varsity "A" Club, choir, basketball, in football since the 5th grade and baseball. He plans to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy while at the University.

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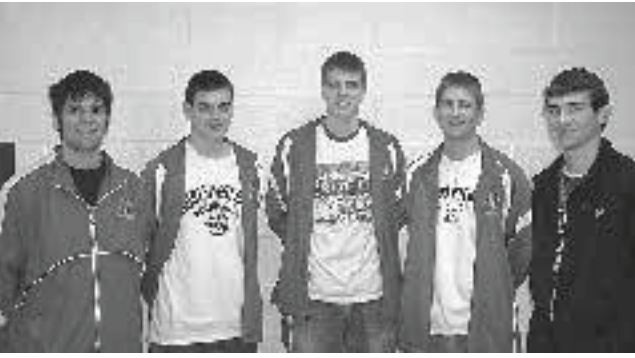
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VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on February 19, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order. Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Randy Daeger, Sam Jeffery, Ronnie Breedlove, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Tope noted Solicitor Jones had requested a correction to

the first page, seventh paragraph, fourth bullet, second sentence of the drafted minutes to read: "Council requested Winners obtain a cost analysis for each plan". Rife motioned to approve the corrected minutes of the February 4th meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Ordinance 1371-08 re: An Ordinance Establishing a Public Records Policy and a Records Retention Schedule for the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the first time. Sierer presented the minutes of the Grounds & Buildings Committee's February 13th meeting. The Committee discussed the following is-

sues: —2008 Mowing Contract. The Committee met with Ron Foor of Northwest Landscape Service to discuss his interest in extending the Village's mowing contract. Breedlove motioned to approve a 2-year mowing contract with Northwest Landscape Service with a 3% yearly increase, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. —Live Oak Cemetery Mausoleum. The committee has received a proposal from Quality Masonry Company to refurbish Live Oak Cemetery's mausoleum. The Grounds & Buildings Committee plans to meet with the Cemetery Board to discuss this issue further. —Ball Park Complex Land Purchase Agreement. The Committee requested Solicitor Jones send correspondence to the seller of the proposed property to inquire of certain conditions of the agreement. Sutton presented the Ordinance Committee's February 7th minutes. Sutton noted it is the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to adopt Ordinance 1371-08 as prepared by Solicitor Jones to establish a Public Records Policy and Retention Schedule for the Village. Daeger presented the Street Committee's minutes from its February 11th meeting. The following items were discussed: —Requested the Solicitor prepare an ordinance restricting heavy trucks from utilizing W. Baldwin Street between Williams and Walnut Streets. —Requested Wiebe contact the Paulding County Engineer to inspect three bridges/culverts located in Village limits. —Various street signs are in need of attention. —Schweller Electric has been contacted to replace the light strip on the west side of the stop light located at the intersection of Gasser Road and N. Williams Street. Mayor White congratulated the Paulding Fire Department and EMS on being recipients of the Dr. Frank

Foss EMS Excellence Award presented by St. Vincent-UTMC-St. Rita's Life Flight. The award was presented to both departments in honor of their response to the Antwerp EMS crash that occurred July 20, 2007. Wiebe provided Council with a copy of a petition submitted to the Federal Communications Commission by Time-Warner Cable regarding the "Effective Competition Agreement". Approval of this petition would terminate Time-Warner's franchise agreement with the Village; therefore, eliminating the Village's right to collect franchise fees from them. Wiebe noted he has been in contact with Janet Alter or Walter & Haverfield regarding this issue. Wiebe also noted that he and Sierer had attended an Issue 2 Integration Committee meeting. The Committee awarded the Village a \$325,000 grant for the construction of the new Water Plant. Paul Eiserle was present to discuss a wide variety of topics. He requested the Village address the following issues: —A small water leak in the alley behind his house at 621 W. Wayne St. —Requested Village employees plow snow to the south side of the alley that runs next to his house. —Requested the Village either eliminate a parking space on the southwest corner of the Perry/Williams Street intersection or erect a "No Turn on Right" sign on Perry Street heading east to increase safety at the intersection. —Inquired of the Village's criteria to designate 4-way stops. Rodney Baxter requested the Village address a flooding issue at his residence 321 S. DeWitt Street. He noted his basement has flooded multiple times over the past three weeks, Ed Carlisle has been to his residence and assessed the situation, but a solution has not been found. He noted the Water Plant did have his flood water tested and it was found to be sewage. Wiebe noted he will contact our engineers to help resolve the issue. The following Committee meetings were scheduled: —Salary & Allowance Board - Wednesday, February 20th at 5:00 p.m. —Safety Committee - Wednesday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m. —Street Committee - Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m. —Committee of the Whole - Thursday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m. Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

