

2008 BUCKEYE GIRLS DELEGATES



Ashley Litzenburg

The Payne American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion Post #297 are proud to be sending two girls to Buckeye Girls State this year. Delegates are: Whitney Mullins, daughter of Linda Shipman and Dan Mullins; and Ashley Litzenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Litzenburg, all of Payne. The alternate is Cassie McDougale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDougale of Paulding.



Cassie McDougale



Whitney Mullins

MARK LOWRY TO PERFORM AT VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society announced today that Award winning Christian comedian, vocalist and songwriter, Mark Lowry, will be performing at the 2008 Van Wert County Fair. Mark will be appearing on stage in front of the grandstand with pianist Stan Whitmire on Saturday August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark has been making people laugh, cry, and think for over 28 years. Singing publicly and recording albums and videos since age eleven, you could say that Mark has done this most of his life. In 1976, Mark felt GOD was calling him to a music ministry and when he graduated from Liberty College in 1980, he began performing at churches around the country.

Mark tells how, in the early days, he would have to fill the gaps between songs while he was waiting for the little old man in the back of the church to change his soundtracks—so to fill this time, Mark would start talking about his life and testimony. People would laugh

and finally he realized he was on to something. That's how Mark Lowry's well-known comedy was born. In 1988, Mark was offered the baritone part in the Gaither Vocal Band, where he remained for 13 years. Mark's antics on stage, with Bill Gaither, were an instant hit with vocal band audiences and their comedy became the highlight of the evening when the Homecoming tour was born.

In September of 2005, the video "Mark Lowry Goes to Hollywood" was released. Mark said that this video was his all time favorite, because at the end of the video he was able to say that GOD was truly, absolutely, unconditionally out of his ever loving mind in love with us.

The date of the ticket sales, and opening act for the Mark Lowry concert will be announced at a later time. For more information about the concert, you may contact the Fairboard office at 419-238-9270 or visit the fair website at www.vanwert-countyfair.com

AUDREY NICE ACCEPTED TO MARTIN W. ESSEX SCHOOL FOR THE GIFTED



Audrey Nice, a junior at Paulding Exempted Village Schools, has been accepted to the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted. 70 students from across Ohio were selected to participate in the 2008 Essex School. The school is designed to provide a variety of distinctive educational experiences, supplemental to and different from the usual high school work. The 2008 curriculum will provide specific in-depth experiences to highlight future leadership. Students will participate in such activities as seminars, workshops, and extended projects focusing on a va-

riety of subjects, including the government, science, the arts, the environment, technology, global education, human resources, and career planning. The school will operate June 22 - June 28, 2008, on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Audrey is the daughter of David and Jane Nice.


AREA SCRAPBOOKERS TO MEET AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Oakwood Area Scrapbookers would like to invite you to our next gathering on Saturday, April 19 at the Cooper Community Library Community Room, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This is a fun time to do some cropping and sharing of ideas with fellow scrapbookers. If you have any questions, please contact Sue at Cooper Community Library, branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library at 419-594-3337.

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OBITUARIES

Debra Rae Schroeder, 51 of Paulding died Thursday, April 3 at her home in Paulding.

She was born September 5, 1956 in Toledo Ohio the daughter of Jimmy Joe and Marlene (Smith) Workman.

She is survived by a son, Justen Schroeder of Paulding; two daughters: Kim Schroeder and Annie Siek, both of Paulding; and seven grandchildren: Madison, Noah, and Margret Schilt of Paulding, Justus Schroeder of Bowling Green, OH, and Nick and E.J. of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jackie Workman; and a brother, Brian Workman.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Dorothy Lee Odom, 91 of Paulding died Sunday, April 13 at her residence.

She was born January 6, 1917 in Idabel, OK, the daughter of Elisha and Coralie (West) Paskell. She married Spencer Odom who preceded her in death. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Sean Odom of Ft. Wayne; three daughters: Coralie (Ed) Pate of Paulding, Ethelyn Carey, and Tonya Odom Thomas, both of Ft. Wayne; a half-brother, Robert Paskell of Detroit, MI; and four half-sisters: Anjel Brown, Thelma Ann, Evla and Marvalene all

of Ft. Wayne; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters: Cleo and Ola; two brothers: Roger and Dan; and a son, Donald "Ducky" Highwarden.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

Mike Cano Martinez, 88 of Defiance died Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance.

He was born May 12, 1919 in Lawrence, OK, the son of Rafael and Flora (Cano) Martinez. On January 13, 1948 he married Mary C. Contreras, who preceded him in death on October 1, 2002. He retired from G.M. Powertrain, Defiance in 1980. He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran where he participated in "Operation Torch", a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, U.A.W. #211, Defiance, and V.F.W. Post #587, Paulding.

He is survived by four sons: Guadelupe (Donna) Martinez of Defiance, Joseph (Jean) Martinez of Paulding, John (Sharon) Martinez of Wilshire, OH, and Rocky Martinez of Baytown, TX; two daughters: Linda Martinez, and Veronica (Edward) Ovalle both of Defiance; a

brother, Nick Martinez of Paulding; twelve grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers; a grandson; a granddaughter; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Tom Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding with military gravesides rites conducted by V.F.W. Post #587.

Donations may be made to Hospice. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

Ruth Zuber, 101, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Hawthorn Court, Paulding.

She was born in Antwerp, Ohio on June 10, 1906, the daughter of the late Samuel and Ada (Cunningham) Jump.

On March 3, 1927, Ruth married Garrett Zuber, who passed away September 16, 1975. She was a homemaker.

Ruth will be sadly missed by her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Zuber of Oakwood; grandchildren: Patricia and Terry Zuber both of Oakwood, Barbara Grant of Paulding, Mike Zuber of Payne, Tammy Behnfeldt of Napoleon, Timothy Zuber of Paulding; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her son, Thomas precedes her in death.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, April 15. Rev. Mike Harper officiated. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to Hawthorn Court Activity Fund. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Charles G. Barnes, 75, of McClure, OH, former Oakwood resident, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Fulton County Health Care Center, Wauseon, OH.

He was born September 18, 1932 in Paulding County, OH, the son of Robert C. and Sara C. (Post) Barnes. On April 15, 1954 he married Dorothy M. Purdue who preceded him in death on October 3, 2006. He was employed by Dinner Bell Meats, retiring in 1989 and was a member of Melrose United Methodist Church, Melrose, OH.

He is survived by two daughters: Brenda (Dean) Weasel of McClure, and Tina (Donald) Bright of Amberg, WI; two sons: Christopher Barnes of McClure, and Leo Mansfield of Goshen, IN; a brother, Bernard (Sandra) Barnes of Ft. Wayne; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; a sister, Barbara Thrasher; and step-father, Merrel Shull.

Funeral services were conducted April 12 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Donations may be made to McClure EMS.

May Bell Nolte, 99, of Edgerton, OH died peacefully on Tuesday April 8, 2008 at Dream Haven Home in Edgerton.

May was born on May 3, 1908 in Trimble County, Kentucky the daughter of John E. and Florence A. (Stafford) Bell.

She attended the one room Norfolk school in Trimble County. Later, she and her family moved to Hanover, Indiana. May and her classmates had the unique experience of both attending and graduating High School from Hanover College in 1927. She then attended and graduated from Indiana Business College in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On August 26, 1933 she married Wilfred "Bill" Nolte. Moving to Hicksville, Ohio in November 1945, they owned and operated Nolte-Thornburg Plumbing and Heating; Nolte Chick Hatchery and Nolte Mobile Home Park and Sales. In 1988 they moved to Edgerton, Ohio.

May was a lifetime member of the Hicksville VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, George and Sylvia Nolte of Bucyrus, OH; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Neal Schrimshaw of Bolingbrook, IL; and numerous grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill in October 1998; a half-sister; four half-brothers; and a brother at birth.

Graveside services were held April 11 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio with George Nolte officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Dream Haven, LLC or Donor's Choice. Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville handled arrangements.

Bobby Joe Shaffer, 27, of Melrose died on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Bobby was born on October 18, 1980 in Defiance to Allen and Mary (Cox) Shaffer.

Bobby worked for Reiffe, Inc., Antwerp and was a member of Pleasantview Missionary Baptist Church in Junction.

Surviving are parents; paternal grandfather, Raymond Shaffer, Sr of Melrose; one brother, Bradley Shaffer of Columbus, OH; one sister, Shelby (Brandon) Knott of Continental, OH; two nephews: Tristin and Ian Knott; and one niece, Chloe Knott.

Preceded in death by paternal grandmother, Helen Shaffer; maternal grandparents: Troy and Nell Cox; an uncle, Raymond Shaffer, Jr.

Services were held April 15 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Pastor Ray Newsome officiating. Burial was in Little AuGlaize Cemetery in Melrose.

Memorials to the charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

Jack D. Fife, 73, of Oakwood, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Mercy Hospital of Defiance.

He was born August 13, 1934 in Chatteroy, WV the son of the late Fred and Jettie (West) Fife. He married Thelma Thacker and she survives.

