

VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOLS



Rachael Taylor



Zach Arnold



Jonathan Ross



Logan Sunday



Jessica Zink



Elizabeth Brames

Antwerp Local School

For the graduating class of 2008 from Antwerp High School, two valedictorians were named.

Zachary Arnold, the son of Steve Arnold and Shelly Walters. After high school Zach plans to attend Miami University and major in political science.

Rachael Taylor, the daughter of John and Julie Taylor. Rachel plans to attend Miami University and major in speech pathology next fall.

Antwerp's graduating class had an average score of 23.22 on the ACT, including four students with at least a score of 30.

Their class president was Chelsea Vail, VP was Rachael Taylor, secretary Jennifer Mansfield, and treasurer Jen Womack. Class motto is Live like their's no tomorrow, laugh till your stomach hurts, and love like you've never been hurt." —Mariah Overmyer.

Graduation for the class of 2008 for Antwerp Local School will be on Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Paulding High School

Valedictorian named for Paulding High School was Jonathan Ross who earned a GPA of 4.08 during his high school career. Jon is the son of Carolyn Ross and the late James Ross.

His academic activities include NHS, quiz bowl, and the Engineering team. Awards Jon has earned are honor roll, student of the month, and Americanism. He was also involved in band, choir, and drama at school.

Some of his activities outside of school are piano lessons and church youth group.

When asked who his favorite teacher or class was, he replied, "Ms. Williams, because she is the teacher that has taught me the most."

Jon plans to attend Ohio State University this fall and major in aeronautical engineering.

Salutatorian named for Paulding High School is Logan Sunday with a GPA of 4.013. He is the son of Verl and Mary Sunday.

Logan was a part of NHS and the quiz bowl team, and on the honor roll. He was a band member where he was vice president and Marcher of the Year, choir member, and drama member.

In the fall, Logan plans to

attend IPFW.

Graduation for Paulding High School's class of 2008 is set for Sunday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Wayne Trace High School

For the class of 2008, Wayne Trace High School has named three valedictorians with 4.0 GPAs.

Rob Pond, is the son of Fred and Marcia Pond of Scott.

His academic achievements and awards include 4-year honor roll, top geometry student, Voice of Democracy school finalist.

Rob's extracurricular activities are student council, teacher's aide, International Brotherhood of Magicians, 4-year scholastic bowl.

Community activities that Rob has been involved in are Van Wert County 4-H, Van Wert First United Methodist Church, and Ohio Has Talent performer.

Rob has earned these scholarships: OSU Trustees' Scholarship and Van Wert/Paulding County OSU Alumni Scholarship.

In the fall Rob Pond plans to attend Ohio State University and study Theatre.

Kendra Liggett, is the daughter of Scott and Tammy Liggett of Payne.

Her academic achieve-

ments include Academic letter, All A's merit Honor Roll, science, math, and english departmental awards, Americanism test winner.

Kendra was involved in concert choir and National Honor Society. She was ballet and jazz student and volunteer ballet teacher for non-for-profit Christian dance ministry, and church celebration brainstorming committee.

Kendra has earned these scholarships: Ohio Academic Scholarship, Buckeye Distinction Award, and OSU

Lima Award.

Kendra plans to attend Ohio State University and majoring in Actuarial Science.

Andrew Klopfenstein, is the son of Roy and Deb Klopfenstein of Haviland.

Andrew has actively been involved his entire high school career in 4-H, NHS, student council, camp counselor, piano, church youth group, and church youth group.

Andrew has earned these scholarships: Jerry Heiby Memorial Scholarship, Garst

Seed Company Scholarship, Ohio State College Scholarship, FABA Scholarship, DTS Scholarship.

In the fall, Andrew plans to attend Ohio State University majoring in Agricultural Engineering and a minor in Ag Business.

Wayne Trace High School graduation ceremony for the class of 2008 is set for Sunday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

Jessica Zink was named Woodlan's valedictorian for (Continued on Page 2)



Rob Pond



Kendra Liggett



Andrew Klopfenstein

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Caroline Elizabeth Davis, 90, of Payne died Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Country Inn Enhanced Living Facility, Paulding.

She was born May 18, 1917 in Paulding County, the daughter of Rudolph and Bertha (Harper) Schaefer. On January 16, 1935 she married Leo F. Davis. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne. She was also a member of John Paulding Historical Society. She was previously employed by G.E. of Ft. Wayne, and Magnavox, Ft. Wayne.

She is survived by her husband, Leo Davis of Payne; two sons: Jim Davis of Payne, and Roger (Patricia) Davis of Woodstock, GA; and two daughters: Barbara (Frank) French of Overland Park, KS, and Phyllis Davis of Windsor, WI; a brother, Roy (Dortha) Schaefer of Payne; and two sisters: Rita (Bill) Kiesler of Midford of OR and Helen Treat of Paulding; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Schaefer; and a sister, Addie Radenbaugh.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, May 15 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, with Rev. G. A. Fillman officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to St. John the Baptist School Endowment Fund or John Paulding Historical Society. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

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the class of 2008. Her GPA is 11.64 on a 12 point scale.

She plans to attend Purdue University in the fall and pursue a degree in Pharmacy.

During high school Jessica was involved in National Honor Society, FFA, Service Club, 4-H, Student Council, softball, volleyball, Academic Superbowl, and Yearbook staff.

Jessica enjoys sports and horseback riding. Currently she is a Walgreen's pharmacy intern, "Everybody Reads" volunteer tutor, Salvation Army bellringer; Volunteer for Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Great Zoo Halloween, AWS Fantasy of Lights, PBS, Samaritan house, a "Bullying Hurts" program mentor, FFA Kindergarten farm tour guide, FFA Wabash-Erie Field Day.

The Awards that Jessica has earned are ICGSA Academic All-State Team Softball, Student Rotarian of Fort Wayne, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition, and NSAA National English Merit Award.

