

BOY SCOUTS WORK WITH ACDC TO CLEAN UP DEPOT



The Boy Scouts of Antwerp worked Saturday, March 29, 2008 in efforts to restore the train depot on US 24 along with the ACDC and other community members.

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA A SOLD OUT SUCCESS

The much anticipated third Chocolate Extravaganza, sponsored by the Oakwood Library Association was held recently and enjoyed by a sold out crowd of over 160 people. The fund raiser has grown in popularity making it necessary to hold the event two nights this year. Ticket holders were greeted with strands

of beads and then escorted to the newly completed community room. The Mardi Gras theme, complete with music, provided a festive atmosphere as guests were served thirty types of chocolate and beverages. When it appeared everyone had reached their fill of chocolate, door prizes were awarded. Winners included Mary Price, Marilyn Smith, Dianne Stouffer,

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SEEDS OF OPPORTUNITY BLOOM IN WOODBURN

Jeannette Giangrande has been involved with horses since she was a young girl growing up in Valley City, Ohio. When she, along with her husband Lorenzo, Larry to all their friends, and their five children moved to Woodburn, Jeannette had high hopes of owning some acreage and returning to her passion, competing in the equestrian discipline of Dressage. She never dreamed it would lead her to become an entrepreneur.

"We bought our house on only half an acre. There was large parcel of vacant land adjacent to the house that I hoped someday we could purchase to allow me to have horses once again," said Jeannette. Her dreams were realized; over the past thirteen years she has grown her half acre lot to nearly seven acres of high quality, improved pasture land with a four stall barn and an outside Dressage arena. During those years Jeannette has been a member of the Indiana Dressage Society and has competed in many shows, with no small measure of success, both in Indiana and Michigan. During this time she saw that her pastures

were becoming over-grazed and they needed to be re-seeded. "I called around for a year and couldn't find anyone equipped, or willing to over-seed my four pastures," said Jeannette. "Broadcast seeding just doesn't work. I suggested we rent the equipment and do it ourselves. But after realizing just how expensive and troublesome a rental operation would be, Jeannette asked me to help her finance her own equipment which would also enable her to offer her services for hire," commented Larry.

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Her husband, Lorenzo, is a retired Merchant Marine (Continued on Page 3)

DONATIONS MADE TO RAFFLE FOR RELAY FOR LIFE



The Paulding County Carnegie Library has had two very beautiful items made and donated to them by Ron Mapes to raffle off for their Relay for Life team. The items are a hutch finished in walnut and a hope chest finished in one of three finishes (cherry, mahogany, or early American). Winner gets their choice on the hope chest only! These items can be seen in the Genealogy Area of the Main Library. They are being raffled

from now through Relay with the winners being chosen on Saturday, May 17. Tickets are available at the library.

The Paulding County Library along with the Cooper Community Library invite you to our Relay fundraisers in April. We are going to be baking bread on Wednesdays and invite you to come enjoy a slice! We are also having hot dogs and chips on Fridays. Free will donations are being accepted for our team.

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Margaret Witte, 92, of Hicksville died on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

She was born on August 19, 1915 in Mark Center, Ohio the daughter of Charles and Maud (Schooley) Revert. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1931 at Mark Center High School. She married Delmar Witte on October 6, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1983.

She worked at Spangler Candy Company of Bryan, Ohio and retired from Fifty Corporation - Bryan, Ohio.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church - Sherwood, Ohio.

She is survived by a son, Charles (Bridget) of Hicksville; a daughter, Marlene Reed of Bryan; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marie Coy of Mark Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Darrell; a sister, Madonna Farlee.

Funeral Services were April 1, 2008 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Ken Wellman officiating. Burial was at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to Donor's Choice.

Eugene A. Martin, 79, of Hicksville died on Tuesday March 25, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on July 24, 1928 in Danville, Indiana the son of Hayden and Amelia (Pope) Martin. He married LoRean Johnston in 1950.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran. He was a bus driver for Continental Trailway's until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Gary of Bethlehem, PA; a daughter, Sherry Roby of Hicksville; six grand-daughters; three brothers: Don of SC, Jack of AL, and Jerry of IN; three sisters: Shirley Spaulding of NM, Marjorie McCracken of CO, Joanne Brinsley of IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Robert.

Funeral services were March 31, 2008 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Memorials may be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home towards funeral expenses.

Virginia C. Heusted, 81, of Winter Park, Florida died peacefully on March 19, 2008.

She was born August 8, 1926 in Payne, the daughter of Basil and Isabel (Leslie) Heaston. She resided in Livonia, Michigan for 28 years with husband, Donald while raising three children. They moved to Florida in 1985 and lost her husband in 1993.

Virginia loved quilting, antiques, history, travel, politics, cats, and her three children.

Virginia is survived by a son, David Heusted of Orlando, FL; two daughters: Deborah Heusted of Orlando, and Melanie Cybulski of Hastings, MI; and a grandson, Andrew Cybulski of Hastings.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on April 2, 2008 at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, with Rev. Joe Allen officiating.

Visitation will be held 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on April 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Jay Thomas Volkert, 86, of Hicksville passed away peacefully, at home with his son Jim at his side on Wednesday March 26, 2008.

He was born on December 12, 1921 in Scipio Twp., Allen County, Indiana the son of Fred and Juanita (Dennis) Volkert.

He entered school at Hicksville, attended Mark Center, and graduated from Farmer High School in 1939. He was on the Farmer Basketball team that went to State, only to forfeit their games because of a scarlet fever outbreak.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran serving in the European Theater.

In August of 1945 he married Helen E. Rhodes, who preceded him in death in 2000.

He was a 60 year member of the Defiance County Fair Board, serving as Speed Superintendent for 45 years and President for 12 years. He organized what was recognized as one of the finest Harness Racing programs at any fair in Ohio. He was co-founder of the Northwest Ohio Colt Racing Association, served as its President, and was in the first class inducted into the Hall of Fame. He owned and raced many horses throughout the years in northwest Ohio, making many dear friends. In 2007 his horse Mr. Broadway won several races at Raceway Park in Toledo.

He was lifelong farmer and was employed from 1946-1978 at the Hicksville Grain Company. In 1978 he became the ODOT Superintendent for Defiance County retiring in 1993. He served as mayor of Hicksville from 1971-1978.

He was a member of the Republican Central Committee; Hicksville Kiwanis (charter member); the Bryan Moose Lodge; Charter member Farmer American Legion Post 137; a 58 year member of Lodge 478 of the Hicksville Masonic Lodge, the Valley of Toledo Scottish Rite, and Zenobia Shriners.

He loved people, telling jokes, horses, the Buckeyes, his city, state, and nation. He was a handyman - building many race carts, bleach-

ers, horse and pony trailers, and cabinets for his friends. He will be deeply missed by those he touched in his many endeavors.

He is survived by his son Jim of Hicksville, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were March 30, 2008 at Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville with Rev. Greg Wack officiating. Graveside military honors and interment were at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmer.

Memorials to Hospice of Defiance or U. of M. - Taubman Cancer Center.

Kathryn Marybelle Fegley, 86, of Payne, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Paulding County Hospital.

Katie was born in Payne on March 27, 1921, the daughter of the late Harold and Viola (Matthews) Zartman.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, NASCAR and Buckeye Basketball. On April 5, 1941 she married Herbert Fegley, who passed away July 19, 1999.

Katie will be sadly missed by her daughters: Martha (Bill) Martin of Payne and Dawnita (Terry) Lichtsinn of Fort Wayne; sisters: Denene Yenser, Hilda Lyons, Olive Dinger, Genevieve Hoaglin and Edie Mills all of Payne; brothers: Lennis Zartman of Payne, Larry (Carol) Zartman of Sherwood and William Zartman of Antwerp; four grandchildren: John Sroufe and Trent Brian, and Lisa Lichtsinn, and one great-granddaughter, Autumn Weber.

Preceding her in death are her daughter, Anna Louise; and brothers: John, Wesley and Harold Zartman.