Jack was retired from General Motors in Defiance after 32 years; owned and operated the Auction House in Melrose for 15 years; member of the local #211 UAW;

Oakwood Development Corp.; he was an auctioneer in Ohio and Indiana; an army veteran of the Korean Conflict; and he grew up in Pike County, Kentucky

Surviving him are three sons: Tim (Lori) Fife, Kevin Fife, and Fred Fife; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Narcie Toth.

Preceding him in death was a son, Gary Fife; four brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were held April 13 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Rev. James Potter officiating. Burial at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to American Heart Association or American Diabetics Association. Condolences may be sent to www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com

Justus "Joe" Wilhelm, 72 of Paulding died Saturday, April 12, 2008 at his residence.

He was born April 7, 1936 in Paulding County, the son of Joseph and Anna (Buchheit) Wilhelm. On September 18, 1982 he married Marjorie A. Schaadt Mekus, who survives. He was employed by GM Powertrain, Defiance, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the former St. Mary's Catholic Church, Junction, attended St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a farmer, a member of Army of Confederate States of America Wilhelm Battery, where he was artillery commander: Colonel Joe Wilhelm. He was responsible for Paulding County's only canon. He was a member of AMVET #1991, Defiance.

He is survived by his wife,

Marjorie Wilhelm of Paulding; two sons: Terry (Sherry) Wilhelm and Jeffery Dean (Anna) Mekus both of Paulding; a daughter, Cheryl (Scott) Russell of Defiance; two sisters: Alice (Glenn) Rager of Paulding and Dorothy Littlejohn Hill of Leesburg, FL; and seven grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Kenneth "Squeak" Wilhelm and Peter Wilhelm; and two sisters: Helen Steel and Marie Grostephan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 17 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. David Tscherne officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Visitation will be 2:30 - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Donations may be made to Masses or Hospice.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The Paulding County American Cancer Society Support Group will be having a speaker from the Patient Navigation Program at their April 30th meeting. This will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Paulding County Senior Center.

If you or someone in your family feels the need of a helping hand or support through a difficult time, please take the time to attend this meeting.


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WHEN YOU'RE TEMPTED TO MAKE PRE-JUDGMENTS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Television news reporter Linda Ellerbee in her book, *And So It Goes*, tells about an experience she had when she was a struggling reporter living by herself in a boarding house and trying hard to make connections and to earn her first big break. Her landlord said to her one day that there was another young lady in the boarding house he would like for her to meet. He felt the two of them had a lot in common. They should get along great.

Linda Ellerbee asked what the other young woman did for a living. The landlord replied, "Right now, I understand she is cutting hair."

Linda Ellerbee thought somewhat condescendingly, "What would I have in common with a hair dresser?" And she never pursued the relationship.

Somewhat later in her career she was in a theater seeing the motion picture version of the hit Broadway musical, *Hair*. At the end of the motion picture the credits rolled by and where the movie says, "Edited by..."

was the name of the young lady her landlord wanted her to meet. When, come to find out, she said she was cutting 'hair', it meant she was editing a movie.

Isn't it funny how we can get preconceived ideas about people and totally misjudge them? How many times have you "heard" one thing or another about a person and made a judgment call regarding that individual? Often, the evaluation is completely off the wall, and more often than not, such assumptions hamstringing a relationship, preventing it from ever developing.

It reminds me of the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. You remember Zacchaeus?... the short guy who was the tax collector whom everyone loved to hate. I'm sure Jesus had heard a lot of the town gossip about Zacchaeus. I can envision some of the disciples even pulling Jesus off to one side and whispering into His ear, "Lord, see that weasly-looking guy up in that sycamore tree? That's him. Zacchaeus. Remember? The guy we've been warning you about?"

Funny thing. Jesus walked right up to that sycamore tree, called Zacchaeus by name, and invited Himself over to

Zacchaeus' house. (Certainly not exactly the way to make a good name for yourself among the townsfolk, you understand.) Jesus had an uncanny way of blowing all the stereotypes for a religious leader. Can you imagine what the disciples were thinking about that time? ("Uh-oh. Here we go. I KNEW we should have steered Him straight down Main Street, rather than taking the shortcut down Jericho Road...")

One of the qualities about Jesus that I love is the fact that He doesn't make pre-judgments about people. He accepts them at face value and loves them the way they are. The Lord ignores all the press releases about folks and simply treats them... well, He treats them with love.

Good lesson for us. Good lesson for me. And it was a good lesson for Linda Ellerbee. So if you hear some information about another person, determine to keep an open mind and love the person for who he or she is. This has a way of making you part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. After all, Zacchaeus is living proof of how a person can change when somebody gives them a chance.

JUDGMENT LESSON #7 PART A

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Hebrews 9:27 says, "and as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Loved ones, all people who have ever lived from Adam and Eve until the end of time have an appointment they will not be able to miss. As you and I study the Bible, the Bible tells us of some of the judgments God has already brought upon the earth. Such examples include Adam and Eve and the serpent after the fall (Genesis 3). The Flood (Genesis 6:5). The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in (Genesis 18:20), and the confusion of tongues (Genesis 11:9). God brings judgment to his creatures when they rebel against His will.

In the New Testament Jesus declares He will come to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 25:31-46). I recommend that you please read this selection of verses. So many people today believe that as long as they are good and love people, that a loving God would never send them to a place of eternal punishment. God doesn't send people to hell; people are sending themselves by being disobedient to what God tells them to do in the Bible. Also there are those in the world today, who actually believe that there is no place of eternal punishment. But in rebuttal to this presumption I ask what does the Bible say on this subject? Remember, when someone tells you that something is in the Bible, ask for book, chapter and verse. Also remember to keep it in the context of what it is saying. The real existence of hell is irrefutably taught in scripture as both a place of the wicked, dead, and also a condition of retribution that the unredeemed man must pay. This study will continue in next week's lesson, Lord willing. Remember, God loves you an so do I!

ANTWERP VETS MEMORIAL NEWS

In late March and early April volunteers of Antwerp VETS Memorial Project advanced their mission with the selection of a monument contractor, the establishment of a post office box and bank account, and the planning of its first fund-raiser.

Homier's Monumental, Inc., of Defiance, was chosen by the project members to make statue repairs, replace damaged sections, and craft new granite memorial tablets. A formal commitment is being prepared to allow the initial process of the project to begin.

Along with the contractor selection, a mailing address was established. In order to receive donations for the memorial, it was necessary to set up a postal box, with that address being: Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial, P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813. Anyone wishing to offer a monetary gift may do so by making a check payable to Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial and sending to the aforementioned address. Upon request, a receipt for tax deduction will be returned via mail if the donor will please

include a SASE envelope with their contribution.

With the contribution and contractor aspects addressed, the planning of the first fund-raiser was discussed. May 17, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m., the Antwerp United Methodist Church will host 'Flutes in Concert' by Mr. Jerry Dowding. Jerry's award-winning performances encompass Native American-style musical arrangements, as well as, international and other cultural music. Jerry will also perform May 18, 2008, at Antwerp Local School Auditoria beginning at 2:00 p.m. VETS will enthusiastically be promoting Jerry's concert within local newspapers and with full-color posters placed at businesses. The next meeting is open to everyone and is set for April 19, 1:00 PM, at Es-sen House.

WHAT I FIND MOST FULFILLING IN FAMILY LIFE AS A YOUNG MOTHER

By: Renee Spieth

Liked most girls, I always dreamed of being a mother. I practiced holding my dolls and dressing them, feeding them, and even took them out on outings with my mother. Back then, being a mother was all fun. The dolls did everything that I wanted and expected them to do. "Motherhood" was easy, with no laundry, no dishes, no power struggles, and no continual messes. Ironically, those things are precisely what makes being a mother of young children fulfilling.

Being the mother of five children in six years is absolutely the most chaotic, insane, fantastic, and fulfilling profession ever! Although I am never caught up with laundry, I am blessed to have all of those little socks and sleepers to fold. Although I am amazed as I set out seven cereal bowls for breakfast and cannot believe how fast the sink fills up with dirty dishes, I am blessed to have food on our table and growing little people to say grace with... ending in a rousing "Amen and Chow Down." Although the "I can do it myself" power struggles can make me want to lose my patience, I am blessed to have my children beginning to search for independence from me. Although I am challenged by my children's "creativity", I am never short on funny stories to make other mothers chuckle. I have had a flooded bathroom which leaked through the newly renovated kitchen ceiling and cracked the new bathroom ceramic tile, blue smurf-like creatures who doused themselves with an entire bottle of blue chalk line powder one hour before their third birthday party, and little mud-monsters chasing me around for mud-monster hugs and kisses.

Do I sometimes want to lose my mind? Yes! Would I change it for a mess-free life? Absolutely not! Allowing my children to learn, experience life, and safely make mistakes while watching them mature into young adults is what life fulfilling for me as a young mother.