Insight that Jessica would like to share about her high school experience, "High school is full of opportunities to succeed; the harder you work the more you will find."

Elizabeth Brames was named salutatorian for the class of 2008 for Woodlan High School. She earned a 11.546 on a 12-point scale.

After high school, Elizabeth plans to attend the University of Saint Francis and obtain her Master's degree in Education and an elementary and special education teaching license.

Elizabeth has been involved in girl scouts, marching band/color guard, winter

guard, National Honor Society, student council, school's musical, NAND, and school newspaper.

Outside of school, Elizabeth enjoys reading, water sports, and spending time with family and friends. Community activities she is a part of are: interning at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in New Haven in a first grade classroom; volunteering at Meadowbrook Elementary and St. John's in first grade classrooms; and a crew leader at St. John's Vacation Bible School.

Elizabeth's awards and recognitions include Sterling Sentinel Nominee for English, Woodlan's representative for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Girl Scout Gold Award recipient (equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle), National Honor Society member, Color Guard Captain, Principal's Award, Perfect Attendance, Girl Scout Cookie Sales scholarship, and Saint Francis Scholarships - Catholic Heritage Scholarship, Child of Alumni Scholarship, and Dean's Scholarship.

When asked about some insights to share about her high school experience, Elizabeth stated, "High school, like life, is what you make it. The teachers give you everything you need to do well in class. However, it is up to you to take advantage of that opportunity. Your education will be with you forever, so make it count!"

Graduation for Woodlan's class of 2008 is set for Friday, June 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

CARD OF THANKS

A sincere Thank You to my friends & family, for their prayers, beautiful flowers, cards, gifts & food during my recent stay at Parkview Hospital.

Also, a special thanks to Reverend Schmunk & Reverend Riley and the Paulding EMS for their fast response.

May God Bless You All!
—Vince Bennett

CORRECTION

In last week's Crossword, Suddenly Senior Quiz, the date for question 13 should read "1968".

MEMORIAL DAY ARRANGEMENTS IN GROVER HILL

Memorial Day will be recognized in Grover Hill on Monday, May 26, 2008.

Starting off the day's services, the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a free-will Pancake and Sausage breakfast at the VFW Post hall on South Main Street, in Grover Hill between 7:00-10:00 a.m. Takeouts will be available but we invite the public to attend, meet and greet your neighbors, socialize for a while and then attend the services honoring our deceased veterans.

Members of the Grover Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2873 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be holding Memorial Day services on Monday, May 26, at Middle Creek Cemetery located just southeast of Grover Hill. Services are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Monument, with the Wayne Trace Band providing musical numbers for the program. Also participating will be members of Grover Hill Cub Pack and Scout Troop #64.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADES SCHEDULE

May 26, 2008:

Paulding - 11:00 a.m.

Cecil - 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood (starts with program at the school) 10:00 a.m.

Hicksville - 10:00 a.m.

Antwerp - 11:00 a.m.

Many of these towns include different activities and meals to go along with the parade.

MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST AND PARADE IN PAYNE

The Reuben S. Smith Post 297 American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. A parade will follow at 9:30 a.m. A Memorial service will then take place at Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne. The New Horizon Band will be playing at 11:00 a.m. at the Legion and a dinner for all Veterans will start at 12:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS MONTHLY RECYCLING

The Boy Scouts of Antwerp will hold their recycle day on Saturday, May 24. They will be at the Antwerp Fire hall from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

They can take cardboard, glass, newspaper in brown bags, and aluminum and steel cans.

BUTTERFLY UNIT AT PRESCHOOL



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently ordered a butterfly kit from California. They arrived as teeny tiny little caterpillars which we watched triple in size, form a chrysalis and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies! Shown here during the release are from left: Brody Fisher, Leigha Egnor

and Lauren Barnett. If you look very closely at the end of the flower, you will see one of our awesome butterflies! The children were thrilled to see them all fly away. These children are in the afternoon class of 4 and young 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

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In Medieval times, a king would often have a jester to entertain him and to cheer him up when he was sad or troubled. The jester would tell funny stories, perform tricks, and do most anything to amuse and distract the king in his difficult moments. The jester was called the king's "fool."

A certain king enjoyed his jester's performances very much; the jester could make him laugh so easily. One day, the king handed the royal scepter to the jester and said, "If you ever find a fool greater than yourself, give this scepter to him."

After a while, the king grew deathly ill.....

Feeling very melancholy, the king called for the jester, hoping that he could make him feel better. When the jester arrived the king said, "Ah, jester, I fear that I am about to depart upon a long journey." "Have you known about this journey for long?" the jester inquired. "Well, yes I have" the king replied. The jester then asked, "Have you prepared for this journey?" "No," the king replied, "I'm afraid I have not." Then, handing the royal scepter to the king, the jester said:

"Then this belongs to YOU - for you are a greater fool than I."

Wise are those who prepare for appointments that they know they must keep. Two such appointments that each and every one of us must keep are: **death** (unless the Lord comes first) and the **judgment** to come. "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Have YOU prepared yourself for these appointments?

Because of His great love, God sent His Son Jesus into the world that through Him we might be prepared for these unavoidable appointments. 'So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many' (Hebrews 9:28). On the cross, Jesus bore the sins of the world upon Himself; He paid the price for sin. One may receive the benefits of His sacrificial death by faith (Acts 16:30), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and then "walking in the light as He is in the light" through a life of obedience to God's will (1 John 1:7).

To those who have obeyed the Gospel and "eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

No remedy remains, however, if we die in our sins and enter eternity without God. If Christ is not our sin-bearer, we will bear our own sins in judgment.

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MOTHERS HONORED AT SOUTH SCPIO UNITED BRETHREN



A group of South Scpio UBC mothers holding the stained glass angels crafted by Mike Emenhiser.