Funeral services were at Edgerton Wesleyan Church, Edgerton, Indiana on March 29, with Rev. Dave Dignal officiating. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

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

George L. Walter, 85, of Hicksville died on Monday March 24, 2008 at Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

He was born on May 18, 1922 in Hicksville, Ohio the son of William and Grace (Gilbert) Walter. He was a 1940 graduate of Hicksville High School. He married Kathleen McCollough on June 25, 1941. She preceded him in death in 2006.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII veteran; a member of Trinity United Methodist Church - Hicksville; the Masonic Lodge and American Legion both in Hicksville.

He retired from the Hicksville Post Office where he was employed for almost 30 years.

He is survived by two daughters: Connie Bechtol of Dallas, TX and Ellen May of Albuquerque, NM; four grandchildren: Lew and Laura Bechtol of Dallas, TX; Jason May of Los Angeles, CA; Eric May of San Francisco, CA.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert; and a sister, Ollie Mae.

Funeral services were on March 29 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville, Ohio with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Military honors and burial were at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist

Church or the Shriners. **Paul W. Johanns**, 84 of Paulding died Monday, March 24 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born January 25, 1924 in Allen County, IN, the son of Leo and Bertha (Reinhart) Johanns. In October 1945 he married Ruth A. (Graf), who preceded him in death in 1995. In 1999 he married Betty (Randall) who preceded him in death in 2007. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, Knights of Columbus; and Lifetime member of the Farmers Union.

He is survived by three boys: Philip (Cheryl) Johanns, and Richard (Jackie) Johanns, both of Paulding, and Gary (Pam) Johanns of Grass Lake, MI; four daughters: Janet (Phil) Stump, Constance (Jim) Smith both of Wilmington, NC, Carol (Douglas) Holland of Oak Grove, MO, and Barbara King of Hicksville, OH; three brothers: Francis (Inga) Johanns of Castle Rock, CO, Charles (Frances) Johanns, and James (Sandy) Johanns, both of Paulding; three sisters: Marie (Sam) Vastona of Ft. Wayne, Celeste Walden of San Antonio, TX, and Betty (Bob) Siebert of Ney, OH; twenty-two grandchildren; and twenty-three great-

grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; two wives; brother, Cletus Johanns; and two sisters: Otillia Bakle and Veronica Minnick.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted March 28 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses; American Cancer Society; or American Heart Fund.

Barnetta Jean "Barnie" Sutton, 85 of Paulding died Sunday, March 23, 2008 at the Laurels of Defiance, Defiance, OH.

She was born July 15, 1922 in Paulding, OH, the daughter of Charles R. and Amanda E. (Anspach) Miller. On October 8, 1949 she married F. Vincent Sutton, who preceded her in death on April 11, 1986. She was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding; Eastern Star Corona Chapter; John Paulding Historical Society; V.F.W. Post #587 Auxiliary; Public Employees Retirement Inc. She was previously employed as a nurse by the Paulding County Hospital.

She is survived by a sister, Joyce Huseby and her fam-

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 If you have any questions about the Sale or if you can't make it to the Sale & wish to donate, contact Deb Baumert @ 419-263-2587.
Remember, if we all work together, we can help raise the funds needed for research.

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In God's keeping, always in our heart. To some you may be forgotten, to others a part of the past. To us who loved you most, your memory will always last.
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 Turn your attention for a moment to the waiting room where friends and family wait for news of the well-being of their loved one. Consider the insights of Wes Seelinger in his experience in the ICU waiting room:
"I have spent long hours in the intensive care waiting room ... watching with anguished people ... listening to urgent questions: 'Will my husband make it? Will my child walk again?' How do you live without your companion of thirty years?"
"The intensive care waiting room is different from any other place in the world ... and the people who wait are different. They can't do enough for each other. No one is rude. The distinctions of race and class melt away. A person is a father first, a black man second. The garbage man loves his wife as much as the university professor loves his. Everyone knows that loving someone else is what life is all about."
This is true, whether or not you are in the ICU waiting room! Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment?" He answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:34-39). Life is all about loving God and loving others; that's the way God designed it.
"We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10). God loves us so much that He wants to save us and add us to His eternal family to live with Him forever in heaven.
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ily, Melinda (Tom) Krick and Eric, all of Paulding; an aunt, Mildred Hoschak of Paulding; a sister-in-law, June Taylor of Paulding; sixteen nieces and nephews; many great-nieces and nephews; and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Charles "Chuck" Miller.

Funeral service were conducted March 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Hospital Foundation; Paulding County Senior Center; or a charity of the donor's choice.

J.D. Hale, 77, of Paulding died Sunday, March 30, 2008 at his residence.

He was born October 6, 1930 in Lawrence County, Alabama, the son of Maburn and Julia Mae (Evans) Hale. On March 30, 1957 he married Harriet Louise Workman, who preceded him in death on November 8, 1990. In 1995 he married Carol L. Feeny Buckelman, who survives. He was employed by O.B. Workman Cement/Construction retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Paulding County Sheriff Department Reserve Auxiliary, Paulding Fish and Game Club, Paulding V.F.W. Post #587, Paulding Eagles #2405, and a Life Member of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hale of Paulding; two daughters: Ellen (Fred) Townley of Paulding, and Pamela (Greg) Frederick of De-fiance; a brother, Joe W. Hale of Paulding; a sister, Elizabeth Hart of Dallas, TX; five

grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Louise; a brother, Robert Evans; and a sister, Dorothy Rhonehouse.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 3, at Den Herder Funeral Home with Darwin Bartles officiating. Burial will be in Little Auglaize Cemetery, Melrose.

Visitation will be 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. with a memorial service conducted by Paulding Eagles #2405, Wednesday, April 2, 8:00 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Girl Scouts or Paulding County Hospice.

MORTALITY LESSON #5

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

The word "mortal" means subject to death. All of humanity is subject to death. But what about you and I after death? What will happen to us?

In newspapers all across the land we can read about people dying. It does not matter what age, sex or nationality that you happen to be because people of all ages, sexes and races are dying.

In Genesis chapter 5, it gives the names of people who were living at that time and how long they lived, and some of the kids they had and, of course, how old they were when they died. A very good question is asked in Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Or what shall a man give in exchange for his

soul? Recently, in my family, we experienced the death of a couple of loved ones. Unfortunately, I do not think they were prepared for eternity. In the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31, it gives a very vivid picture of what is waiting for those who are not prepared to meet God. Read Luke 16:24 to find out the rich man's message. In life he had everything that money could buy, but friends, money cannot buy you a place in Heaven. He could have helped Lazarus in a number of ways, but chose only to help himself. The Greek word for Hell is Gehenna and it is a real place for those who die in their sins. Loved ones read Revelation 20:14-15 and 21:18. Judgment is coming—will you be ready? Will you be those that Jesus is talking about in Matthew 7:21-23. How sure are you of your salvation?

In the book of Acts it gives conversion experiences (Acts 2:37-38, 8:26-40, 9:1-19). This is also repeated in Acts 22:6-16 and 26:12-18. There is other conversions in the Book of Acts that teaches the same thing. Remember this, when someone is talking to you about the Bible, always ask for book, chapter and verse. If they cannot give this then do not believe or accept their teaching; Remember Jesus loves you and so do I!

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE TAKING SHOTS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I read a story about two farmers who went to the country fair. They stood fascinated at one booth where six ping pong balls were each bobbing

at the top of water jets. The object of the game was for customers to try to shoot any one of the ping pong balls off the top of its stream of water.

Substantial prizes were being offered to those who could succeed in shooting one of the balls off its perch. And so one of the farmers plopped down a quarter and gave it a try.

After going through about six quarters and getting pretty frustrated, the first farmer gave up. Finally his friend pushed him aside and said, "Give me that rifle and watch how I do it." With that the second farmer squeezed off a single shot and immediately all six balls disappeared.

As they walked away from the booth, laden with prizes, the unsuccessful farmer shook his head and marvelled. How did you ever DO it?" he asked.

"It just took knowing how," explained the winner. "I shot the man working the pump."

I had to chuckle when I read that story. Leave it to this cagey old farmer to figure out a sure fire way to get what he was after.

As I sat and thought about that story I got to thinking. Often when we really want something badly, we "grab a rifle" and shoot someone, don't we?