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What is a *"testament"*? What comes to mind when you think of the word *"testament"*? One of the most familiar uses of this word is found in the following statement:

I, [name of testator], residing at [city, state of testator], being of sound mind, do hereby declare this instrument to be my **last will and testament**

The usage of the word *"testament"* here is identical to the Old & New *"testaments"* of the Bible.

A *"testament"* simply put is a **"will."**

Consider the words of Jesus: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

The Hebrew writer says it this way: "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives" (Hebrews 9:16-17).

When does a **"will"** go into effect? When a person dies! The Last Will and Testament of Christ -- The New Testament -- went into effect after Christ died.

His **"will"** has been ratified by His precious blood. We now have a will that is in full effect - an **"active"** will.

A **will lists beneficiaries- those who receive the inheritance of the deceased.** All of us will certainly want to be included in Christ's last will and testament! For **IF** we have received the "adoption as sons" into the family of God, we are the children of God (see Galatians 4:4-5) - and **IF** children, then we are also joint heirs with Christ, the Son of God, to an eternal kingdom (see Romans 8:15-17).

It is when we obey the gospel that we are **"born"** into this relationship - related to God and to one another through the blood of His Son.

We come in contact with the cleansing blood of Christ when we **believe** in Christ (Acts 16:31), **repent** of our sin and begin to follow Christ (Acts 17:30), **confess** Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and are **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). When we obey the gospel in this manner, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from our sin (Acts 22:16) and we are born of the water and of the Spirit into the family of God (John 3:3,5). Then as Christians, "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

We need to be very careful to meet the terms for inclusion into His Will so that we will have our names recorded in the Book of Life (see Revelation 20:11-15). *Are you in the Will of God?*

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**CC BANKS PRODUCTIONS
NEWEST PRODUCTION:
"PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES"**

CC Banks Productions has started rehearsals for "Pump Boys and Dinettes" to be performed on the Antwerp School stage. They are offering a new experience this time around with the option of Dinner Theater or just the show. If you choose the Dinner Theater option, you will receive a wonderful meal catered by Grant's. Watch for menu details at a later date.

This Community Theater production is a really good time with a lot of audience participation, prizes, and lots of surprises!

Set on Highway 57, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna, there stands a gas station. Across the black-topped roadway is a roadside eatery called the Double Cupp Diner. The four guys at the station have been known to do some auto repairs, but only when they aren't over at the diner visiting the Cupp sisters. These sisters celebrate their home cooking and pies with the same zeal they bring to being neighborly with the boys. This is a musical tribute to life by the roadside. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" is part country-rock concert and part musical theatre.

A fun time awaits the entire audience this June at the Antwerp stage.

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

By: Gaylen Goff Stetler & Eugene Nahrwold

After plotting the town in 1865 Joseph Edgerton built a sawmill and stove factory and started to cut the trees and ship them over the U.S. by rail. Native trees were mainly oak. Staves were narrow pieces of long strips of wood held together by round metal hoops forming a barrel used for many things such as storage, shipping or catching rain water for washing clothes, hair or bathing. The rain water was really soft.

Early families moved into



Phelps Station to work in the sawmills and built very crude homes. After two disastrous fires the trees were destroyed.

Otto Knoblauch came from Riga, MI and William Gernhardt from Wauseon, OH and bought ground to develop Woodburn. The Gernhardt family moved to Woodburn in November of 1894. The Gernhardt Addition was then developed. In May of 1895, the area south of Main Street was called Shirley City.

The Otto Knoblauch family moved to Woodburn in 1881 and the Knoblauch Addition was developed in 1895, the area north of Main Street. These two men are credited for developing Woodburn.

at that time, were Mennonite or Lutheran.

These men sold large tracts of land to these people and the result was, at that time, Woodburn became a divided town.

Entire groups of people who moved here tried to clear the land. The land was swampy with the stumps of trees and proved too hard for them so they went back to Wauseon. William Gernhardt was the only one to stay.

TUNE UP FOR HEALTH!

Joyce Svoboda, Registered Dietitian, from Paulding County Hospital has partnered with Sylvia Altenburger from OSU Extension in presenting a 2-part Diabetes Program called "Tune Up For Health." The programs are scheduled for Monday, April 28 and May 19. Both sessions will be presented twice each day. The Paulding County Senior Center session will start at 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the Paulding County Hospital session will start at 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Multi Purpose Room. Please call the OSU Extension Office at 399-8225 to register. Classes are free.

Diabetes is a serious disease, but by taking good care of yourself and your diabetes can help you feel better. When your blood glucose is close to normal you are likely to have more energy, be less tired and thirsty, heal better and have fewer skin or bladder infections. These sessions will cover current diabetes nutrition practices, new recipes, and basic information to assist the participants on staying on their diabetes plans.

DINING WITH DIABETES

HICKSVILLE—Do you or someone you know have diabetes? Are you looking for ways to reduce sugar, salt, and fats in foods without giving up taste? Then plan on registering for the Dining with Diabetes program on April 22, 29 and May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in the basement.

The program is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center with Ohio State University Extension Agent Barb Rohrs leading the classes. It is a cooking program for people with diabetes and their families. The program consists of three weekly sessions where participants learn about basic nutrition, participate in cooking demonstrations, and enjoy tasting healthy recipes.

There is a cost for this program. Pre-registration for the program is required.

For more information on the program or to register for it, call the OSU Extension Office in Defiance County at 419-782-4771.

The town grew very fast because of the excitement over the progress of the canal going through for transportation and shipping.

The canal could only be used in the summer, in the winter it was shut down. The canal was built by immigrants. The canal went to Lake Erie. The canal system of transportation didn't last very long because the trains started to come in.

This log cabin (still standing) was used as an inn for the immigrants working on the canal then it was a stage coach stop.

Joseph K. Edgerton came from New England, was an attorney, got into banking, then got into politics in Washington, plotted out Woodburn and sent his two sons to sell real estate for farming. Most of the settlers in Woodburn,

FEASBY - LINDER



Lisa Ann Feasby and Drew Peter Linder, both of Payne, OH, are planning a wedding June 7 in Payne, OH.

Their parents are Stan and Ann Feasby and Kim and Sally Linder, both of Payne, OH.

The bride-elect graduated from Wayne Trace

Jr./Sr. High School and the University of Saint Francis. She is employed by Summit Radiology, Fort Wayne, IN. Her fiancé also graduated from Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School and the University of Saint Francis. He is employed by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Fort Wayne, IN.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Want to make Millions???
The staff of the Paulding County Carnegie Library upholds the highest of intellectual freedom ideals. We believe it is your right to access the information you need to make informed decisions. If we do not have material on our shelves to help you, we'll find that information somewhere else.

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of the Nigerian scam, but we have seen it at the library. We will not assist patrons in providing sensitive bank information to foreign con men and women. We will not provide fax or computer assistance. We will, however, contact the police.

A recent example was a patron who insisted that she had been told of a recent death of a relative in a foreign country. She was due millions in an inheritance, if only she would supply her bank routing and account number... which, unfortunately she did, as well as her phone number. She even pointed out that she had received an e-mail from the FBI telling her it was on the up and up. The FBI e-mail was bogus from a Yahoo account. Anyone can copy and paste the official FBI heading and photos of FBI agents in an e-mail.

The FBI has information about a variety of scams available on their website: http://www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudschemes.htm. This is what they advise regarding the Nigeria scam:

—If you receive a letter from Nigeria asking you to send personal or banking information, do not reply in any manner. Send the letter to the U.S. Secret Service, your local FBI office, or the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. You can also register a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel.

—If you know someone who is corresponding in one of these schemes, encourage that person to contact the FBI or the U.S. Secret Service as soon as possible.

—Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as Nigerian or foreign government officials asking for your help in placing large sums of money in overseas bank accounts.

—Do not believe the promise of large sums of money for your cooperation.

—Guard your account in-

formation carefully.

Many public library staff would not get involved in trying to warn patrons, but here in Paulding County we are like family. We want to protect our friends and neighbors. I would rather be embarrassed to think I almost fell for a scam than have my checking account—meager as it may be—cleaned out.

If you ever have any questions regarding suspicious e-mails or letters, please notify law enforcement. You are always welcome to visit the library. We will help you find the information you need to make the best decisions.

See you at the library!
—Susan Pieper,
Library Director

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our family, friends, and neighbors for the donations, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, food, and prayers during this difficult time. Also thank you to Den Herders for their encouragement and support to the family. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Auglaize Chapel Church of God ladies for preparing a wonderful meal following the service. To Bob Merriam for taking a special part in the funeral service and especially to Stan Harmon for your words of comfort and the many hours spent with Richard and his family. Your kindness will always be remembered. Also to the musicians for encouraging music played at the service. Special thanks to all his doctors, and all those at Mercy Hospital that assisted on the morning that Richard passed away. To the residents at the Laurels of Defiance, your friendship meant the world to Richard. And lastly, to the staff at the Laurels of Defiance, there are not enough words to express our deep appreciation for the compassionate care given to Richard during his stay. May God bless each of you.

—The family of Richard Foust

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people and churches for their prayers. Also thanks to all for the cards I received during my convalescence from heart surgery on 2-19. My surgery went well and my recovery is progressing nicely.