Mother's Day Sunday included several special features at South Scpio United Brethren in Christ church. All mothers in attendance received angel ornaments designed and crafted by Mike Emenhiser and featuring glass from an old SSUBC window. Three women received additional prizes for meeting such

criteria as having the oldest child and being awake with a child during the night.

In Pastor Gary Gates' absence, Dave Woods led the service and Rev. Wayne Goldsmith brought a message of encouragement to moms. Guest Brian Souers joined the Worship Team in leading music.

SERVING OUT OF LOVE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It was a beautiful summer day and Clarence was enjoying a row in the boat with his lovely girlfriend, anticipating the picnic they would have when they got to the island in the center of the lake. These were days when young men and young ladies wore more than shorts and T-shirts when out in public.

Clarence had donned a spiffy suit with a high collar, and his female companion had on a long dress with billowing petticoats under-

neath. Clarence masculinely pulled on the wooden oars, as his date sat coolly under her parasol. Though the steamy heat of the summer day began to wring sweat from him he was so hypnotized by his girlfriend's beauty, he was not troubled. Finally, he reached their location, dragged the boat onto the shore, and helped his girlfriend out of the boat.

He placed all their supplies beneath a spreading shade tree, and as he prepared to sit down and enjoy the coolness of the shade, the girl said gently, "Honey, you forgot the ice cream."

"Ice cream," stammered

Clarence, recalling that the two had planned an ice cream dessert. So the suitor got back into the boat and stroked his way back across the lake. He found a grocery store, bought some ice cream, and headed back for the cool shade where his girlfriend sat.

Upon arriving at the island once more, his girlfriend had another friendly reminder, "Clarence, honey, you forgot the chocolate syrup."

Clarence was in love. So he got back into the boat, grabbed the hot oars once more, and set sail for the grocery store on the shore. He bought the syrup, returned to the boat, and once again began rowing in the hot afternoon sun. But this time the frustration of it all got to him, and half way to the other side, he put up the oars and began to think. There must be a better way.

By the end of the afternoon, Clarence Evinrude had invented the outboard motor. The girl he left stranded on the island became his wife, and the company he started is still around to this day.

As I reflected on that story, I thought of how that young man desired to serve the one he loved. But I also thought about how he creatively considered how he might be more effective in his service. It's admirable that he loved his girl and went to great lengths to show his love; it's rare that you find a person who is willing to evaluate how he might better serve through creative alternatives.

To those of us who name the Name of Jesus Christ, we have a desire to love the Lord and demonstrate that love to Him. The Bible tells us that we show our love to Christ in the level of our obedience to His word. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you'll obey My commands."

How often do we evaluate our obedience level? When was the last time you took stock and considered how you might better serve the Lord? Are you going through the motions of being a Christian or are you truly examining your lifestyle, your ministry,

your attitude, to see if you could be more effective in your obedience to the Savior?

Clarence Evinrude went beyond serving out of love. He served as effectively as he could out of love. Do we?

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LESSON 1C

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson I was talking to you about the Ethiopian Eunuch and about confessing Christ and what exactly it means. Loved ones, the Bible speaks very plainly about how we are to be saved and gives illustration after illustration. The Ethiopian eunuch is one of those illustrations.

To be saved we must first hear the word of God through the Gospel message. After hearing, comes believing then repentance and after repentance is confession. Finally after confessing Christ is baptism. Notice in Acts 8:35 Phillip preached of Jesus unto him. The eunuch was hearing and believing as well as repenting. In verse 37 Phillip asked, "Do you believe what I have just told you about Jesus" in Acts 8:35. The eunuch confessed and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Also read in verse 38, how it states that they both went down into the water and Phillip baptized him, completely immersing him under the water.

You might ask why should I be baptized? There are several reasons, the first of which is the purpose of baptism. Acts 2:38 tells us of another reason which is for the remission of sins. Acts 22:16 tells us it is to wash away thy sins; I Peter 3:20-21 states that it is an answer of a good conscience towards, the like figure where unto even baptism doth also save us. There is also Acts 10:48; John 3:5; and Luke 7:30; Read II Corinthians 5:17 and then read Galatians 3:27. II Corinthians 5:17 tells us about being in Christ and Galatians 3:27 tells us that we have been baptized into Christ. So in order to put on Christ, we must be baptized. Lord willing I will continue this study in the next lesson. Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I!

MASONS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lodge was opened in full form and harmony by WM Jim Kline and the Pledge was given. It was then announced that the recipients of this years High School Scholarships will be presented to three different school's "Awards Ceremonies" this year. Those receiving 2008 Masonic Scholarships are Jasmine Stevenson of Hicksville, Katy Kline of Fairview and Zach Carr from Antwerp. They will be presented by Hicksville Masonic members Mike Blue, Richard Savage and Walter Schilb. Two scholarships are normally given. The additional scholarship was made possible by the successful Chicken Bar-B-Q held last year. This year's scholarship fundraiser will be held in the Hicksville Banks parking lot on June 14th. All monies received form this annual fundraiser goes towards these awards.

The 50-year members attending the stated meeting last Wednesday included



OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 OF THE GLEANERS LIFE INSURANCE

We have had a busy month of May.

"Join Hands Day" was held on Saturday, May 5 at the Badman Ball Field in Oakwood. Boy Scouts Troop #19 helped Arbor members to clean and ready the park for the ball season. Over 40 people came to help rake leaves, pick up trash, rake stones, clean rest rooms, etc. The advertisement signs were hung around the main field inside. Everyone enjoyed the pizza and pop. Thanks goes to the extra donations from Rhees Market. Arbor gave donations to the Badman Ball Field and Boy Scouts Troop #19.

At the shelter house in

Oakwood a short business meeting was held. Discussions were held for the upcoming events. Motion was made to give a donation to the Paulding County-American Cancer Society Relay For Life event. Our June 5th meeting will be at the Oakwood Fire House with Fire Chief and local Gleaners Agent being speakers for us. Call any Arbor member to learn how you can become a member.