16.3 acres have become 158 acres with flushing toilets and a forced main sewer system. With these improvements 4-H camp Palmer has continued to operate on camp fees alone. As the camp and those initial improvements age comes the call for updates, replacement and broadening horizons. Environmental education has become increasingly important as the world considers global warming, water quality issues, wild animal populations and recycling. Farm Credit Services of Mid-America has pledged \$25,000.00 over three years to 4-H Camp Palmer to ensure 4-H camp Palmer grows to meet the ever-changing needs of our society so that we may continue teaching and providing life skill development and outdoor education for another 60 years and beyond. Farm credit Services has seized the opportunity to become a partner in the valuable work of developing future leaders to ensure the future of 4-H Camp Palmer. The donation represents Farm Credit's commitment to allocate stewardship dollars to programs that build leadership and encourage teamwork in rural America's youth. Farm Credit Services, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, gives back to local communities through its FCS Support for Agriculture Stewardship Program implemented this year with the endorsement of the cooperative board's 18 members. The program targets funds to agricultural projects and educational initiatives, giving priority to youth and young farmers. Farm Credit Services of Mid-America is a \$12 billion financial services cooperative serving over 81,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. The association, which celebrated its 90th anniversary serving rural America last year, provide loans for all farm and rural living purposes including real estate, operating, equipment and housing and related services such as crop and life insurance and vehicle, equipment and building leases. For more information about Farm Credit, call 1-800-444-3276.

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RAIDER REPORT



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By: Chelsy Shuherk
"Life's tough bro, get a helmet."

If you were a 90's kid or just loved *Boy Meets World*, then you know this quote. In *Boy Meets World*, big brother Eric told his younger brother Cory this, and for a television show this has a lot of meaning. You may be asking, "What does this quote mean?" Well, it means even when life is hard you have to push through it and move on. All of you readers hear me talk about teenage problems and struggles; well, not every teenager knows how to deal with their problems the right way so I have some tips on how to deal with them.

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- 1.) Oils, water colors, pastels, charcoal, etc.
- 2.) Must be framed and wired for hanging
- 3.) Marked "For Sale" or "NFS" plus name & title.
- 4.) Should remain on display from April 4th thru Alumni weekend, June 7th
- 5.) Limit is three per person
- 6.) Peoples' Choice Awards
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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM PLACE IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT



The Paulding Middle School Science Olympiad team placed 2nd in the Science Olympiad tournament held in Lima on Saturday, March 1. The team of 15 students included Trenton Bradford, Jacob Farr, Jack Meriwether, Jared Ross, Alex Snyder, Jill Busch, Tyler Hayner, Austin Miller, Tanya Collins, Cory Rager, Zane Wilhelm, Matthew Meriwether, Sidney Salinas, Brad Matson and was coached by Krisi Williams, Marilyn Gangwer, Bill Gangwer, and Angel Perry.

In order to win, the team competed individually or in groups in a series of 23 events

which tested their knowledge of science skills, processes, and applications in a wide range of science discipline including biology, chemistry, physics, technology, earth science, and mathematics.

The Paulding Middle School team will advance to the state finals at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio on April 12, 2008, where 40 junior high and 40 senior high school teams will compete. The winner in each division will compete in the National Science Olympiad Tournament which will be held at The George Washington University, Washington

DC, May 30-31, 2008.