I'm not referring to literally pointing a gun at someone and squeezing the trigger; I'm referring to some of the ways we "shoot" at people to get what we want.

We do it most often when we're angry, frustrated, or bitter. When we want to take revenge. When our feelings have been hurt. We "shoot people" with harsh words, sarcastic comments, and terse remarks.

The rifles we "shoot" are cutting criticisms; the bullets we fire are hurtful gossip, damaging slander, and unfounded rumor.

And what happens is that people get wounded. People get hurt. Relationships are destroyed. It makes us feel better to unleash our anger toward someone else or give another "a piece of our mind." But the damage can be great and the wound lasting.

If we could only learn to play "by the rules." God has given us instructions in the Bible on how to deal with people when we are resentful, angry, and bitter. He tells us to forgive. He tells us to not repay evil for evil. He tells us to bless those who hurt us and pray for those who persecute us.

That's a tall order, I know. Because it's a lot easier "grabbing the rifle" and shooting someone down. But that hurts others and really harms us too.

To respond the way Christ responded is to refuse to retaliate, refuse to try to settle the score in our own way, and refuse to take vengeance. Rather, we are to exercise grace, mercy, and forgiveness. After all, that's the way God treats us, isn't it?

THANK YOU

The Bake Sale/Benefit for Dean and Coni Gaisford was overwhelming. Thank you so much everyone, for your wonderful response. Thanks to Denise, Pam, Maryellen, Kelly and John for helping. God Bless all of you.

—Jill, Pam, & Mary p

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Mark your calendars for Antwerp's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School. Kick-off will be July 13. The Adventure begins July 14 through 18 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Closing ceremony will be July

18. Programs are for ages four years through sixth grade. Volunteers and to register early please call Rose Reinhardt 419-258-2788 or Theresa Conley 419-399-2576. The focus will be the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.

(Continued from Page 1) Engineering Officer. His career has taken him, literally, around the world and back. "I don't know much about farming, that's why I now take my orders from Jeannette," said Larry jokingly. Larry is no shy wall flower either. He has authored a historical fiction book, Debt of Conscience, which deals with the unconscionable abuse of the Native Americans, and their return to a Sovereign Nation. In his novel he exposes, in depth, the significant role Fort Wayne played in the expansion of the Northwest Territories. You can learn more at his web-site lorenzobooks.com. Lorenzo and his book were featured on 21 Country, with Eric Olson. Both Jeannette and Larry are welcome additions to Allen County, IN.

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LOCAL ART TALENT DISPLAYED AT JOINT ART SHOW



Pictured here are some moments from the Antwerp-Wayne Trace joint art show held at Wayne Trace on Saturday, March 1. Works displayed were by student, grade four through high school, staff exhibits, and

arts and crafts from community members. Everyone seemed to have a good time talking and viewing the art, which included paintings, needlework, multi-media, ceramics, drawing, quilting, and woodworking.

VILLAGE OF CECIL COUNCIL MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18

The Council of the Village of Cecil met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with the Honorable Mayor Gene Sheets presiding. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was said by all parties present. Roll call was taken by Clerk, Carly Turner; Members present were Mrs. Donna Manz, Mrs. Julie McCloud, and Mr. Chad Buchholz. Guest, Mr. Otto Gerdeman with GNG Development and resident Mrs. Nancy Sheets.

Mr. Gerdeman brought the council members up to date on the Water Study and Test Well progress along with the updates on meetings with the Village of Paulding regarding the future possibilities of a water line from Paulding to Cecil for a public water supply. This is in the early planning and feasibility study process at this time. Mr. Gerdeman will continue to keep the council updated as things progress.

Council Members were given copies of the minutes from January to review and note any changes or corrections. Donna Manz motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Julie McCloud, vote - all in favor, motion carried and Minutes Approved as written.

Council opened the table for nominations for Council President, no verbal nominations were made; however, Julie McCloud nominated herself and a vote was taken. All in favor of Julie McCloud to hold the Council President Seat for the fiscal year 2008, none opposed, motion carried.

Further discussion on the location of the test well was opened by new council member Chad Buchholz. Mayor Sheets updated Mr. Buchholz on the location and progress along with the community discussions/meetings regarding both public sewer for Brentwood Trailer Park, Vagabond Village and CJ's Market. All businesses would like the opportunity to receive public water and sewer services.

Council Members reviewed the monthly reports and bills and were given opportunity for questions, a motion was made by Julie McCloud to approve the reports and pay the bills, seconded by Chad Buchholz, vote - all in favor, motion carried, reports approved and bills will be paid.

The Crane Township/Cecil Fire Department has asked the village to share the cost of the garbage billing through Porter Sanitation. The Fire Department has been paying this bill solely for several years. A motion was made by Julie McCloud for the Village to share the expense with the fire department, seconded by Donna Manz, vote - all in favor - motion carried. The Village of Cecil will pay 1/2 the annual cost of the garbage billing through Porter Sanitation. The Fire Department will supply the village with the next billing statement for payment.

The hole at Plum Street and the railroad crossing has been repaired by Jay Dangler. Mr. Dangler found a broken tile that was washing away the soil and causing the cave

in; this has been repaired and the hole filled with stone. As of this meeting, the village has not yet received a bill from Mr. Dangler.

Julie McCloud updated the council on the visit from Chad Crosby of the Paulding County Engineer's Office. Mrs. McCloud is experiencing soil cave ins in her pasture area due to storm drain tiles. Mrs. McCloud found out that the tile was originally put in somewhere after WWII and there are not records of this tile in the Paulding County Records, therefore, the council will not assist in the replacement. Mr. Crosby recommended that the village contract to have the old tiles laser to determine their condition and location. It would then be up to the Village to apply for grants to assist with the cost to replace the tiles for storm drains within the village. Village residents have been concerned about the excessive surface water lying after heavy rains and the ground is so badly saturated; not to mention the storm waters that continue to flow into our Waste Water Treatment facility. It was suggested that we contact possibly Jay Dangler or John Mumma to laser for the old tiles and determine a possible solution and cost.

Resident, Mike Meyer stopped by the meeting to advise the council that his road is in need of stone and being dragged to fill the holes after the winter weather. Mayor Sheets stated that he would talk with the Crane Township Trustee to see if they could assist us with this repair. Mayor Sheets and Mrs. McCloud also noted that the road to the Waste Water Treatment Plant is also in need of some work and stone.

No further business was brought to the table. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie McCloud, seconded by Donna Manz, all in favor, motion carried and meeting adjourned. Next meeting is Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House Meeting Room.

CILANTRO AND RAISING ANNUALS HIGHLIGHT APRIL GARDENING PROGRAMS

HICKSVILLE—Do you enjoy growing and cooking with herbs? Want to learn more about cilantro? Or do you want to learn more about your favorite annual plants or flowers? Then consider attending one of the Hicksville Community Service Center's free April gardening programs.

On Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m., Master Gardener Susan Mack will present Cilantro-Grow, Cook and Enjoy It at the Johnson Memorial Library while on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.; La Fleur de Terre Garden Club Members will share tips for growing and caring for their favorite annual plants and flowers.

Free monthly herb and gardening classes are scheduled at the Johnson Memorial Library on the second Tuesday and second Thursday of each month respectively. For more information on the Cilantro Program, the Annuals Class, or any of the other upcoming gardening programs, or to register for any of them, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

HOOPS FOR HEART



By: Sue Knapp

Hoops for Heart is a county-wide fund-raiser for the American Heart Association. The high schools and middle schools have different basketball events in which the students are able to compete. They also hold their own competitions.

This is the 12th year for the benefit and it is being held in memory of Jason Reeb. Antwerp has been the biggest donor—having 36 teams entered this year (the most teams ever) and raising \$3,360.00.

Some of the kids dress up for the occasion. One team of girls wore tutu's while another donned bright pink tube socks. Some of the guys wore funny hats. It was a great day of fun, that helped a good cause.