A special thanks to Rev. Ralph Klinker, Susan Marlin, Deanie Donat, my grandson, Cory, and my daughters.

God bless.
—Ruby Berenyi

MASONS PLAN WIDOW'S NIGHT AND CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

Jim Kline opened the Lodge in due form and harmony and the Pledge was given. The first thing on the agenda was to drape the altar in memory of passing brothers Jay T. Volkert and Walter "Joe" Ross. Both were 50-year members of Hicksville Lodge. Sympathy cards were signed and sent to the families of Brothers' Ross and Volkert.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Chuck Crow April 18, Dean Phillips April 17, Lowell Applegate April 15, Bill Wright April 22, Raymond Bender April 15 and Matt Butler April 12.

The nine 50-year members in attendance were asked to stand, introduce themselves and mention the number of years they have been affiliated with Masonry. Doyle Johnson, Gene McClellan, Estel Cottrell, Elmer Woodcox, Wayne Carr, Derrill Kline, Charles Carey were the 50-year members from Hicksville and Johnnie Mason and Ralph Creager represented Spencerville and Liberty respectively. All members stood and received a well deserved round of applause.

Others making up the 38 Masons in attendance included Jim Kline, Robert Stotler Jr., Ron Farnsworth, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Scott Ruppert, Richard Gordon, Randy Brooks Sr., George Underwood, Norman Byers, Russell St. John, Justin Krohn, Lee Kallsen, Richard Wann, Terry Ayers, Carl Clark, John Gordon, Curtis Metz, Grover Blalock, Walter Schilb, Raymond Gillespie, Matt Butler, Brandon Wobler, Elmer Woodcox, Dean Phillips and Greg Headley. Visitors included John Hickman from Spencerville and John Meyer, Doug Eis, Dan Carrol were present from Napoleon.

The main items on the agenda included setting up a committee to organize this year's annual Widow's night. Every year the Hicksville Masonic Lodge sponsors an evening for all Masonic widows. There will be a sit down meal followed by entertainment presented in their honor at the Hicksville Presbyterian Church in early May.

Hicksville Masonic Lodge's annual "Chicken Bar-B-Q", that helps fund our scholarships that are presented every year to worthy high school seniors in the area, is scheduled for June 14th this year. It will be in the middle of town at the Hicksville Bank parking lot.

A thank you was signed and sent to Rowena Holt for the generous gift made toward the "Temple Renovation" project in memory of her son and husband Robb and Robert Holt.

With no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form and harmony and all retired to the dining room for "Susy's famous Bar-B-Q sandwiches. The next stated meeting will be April 23. Check out the website for more details www.hicksvillemasoniclodge.blogspot.com



WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS AND HONOR ROLL

Pictured above is part of a beautiful new mural painted by artist Joy Scott, which covers one whole wall by the bus entrance at Woodburn Lutheran School. In it, children are playing in a meadow and watching birds and bunnies and other small animals. Scripture from Psalm 23 completes the picture: "He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul."

The following students achieved High Honors, Honor Roll and Improved Grade Point Average (over the 2nd quarter) for the 3rd quarter of the 2007-2008 school year at Woodburn Lutheran School:

- High Honors - Grade 5 - Shawn Kitzmiller; Grade 6 - Morgan Gerig and Samuel Hathaway; Grade 8 - Logan Buuck, Caleb Hathaway, Lily Keller, and Jonathan Lindberg
- Honor Roll - Grade 5 - Dylan Gerig, Evan Gustin, Caroline Hoepfner, and Madison Swanson; Grade 6 - Tara Gerig; Grade 8 - Elizabeth Burke
- Improved GPA - Grade 5 - Elliott Gunderman, Cheyenne Hoepfner, Madison Swanson, and Dylan Gerig; Grade 6 - Kaitlyn Wiley, Tara Gerig, Samuel Hathaway, and Kendra Sinclair; Grade 7 - Allison Messmann; Grade 8 - Logan Buuck, Caleb Hathaway, Lily Keller, and Hannah Stevenson.

Grade cards were given to K-8 students on March 28, right before spring break. Pins and ribbons for students' academic achievements were handed out after the April 9 chapel service.

Over \$200.00 in chapel offerings for February and March was sent to Camp Lutherhaven. April chapel offerings will help the Zion Day Care Program, and May chapel offerings will help with the WLS Scholarship Fund.

The WLS track season got into full swing right after spring break. Coach Jake Gentz and helpers had their first meet on April 10. The season will end with the girls divisionals on May 12 and the boys divisionals on May 15. The LSAA (Lutheran Schools Athletic Association) Wres-

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A NIGHT OF PURE MAGIC

By: Sue Knapp

As I pulled into the full parking lot I began to anticipate what was coming ahead. The gym was full of people talking, laughing; having a good time. We were all waiting for the show to start, but there was one problem, it was dark—as in no electricity. Everything was running off a generator. The electric company was doing everything they could to get the problem rectified. And finally, there was lights.

I didn't know what to expect. Here is this 'kid' thinking he could pull off a professional magic show. Wow, was I surprised, delighted and in awe of this young man. The poise and professionalism he put forth into the show was comparable to anything you might see an older and more experienced illusionist do.

I loved every minute of it. From the birds to a floating ball, to pulling things out of the air and putting a girl into a basket, putting swords through her and after the swords were taken out a different girl came out of the basket—it was awesome! Rob's hands danced through the air as he gracefully manipulated 'silks' and confetti. He even told us how a couple of illusions were done. For example, he showed us an egg, the egg had a hole in the side of it where he could poke in and pull out a 'silk'. Okay, we got that, but then after

he showed us he went on to break the said egg into a glass and lo and behold a yolk came out of it. No, he didn't tell us how he did that.

I wonder if the tux he was wearing was special with hidden pockets and such. I'll never know. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and feel good about this young man who knows what he wants and is willing to work for it.

Rob, a senior at Wayne Trace, is one of three Valedictorians this year. He has also won two scholarships to Ohio State, one from the Van Wert and Paulding County Alumni and also a Trustee Scholarship. He also is a semi finalist for the NFIB Scholarship. This scholarship is for young people who have their own business.

Rob has helpers who are as much a professional as he is. Angie Young and Katie Buehrer are his assistants, Nathan Jewel and Andrew Klopfenstein are the stage crew, Levi Kurtz runs the lights, Marla Kemler works the camera, and, last but not least, Craig Duer and 'dad' Fred Pond handles the sound. Rob's mom was there making sure everything was running right and his sister was home from college to encourage him on.

If you get the chance to see Rob and crew in a performance, do it! After college he'll be somewhere performing illusions and amazing people and it won't be around here.

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ting Tournament was held on March 15. With only six wrestlers, WLS still came in 4th out of the 12 schools represented. Congratulations to 8th graders Logan Buuck and Caleb Hathaway, who both finished as champions.

The WLS PTL is busy with many different activities—they sponsored a fish and chicken dinner on April 11 and a family bowling day on April 12. In May, they will have an appreciation breakfast for the faculty and staff and during the last few days of the school year, they will sponsor our annual field day.

Student trips and activities include: the kindergarten class will have a grandparent day on April 23 and then will travel to Woodlan High School for the FFA field day on April 24; the 5th graders will visit McMillen Health Center on April 24, the 5th and 6th graders will enjoy a performance by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic on May 8, and they are now selling plant and flower certificates to fund their class trip when they are in 7th and 8th grade; grade 6 will go to Camp Lutherhaven for three days of outdoor education on April 30, May 1 and 2; and grades 5, 7, and 8 will visit the Creation Museum on May 1.

Other activities at WLS are as follows: all of the students collected canned goods for the Woodlan "Construction" that will be held on April 18 at Glenbrook; our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be April 11-18, with a buy one, get one free sale May 19-23; and a rummage sale to benefit the Caitlyn Pyle Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held on May 9 and 10.

Students who achieved their Accelerated Reader goals for three quarters will go to a Wizard's game on May 7. The WLS Preschool will end classes for this year on May 22 and 23 and the last day of school for 2007-2008 for WLS is June 4.



By: Chelsea Vail

So, here's the long and the short of it: outside of sporting events, there's just not that much going on this week. Fer realz. Competing to be the most important piece of news this week are Wednesday's two-hour delay and Friday's mailing of mid-terms. While students have significantly greater interest in the delay, parents will obviously be curious about their children's grades. After having *scrupulously* evaluated the situation, I have decided on a position of dual acknowledgment. Thus, I am proud to present to you the world's most boring snippet of news, twice. If this doesn't elicit enough recognition to nab me a Pulitzer, I don't know what will...