The Ohio Science Olympiad is an academic, interscholastic competition designed to increase student interest in science and to improve the quality of science education. It has grown phenomenally from just 23 teams competing in state competition in 1985 to 265 teams competing in eight regional tournaments in 2008. Nationally, over 350,000 students are involved in the Science Olympiad program. In Ohio, The Ohio State University sponsors this program.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM PLACES IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT



The Paulding High School Science Olympiad team placed 4th in the Science Olympiad tournament held in Lima on Saturday, March 1. The team of 15 students included Brittini Bechtol, Ryan Jones, Kameron Owens, Jessie Strable, Audrey Nice, Isaac Porter, Eric Ross, Zak Shafer, Logan Steele, Ashley Switzer, Spencer Wilhelm, William Wilhelm, Chase Burnett, Dillon Ankney and was coached by Marilyn Gangwer, Bill Gangwer, Angel Perry, and Krisi Williams.

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NEWS TO NOTE FROM WOODBURN

By: Laura Wegmann

*Every wag of their tails,
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This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic. For over two decades now, Dr. David Nahrwold and his wife, Elaine, have provided expert care to area pets and peace of mind to their families. As I spoke with them at their clinic on Tile Mill Road, I was struck by the compassionate professionalism of both Dr. and Mrs. Nahrwold. Their dedication to excellence and commitment to Woodburn is apparent to all who know them.

Though small, the Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic can boast all of the medical equipment expected in a large-scale veterinary practice. In fact, it is the clinic's small overhead which allows, Dr. Nahrwold to maintain his reasonable prices while investing in the latest technological procedures.

Some of these many advances include: EKG computerized heart exams, 24 hour turn around referral blood tests, and Videoscopy—for ear and nose examinations. With the Videoscopy's 8-10x magnification, clients can easily see any internal ear or nose disorders. All of these measures allow for both veterinarian and client to pursue definitive treatment.

Each high-tech procedure is offered with one object in mind—physician to client accountability. Unlike an appointment at a one stop vet. Every visit to the Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic consists of personal attention through the consistency of Dr. Nahrwold's care.

His practice is characterized by a strict attention to detail. Out of 300 veterinary professionals, at the 2008 Midwest Veterinary Convention in Ohio, Dr. Nahrwold was the only doctor to go on record for performing annual blood pressure inspections. He is one of the few in his profession to recognize the dire need for annual check-



ups. "A seven year old boxer is really fifty in dog years." Dr. Nahrwold explains, "Because they age so much faster than humans, it is absolutely necessary that we see them annually."

This thoroughness comes with a comparatively small cost to pet owners. Thanks to their in-house lab, results are read and treatment can begin in the shortest amount of time possible.

"In the big stores you get 15 minutes at max. with a new doctor every time. It's all in and out. You have to ask yourself, 'Do I want that for my pet?' Our philosophy is to treat problems not just symptoms," comments Dr. Nahrwold.

In his thirty years of experience, Dr. Nahrwold has witnessed a startling trend. More and more pet owners are buying both non-prescription and prescription medications on-line. In seeking to find the best price, these misled consumers are purchasing bootlegged drugs from overseas. Dr. Nahrwold and the entire staff at the Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic, strongly urge clients against this, especially considering the recent epidemic of contaminated pet food from China. The clinic itself offers consumers a wide variety of products, often with company rebates and always with company guarantees.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Nahrwold are thankful for the opportunity to serve our community. They feel especially blessed to have such warm neighbors, including Bridge Manufacturing and Equipment, who share an area of land with them. They are also thankful to God for blessing their business and to the residents of Woodburn for encouraging them to express their faith.

Dr. Nahrwold anticipates great things in store for Woodburn. As he optimistically declared: "My hope is that the new highway 24

will reveal Woodburn to the world, as a nice place to live as well as do business." All of Woodburn's residents can take pride in such a glowing reflection of our community. Though time will inevitably bring many changes, some things will always remain the same. Hard work and compassionate professionalism will always be respected in Woodburn.