The 2007-2008 Antwerp Hoops for Heart Winners were:

High School - 3 on 3 winners, Bob Bragg, Boston Hormann, Thomas Zuber; 3 point shooting, Desiree Delgado; free throws, Jared DeLong; Liz Foust was the top fundraiser for the high school; Ju-

nior High - 3 on 3 winners, Bryant Miesle, Jessica Marlin, Drew Taylor; 3 point shooting and free throws, Tommy Taylor; Logan Dillinger was the top fund-raiser for the junior high.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This fine picture of the J.B. Johnson Furniture Co. was loaned to us by Barbara Reeb Cleland. This is a fantastic photo, considering it's age. The license plate on the truck says 1924.

I suppose that rig there was an up-to-date tractor and trailer rig at that time. All you fellows reading this column and that had worked at the Haverster, notice that this tractor is an International. As this picture was taken in 1924, it is probably of that era.

This factory covered the whole west end of that city block. This is Railroad St. and it extended all the way over to Daggett Street. Right at this time it had nearly 40 employees. Business slowly increased and in 1939 was sold. It was renamed the Antwerp Parlor Furniture. The only man that I can identify is Homer Hargrave, Sr. standing in the door.

When WWII started in 1941 they soon started on a giant contract of making wooden packing crates for overseas shipments according to giant government specifications.

After the war ended in 1945 business picked up right away because with all the soldiers and sailors coming home lots of them needed new furniture. Then the factory was destroyed by fire in March of 1950.

At that time some of the

officials were Wayne Long, Roy Matson, Elmer Farmer, Floyd Oulette, Homer Hargrave and Glenn Ellis. At this time the employees numbered about 150.

I tell you friends, it was just one of those things that you had to be there to see and appreciate it.

See, Ya!

STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp

On Tuesday we went over to the Manor House and interviewed Leslie LeMieux. It was a very interesting job as some of his childhood was like my own.

He was born in Chicago, August 19, 1918. He was the first of a family of six. He is 89 years old now. He graduated from high school there in Chicago in 1936. He remembers playing baseball (first base) all of his boyhood days and into manhood. I guess this part reminds me of my young life—we played ball whenever we could. He said his mother always knew where he was and mine did also—at the ball diamond. He played a lot of baseball while living in Kimmel, IN.

He met Josephine Speaker in 1938 and they were married in 1939. He worked for Johnson Controls in Goshen, IN for 42 years and retired from there. He retired out of the Tool and Inspection Office as a supervisor.

Over the years, Josephine



worked for 25 years in a factory in maintenance, she also raised their family of a boy and girl.

Their daughter, Judith Ann lives in Ossian, IN and has two children.

Wife, Josephine, has been gone for sometime now, so Leslie has been living with his son, Leslie over in Paulding. His son Leslie has two sons. One son's wife is a teacher in Grover Hill and the other son's wife owns Raise the Barre' Dance Studio in Paulding. He tells me that altogether he has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He has been at the Manor House for a few months now and enjoys all of the activities and thinks the food is really good. He likes the staff and all his new friends.

When we talked about playing baseball years ago, those 89 year old eyes lit up like an 100 watt light bulb. Baseball was his hobby with a little fishing also.

Leslie, thanks for the interview, I really enjoyed it.

for many, many years. He has five children and 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Narze Samaha was the coach. Sammy came from the Boston area and went to college at Defiance. He married Garnet Phillips and they had one daughter. After WWII, he moved to Florida and was in education there for years. He lived to be well up in the '90's.

Harry Cottrell has lived for years around Antwerp. He

tired out of Dana. Charlie Hissong married and lived up on the Indiana line for many years.

Jim Sidenbender married Joan Hughes and they lived around Antwerp until Jim retired out of Dana Weatherhead. They live in Florida most of the time but spend the summers back here with us in Antwerp. Jim and Jo had a fine family.

Harold Martin had a heart condition and passed away as a young man.

Jim Schmunk married Jackie Weible and they had four children - two boys and two girls. Jackie said they have eight grandchildren.

Bill Hammond married Beth Ann Derck and had eight children. Beth tells me they have 24 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and have always lived in the area.

Gale Snyder married Ruth Quisno and they had four boys. Gale is gone now.

Phillip Meyer lives in



Back Row (l-r): Kenny Pugh, Bob Meyers, Dick Friend, Tom Schmunk, Dick Dunderman, N.L. Samaha-coach, Harry Cottrell, Tom Cottrell, Joe Oulette, Dick Armstrong, Freddie Schaffer, Raymond Bender

Middle Row (l-r): Rex Seslar, Charles Hissong, Jim Sidenbender, Harold Martin, Robert Seslar, Jerry Lucas, Bobby Schilb, Herby Stevenson, Pink Billman, Jim Schmunk; First Row (l-r): Bill Hammond, Gale Snyder, Phillip Meyer, Marcelle Mees, Joan Hemenover, Jane Trutwin, Dick Bell, Jim Quaintance

farmed some but mostly he was a plastering contractor. He had two boys and now has two granddaughters. He is really into nature and wild life.

Joe Oulette, I think he lives in the Indianapolis area and has four children now.

Dick Armstrong, I couldn't find out much about Dick, but I guess he lives in the Ft. Wayne area.

Freddie Schaffer married Janice Major and they had two children. He retired from Dana Weatherhead and owned the Antwerp Hardware for awhile also. Now he is retired again.

Raymond Bender and Martha had two children. I think Raymond is in a rest home in Van Wert.

Rex Seslar lived around Antwerp all his life and re-

Robert Seslar lived most of his life around Ft. Wayne. Most of his early friends called him "Chink". But that was a derivative from "Chinkapapa".

Jerry Lucas graduated and then went to work. He was killed in an auto accident early in life.

Bobby Schilb lives in Ft. Wayne and has a number of children. He has retired from the furniture business now.

Herby Stevenson lives in Yellow Springs, OH. He had three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Herb retired from the State Unemployment Office, he is alive and well.

Pinky Billman: Ray and Darlene have two girls and one boy. They have lived in Antwerp for many years.

Hicksville and they had two children.

Marcelle Mees was a cheerleader. She married Lee Miller and had five children. She is gone now.

Joan Hemenover: She married and lived in Ft. Wayne. She had five children, I think she has been gone quite awhile.

Jane Trutwin: Still lives here in Antwerp, she married Bud Ankney and had two boys and a girl.

Dick Bell worked for C.A. Quisno and never married. He died early in life from a heart attack.

Jim Quaintance graduated from Antwerp and then moved to Hicksville and I think he still lives there.



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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This is the 1948 basketball team of the Antwerp Archers. This picture was loaned to me by Tom Schmunk. I will tell you a little about each man, if I can.

The first man in the last row is Kenny Pugh. As near as I can remember, he was killed in the late 1950's. He was in the Shore Patrol and doing investigative and detective work for the Navy he was killed while on duty down around Yorktown, Virginia.

Bob Meyers became a cameraman and worked for years for Channel 33 out of Ft. Wayne. They lived most of the time in Hicksville.

Dick Friend retired from B. F. Goodrich. They had two boys and a girl. Dick still lives on the east side of town.

Tom Schmunk worked for years for C.A. Quisno. But then worked as an electrician for B.F. Goodrich and retired from there. Tom and Jean had one boy. They live here in town and Tom goes on dialysis three times a week.

Dick Dunderman retired from the Navy after 22 years as a chief in the medics. He was Antwerp's Police Chief

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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She was born Saturday, March 22, at 12:18 in the afternoon, in Defiance. Filled with joy are brothers and sisters Garrett, Hunter, Cassidy, Adrienna, Stewart, and Victoria Joy.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dylan Alan Coil was born on March 18, 2008. He weighed 8lb. 9oz. and was 21 inches long. Dylan was born at 11:05 p.m. His parents are James Alan Coil Jr. and Fritzie Margalio Coil of Kendallville, IN. He was welcomed home by big sister, Shaina Shae.

Maternal grandparents are Erol and Edna Margalio of the Philippines.

Paternal grandparents are James Coil Sr. who also lives in the Philippines, and Darlene Botteron of Hicksville.