JH Track: April 17, 4:30, @ Hicksville; April 22, 4:30, @ Paulding

Varsity Track: April 19, 9:00, @ Patrick Henry; April 21, 5:00, @ Hicksville

JV Baseball: April 17, 4:30, Fairview; April 22, 4:30, Edgerton

Varsity Baseball: April 17, 4:30, @ Fairview; April 18, 5:00, Lincolnview; April 19, 11:00, Hamilton/Stryker, April 22, 4:30, @ Edgerton

Varsity Softball: April 17, 4:30, @ Fairview; April 18, 4:30, Lincolnview; April 21, 4:30, Van Wert; April 22, 4:30, @ Edgerton

Word of the Week
Paucity \PAW-suh-tee\ noun

1. Smallness of number; fewness
2. Smallness of quantity; dearth

Example: "Sorely lacking in academic and social goings-on this week, there is no such paucity concerning athletic events."

Seriously, where is that Pulitzer Prize?!

WAYNE TRACE JV GIRLS SOFTBALL

The WT JV Fastpitch Softball team opened their season Wednesday, April 9 by losing to Crestview in seven innings with a score of 14-10.

Leading hitters for WT were: Vivian Baker was four for four with four runs scored; Samantha Davis had a double and a triple and Maria Shaffer had a triple. Abbey Linder pitched five innings in the loss and Brenna Dunham pitched one inning in relief.

On Friday, April 11, the Lady Raiders travelled to Continental to battle the Lady Pirates. They came away winners in the rain-halted event play by a score of 14-6.

Abbey Linder pitched the first three innings to get the win and Macy Crooks pitched two innings in relief. The team collected 16 hits over six innings with Kelsey Heck hitting a single and a triple; Heather Bidlack with a single, triple and a home run and Maria Shaffer adding two singles and a grand slam home run.

ANTWERP SOFTBALL NEWS



The Archers opposed the Parkway on April 7 on a beautiful day. Freshman Toni Winslow shown here getting a hit. Read Stan Jordan's softball article for more information. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Stan Jordan

On April 7th last Monday, the Parkway girls softball team came to town. They have a good ball club, but the Archers won this game, 6-1. Fact is, Bryn Schlatter held them scoreless until the last inning.

Some of the girls raised their batting averages via the long ball.

Jessi Arnold hit a booming line drive, almost to the fence for a home run. Kate Schlatter hit a big one for a triple and Kelsy Bashore pounded out a triple. I knew there was a couple other good hits also.

Parkway also hit a couple long balls, but our outfielders hauled them in! I would like to say that Toni Winslow was busy in the center field as she caught a number of big ones. Good job!

In this our second game, our bats came alive, I hope we can keep it up. Everybody

played a good game. We're proud of you!

On Tuesday afternoon the Archer Softball team traveled to Bryan and lost 2-1. Antwerp out hit the Bryan team but we lost anyhow. That brings our win/loss record to 1-2.

We didn't know about that game as it wasn't on the schedule.

The mighty Archers have two losses and both were cliff hangers. We need a little more offense.

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Wayne Trace played Fairview Apaches Tuesday, April 8. Senior Courtney Young tries to secure an out, but misses by a little. The Raiders could struggle to score against the Apaches. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan Varsity Softball beat Harding 15-9. Warrior Junior Kelly Wells shown here pitched a great game with nearly zero hits. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WOODLAN SOFTBALL VICTORIOUS OVER HARDING

Woodlan Lady Warriors clashed bats with the Lady Hawks on Thursday, April 9. Final score put the Warriors up on top, 15-0.
Woodlan: Record 3-1
Stats:
Woodlan - 15 runs, 12 hits, 1 error; 2B-Potter, Zink, Hogue, Suder(2); WP-Kirkwood
Harding - 0 runs, 0 hits, 5 errors; LP-Boykin

FAIRVIEW BLOWS AWAY WAYNE TRACE IN SOFTBALL

The Apaches struck out the Raiders in Softball action at Wayne Trace on April 8. Final score was Fairview 11, Wayne Trace 0.
Fairview - 11 runs, 13 hits, 1 error
Wayne Trace - 0 runs, 3 hits, 4 errors
Winning Pitcher - Katelyn Samples (4 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 5 walks)
Other Pitcher - Nikki McCoy (1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)
Losing Pitcher - Shelby Critten (2-1/3 innings, 8 hits, 7 runs, 7 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)
Other Pitcher - Courtney Young (2-2/3 innings, 5 hits, 4 runs, 1 earned run, 1 strikeout, 2 walks)
Wayne Trace falls to 0-3 overall.

WOODLAN SOFTBALL VICTORIOUS OVER NORTHROP

The Lady Warriors had a near shut out against the Lady Bruins on April 7. Final score was a Warrior win, 4-1.
Woodlan - record 2-0, 4 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors; 2B - Potter; WP - Copeland
Northrop - 1 run, 5 hits, 5 errors; 2B - Hetrick, LP - Hedges

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK TO HOST MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Paulding Reservoir Park will host Men's Class D & E softball tournaments on April 19 and May 3.
The first 16 teams will be accepted. Hit your own ball tournament.
To enter please contact, 419-399-2981, Ron.

(Continued from Page 6)

On Friday, the mighty Archers went to Delphos Jefferson and won 4-0.
Bryn did a good job on the mound with over a dozen strike outs.
Antwerp took along the big bats again and we had good offense too.
From Coach Rodenberger:
The contest between Antwerp and Delphos Jefferson, originally scheduled at Antwerp was moved to Delphos on Friday with the Archers coming away with a 4-0 victory over Delphos Jefferson. Bryn Schlatter returned to form by striking out 15, walking 2 and allowing 2 hits in seven innings of work.
At the plate the Archers were led by Amanda Riebersal with a double and a single and Kelsey Bashore with a home run.
The next home game is Friday, the 18th with Lincolnview at 4:30 p.m.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN

This week's featured pet is Macy. Macy is a one to two year old golden/yellow lab. Macy likes other dogs and is very sweet and friendly. We also have available a young male beagle, a young male brindle pointer mix, an 8 month old female black lab mix; and Sassy and Snoopy are still looking for a new home.
Please come and visit the dogs at the shelter on Fridays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
The Friends of the Paulding County Dog Shelter are having their first annual fund-raiser at the Paulding Eagles on April 19 starting at 5:00 p.m. They will be having a steak fry, 50/50 drawings, a silent auction, and a live band. Everyone come out and help out the dogs and have a barking good time.
Remember all new dogs adopted at the shelter come with their first vaccinations, a worming, and a free micro-chip or \$35.00 off a spay or neuter from the Animal Clinic of Paulding.
Save a life Opt-to-Adopt!!
—Mandy Lichty,
Paulding County Dog Warden



Eagles in Paulding Saturday, April 19th
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Woodlan JV Baseball played Adams Central April 8 and won. Warrior Junior Nick Dietering shown here pitched an excellent game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Woodlan hosted a track & field meet on April 9. Senior Devin Kees shows his athletic ability in the hurdles. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This great picture was given to us by Mike Renno, owner of the Village Hardware and Antwerp Pharmacy. It was an old print and he enlarged it for us. We really appreciate this picture because it shows that there was a bridge on Main Street. If you look right down Main Street in this picture, it shows the bridge sat off a little to the right side of the street. I have read in a couple places that a bridge was there, but that is the only picture we have that shows it. The following lines are from the Otto Ehrhart Centennial Book of 1941:



ings had been built on stilts to bring them up on a level with the street.

With the new construction of the brick buildings, these ravines were filled in and no trace is visible of them in that part of town! Well, that ravine went right across Main Street, across the parking lot at the Subway Restaurant then traveled north through what is now U.S. 24 and then north behind the Pop and Brew and ends up back of Bill Hunt's Garage and finally in the ravine north of the Town Hall. They hauled in a lot of dirt to fill those ravines. The only place that I know of where they got fill dirt was at the east end of Wilcox Street. They used oxen and slip scrappers. That is a team of oxen standing there on Main Street in the picture.

I will try to help you get zeroed in with this picture. That big tall building on the north side, that is now the Video Junction. That was a new building in 1868. The shorter building on that side is now the Oasis where it says provisions and that was just a new building at that time.

If you look close you can see the railroad tracks in the distance. Then all these buildings here in the left down to about where the oxen stand. That whole block was destroyed by fire in 1888. That fire caused the Council to pass a resolution that from now on any business buildings would be made of masonry.

The building that has McGuire engraved on it was rebuilt on that spot and if you look up at the top of that building you will see that name. The next building was owned by the Pocock Brothers and they also rebuilt on the same lot. It was finished in 1891, they had a full line of groceries and added boots and shoes. The brothers retired in 1916.

I can't find anything now about the McGuire people. But they rebuilt their store after the big fire in 1888. They built a two story building after the fire but according to this picture they operated a billiard parlor. All that I can remember about their building was it housed the Kroger Store in my time until about the later 1930's.

I went down to the cemetery and checked their tombstone and Bridget McGuire was born in 1857 and died in 1924 and W.T. McGuire was born in 1851 and died in 1912. They were buried originally in a mausoleum. But after 80 or 90 years it was in a bad state of repair. The Cemetery Board tried to find some of their kin to see if they would pay for the renovating of the mausoleum but they didn't know those folks and didn't

remember them and they had been in Arizona for years. So they said no, tear it down and move the vaults, so that was done and the mausoleum was torn down.