We helped Oakwood Elementary School with their planned Right to Read Week. Arbor members read a story to each grade level or classroom. A donation was given for the Fort Wayne Zoo to bring animals to visit the students. Arbor member Apache Etter worked with the school coordinator for this program.

Boger from Auburn.

Get well cards were sent to Garold Cook and Jim Wondery while birthday cards were signed and sent to Estel Cottrell May 17, Bob Elliott May 23, Doyle Johnson May 21, Steve Metz May 16, Gene Paul Volkert May 25, Jimmie J. Volkert May 24, Elmer Woodcox May 26 and Mark Leavell May 25.

The next stated meeting will be May 28. With no further business, all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. Suzy's famous delicacy "Hot Chicken Wings" were on the menu for the evening's meal.

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Con and Ann Shuherk of Payne, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alyssa Marie, to Matthew Brent Saylor, son of Brent and Cheryl Saylor of Haviland.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2008 graduate of Defiance College, earning her Bachelor of Science in Education. She is currently em-

ployed as a substitute teacher through the NWOESC.

Her fiancé graduated in 2000 from Wayne Trace High School. He spent four years in the United States Air Force and received an honorable discharge in 2004. He is currently attending IPFW, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, majoring in Electrical Engineering.

The couple will exchange vows June 14, 2008 at St. John's Catholic Church in Payne, Ohio.

ATTENTION ALL WOOD-BURN WATER CUSTOMERS

The City of Woodburn will be flushing Fire Hydrants during the dates of May 26, 2008 and June 30, 2008. During these dates you may notice some discoloration in the water. This may cause orange colored water in your drinking and washing water. You should allow your water to run until the water clears.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

—City of Woodburn Water Department

CROWDS WOWED IN OAKWOOD

The new Community Room of the Cooper Community Library was the hub of activity recently. Anticipation runs high for how the hostesses will decorate their tables for the Annual Spring Tea, and in fact there is a waiting list of those who would like to hostess a table. Guests also look forward to the menu as well as the new fashions that are modeled while they dine.

Once again there was a sea of beautiful tables with exquisite china and crystal and magnificent centerpieces. This year there were several mothers and daughter teaming up to prepare the tables. Kathy Denny served for the first time and enlisted the help of her mother Eileen Kochensparger with her "Ode to Mothers" themed table in shades of blue. Each guest was asked to bring a picture of their mother that was inserted into a picture frame. The framed picture, along with a book wrapped in a lovely white linen handkerchief, were her hostess gifts, and very fitting for the Mother's Day weekend event. Heather Hunt has attended the previous Teas and has been on the waiting list to become a hostess. This year she filled one of the openings along with help from her mother Joan Mapes. "Simply Country" was their theme and the table was topped with Joan's baby quilt. The dinnerware was a wedding gift to Heather's parents from Joan's parents. Oil lamps were used for decorations as well as her collection of salt and pepper shakers. She gifted her guests with candles. Phyllis Behringer spent hours with the Oragami folded napkins at her "Tea Time in Blue" table. The center of the napkin was weighted down with a flower paperweight which was also the hostess gift. Unfortunately Phyllis could not attend, but her mother Fran



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION GRADUATION DINNER

By: Sue Knapp

May 15th was the night this year's Leadership in Action group had their Graduation Banquet at the Paulding County Youth Center.

This year's students included Doug Bidlack, Schweller Electric; Rex Gray, Jason Landers, Brian Grant and Mark Butler all from the Sheriff's Dept.; Cassandra Arend, Cooper Farms; Jamie Hughes and Angel Pease from the PC Court; Peg Bauman, Insource Tech.; Kari Springer, Little Blessings Day care; Amanda Boroff, Rite

Aid; Jacqueline Gremling and Dawn Grant from Lindsay and Company; Jeremy Zartman, Wayne Trace; Chris Britt and Julie Koenn from Paulding Schools.

The Leadership in Action Steering Committee plans the activities and selects the people to be involved. The students get a chance to visit different corporations and listen to different speakers on business. The students also experienced testing from Meyers Briggs. They learned how to deal with different personalities and different situations.

The students are under the wing of Clip Clippinger, President of the Paulding

Chamber of Commerce and he is with them in all the activities.

Some of the places they visited this year are: Cooper's, La Farge, InSource, PC Workshop, Custom Assembly and Vantage.

The students and Clip are appreciative for what they have learned about Paulding County. There are businesses they didn't know existed. One of the businesses they were impressed with was the PC Workshop. The students were impressed with what the workshop put out. Another thing that was mentioned was the opportunities that Paulding County offers.

Florence sat in as hostess for her.

Anada Cooper wowed everyone with her 'Out of Africa' theme complete with a real zebra looking down on her table. Souvenirs from her husband's big game hunting trips were meticulously arranged on an animal skin that complemented her shades of black, brown, and white. The china was rimmed with exotic animals and an animal print bracelet served as both hostess gift and name card. Cindy Skiver incorporated the brass candle sticks from her daughters' weddings into her centerpiece. Bold black and red made for a striking table with the theme of 'Expressions in Bloom'. Sheila Porter chose 'Heirlooms and Memories' as her theme and gifted her guests with an angel to remind them of their guardian angel watching over them. She also used roses to accompany her theme and a tea set that she and her granddaughter Kaylee, now 14, used for many wonderful tea parties.

'A Seaside Setting' was theme chosen by Michelle Siddle who incorporated her love of the water and colors of the seaside in her table. She made napkin rings that also served as name cards and personally made monogrammed bags that served as her hostess gift. Marsha Henke chose 'Tea Time in the Poppy Fields' to adorn her bright yellow and orange themed table. Marsha is affectionately referred to as 'Oakwood's own Martha Stewart' and continues to come up with clever ideas. Her talent has obviously been passed along to her daughter Jeanine Keyes whose 'Diamonds and Pearls' table was simply elegant. Guests received a lovely hand crafted, jeweled truffle box along with a silver picture frame with a verse.