PAULDING ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

3/24 – Donna Miller, Paulding; Justus Wilhelm, Paulding; Kathryn Fegley, Payne

3/25 – Marcia Brune, Paulding

3/26 – Brenda Slattman, Cecil; Betty Bland, Paulding

3/27 – Wanda Bennett, Oakwood

3/28 – Robert Dix, Paulding; Jeffrey Conley, Antwerp

3/29 – Gary M. Bowers, Paulding

3/30 – Leslie LeMieux, Sr., Paulding; Lucile Shealy, Payne; Walter Ross, Antwerp

Dismissals:
3/25 – Justus Wilhelm, Paulding

3/26 – Allyson Pogue, Paulding; Rex Russell, Defiance

3/28 – Brenda Slattman, Cecil; Betty Bland, Paulding; Donna Miller, Paulding

Citizen (former) Mayor Margaret Womack making up the board.

The 2008 committees and it's members were approved.

Resolution # R2008-1: A Resolution requesting the county auditor to certify to the Village of Antwerp the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 2 mill for a renewal levy for police protection and declaring the same as an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-12: An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation and declaring it an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-11: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds an increase appropriations accordingly to the police fund in the amount of \$10,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.

2008 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FOR PAYNE AND GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY

If your child will be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2008 please call Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary with the following information. Child's name, child's birth date, child's social security number, parents' names, child's address including the county, and telephone number. Kindergarten packets will be sent the first part of April.

WT Payne Elementary day is Monday, April 14, 2008 and WT Grover Hill Elementary day is Monday, April 21, 2008.

The WT Payne Elementary office number is 419-263-2512, option #4. Ask for Tammie. The Grover Hill Elementary office number is 419-587-3414, option #3. Ask for Marcie.

(Continued from Page 1)

Cindy Wilson, Carla Wagner, Sarah Zamarrigh, Liz Meeker, Kristy Brown, Pat Sebnick, Savannah Roughton, Lou Ann Wannemacher, and Tommy Wannemacher. The 300 Club tickets were also drawn with fifty dollars going to Dale Carnahan and Anthony Butler and \$100 each to Cassie Jo Arend and Dolly Shisler.

The next event planned by the Association will be the Spring Tea held on May 10. Eleven hostesses have been chosen and will turn the hall into a sea of elegantly decorated tables where guests will be treated to a luncheon and style show. Not wanting to leave the men out of all the good food and fun, an evening meal and entertainment is also being planned. Tickets for these events sell out quickly and can only be assured by calling the library during business hours. Proceeds from all events cover capital projects of the Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

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WOODBURN'S RENEE SPIETH CHOSEN INDIANA'S YOUNG MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Renee was nominated and chosen to be Indiana's Young Mother of the Year, 2008. She will represent Indiana at the American Mothers, Inc. National Convention in Lincoln, NE, April 23-27, 2008. She will be honored with a plaque on the statehouse wall in Indianapolis in June. American Mothers, Inc. is a national organization that promotes and strengthens motherhood in America. From supporting our troops to fighting pornography, this organization values and encourages mothers of all ages. The following biography is part of Renee's portfolio that is currently being reviewed by the national board.

Renee E. (Werling) Spieth was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1972. She was reared as an only child in New Haven, Indiana. Renee attended Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois where she graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. Nine years ago, Renee married Sam Spieth of Zulu, IN. He is a mechanical engineer at NemcoMed in Hicksville, OH. They live on a farm in Woodburn, Indiana with their five children ages 7 to 1. Before having children, Renee taught junior high history and English in two Lutheran schools. However, being a full-time, stay-at-home mom has been the most fulfilling career of her life. Besides American Mothers, Inc., Renee holds leadership positions in Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) at Westwood Fellowship Church in Woodburn, Northeast Indiana Mothers of Twins and More, Central Lutheran School in New Haven, and St. Paul Lutheran Church (Gar Creek). She also loves figure skating, scrapbooking, gardening, raising chickens and camping. Her passion is helping her children grow physically, spiritually, and academically in a fun, safe, and loving environment.

Look in future issues of the West Bend News for more about Renee Spieth.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": LEADERSHIP IN ACTION CLASS VISITS VANTAGE

The March session of the Paulding Leadership in Action class met at Vantage Career Center on March 19 for its "Education" day. Joining the Paulding group was the Van Wert Chamber Leadership class. Both groups usually visit Vantage separately,



Paulding Leadership class member Julie Koenn (seated, far right) joins Van Wert Leadership class member Tara Rowe and the Vantage preschoolers in the Early Childhood Education lab to show off the fancy Easter eggs they created!

but this year, their sessions were combined so members of both classes could meet each other and network.

After a welcome to Vantage by Superintendent Staci Kaufman, Community Relations Coordinator MaryJo Wilhelm gave an overview of Vantage – how it all began and after 30+years – where career technical education is now.

Adult Workforce Education Coordinator Pete Prichard presented information about adult workforce development, ABLE/GED, Wright State University Lake and Northwest State Community College classes and life-long learning opportunities that are available at Vantage for students of all ages.

Class members then "shadowed" three different Vantage students during their morning lab session. Many Leadership participants were unfamiliar with some of the programs offered, and found this portion of the program very interesting. I overheard one participant who said, "I was very impressed with the students I shadowed – They really knew what they were talking about."

The Vantage Culinary Arts class prepared a delicious Mexican lunch buffet and then it was off to tour all the labs in the Vantage building.

After the tour, the classes said goodbye to Vantage and traveled across the street to the Thomas Edison Center for the second half of the day. Adult Director Brad Etter, showed everyone around the preschool and adult center.

Kim Keeling from Eaton then took over for the final portion of the day, as she presented "FISH" - a motivational session that encourages people to find ways to have fun, be productive and have less stress at work. It was a great day!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have lived in Antwerp for 40 years, Dean, all his life. We raised two sons and now are helping to raise two grandsons. The generosity, the kind hearts, and the loving spirit of this community has truly been a gift to us. Dean and I are so very grateful for the family and friends that we have. It has been said that a man's worth is measured by his friends. If so, the Gaisford family is very wealthy. Antwerp and the areas around us were so generous with gifts, hugs and especially the prayers (of which we still need everyday). Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home, there's no place like home...

—The Dean Gaisford family
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since 1978, most of Paulding County's citizenry has been touched by the County's own version of "March Madness"—the 24-hour Charity Basketball Marathon sponsored by the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults, Inc. (formerly the

Paulding Co. Easter Seal Society). For 30 years, this charity event has raised monies, lots of monies, tens of thousands of dollars of monies (nearly \$8,000 this year alone!) that have been distributed by the Society's Board of Directors and Officers to those children and adults within the County in need. A very simple concept of charity indeed AND one that has relied exclusively on volunteerism.

It's the VOLUNTEERS that I'd like to 'lift up'... from the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to 'round up team sponsorships' to the volunteers who 'pair' the teams up as best can be done prior to the Marathon. From the volunteers who run the scoreboard and clock to the refs who try to keep the games running smoothly and occasionally remind us all of the need for sportsmanlike conduct. From the volunteers who make sure there are all sorts of goodies at the concession stand for your enjoyment, to the volunteers who actually staff it and serve you fresh popcorn during the entire 24 hour event.

From the volunteers who 'man' the doors, greeting you with a smile at 4:00 a.m. in the morning to the volunteers who try and keep the restrooms and locker rooms clean during the event. From the volunteers who clean up after the Marathon is over (when they're dead tired from being up the previous 24 hours without much rest at all), to the volunteers who count the monies received and make due entry of the same for all the world to see that no misappropriation takes place. And finally, to all the volunteers, who then, month after month, review requests for assistance from Paulding County Children and Adults for some treatment or prosthetic device that would make their life more comfortable and in some cases, contribute to healing and recovery—with monies raised at the Marathon... only made possible from start to finish with VOLUNTEERS!

Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines a volunteer as, "one who enters into or offers himself for a service of his own free will." How true that is and how thankful we all need to be for VOLUNTEERS.