That building is now owned by Donna Miller as the Tips and Tan.

As I understand the Schilb Funeral Home started there in that location in the mid-1800's. The first Mr. Schilb was a cabinet maker and also made caskets.

On the right side of the picture, I can't come up with anything about those businesses.

I want to thank Mr. Renno for this photo because I had a hard time proving there was a bridge on North Main Street. See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

The girl said to her mother, "But I don't want to go to England!" Her mother said, "Shut up, and keep swimming!"

A teenager said to his grandma, "Get down off the kitchen stove, Grandma, you're to old too ride the range!"

A man was sitting on the couch waiting for his wife to come home and she was a little late. She finally came home and looked a little disheveled and as she stood there he said, "Well?" Then she said, "Those air bags in your new car work pretty good."

A man went out fishing, his wife doesn't fish but it was a nice day and she thought she would go out and get some sun. After a while a game warden pulled along side. He looked everything over and then asked for their fishing licenses. He asked for her license and she said she didn't have any because she wasn't fishing, just along for the ride. After a few minutes of arguing he said, "Well, I'm going to arrest you." She said, "Why arrest me, I'm not fishing." He said, "But you are here, you have the opportunity, the time and the equipment." She thought for a few moments and said, "If you write me up in that arrest book I'm going to scream, 'rape, rape' at the top of my voice." He said, "Why, woman, I'm not raping you!" Then she said, "You have the time, the opportunity and the equipment!" He folded his book and drove away.

See, Ya!

CORRECTION

In last week's article by Sue Knapp on the Introduction to Woodburn History Eugene Narwhold graduated from Woodlan High School and he worked at Garst Seed Company.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

—WBN editors



PAULDING CUB SCOUT ANNUAL BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Paulding Cub Scout Pack 317 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on March 30, 2008, at the Park Lane School. There were approximately 150 scouts, family, and friends in attendance. Awards were given to the cub scouts for their achievements during the past year. Special recognition was given to Brendon Lothamer from the Black Swamp Area Council - Hawthorne District as the "Highest Super Seller of Popcorn". Hank Sinn received an award for winning 1st place overall in our Paulding Pinewood Derby and was recognized for his 1st place finish in the District Pinewood Derby for Webelos 2. Annette Sinn, as the Webelos 2 leader, was given a special award from her den as this was their last year in Cub Scouts, as pictured above. Six (6) of her cub scouts crossed

over to Boy Scouts. An award was also given to Robert Gardner in recognition of his years of service as Cub Master of Pack 317. Russell Herman will be taking over the position of Cub Master. We would like to thank the following organizations for their contributions to Pack 317: Paulding Putnam Electric, Marco's Pizza, Chief Supermarket, Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Park Lane School, and to our charter: St. Paul Lutheran Church. We Thank You!!

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT THE LETTER "R"



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Rebecca (also known as Becky Suvar) recently visited Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers to reinforce the letter "R" and recycling. We made a beautiful rabbit together out of all recycled materials. Shown here proudly showing

off their creations are from the left: Brody Fisher, Rebecca, Molly Adams and Andrew Adams. These children are in the afternoon class of four and young 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

PAULDING PITCH HIT AND RUN COMPETITION RE-SCHEDULED

Due to the recent weather conditions, the Pitch Hit and Run Competition originally scheduled for Saturday April 12 in Paulding has been changed to be held on Saturday April 19. The competition will be held at the little league ball fields on North Water Street in Paulding. The competition is open to any boy or girl age 7-14. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the competition will follow immediately afterwards. This event is being offered free of charge to any interested child. Please bring a birth certificate for each child registering. Contact us on our website at www.pauldinglittleleague.com if you have any questions or feel free to contact the program contacts, Bob or Marsha Bland at 594-3188.

DOUG GROOMS GUEST SPEAKER FOR NAMI

Doug Grooms, a school psychologist who has resided in Van Wert County for over fifteen years, will be guest speaker for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) monthly meeting which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21. Meetings, which are always open to the public, are held at the Drop-In Center located at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert.

Mr. Grooms has worked for Mercer County Schools as well as Van Wert City Schools, Lincolnview and Crestview. Currently, he is employed by the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center and is assigned full time at Crestview. In addition, he also serves as the district's Special Services Coordinator.

He will present a brief introduction and overview of the complex and confusing laws, procedures and services that are associated with providing special supports to students with disabilities with special emphasis given to issues related to students with mental illnesses.

The history and current status of the federal individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) as well as Ohio's Operating Standards for school's serving children with disabilities will be presented.

There was a time when Special Education was considered to be a place; times have changed and special education is now seen as a set of services. Having a basis familiarity with the foundation, procedures and options available through special education is an essential tool that is necessary to build an effective educational program for any child with a mental illness.

The local NAMI Affiliate is available by calling 419-238-2413 or 800-541-NAMI (6264). E-mail may be sent to namivw@msn.com. Information on the many mental illnesses is available by logging on to www.nami.org.

JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE

Sorry for the lack of updates... it has been crazy to say the least. Things had been going very well; we were told that we could most likely go home around day 120, providing all was still in check. He had his port taken out two weeks ago, we had started to pack. Then we received the news this past Friday that Jim has 5% blast cells (leukemia) showing up. So he started chemo again this past Monday and we go everyday through this Sunday. He is to get six rounds of this chemo, which will last over the next six months (they are giving him so much chemo as a preventative measure, so even if they get it to 0%, he will still have to get the full six cycles). They are trying to induce GVHD (graph vs host disease) since he never got it this first time around... they have taken him off all immune suppressing drugs in hopes that that will bring it on, and will most likely inject him with more donor cells once they get him back to 0% blast cells.

The good news is that he can receive the remaining chemo regiment back home, but the GVHD needs to be monitored down here, also they cannot transfer his donor cells to Cleveland, so I guess we are meant to stay here even longer. Now they are telling us we might be able to go home in a couple more months... I am not holding my breath... all I know is that it will be a year in July...

He has very bad edema in his feet, ankles, legs and knees and after a month of us complaining about it, they finally got him scheduled with a lymphatic doctor who is putting wraps on his legs in hopes to get the swelling down. It is very painful for him and he has been walking with a cane for at least a month now.

My sister, Suzy, arrived safely at 3:30 a.m. this morning and it was so awesome to see her! We are visiting and she is here to help me out with all these appointments, errands, and anything else that she can help with. She came just in the nick of the time. Overwhelming doesn't even begin to describe how it is...

I know you all have been praying for us. We are so grateful and most appreciative! I ask that you please keep us lifted in prayer... this fight gets harder and harder as the days go on and we are forced to be away from our home, our dogs, our family, our lives...

—Sera

PAULDING LIBRARIES TO CLOSE FOR STAFF TRAINING

The entire Paulding County Carnegie Library system will close on Friday, April 18 so that staff may attend the Ohio Library Council Chapter Conference in Toledo. For more information please call 419-399-2032.



WOODBURN ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

The 5th and 6th grade Woodburn Elementary Science Fair was held on February 25. Student's projects were judged by the Leo High School Honor Society students. The projects were judged on scientific method, procedures, data collection, and overall presentation. Students were awarded honorable mention, third, second, and first place ribbons. Five fifth grade students and two sixth grade students received "Science Superstar" trophies and were invited to participate in the Regional Science Fair held at Indiana Purdue University in Ft. Wayne on March 15, 2008.

The fifth grade champions include: Cory Helmke, Krista Estell, Samuel Berz, Brooke Romines, and Haley Gunder. The sixth grade champions are Cody Wood and Tyler Eich. Congratulations to all fifth and sixth grade students for sharing their wonderful scientific knowledge.

First place winners included: Shelbi Kemp, Allison Brooks, Vickie Cook, Mackenzie Sharrar, Sovayda Vasquez, Mackenzie Koomler, Caleb Stieglitz, Connor Troyer, Morgan Franklin, Burgundy Price, Emily Wagoner, and Sara Woodcock.

Second Place winners included: Haley Badders, Doug

Cook, Rebekah Dignal, Joseph Felhofer, Olivia Hostetler, Jayci Madden, Chelsea Richhart, Ivan Valentor, Jazmine Williams, Megan Benson, Savannah Funk, Chase Hunt, Erin Lortie, Quin McCord, Jordan Richey, Dillion Slate, Alexis Spangler, Wade Oakes, Alex Halsey, Nick Hensley, Kassy Kinsell, Audrey Lomont, Sidney Mumma, Gena Oberlin, Elisa Schwartz, Tabitha Young, Jaclyn Delegrange, Joey Hoot, Erika Kreilach, Morgan Spencer, Autumn Voirol.

Third Place winners include: Chantey Baker, Ethan Basting, Tynan Easterday, Trevor Geiger, Levi Lenggacher, Travis Ruppert, Morgan Miller, Rustin Connor, Cierra Elwood, Lydia Faith, Jacob Gerken, Austin Hahn, Alaina Meadows, Macy Stoller, Andrew Ungamach, Austin Brooks, Rashel Dial, Dan Foust, Spencer Garstka, Haley Hostetler, Corey Louaigie, Katie Raber, Malinda Schmucker, Kelsey Szajna.