'Hollywood Glam' was the theme chosen by first time hostess Lou Cinda Horstman who also had some help from her mother Mary Lou Shisler. In fact the china was sent to

Mary Lou from her husband Phil while he was stationed in Japan in 1968. Rounding out the hostess roster was Mary Rickard. Mary's clever theme was 'Sereni Tea' and her beautiful English Rose tea set was a surprise gift from her husband after she had admired it while on vacation.

Guests enjoyed chilled strawberry soup with sugared croutons, a sunshine salad, crab salad filled wonton cups, a turkey wrap, lemon tarts, chocolate cheesecake cups, and stuffed strawberries for lunch while clothes were modeled from Christopher and Banks, CJ Banks, and various other stores. A surprise visit from Maxine, the noted cartoon character, ended this event with lots of laughter.

As guests left the Tea, host-

esses and event planners busily began preparations for the Novel Dining evening event. In order to utilize the beautiful table settings again, and to raise more funds for the Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, an elegant evening meal was held at 6:30. The doors opened at 6:00 with time for mingling and enjoying beautifully arranged appetizers. Guests were then welcomed into the dimly lit dining room with the beautiful music of Alexandra Hogan playing her harp throughout the full course meal. Well deserved compliments were poured on everyone involved for two wonderful events. And with two more sold out events it appears tickets to library fund raisers in Oakwood have become a hot commodity!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is responsibility? I live in Paulding and we have only one grocery store—Chief. On Ash Wednesday, I went to the store to pick up the ingredients for tuna salad and a few other things that I needed at home. It wasn't a lot, but sixty dollars worth of groceries is not just a gallon of milk either. There were quite a few people waiting for the lone cashier's assistance and I was third in line when another lane opened up. I waited my turn and wrote a check for my purchases. The cashier took my check and

put in the scanner attached to the register. After a moment she said to the other cashier "Why does this keep coming up?" And then, to me, she said, "We cannot take your check." I asked her what she was talking about and the other cashier in the other lane said quite loudly, "We cannot take your check because it says that you have a bad check in our system." I was appalled and embarrassed. I told them that I have had a checking account since I was a sophomore in high school and I am soon to be 45 years old and that I have never written a bad check. The cashier said that it didn't matter and she couldn't take the check and handed my check back to me. I then started to get angry, but I really need the celery and mayo for tuna salad. If I would have had the time to drive out of town to shop, I would just have left my groceries sitting at the checkout and walked out. Instead, I got out a credit card and told the cashiers until I get an apology from them for their mistake that this would be the last damn time I walked into this store. My husband took the check to our bank the next day and asked them if there was anything wrong with it. They said no and that it was probably a problem with the store's scanner or their computer since they accepted and cashed a check from the same account for over \$200 on the 19th of January. It has been quite some time and I have

yet to get my apology from Chief Supermarkets.

This is not my first problem with Chief Supermarket. Earlier this spring they ran the same check electronically through the system and took it out of my account three times over three months. On the third time, Chief also took a "Non-sufficient Fund" fee of \$30 out of the account. It took over three months to straighten this problem out and I had to get my \$30 back from Chief's bank myself. Chief didn't offer to get the \$30 back nor did I get an apology for this screw-up.

All I want to know is who is responsible for "fessing-up" to their mistakes? Am I to assume fault because Chief has faulty equipment or that I continue to use something as old-fashioned as a written check (backed with cash) to pay for my bills. Who in the Chief Supermarket Management system has the integrity to admit fault and deal with it accordingly?

Thank you for your time.
—Anna M. Free,
Paulding, Ohio

PAULDING COUNTY FINANCE ISSUES

The economy has raised many financial issues in the Commissioners' Office.

Interest income, sales tax, personal property taxes, foreclosures, and motor vehicle tax are just a few of our problem areas as dollars continue to diminish.

With lower interest rates, investment income (which the county depends upon as a valuable revenue source) now becomes a detriment to an already dwindling general fund.

Sales tax has remained the same or slightly higher in the first quarter of 2008, but continues to be less in the same time frame from 2005.

Looking at the overall picture, expenses for our county are rising faster than the areas of income. Over the past several years, the Commissioners have taken steps to address this shortfall in ways that would result in the least negative impact on the citizens of the county.

The county operations and maintenance levy request in the 2008 fall general election becomes extremely important. If the levy passes, the collection of taxes will continue in 2009. Should the levy fail this fall, but pass in 2009, new taxes could not be collected until 2010. This means the county would operate at a tremendous deficit for at least one year.

Consequently, all non-mandated funded offices would lose general fund dollars, the Sheriff's Office could lose road deputies, other county offices would lose staff and services, and additional

Wayne Trace

Saturday Night Prom

"I Could Not Ask for More"

The Wayne Trace Prom took place on Saturday, May 10. The Blue Carpet started at 7:00 pm and the prom lasted until 11:00 pm.

The seniors enjoyed the time while the juniors took care of the preparation. Look at their expressions when the couples walked in, one could see some were embarrassed and others thought the attention was great. Either way, the "blue carpet" was enjoyed by both the young people and the on-lookers.

The Prom Queen for 2008 is Nicole Lay and the King is Zachary Gerber.

The Princess for 2008 is Natalie Snyder and the Prince is Justin Davis. Congratulations to these fine people.

The After Prom theme was "Twist the Night Away" from 11:30-2:30

A night to remember for the seniors and the underclassmen have a great year next year to look forward to.

Queen/King, Prince/Princess pictures provided by the School. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net in May 10 weekend section

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cuts yet to be determined would also take affect.