—Jim Hooker, Past Marathon Chairman
Mesa, Arizona

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As the "Chief Payroll Officer" for the county I am going to try my best to answer the question regarding Paulding County elected officials' salaries in relationship to the county's population. Since this topic keeps appearing in the newspaper I decided I should fully research the information and provide the public with the full answer. I felt it was my obligation to provide the answer since I am the one responsible for making sure the salaries are correct for the elected officials within our county. I do NOT, however, set the salaries or hourly wages for anyone other than my own staff. Yes, I have thought about submitting an answer before now but, to be honest, with all of the "personal attacks" in the newspaper I had previously decided against it. Why now? As County Auditor, one of my various responsibilities includes supervising payroll for the county officials, their staff, and also for several county agencies for which my office serves as their fiscal agent. Therefore, I do not want the public having any unanswered questions regarding the elected officials' salaries. Although, no one has ever asked me for the answer to this question, I felt it was necessary to respond because of it being "questioned" publicly in the newspaper.

I recently spoke with Doug Zimmerman who is a State Auditor and has been in charge of our county's audit for several years. I explained the controversy and that I wanted to know EXACTLY where I could find the CORRECT answer to the population vs. salary question. Since taking office on March 12, 2007, I had been told that the county's population number used to determine the officials' salaries came from the last "official" U.S. Census and that the census is done only every ten years. I must admit I did not have this answer in writing but accepted it as being correct. I had also been told by several other county auditors that we were to use the "ten year" census for payroll purposes.

Well, I now have the verification to that and I would like to provide it to you. The population number comes from the last decennial census. Just a little added information, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's website, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts many censuses and surveys. The most well-known is the official population census of

the United States, called the decennial census, conducted every ten years, most recently in April 2000. All county officials' salary is to be based off of the county's population that was taken at the time the last decennial census was taken rather than the current population. You will find this requirement within House Bill 712 that was effective December 8, 2000. Other documentation that helps clarify HB 712 is the Auditor of State Bulletin 2001-001, County Commissioners Association of Ohio Bulletin 00-7, and there are other related resources including an opinion from the Attorney General's Office. House Bill 712 is not a document that is easily read and understood; hence the clarifications are issued as stated. Each document is several pages long and addresses many issues for several different offices since elected officials take office at different times throughout the year.

However, to try and provide you with the information in a nutshell, I will share with you the exact wording in Bulletin 00-7 (which is dated December 2000) it states "County compensation classes are based on the decennial census figures. The 1990 census numbers should be used until the 2000 decennial data is available. Sometime before April 1, 2001 (probably mid-to-late March), Ohio will receive the certified results of the 2000 decennial census. While the Ohio Revised Code does not explicitly provide an effective date for the federal census numbers relative to county elected officials' compensation, Ohio Attorney General Opinion 82-047 has addressed this issue. The Attorney General Opinion specifies the new population figures are effective on the date the Governor receives the data. From that date forward, the 2000 census numbers should be used to calculate county officials' salaries."

—Susan K. Simpson,
Your County Auditor
Continued next Issue



By: Chelsea Vail

Though an unquestionable classic, Maurice Sendak may have omitted some key portions of the story when he penned *Where The Wild Things Are*. You see, a gaggle of eighth graders giddy in anticipation of visiting our nation's capital (and the high jinks that accompany such a journey) will embark on their class trip in the beginning of next week. Old Mo must have forgotten about the time-honored excursion the "wild things" make to Washington, DC, each year. Don't hold it against him – it was an honest mistake. Just be thankful for the history that takes the little hoodlums so far, far away.

Speaking of far, far away, the Quiz bowl team traveled to the Wright State Lake Campus to compete in one final tournament for the 2007-2008 season. The most successful performance ever given by Antwerp at Wright State, the Archers nabbed second place in a field of 32. A successful run ended only with a respectable two-point loss to defending champion St. Mary's HS. Congratulations on a fantastic season, Quiz Bowlers!

Swing (or sprint, depending on your sport of choice) into spring and attend one of the week's many upcoming athletic events, all of which are listed below.

Varsity Track: April 1, 4:30, @ Hilltop; April 3, 4:30, @ Tinora; April 8, 4:30, @ Fairview

Varsity Baseball: April 1, 4:30, Tinora; April 3, 4:30, @ Hilltop; April 4, 5:00, @ Woodlan; April 5, 11:00, Lincolnview and Delphos St. John; April 7, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace

JV Baseball: April 3, 4:30, Edon; April 4, 4:30, Wayne Trace; April 8, 4:30, @ Montpelier

Varsity Softball: April 1, 4:30, @ Hicksville; April 3, 4:30, Continental; April 4, 4:30, @ Paulding; April 7, 5:00, Parkway

Word of the Week:
Probity \PROH-bi-tee\ noun

1. Complete and confirmed integrity and uprightness; honesty

RAIDER REPORT



Have you ever heard the starfish story? Well, my algebra II teacher told me it recently. The short version of the story is a man walks along a beach, sees a starfish, and throws it back into the ocean. Then, another man sees this, and he asks, "why are you doing that? You cannot save every starfish." The man throwing the starfish replies, "Yes, but I made a difference to that starfish." That man throwing the starfish back was making a difference in the world by using kindness, but he probably could not understand how much of a difference he was making.

When you do something nice it not only affects the people involved, but many more people. The fact of the matter is people talk, and when one person sees something nice done they tell another person. Then that person tells more people and so on, and they are not just telling people but are acting upon it. So, since my math teacher told me this, let's throw in some math. X number of people = X number of good deeds. Okay, so that might not be great math, but it says the more people that do good things, then the more good things that are done. I mean, how many of you people actually do good things out of the kindness of your heart? I know I do not a lot of the time.

My goal for you and me is to go out and throw a starfish back into the ocean. Oh no, I know some people just started making vacation plans, so they could throw a starfish back into the ocean. You do not have to go make travel arrangements, but go do something nice for someone. Do it because you want to and not because you expect anything in return. Now, get moving and find your starfish.

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WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

There were 474 wrestlers that competed, from all over Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Approximately 710 matches were wrestled. The Wayne Trace tournament has made the Ohio wrestler.com top 20 list.

The top teams were the following: 1st - Lima Bath, 2nd - Defiance, 3rd - Delphos Tri-county, 4th - Wayne Trace, 5th - Napoleon, 6th - Paulding, 7th - Wauseon, 8th - Ottawa Glandorf, 9th - Room Wrestling Club, 10th - Team Gold.

There were forty-one wrestlers from Wayne Trace that competed.

Placing First: Hunter Showalter, Tyler Showalter, Myranda Stahl, Aaron Harris, Zack Cotterman, and Cody Stahl

Placing Second: Worth Clark, Kameron Bevis, Austin Smith, Dylan Laney, Brandon Laney, Tucker Wallace, Quinton Stabler, Brendon Dingus

Placing Third: Austin Pierce, Grant Baumle, Trev-



or Wallace, Gage Waltmire, Nate Showalter, Mason Elliot, Wyatt Stabler, Reese Etzler, Anthony Rooks, Jarod Galloway, Max Rassman, James Coyne, and Aaron Miller

Placing Fourth: Austin Young, Christopher Galloway, Trevor Domina, George Clemens IV, Henry Merriman, Lindsey Mathews, and Tyler Arnett.

Wrestlers also placed from other area schools. 467 wrestlers participated, and Woodlan, Paulding, and Antwerp all took places.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB COMPETES AT EDGERTON TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, March 15, the Wayne Trace Wrestling club competed in the Edgerton wrestling tournament.

PLACING FIRST: Nate Showalter, Austin Smith, Grant Baumle, Brendan Dingus, George Clemens IV, Jacob Dingus, Tyler Showalter, and Aaron Miller,

PLACING SECOND: Gage Waltmire, Trevor Wallace, Anthony Rooks, Tucker Wallace, Zaine Cotterman and Tyler Arnett

PLACING THIRD: Jarod Galloway, Trevor Domina, Triston Moses, Lindsey Mathews, Kameron Clemens and Zack Cotterman

THE OSU ALUMNI CLUB ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The annual Spring Banquet of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties will be held Tuesday, April 8. It will be held at JEHMMS. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be John DeWitt, the Team Leader for Clinical Development and Director of both the Sports and Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residencies at The Ohio State University Medical Center. In addition to treating sports medicine patients and athletes, Dr. DeWitt holds an appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Division of Physical Therapy at OSU, teaching orthopaedics and small group research.