NAMI MEETING TO SHOW CANVAS MOVIE

The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) affiliate of Paulding, Mercer and Van Wert Counties will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, at the Drop-In Center which is located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert. This is several blocks south of Vantage Vocational School. All NAMI meetings are open to the public.

The movie CANVAS, which is now available in video, will be shared following the business meeting. The film's writer-director, Joseph Greco, grew up in a family with mental illness and knows first hand about the stigma and embarrassment that families go through.

After graduation from college, he gained courage to write about his mother who had schizophrenia and to share the family story in hopes the information would help others as well as himself. He stated, "I just had to get the story out."

The powerful, authentic performances by Marcia Gay Harden, Joe Pantoliano and 10-year old Devon Gearhart has helped educate millions of people about the real-life experiences of families who battle schizophrenia on a daily basis.

When interviewed recently about his commitment, he stated that he was so pleased that the film has been such a great hit but that the greatest joy is seeing CANVAS touch so many people and maybe even help some to heal.

To learn more about the local affiliate: call 419-238-0184 or 800-541-NAMI (6264). Send e-mail to namivw@msn.com. Fact sheets on the mental illnesses, information about the educational classes and support groups are available at the national website www.nami.org.

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COME CELEBRATE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HICKSVILLE—Come Celebrate the Luck of the Irish at the Johnson Memorial Library with a St. Patrick's Day Movie and a teen leprechaun craft. On Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m., the library will sponsor a Teen Leprechaun Craft Night while on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.; the library will be showing a St. Patrick's Day Movie.

Both events are free. The Leprechaun Craft Night is open to all middle school and

high school youth while the St. Patrick's Day Movie is open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart.

"We'll be doing Irish beading," explained Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris. "We'll be making a leprechaun, shamrock, and Irish hat all out of beads."

Snacks and the beading craft supplies will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

"For the St. Patrick's Day Movie on March 15, popcorn and pop will also be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "So if you're looking to celebrate the Luck of the Irish or want to get a jump on St. Patrick's Day, head out to the Johnson Memorial Library."

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Teen Leprechaun Craft Night or the St. Patrick's Day Movie, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at (419) 542-6200.

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By: Sue Knapp
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Bob Baer, who drives truck over the road, is the owner and Ruthie Cupp will manage

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The store features all kinds of items such as cheese by the bulk or block, eggs, freezer items, canned goods, potatoes, onions, gifts and much much more. Soon there will be handmade items including woodcrafts for sale. They are also planning to fill up the store with more grocery items.

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CUB SCOUT ANNUAL PINWOOD DERBY AT THE KIWANIS CLUB



Paulding Cub Scout Troop 317 recently held it's annual Pinewood Derby race at the Kiwanis Club in Paulding with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each group. First row (l-r), Tigers: 1st - Ethan Matty, 2nd - Cory Adams, 3rd - Dylan Shawver; Wolves: 1st - Jordan Weidenhamer, 2nd - Jacob Shrider, 3rd - Ethan Dominique; Second row (l-r) - Bears: 1st - Wyatt Miller, 2nd - Ryan Nicelley, 3rd - Logan Shaner; Webelos 1: 1st - Brendon Lothamer, 2nd - Jarrett

Sitton, 3rd - Johnathan Rose; Third row (l-r), Cub Master Bob Gardner; Webelos 2: 1st - Hank Sinn, 2nd - Christopher Adams, 3rd - Sean Holman; Fourth row (l-r), Family Race: 1st - Austin Miller, 2nd - Ashley Switzer, 3rd - Cece Weidenhamer. The following companies offered donations for this event: Blue Flame Gas, Dairy Queen, and Subway. Sheriff David Harrow, Judge John DeMuth, and Judge Tiffany Beckman judged the cars on their appearance.

CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH CARE

Consumer Driven Health Care is becoming the latest trend in health care. Basically what that means is that patients are becoming more active in managing their own health care. Financial pressures within the health care market all but require that patients become more active in how they receive health care and how much they pay for it. Defined narrowly, a market that has consumer driven health care allows for more choice and greater control over one's health care. Choice is important because there are greater financial incentives for individuals to better manage their health care.