These problems are not local, but state-wide in nature. As stated in a previous article, what can Paulding County do with or without until the economy improves? Also, what operational levy millage could we accept? Most discussion centers around 2.5 mills.

Facts and figures are available at the courthouse should anyone desire information concerning any of the aforementioned areas of concern. Also available for review is a complete disclosure document of Fund 149, which is the operation and maintenance levy for the new jail, in place from 2003 through 2007. This report is an itemized printout to show every part of the collected income of the levy and a disclosure of every expenditure from Fund 149 to date. The carryover from this levy will be depleted approximately mid-October, 2008. This would leave a projected \$127,125 deficit to be covered by the general fund ending in December 2008.

DAY IN THE PARK'S PLANS CONTINUE

As the plans for A Day in the Park (August 9) continue to be made, the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone planning to participate to notify the Chamber of your intentions. Please phone 419-258-1722 and leave us a message as to whether your plans might be for a food booth, an activity or game, or if you are interested in setting up in the crafts/flea market area. All are welcome to be a part, it is just helpful to those planning the layout of the park if we know

who to expect will be there.

This past week, the plans were finalized to have Mark's Ark back with us again from 3:00-5:00 p.m.! This year he and his animal friends will be out and about in the park for the young people to see and learn.

The gospel group Legacy will be performing from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the pavilion. This is a new act for 2008 and many of you may have heard them recently at the Es-sen House.

These and more activities are in the works for a great day. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

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Woodlan hosted Antwerp in their final season games on Friday, May 16. A tough game was expected for both sides and the teams did not disappoint. Warrior Senior Jessica Zink, catcher, was short by a couple of inches for the out. The only run scored was by Archer Senior Amanda Riebersal shown here sliding into home in the top of the 9th. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp Varsity Baseball's last season game took place on May 13 at Booster Field. Antwerp had a great second inning scoring 4 runs. Senior Anthony Smith shown here gets the out at first. Archers won their last game 11-6. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Panther's Varsity Softball team took on Bluffton Friday, May 16. The girls started out strong allowing no points to be scored in the 1st inning. Paulding Sophomore Shelby Erford, shown here, gets the out at 2nd to take the game to the bottom of the 1st. Paulding pushed their lead 1-0 in the 1st inning and ended up with a 3-2 win. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

JV LADY RAIDERS COME OUT ON TOP AGAINST PANTHERS

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders moved to 10 and 3 on the softball season following a come from behind win in the top of the seventh inning against the Paulding Lady Panthers. The final score was 10-5.

Entering the final inning WT trailed Paulding 5-3 and then pounded-out six hits and scored seven runs. The winning pitcher was Abbey Linder. She retired the top of the Paulding batting order in 1-2-3 fashion to seal the victory for the Lady Raiders.

Leading the way at the plate for Wayne Trace was Heather Bidlack. She was 2-4 with two runs scored. Janelle Davis was 2-3 and Macy Crooks was 1-3 with three RBI.

Nicole Gebers went the distance for Paulding in the loss.

ARCHER BASEBALL ENDS SEASON WITH VICTORY

Antwerp played their final game of the year at Booster Field Tuesday, May 13 against Crestview.

Crestview jumped out 5-0 in the top of the first aided by a Briggs Orsbon 3 run home run. Orsbon scored again in the second after getting his second hit on a Kyle Balliet double but the Knights did not score again.

Antwerp answered with 2 in the first 3 in the second. The score stayed 6-5 Crestview until the Archers put 6 on the board in the sixth inning. Kyle Proxmire, Jared Delong and Beau Kobee each had two hits for the Archers. Kobee had 3 RBI.

Ian Clay, Tony Springer and Tony Burger pitched for the Knights but Springer took the loss.

Mark Parisot, Beau Kobee and Kyle Proxmire pitched for the Archers. 4 year starter, Proxmire pitching in his last game for the Archers got the win.

ARCHER SOFTBALL PICK UP SECTIONAL TITLE

The softball team pick up the sectional title yesterday afternoon with a 3-1 victory over Montpelier. Bryn Schlatter was near perfect on the mound tossing her second no-hitter of the season. Bryn struck out 12 and walked 3 in the victory.

At the plate, the Archers were paced by Kole Schlatter with two singles and an RBI while freshman Jessie Arnold planted a raindrop, just over first base, which scored the winning runs in the fifth inning.

ARCHER BASEBALL FALLS HARD UNDER RAMS

Tinora opened with a 10 run 1st inning at Booster Field Monday afternoon, May 12.

For the Rams, Layne Schroeder was 3 for 3 with home run and 4 RBI and took the win pitching all 5 innings, giving up 7 scattered hits. Zach Beilharz was also 3 for 3 with 2 RBI. Taylor Weimken, Jon Gerken, and Trey Meyer each had 2 hits.

For the Archers, Kyle Proxmire was 3 for 3 with a double. Mark Parisot took the loss for the Archers. Anthony Smith and Shaile Chamberlain came in relief.



By: Chelsea Vail

All systems are a go, and we are ready for liftoff... Really. We seniors have less than a week to be students at AHS. May I just say, YIKES! We've spent years anticipating the magnificence of this much-acclaimed year, but now it seems our days have passed all too quickly. Guess we should have listened when our parents told us to be kids as long as possible, huh?

Houston, we have a problem... If I continue in this vein of reminiscing, we'll never get to the crux of the matter - the many events contributing to the overall hubbub. For business: senior exams on Thursday and Friday and graduation practice on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. For pleasure: the senior/faculty breakfast on Friday morning. For pomp and circumstance: graduation on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Ah, graduation. Word on the street is that a certain charismatic young news columnist will be delivering the History of the Class of 2008. Methinks you'll want to be there.

Nolens volens (NO-lenz VO-lenz)

1. Whether willingly or unwillingly

Example: "The Class of 2008 will soon be part of the 'real world,' nolens volens."