After completing a degree in Athletic Training from Ohio University, he received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Dr. DeWitt is board certified in Sports Physical Therapy and has been practicing for the past ten years treating athletes of all levels of competition. He spent 2 years at a Seasonal Assistant Athletic Trainer with the New England Patriots, and has worked with the United States Olympic Committee, USA Women's Hockey, USA Judo and Tae Kwon Do, USA Judo, and Muskingum College. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he sits on several state boards and is a residency and fellowship accreditation reviewer for the American Physical Therapy Association.

Dr. DeWitt is a 1992 graduate of Paulding High School.

Tickets can be purchased in Van Wert by contacting any board member; at The Spelling Bee, Mengerink's Source for Sports, I Don't Care Grille, or Flat Lands Supply or by calling 419-238-2883 or 419-238-3525. In Paulding, tickets are available at the Animal Clinic of Paulding or by calling 419-399-5855. In Antwerp, tickets can be purchased by calling 419-258-2837 or in Oakwood at Cooper Country Store.

Tickets can be picked up



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

This week's featured pet is Fawn. Fawn is a medium size mystery mix and weighs about 20-25 pounds and seems to be house-trained. She likes to play with other dogs and has a very sweet personality. If you think Fawn would make a great addition to your family, please come and see her on Friday between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment to visit the dogs.

Spring is here and that means its almost bug season. Remember to take you dogs in for their yearly heart worm test and a supply of heart worm and flea prevention. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a whole lot better than a house full of fleas!

—Mandy Lichty, Paulding Count Dog Warden

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

at the door the evening of the banquet. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The club will also be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to Van Wert and Paulding county food banks. Those attending are asked to bring along a couple of items to donate.

Money derived from our functions goes to aid students from our counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.

All OSU fans are welcome. You need not be a member of our organization to attend. Come and support our Ohio State students!

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2007-08 THIRD NINE WEEKS

Grade 6
All A's - Andrew Layman, Brad Matson, Sierra McCullough, Kaylyn Rager

All A's and B's - Emily Albert, Stephanie Baldwin, John Banet, Shelly Brewer, Tim Bush, Emily Farr, Guy Harder, Joseph Kauser, Kelsi Manz, Samuel Manz, Rachael Mourey, Rachel Niclley, Abby Pease, Sydney Salinas, Jaclyn Schlatter, Alesha Simon, Kaley Varner, Bailey Zeller

Grade 7
All A's - Abbey Edwards, Catlyn Pavel, Destiny Starry

All A's and B's - Zacharie Ball, Benicia Barnett, Tyler Hayner, Mike Hernandez, Kaytie Mason, Austin Miller, Sarah Myers, Sarah Nardone, Marlee Pease, Mikayla Pieper, Chance Robinson, Savannah Roughton, Alexis Rue, Jacey Schroeder, Dalton Sholl, Denise Smith, Courtney St. John, Steven Strayer, Julia Stuck, Maggie Wilhelm, Zane Wilhelm

Grade 8
All A's - Drew Burnett, Jessica Harpel, Katie Kohart, Mesa Pracht, Kelli Schlatter, Derek Shrider

All A's and B's - Anthony Arellano, Kristen Beck, Cody Bradford, Justin Burkhardt, Jill Busch, Derrick Echols, Jessica Farr, Chase Fry, Tiffany Hahn, Steven Heilman, Eric Krick, Taylor Mock, Kyle

Mohr, Ian Moore, Alyson Munger, Ian Munger, Audra Phlipot, Anna Rickels, Amber Simpson, Jade Vogel

HICKSVILLE MASONS EXEMPLIFY DEGREE

WM Jim Kline opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. The first thing on the agenda was to pay final respects to 50-year member George Walter. A greeting card was signed and sent to Russell Myers. Birthday cards were sent to George Underwood March 26, Tom Culler March 29, Dick Rowan March 31, Calvin Cotrell April 12, Don Haver April 9 and Gene McClellan April 10.

The Six Fifty-year members in attendance were Doyle Johnson, Derrill Kline, Wayne Carr, Elmer Woodcox, Estel Cottrell and Charles Carey. Others on the sidelines included visitors RWB Bruce McKibben of Edon, RWB Cecil Rasey of Bryan and Chuck Bowers of Napoleon as well as Hicksville members Russell St. John, Ron Farnsworth, Ralph Brown, Dick Savage, Randy Brooks Sr., Lee Kallsen, Justin Krohn, George Underwood, Mark Leavell, Robert Stotler Jr., Walter Schilb, Ross Webb, Scott Ruppert, Norm Byers, Jim Kline, Tim Betts, Bill Metz and Dean Phillips.

The Grand Master's Reception was discussed and reservations for members and guests were finalized. Hicksville senior Zach Meyer will receive the Grand Master's Excellence in Youth Scholarship this year. He and his parents will be Hicksville's guests at the Banquet.

The Temple Board reported that the roof has been repaired with more work to take place next week. A letter was read from Hicksville Guidance Counselor Mike Blue requesting a representative to be at the Awards Banquet to present the 2008 Hicksville Masonic Lodge #478 Scholarship.

With no further business, all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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READY, SET, MOW!

By: Sue Knapp
 What a beautiful day for an open house! The sun was out and it was just warm enough to get excited about working outside in the yard and think about getting outdoor tools and mowers ready. Woodburn Outdoor Power held an open house Saturday, March 29 to show off the new mowers and outdoor machinery. Skip Lehman and Kevin Heckley, owners along with Pam Jacquay, office manager, and a number of dealer reps were in attendance to answer questions and demonstrate

the different mowers. Woodburn Outdoor Power is in its third year. Formerly Heckley's Outdoor Power, Kevin decided that he needed help to run the business and make it more accessible for the public and it's needs. Country Clipper, Grasshopper and Snapper are the mowers they sell, they also sell Branson tractors. Now is the time for you to bring your mower in for service. Woodburn Outdoor Power has a full-service department that will work on all makes and models. They're ready for spring, are you?

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VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MARCH 3RD

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on March 3, 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.

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the February 19th meeting, seconded by Daeger. 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 second time.

Breedlove presented the Safety Committee's minutes from their February 27th meeting. The Committee had met with Kim McGarvey of Porter's Sanitation to discuss the Solid Waste contract. The Safety Committee scheduled a meeting for March 10th at 5:30 to discuss the issue further.

Elaine Sierer presented the Park Board's minutes from their February 9th meeting. The Parks Board recommended hiring Rachel Jones as Pool Manager and Bruce Whitman as Park Manager for the 2008 season. Daeger motioned to approve extending one-year contracts to Rachel Jones (Pool Manager) and Bruce Whitman (Park Manager), seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Mrs. Sierer also presented Council with a \$50 park donation from Golden Heritage Foods. Mrs. Sierer read Council a thank you note she has sent to Mr. Don Stoller on behalf of the Village, Recreation Committee and Parks Board.

Finance Director Tope relayed the State Auditor had provided her and Councilwoman Sutton a cost estimate

for the 2006-2007 audit in the amount of \$16,400.

Mayor White commended Village employees on a great job removing snow last week. Wiebe relayed another load of salt will be coming out of Cleveland this week.

Wiebe requested approval of the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda consisted of a request to assess three (3) properties for water, sewer, and refuse; and approval to enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group to pay \$3,780 for additional engineering of the Elevated Tank. Sierer motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe informed Council that he and the Mayor had attended a meeting to discuss extending water and/or sewer lines to the Village of Cecil.

Solicitor Jones relayed that in reference to the elevated tank issue noted in the Administrator's Agenda, Melinda Warner of Poggemeyer Design Group will be issuing a revised statement reflecting the Village's balance owed Maguire Iron for the project.

Wiebe made reference to a letter Solicitor Jones prepared to send to Kim Rhodes of the Ohio EPA noting the Village's completion of the mandated waterline loop project.