Honorable Mention winners include: Nik Hoot, Jasmine Lifsey, Maddi Moore, Dakota Owens, Joshua Faor, SunSeeRae Herron, Dustin Schweyer, Keri Koenig, Ryan Miguel, Alyson Miller, Mandy Newcomer, Kyle Richey, J.J. Stienmetz, Wade Weiks, Jacob Wrightsman

caption: 'Science Superstars' Recipients: (top row) Cody Wood, Sam Berz, Haley Gunder and Tyler Eich. (bottom row) Cory Helmke, Brooke Romines and Krista Estell.

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Sat. 5/17 - 7:30 pm - JR. HIGH VARIETY SHOW "Rockin' America" - Robin Chamberlain directing.
Sat. 6/8 - ALUMNI SPONSORS - Classes of '46 and '48 presenting a program for the public and alumni with Jamie Wise, and her back up - "The Rat Pack" from among other places, Club Soda at 3 pm. This will be followed by Jeff Barnes, a two-time top 5 winner in National competition as an Elvis impersonator...Door prizes. These Classes sponsoring for a Huber fund raiser and admission donations. Dinner follows at Elementary School.
Fri, Sat, Sun. 6/13-15 - THE VILLAGE PLAYERS will present "The Boys Next Door." Watch for more on this.
Sat, Sun. 6/21, 22 - THE DANCE DOLLS (about 100 strong) with Julie Sigg Hall - more info later.
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To be offered for sale beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2008, at the Paulding County Auditor's Office in the Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio on which property of the amount of \$3399.84 is currently owed for taxes, with assessments, charges, penalties, interest and costs:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Shirley's Addition to the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County and State of Ohio.

ALSO

A Parcel of land being part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and also lying within the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

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iron pin, said iron pin being on the Southerly right of way line of Church Street; thence South 88°00'00" East along the Southerly right of way line of Church Street a distance of 122.30 (One Hundred Twenty-two and Thirty Hundredths) feet to an iron pin; thence South 1°47'0" West a distance of 133.00 (One Hundred Thirty-three and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin on the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27; thence North 88°00'00" West along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27 a distance of 122.30 (One Hundred Twenty-two and Thirty hundredths) feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described, containing 0.373 acres of land, more or less, subject to all easements and zoning restrictions of record.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned, that if the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and cost charged on the list are not paid into the county treasury and the county treasurer's receipt produced for the payment, before the date mentioned in this notice for the sale, each tract, lot, and part of lot, so forfeited, on which the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs, and that the sale will be adjourned from day to day until each tract, lot and part of lot specified in the list has been disposed of, or offered for sale.

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Signed April 7, 2008
—Susan K. Simpson
Paulding County Auditor

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If the tract, lot or part of lot, so forfeited, is sold for an amount that is less than the amount of the delinquent taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, and interest against it, the court, in a separate order, may enter a deficiency judgment against the last owner of record of the tract, lot, or part of lot, before its forfeiture to the state, for the amount, of the difference; if that owner of record is a corporation, the court may enter the deficiency judgment against the stockholder holding a majority of the corporation's stock.

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Signed April 7, 2008
—Susan K. Simpson
Paulding County Auditor

LEGAL NOTICE

**FORFEITED LAND SALE
AUDITOR'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE - REVISED CODE,
SEC. 5723.05**

The land, lot, part of lot, in the County of Paulding, State of Ohio, forfeited to the State for the non-payment of taxes, together with the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs charged on them, agreeable to law, and the date on which this land, lot, and part of lot will be offered for sale, and are contained and described in the following list:

To be offered for sale beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2008, at the Paulding County Auditor's Office in the Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio on which property of the amount of \$5601.19 is currently owed for taxes, with assessments, charges, penalties, interest and costs:

Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Latty and bounded and described as follows:

Lot Number Thirty-one (31) in the South Wrexham, now the Village of Latty, Paulding County, Ohio, together with an undivided half (1/2) interest in a dug well located on the West line of said lot.

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OAKWOOD GLEANER ARBOR FOR APRIL 5

The arbor has been very active this month. We met with a fire victim at his father's house to give him a donation. It was very much appreciated and they hope to return some day.

We then traveled to the Holiday Lanes to bowl for the benefit of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We had 12 bowlers. BB/BS had people bowl at four different hours and had a very good turnout at each session.

The afternoon was topped off with the 63rd annual show "Come Ride With Me" by the "Northwesternaires" Barber-shop singers held at the Defiance community auditorium.

Sunday was the Gleaner State Association Meeting at the Elks Club in Bowling Green, Ohio. We learned about coming events and was treated to a nice supper.

Our next meeting will be on May 3 at 2:00 a.m. to work with the youth teams to get the ball park ready for the spring season. Everyone working will be treated to a tee-shirt and pizza party afterwards. This is called "Join Hands Day."

Coming up on May 14 we will be reading to the Oakwood Elementary and enjoy the Zoo program that we sponsored from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

We welcome any one who would like to be this active in their community. What pays for all this? It is our members recording their volunteer services.

—Bonnie Pier

JON ROSS TO PERFORM AT COUNTRY INN ENHANCED LIVING CENTER

Jon Ross, son of Carolyn Ross of Paulding will present his Piano Recital on April 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, which is located south on Hwy. 127. Jon is a senior at Paulding High School and is a piano student of Rebekah Smith of Antwerp.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL 2007-08

Grade 4 - Austin Kuhn, Kiana Recker, Noah Stoller, Hollie Wannemacher

Grade 5 - Addison Baum-

le, Mackenzie Swary, Makena Worman

Grade 6 - Emilie Linder, Kyle Recker, Libby Stabler

LOCAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SEASON KICKS OFF

A bridge deck replacement on US 68/Ohio 15 south of Findlay and the completion of an interchange with new US 30 west of Upper Sandusky top the list of projects which will take place this construction season on area highways.

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 announced today its list of projects which will occur on highways within the eight-county area of district 1 which includes Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot.

"We will have a total of 27 projects occurring this year which includes 75 miles of resurfacing and six bridge and culvert projects, as well as several ongoing projects," said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director.

The completion of the interchange between new US 30 and County Highway 330 on the west side of Upper Sandusky will signify the end of the relocation and expansion of US 30 through northwest Ohio. Work on the interchange began last year and is expected to be completed late this summer. The new, four-lane highway from Ohio 235 to Upper Sandusky opened to traffic in November 2007.

In addition, the expansion and relocation of US 24 through Paulding, Defiance, and Henry counties will continue. Those projects are part of the Fort to Port projects which will expand the route to four lanes from Fort Wayne, IN to Toledo.

Already under way this season is a bridge deck replacement project on US 68/Ohio 15 south of the city of Findlay which is restricting traffic to one lane through the work zone.

Last week, ODOT Director James Beasley announced the statewide construction program which will see \$2.5 billion in construction contracts awarded over the next year and a half—the largest amount ever awarded in that time frame.

Topping the statewide list of construction projects are 80 interstate construction projects totaling approximately \$605 million and 823 paving and rehabilitation projects on state and U.S. routes totaling more than \$1.1 billion.


Up-to-date information about the 2008 construction season can be found at www.buckeyetraffic.org. ODOT is also distributing its 2008 Interstate Construction Brochure, a useful tool to help motorists plan ahead for local and statewide travel.

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ROLL 2007-08**

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Grade 5 - Haley Badders, Chantey Baker, *Rebekah Dignall, *Tynan Easterday, Joseph Felhofer, *Olivia Hostetler, Shelbi Kemp, Levi Lengacher, Brooke Romines, Ivan Va-

lentour, *Jasmine Williams, Morgan Miller, *Krista Estell, *Kaleb Nelson, Megan Benson, Allison Brooks, Victoria Cook, Savannah Funk, Chase Hunt, Erin Lortie, Alexis Spangler, Sovayda Vasquez, Machenzie Koomler.

Grade 6 - Tyler Eich, Ciera Elwood, Alaina Meadows, Sidney Mumma, Gena Oberlin, Caleb Stieglitz, *Connor Troyer, *Austin Brooks, *Jaclyn Delagrange, Rashel Dial, Dan Foust, Morgan Franklin, Spencer Garstka, *Joey Hoot, *Haley Hostetler, Keri Koenig, *Erica Kreilach, Alyson Miller, *Burgundy Price, Josh Raber, Katelyn Ramer, *Malinda Schmucker, Morgan Spencer, Jeremy Steinmetz, *Emily Wagoner, Sara Woodcock.

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CONSIGNMENT AUCTION—April 25 & 26. Graber's 18th Annual Consignment Auction. Small animals & ponies on Friday, Horses, farm equipment, trees & shrubs. Household, tools, and much, much more. 260-704-2800.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, April 18 from 9 A.M. until 6:30 P.M. (starting at 3 P.M. fill a bag for \$4.00) Saturday, April 19 from 9 A.M. until noon, fill a bag for \$2.00. St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church (parish hall) 15529 Lincoln Highway, East New Haven, Indiana. Located 2 miles east of I-469 on U.S. 30, left on Lincoln Hwy. 1 mile. B15-16

HUNT FAMILY BAKE SALE: All proceeds go to Relay For Life. Saturday, April 19 @ Kammeyer's, 9:00 - ?