For everything happening on school grounds in the coming days, next Monday should be relatively uneventful. The Eagle will have landed, one giant leap for the Class of 2008 will have been taken, and proof that we really did land on the moon will have been procured in 5...4...3...2...1...

LADY WARRIORS SHUT OUT LADY GENERALS

Woodlan Softball was victorious over Wayne on Thursday, May 15 with a score of 14-0.

Woodlan's record now stands at 16-6 with 14 runs, 13 hits, 2 errors; 2B-Lengacher (WL), Suder (WL), Knoblauch (WL), Potter (WL); and WP-Copeland

Wayne had 0 runs, 2 hits, 4 errors; and LP-Brown

WAYNE TRACE JV SOFTBALL HOSTED TINORA TO A RAIDER VICTORY

The Wayne Trace JV Lady Raiders softball team hosted Tinora on Friday May 16.

Abbey Linder got the win, pitching all seven innings in the 6-2 decision.

Tinora scored in the first inning and kept the lead until the Lady Raiders batted in the fifth where they scored five runs.

Janelle Davis lead off the fifth with a double to left center and then scored on a double by Heather Bidlack. Linder then drew a walk and was driven home along with Bidlack by an Aryn Denny double down the left field line. After a walk to Vivian Baker; Ms. Denny and Ms. Baker scored on a deep sacrifice fly to center field by Kelsey Heck.

Leading hitters for the



Woodlan Varsity Baseball played Churubusco Thursday, May 15 in a game that appeared to be difficult. Sophomore Corbin Bell slides safely in to 3rd base in the 3rd inning. Bell goes on to score and Woodlan won 12-7. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Warriors hosted Wayne Thursday, May 15 and won in 14-0 by the 10 run rule. Junior Bethany Hogue hit a double and drove in two others for a strong 3rd inning. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Raiders were Davis going 2 for 2; Bidlack was 2 for 3 with 2 RBI, Denny and Heck each contributed 2 RBIs a piece.

The Lady JV Raiders finished their season with an excellent 11 and 3 record.

WOODLAN SOFTBALL LOSES TO ANTWERP IN 9 INNING GAME

Antwerp Lady Archers Shut out the Lady Warriors in a 9 inning showdown on Friday, May 16, 2008. The only run was scored in that last inning. Archers took the victory of 1-0 back home.

Woodlan's record now stands at 16-7 with 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors and LP-Copeland for this game.

Antwerp's record now stands at 19-7 with 1 run, 5 hits, 0 errors; 2B-Riebersal; and WP-Schlatter for this game.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Celebrate the end of school with the Knitting/Crocheting Group on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. and with Max and her part-human part-avian family in James Patterson's Maximum Ride-School's Out-Forever teen book discussion on Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The book discussion is free and is open to all middle school and high school youth. It will be led by Teen Advisory Board Member and library volunteer Naomi Barkman.

According to the School Library Journal, "This book

picks up exactly where The Angel Experiment left off. The six genetically engineered bird children have escaped from the wolf-hybrid Erasers again, Max is still hearing The Voice in her head, and she is still reeling from the revelation that Ari, the most persistent of all the Erasers, is dead by her hand and that he might be her brother... This book is full of as many twists, turns, and conspiracies as an episode of daytime drama."

The library has ordered copies of the book, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

The Johnson Memorial Library will also be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts.

Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin. The group will be facilitated by Teen Advisory Group Members and library volunteers Naomi Barkman and Natasha Tonneas.

For more information on the monthly Teen Book Discussion Group or the Knitting & Crocheting Group, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200. Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.



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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

The picture you see here was loaned to us by Len Zuber. This picture is of the block just south of the office of the Antwerp Equity Exchange and also known as the 'Elevator'. This is the area where those big storage bins now stand.

About as early as I can remember, Bob and Thelma Lichty lived in that house. Cara Lou and Bud were born there. Then in the mid-1930's they moved down on E. Canal Street.

You can see in the background autos from Model T's to about a 1941 Chevy or it's a late model Chevy.

I think this picture was taken about 1940 or '41. It certainly was a neat and well kept area.

I know in the back of the house, was a one car garage. At this time Lavon and Birdie Mae Zuber lived here. At that time employment was pretty good, although, most fellows who worked in Ft. Wayne brought home about \$18.00 weekly, but that went a long ways.

You can't see them, but there were three more houses on that block. The next house west was Floyd and Marie Bly's. After Floyd passed away she married a man named Miller. Mrs. Slattery lived in the next house and Mears

lived in the last house.

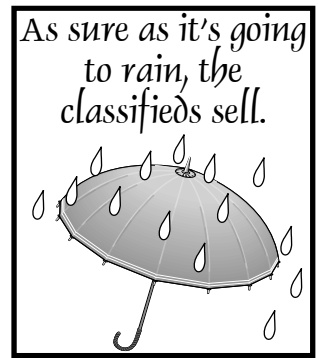
Over the years, the Elevator acquired all those lots and demolished the houses to make room for those two large, shiny grain bins.

That was still J. B. Johnson Furniture Factory in the back ground. You can see his name on the truck bed behind the house. At the extreme right corner, that you can't see, is now the Fire Station, but at that time was an old livery stable and later used as a tomato processing plant.

Ruth Neely told me that she came to Antwerp to school before they had any school buses. She rode in a buggy with Mr. Wentworth and he would drop her off at school and he would leave his horse at the livery stable during the day. They both lived on River Road East.

I thank each and everyone who contributes to this column, without your pictures and memories the column wouldn't be possible.

See, Ya!



NOW READ THIS: THE MIGHTY ARCHERS SOFTBALL

By: Stan Jordan

At the game with Montpelier on the Hicksville diamond on Tuesday, May 19th, the girls played a very good ball game.