Brian Waters was present to discuss a drainage issue at the new Rite-Aid property. Mr. Waters noted that water has continued to lie on the south side of his drive since Rite-Aid's retention pond has been created. He believes better surface grading of the property would possibly resolve the issue. Mayor White noted he and Wiebe had spoken with Mark Walsten of Ronnisch Construction regarding the completion of the project. Mr. Walsten noted final grading and seeding of the property will be completed this spring.

Breedlove noted the Safety Committee was scheduled to discuss the Solid Waste contract and recycling.

Sutton noted she has received several calls regarding the mausoleum, and encouraged the public to relay their comments and concerns regarding this issue to council members. The Grounds & Buildings Committee will try to schedule a meeting with the Cemetery Board to discuss the issue further.

Rife motioned for Council to move into Executive matters for legal matters, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned for Solicitor Jones to proceed with Small Claims complaints for unpaid water bills, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe relayed Mrs. Baxter had met with him and Tope seeking relief for damages to her basement. Wiebe noted

The Ohio Plan has been notified of the Baxter issue, and an adjuster has been scheduled to visit the site. Wiebe also noted he has scheduled a meeting with Joe Hotz of Jones & Henry Engineering to discuss the issue.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Street Committee - Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Thursday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee - Monday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee and Parks Board - Monday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

COUNTRY VENTURES TO CITY FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

By: Sue Knapp

You can have a fun day and help Relay for Life by signing up for the bus trip to Chicago on April 19.

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Residents dropping off leaves, must empty the leaves from plastic garbage bags and only natural wood materials and tree limbs, etc. are to be placed in the brush pile.

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RONALD MCDONALD VISITS WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Pictured above are Mr. Dexter Hoyer, principal of Woodburn Lutheran, and kindergarten student Kirk Nahrwold, as they help Ron-

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IN ANTWERP: 2 BR duplex w/appliances. Close to school, \$400/mo. plus deposit. 419-770-2267. tf

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NEED ASSISTANCE WITH decorating your home? Call Judy McCalla, Hicksville. 419-542-6182. Window coverings, blinds, shades, etc. also available. tf

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SHEPARD PUPPIES, \$75 each. 2 females. 419-399-9459. p

FOR SALE: OLD ENGLISH Mastiff puppies, must be indoors. Call 260-238-4126. 14-15p

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FORT DEFIANCE Antiques, 511 W. Second St., downtown Defiance across from Defiance County Courthouse. Hours Mon-Sat, 10:00-5:00, 419-782-6003. We buy estates—large & small. 6-18

TWINS CLUB SPRING RESALE: Saturday, April 12, 8am-1pm, Blackhawk Middle School. Children's Clothing, maternity, toys, equipment. 14-15

DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS IN THE WEST BEND NEWS IS MONDAYS @12 NOON!

PUBLIC NOTICE
The monthly meetings for the Carryall Township Trustees will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM. The place of the meeting will be at the Fiscal Officer's home which is located at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, OH.
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LUXURY AND EFFICIENCY! 2001 MHE Mansion Mobile Home. 16x80, 3brs, 2 full bath (Mstr bath w/ double sinks, shower stall, and garden tub), all appliances stay. This was a model home and is very stylish inside. Lots of room and storage space. Double paned, pull out low-e windows. Currently located in Leinard's Mobile Home Community, Antwerp. Stay in the park or move to your own land! Call for your showing, 419-258-1809. \$27,500. tf

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MILLER – SHEPPARD



Kent and Hannah Miller, Hicksville, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jenna, to James Sheppard, son of James Finley and Marcia Sheppard, Paulding. The bride-elect is employed as a medical assistant by the Fam-

ily Health Center, Hicksville, and her fiance is employed as a machinist by Trelleborg Sealing Solutions, New Haven, IN. The couple will exchange wedding vows on May 3, 2008 at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

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

WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD EMPLOYS NEW TREASURER

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 in the Paulding ESC Board office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening, which included a resolution to employ Kristine Stuart as the new ESC Treasurer effective April 1, 2008. Stuart lives in the Antwerp School district with her husband Kevin and two children. Stuart has served as Assistant Treasurer at the ESC for the last six years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Defiance College.

Stuart replaces Linda Clark who is retiring from her position as Treasurer after serving the Western Buckeye ESC as Treasurer since 2000. She has worked for the Western Buckeye ESC and the former Paulding County Office of Education since 1977. The Governing Board also rehired Clark as the Assistant Treasurer, which was the position formerly held by Stuart. The Governing Board thanked both employees for their dedication and commitment to the ESC fiscal office.

Superintendent John Basinger updated the Board on the progress regarding a comprehensive review of the Governing Board policies. The Board received a rough draft of the proposed policies to begin to review with final approval scheduled for June or July. Basinger also reviewed recent Western Buckeye activities and several personnel issues. The Board again reviewed the impact of the 10% state funding cuts to Educational Service Centers that were announced recently by the State. The long term effects include potential staff reductions and reduction in services to students.

In the business portion of the meeting, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular February 21, 2008 meeting.

**Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Linda Clark.

**Approved a budget revision to the FY08 Competitive Application of the CCIP (Alternative Education Grant) due to an allocation reduction and approved its appropriations.

**Approved a two (2) year limited administrative contract for Jody Dunham – 192 day position with salary per salary schedule.

**Approved a five (5) year limited administrative contract for Carol Swary – 249 day position with salary per salary schedule.

**Approved salary schedule placement for substitute teacher Betty Smazenko for substitute teaching days in a specific classroom teaching position.

**Approved up to ten (10) additional contract days as needed for Linda Krauskopf as Coordinator of the Core Grant.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next Governing Board meeting is on April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Van Wert ESC Office.

30TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL MARATHON RESULTS

Mini-tots Division: 1st place – Middle Point Buckeyes with 30 points; 2nd place – Brigner Trucking with 22 points; Sportsmanship Award – U.S. Bank

Tots Division: 1st place – Pop-n-Brew with 38 points; 2nd place – Dealy Accounting with 28 points; Sportsmanship Award – In Memory of Bo Chamberlain

Mini-Youth Division: 1st place – Defiance Rehab Services with 38 points; 2nd place – Paulding Eagles 2405 with 61 points; Sportsmanship Award – Michael Mott D.D.S.

Youth Division: 1st place – Rainmakers with 65 points; 2nd place – St. Paul Sr. Luther League with 61 points; Sportsmanship Award – Jim Schmidt Chevy

Co-Ed Division: 1st place – Ballin Beavers with 106 points; 2nd place – Pros & Koenns with 79 points; Sportsmanship Award – Fighting Mongooses

Mens Division: 1st place – Antwerp Exchange Bank with 143 points; 2nd place – V.W. Tees with 72 points; Sportsmanship Award – R.E.O. Legacy

We had 104 teams entered in six different divisions for the 30th Annual Basketball Marathon for the Paulding County Society for Crippled Children & Adults. The approximate net proceeds from this year's marathon is nearly \$7,900. The entire amount will be used to help Paulding County Residents with disabilities and special needs who are otherwise unable to afford medications and handicap equipment and services.

We are still in need for additional marathon committee members to help with the planning and managing of the event. New members may be used in many aspects of the marathon; from organizing workers, advertising, dispersing posters and information, computer related skills, and of course, set-up and clean up of the event itself. The main requirements for committee persons are a need to help their community help itself and a responsible and energetic attitude. For more information please call Chad at 263-2277 or 419-769-4708.



THE "SQUARE" WELCOMES A NEW BUSINESS

By: Sue Knapp

Paulding's Dollar Store has changed. It has a new name, new location and more party merchandise.

Carrie and Rodney Hammon wanted to be in town so they could be more involved in the community. The opportunity came up to buy the Homier Building on 112 N. Williams St. and that's just what they did. On one side is Signature Embroidery on the other side is C & R Party Plus.

C & R Party Plus will carry more party novelties, items for baby and wedding showers and wedding items. They will carry big selections of holiday items for parties and celebrations. A big selection of bags, ribbons, bows and, of course, the cards, plus scrap booking items. You want a piñata? They have them. Mylar balloons? Go there (to better serve you, call in advance for 10 or more balloons). A large variety of graduation items will be available for your convenience. Go see their huge cupcake paper selection, and penny and bagged candy.

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