In the past most patients had few incentives to be prudent consumers of medical services. The reason for this was that third party payers paid for the vast majority of all health care episodes. These third party payers could be government payers like Medicare or Medicaid or health insurance companies who provide health plans for employers and their employees. That is changing dramatically in today's health care world. Most employers are requiring workers to share more of the health care costs. They do this by shifting the cost to employees through higher deductibles and co-payments. This

is true in Paulding County as well and is a trend that Paulding County Hospital feels will continue. For instance, according to the National Center for Policy Analysis and Devon M. Herrick, PhD, during the period of 1993 to 2004 the average annual deductible for workers with conventional health plans rose by 86%. It was not uncommon years ago for health costs to be covered from the first dollar forward. Over time those deductibles rose to \$100, then \$200, up to the point where in 2004, 31% of all employer supplied health plans featured a deductible of more than \$1,000. Obviously those numbers continue to rise today.

Consumers have never had more opportunity than they do now to obtain pricing regarding health care. A patient can find a variety of websites to address pricing for different health care issues. Patients can cut out of pocket costs dramatically by becoming aggressive consumers. Providing quality, personal, highly technological healthcare services at an affordable price is a strategy that Paulding County Hospital has taken very seriously. The Ohio Hospital Association provides insight into average costs of care for both inpatient and outpatient services. Inpatient services can be viewed at: www.ohanet.org/research/DRG/2006

This website provides the average costs for care of all hospitals in Ohio. For example, under the diagnosis for Coronary Pulmonary Disorder (COPD), the average cost at Paulding County Hospital for an inpatient stay is \$4,349. The average cost of four other area hospitals is \$7,644.

Cost savings at Paulding County Hospital also extends to outpatient services. Every hospital is now required by state law to post on their websites the most common tests and their charges. You can find this information for Paulding County Hospital by looking at www.pauldingcountyhospital.com.

Paulding County Hospital has poised them selves to meet their vision statement in that they wish to provide local access to high quality, affordable services. This is a vision that the staff through the Board of Trustees believes in. They have recognized that there is a health care revolution occurring that places more financial burden on the customers and wish to be in a position to keep costs low enough so that the savings can be passed on to the consumer. Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department at Paulding County Hospital for help in determining costs associated with a health care issue. The phone number for this service is 419-399-1114.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS RECEIVES A VISIT FROM THE DENTIST'S OFFICE



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers in the 3's and young 4's class were recently visited by Chelsea McGarvey from Dr. Mott's dental office. We learned that we need to brush our teeth twice a day and to try really hard to stay away from candy. Shown here

taking care of all of Chelsea's animal's teeth are from left - Ella Cook, Braxton Goings, Madilyn Coler, Chelsea and Ashton Lewis.

These children attend the morning class with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR #759 NEWS

The meeting was held at the Twin Oaks Church on 3/6/08. Vice-president Kevin Hornish opened with the pledge and Bill Bidlack had the prayer. Minutes were read and approved. Guests - Darla and Denise Smith were seeking financial aid for a People to People student ambassador trip to Alaska in June. We were able to make a donation. Bonnie reported on taking the supplies to the Friends of Felines and John delivered the food pantry supplies. Kevin will chair the Join Hands Day on May 3. We want to clean and get the ball park ready with the help of some ball teams.

The State Association Meeting will be held at the Elks Club in Bowling Green on April 6 at 3:00 p.m. Bonnie

and John Pier, and Kevin and Abby Hornish and Mary Lou Lloyd and Dorothy Hornish will attend.

Apache Etter told us about the right to read week is during the week of May 14, which is the zoo program which we sponsored. They need volunteers to help.

We want to help a recent fire family. Phyllis Bidlack showed us a MVP award that she received. A cheer card was signed and sent for George and Helen Spitale in Florida. The tax exempt number has been obtained for the Charloe Park. Now we can accept donations to replace the shelter house.

Our next activity will be on 4/5/08 at the Holiday Lanes at 12:30 p.m. to bowl with Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

—Bonnie Pier

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