THREE STATE LINE RD. Garage Sales: April 16-19, 9-5. 9311 State Line Rd. by Pond-A-River Golf Course - Desks, home school material, books, antique bed, women's, misses, juniors, girls 2-6x, boys 0-3, maternity, ESPN sports zone, misc. 9717 State Line - 4 snowmobiles, 1-10' snowmobile trailer, 1-60" pull behind Swishes mower w/new Honda Engine, Wednesday only. 9525 State Line - misc. p

LUMINARIA: A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Hope shines its brightest during the Luminaria Ceremony at the Relay for Life. Held after dark, friends gather around the candlelit track to remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer.

Luminarias are small bonfires—traditional symbols that originated in the Southwestern region of the U.S. Since the 16th century, luminarias have burned alongside the road or in church yards as part of religious festivals and celebrations. Each luminaria

represents not only a treasure relationship, but also a contribution to the American Cancer Society's mission Luminaria gifts support research, prevention, early detection, and improved quality of life for cancer patients.

Whether or not they are present at Relay for Life, luminaria donors light the way for hope, progress and answers.

The Luminaria Ceremony will be held at the Relay for Life on May 16, 2008 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Oley's Econo Storage located at 103 Victory Lane - Antwerp, Ohio will offer at public auction on May 6th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the storage site, the contents of storage unit #60 rented to Roxann Labounty of 415 S. Laura St., Payne, Ohio 45880 containing a refrigerator, sweepers, bikes, miscellaneous furniture, many miscellaneous boxes. Contents sold as a whole - must be removed sale day.

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ROOMY RANCH! 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage located on Co. Rd. 69, Antwerp. Offers new siding, windows, insulation, flooring, gutters, kitchen and bath. Appliances included. Also pond and detached 32x24 garage. \$85,900.00. 419-399-5673. 16-18



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NEW OFFERING! Beautiful wooded corner lot in Dutchman's Cove, Antwerp. The brick front, gracious arched windows, and entry portico distinguish this home from all the rest. Nearly 2000 sq ft. with split bedrooms (3), Full and Master Bath, Elegant formal dining, Gathering room w/fireplace, Cathedral ceiling in the kitchen open to the "Good Morning" room which is wrapped in windows and accesses the rear patio. Lots of warm fluted woodwork, 6 panel doors, wood cove ceilings and archways. 3 bay garage plus an extra 24x24 detached garage. \$272,500. Call Sandra or Tamyra 419-506-1015

OPEN HOUSES

Sun. April 20, 1:30 - 2:00 - 306 W. Canal, Antwerp (at S/curve on Main St. (SR 49) go west on Canal; 2 BR, 1 Bath; Central Air, Replacement Windows, Recent Roof, Vinyl Siding, Gar. & Bldg. \$74,900 - Call Sandra or Tamyra 419-506-1015

Sun. April 20 1:30 - 2:00 - 505 S. Erie St. Antwerp (SR 49 at S. edge of town; 2 BR, 1 bath, Open Floor Plan, All Appls. remain, oversized closets, Vinyl/Brick - \$79,900! Call Nyletta 419-203-1778

Sun. April 20, 2:15 - 2:45 - 212 E. Canal Antwerp (49 S, at S/curve) 3 BR, 1 Bath, Central Air, New Appliances, Remodeled, Vaulted Ceiling \$64,900 - Call Sandra or Tamyra 419-506-1015

Sun. April 20, 2:15 - 2:45 - 411 W. Daggett Antwerp (S. on Main, W. on Daggett); 2 BR, 2 Bath, Central Air, 2x6 Construction, Large Walk-in Closet - \$64,900 - Call Nyletta 419-203-1778

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VANTAGE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY



These Vantage preschoolers are decked out in their safety glasses as they practice their carpentry skills. Vantage Preschool registrations are now being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year.

Interested in sending your preschooler to Vantage? Registration is underway for the 2008-2009 school year. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are three options for preschool classes this year. For all options, children must reach the age of 3 by August 1st. There is a non-refundable registration fee, which can be paid when you come in to complete the application.

The traditional half-day preschool sessions continue to be a popular choice. The morning preschool session meets Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and is taught by Mrs. Mary Ann Hall and the senior Early Childhood stu-

dents. This session is for three year-old children and young four year-olds.

The afternoon session also meets Monday through Thursday from 12:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and is taught by Mrs. Linda Morris and the junior Early Childhood students. This is a pre-kindergarten class for four year-olds and young five year-olds.

The FULL DAY option is available from 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Preschoolers can pack their lunch or purchase lunch from the Vantage cafeteria.

Vantage Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities for the total development of children ages

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE

A Relay for Life Ice Cream Social has been planned for April 23, at the Oakwood Legion Hall. It will take place from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Menu for the evening will be soup, sandwiches, pies and homemade ice cream. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

three through five years old.

The children experience many hands on activities in language arts, science, math, kindergarten readiness, and literature. High school juniors and seniors who are preparing for a career in early childhood education work directly with the preschoolers by planning and conducting the lessons. A major benefit for the children who attend the Vantage Preschool is the very low staff-child ratio. There is usually one teacher to every one or two preschoolers. The high school students also receive additional training in first aid, CPR and common childhood illnesses.

The Early Childhood Education program uses the Early Learning Content Standards to meet the guidelines for preschool education as determined by the Ohio Department of Education. These early learning standards serve as a framework for designing and implementing meaningful curricula and intentional learning experiences within the preschool.

For more information about the Vantage preschool, please contact Mary Ann Hall or Linda Morris at 1-800-686-3944 ext. 137.

ORANGE LIGHTS TO ILLUMINATE NEED FOR SAFETY IN OHIO'S WORK ZONES

Concerned by the deaths of 14 motorists and more than 1,860 injuries from accidents in state's highway construction work zones last year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is trying a new way to illuminate the need for safety—by casting several of its building across the state, including ODOT's headquarters along I-70 in Columbus, in bright orange light.

Locally, the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 building headquarters will be illuminated in orange as well as a portion of the GO Ethanol (Greater Ohio Ethanol) facility, both in Lima.

"We work in a dangerous industry. The safety of our workers and of the public we serve is priority in everything we do, every day," said Tim Burkepille, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. "Orange is a color which represents safety for us as it designates our work zones. We hope people will observe the orange lighting and remember that work zone safety is their responsibility as well," he said.

"Safety is job one here at the plant," said Greg Kruger, president and CEO of GO Ethanol. With 640,000 safe hours logged in the construction of the plant and six months with no lost-time injuries during operator training, Kruger says their com-



"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SPRING SPORTS SPIRIT DAY!

Each season, Vantage Career Center recognizes and celebrates students who participate in extracurricular activities at their home schools.

Spring Sports Spirit Day was recently held and the students (and staff members) pictured were recognized: Front - Sarah Korte and

Cassie Martinez, Lincolnview Track. Row 2 (l-r) - Laura Ruen, Lincolnview Softball, Audra Woodcox, Antwerp Softball, Stephanie Ream-Kistler, Continental Softball, Meagan Egnor and Courtney Young, Wayne Trace Softball, Bekah Dull, Van Wert Track, Bridget Baer, Lincolnview Track and Brandon Maag, Ottoville Track. Row 3 (l-r) - Mr. Jim Fisher, Delphos Jefferson Baseball Coach, Jayme

Denny, Wayne Trace Baseball, Cody Markward, Van Wert Track, Eric Beck, Paulding Track, Mike Evans, Lincolnview Baseball, Thomas Zuber, Antwerp Track, Rusty Warnecke, Ottoville Track and Mr. Mel White, Paulding Track Coach. Not pictured: Ryan Bowers, Dustin Geckle and Jordan Kimmel, Continental Track.

mitment to safety is evident. "We begin each meeting with a safety reminder. Participating with the Ohio Department of Transportation in their efforts to highlight the importance of safety is a natural partnership for us," he said.

With the reminder to go *Slow for the Cone Zone*, ODOT is partnering with members of the Ohio Contractors Association to recognize National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, running April 7-11.

"Last year, there were 5,418 work zone crashes on our state highway system," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "While that number is lower than the previous year, it is still important for drivers to stay alert, be patient and go *Slow for the Cone Zone*, for their safety as much as for the safety of our construction crews."

Nationally, there is one work zone injury every nine minutes and one work zone fatality every 8.7 hours. Eighty-five percent of those fatalities are drivers or passengers.

In addition to illuminating many of the department's buildings in orange light throughout the week, ODOT is placing 14 construction cones at locations across the state to remember those 14 individuals who lost their lives in work zone crashes in 2007.

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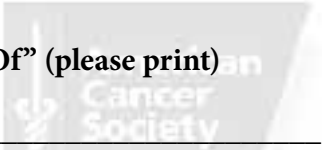
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