The pitching was top notch. Bryn threw a no-hitter. They played good defense behind her. Kole plays third and covers that area great on defense for a bunt.

PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES IS COMING SOON!!

The cast of the upcoming "Pump Boys and Dinettes" are getting fine tuned for their high octane show on June 6th and 7th and June 13th and 14th performance on the Antwerp School Stage. This marks CCBanks Productions third stint on the school stage, following "Cinderella" and "Wizard of Oz".

The Banks' of Antwerp are excited to produce and direct this fun-filled show that is completely different in nature than anything else they have directed. "We are dedicating this to my father, Nick Banks, who passed away at the beginning of April. The whole 'roadside diner and gas station' will come to life thanks to my dad's many collections that I am using for set pieces," says Chris Banks, "I know he would get a big smile on his face to see all of this come together and, of course, see his granddaughter Rachel perform."

The show celebrates middle American life on Highway 57 in North Carolina with four "good ole' boys" - David Griffiths of Paulding, Brian Shetterly of Fort Wayne, and Ryan Lumpkins and Spencer Wilhelm, both of Oakwood. Across the highway is the Double Cup Diner. Sisters Rachel Banks of Antwerp and Anna Matusik of Fort Wayne will be serving up some good food and atmosphere. In addition, a live on-stage band will be performing featuring Alex Zartman on guitar, Justin Donat on keyboard, both of Antwerp and Ryan Lumpkins on bass.

Not only is there great fun in the music and set, there is also lots of audience participation with possibilities to get pulled up on stage and become a part of the show! Prizes and a lottery drawing during the show will make this a new and fun experience for all.

Y'all come down to the Double Cup and we guarantee you we'll be serving up some great county, blues and bluegrass goodness!

2008 SOFTBALL CAMP COMING IN JUNE TO PAYNE

The Payne Ball Association will be sponsoring a fast pitch softball pitching, hitting and fielding camp in June. The camp will run from Monday, June 9, through Wednesday, June 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day at the Payne School fields.

The camp will be instructed by nationally and internationally known softball instructor, Bob Pelle, along with coaches and players from Rowan University in New Jersey. Mr. Pelle has worked with over 400 collegiate players in his career along with several members of the Team USA softball team. Mr. Pelle is

currently an assistant coach at Rowan University, which qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament in 2008. The camp will cover pitching, hitting, fielding and all other skills involved in fast pitch softball. The camp is designed for girls aged nine through fifteen.

For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher (419-263-0805), Mike Krouse (419-263-1393) or Colleen Saylor (419-263-2541). Registration information may also be found at www.payneball.com or requested by e-mail to payneball@verizon.net.

PORCH AND BAKE SALE

Manor House Assisted Living is sponsoring a 2nd annual Garage/Porch Bake and Craft Sale.

The location is 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp. The time is 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on June 13-14.

Please stop by, your generosity at last year's sale benefited our residents greatly.

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION TO HOST SOFTBALL ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS THIS SUMMER

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a girls 15 & under softball all-star tournament from July 18 through July 20. Players must be 15 years old or younger as of December 31, 2007.

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a girls 8 & under coach-pitch softball all-star tournament from July 11 through July 13. Players must be eight years old or younger as of December 31, 2007 and each team is guaranteed three games.

The Payne Ball Association



MORE HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This is the Antwerp High School Basketball Team of 1947 and '48.

Front Row (l-r): Max Billman, Eddie Shuherk, Gene Hughes, Dick Smith, Jim Vail
Second Row (l-r): Coach

William Horney, Knight Kuhn, Paul Meyers, Dick Schmunk, Dick Clevenger, Budd Lichty, Ray 'Pinky' Billman, Mgr.

Dick Smith, number 77, helped me with the names of some of these boys. Thank you, Dick.
See, Ya!

tion will be hosting a girls 12 & under softball all-star tournament from July 18 through July 20. Players must be 12 years old or younger as of December 31, 2007.

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a boys 10 & under baseball all-star tournament from July 14 through July 17. Players must be ten years old or younger as of April 30, 2008.

The Payne Ball Association will be hosting a boys 8 & under coach-pitch baseball all-star tournament from July 11 through July 13. Players must be eight years old or younger as of April 30, 2008 and each team is guaranteed three games.

More information about any and all of these tournaments is available on our website at www.payneball.com or via e-mail to payneball@verizon.net. You can also contact Mike Krouse at (419) 263-1393.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
5/12 - Pernetta Keever, Antwerp
5/13 - Jonathon Hoagland, Grover Hill; Mary Lopez, Paulding
5/14 - Gary (Mike) Bowers, Paulding
5/15 - Catherine Caris, Grover Hill; Neva Cluts, Paulding
5/17 - Joseph Decamp, Grover Hill
5/18 - Eliene Cox, Payne
Dismissals:
5/12 - Cynthia Bowers, Paulding
5/13 - Jean Simpson, Paulding
5/14 - Mary Lopez, Paulding
5/15 - Gary (Mike) Bowers, Paulding; Jonathon Hoagland, Grover Hill
5/16 - Catherine Caris, Grover Hill
5/18 - Pernetta Keever, Antwerp; Neva Cluts, Paulding

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WHY: To raise money in order to purchase much needed training equipment for the Xtreme Cheer Squad @ Raise the Barré.

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Paulding County Hospital's Family Health Day
Saturday, June 14, 7:30-11 a.m.
PCH's Medical Office Building
(attached to the hospital at its northwest corner)

The blood profile is a popular feature of PCH's Family Health Day
To attempt to decrease the wait time, more phlebotomists will be drawing blood this year.

Pre-registration is available!

Pre-registration packets and instructions can be picked up at any of the following locations:

- Paulding County Hospital switchboard
- Drs' Halachanova & Spangler's office in PCH's Medical Office Building, 1032 W Wayne St
- Dr Gray's office, Antwerp
- Dr Hendrickson office, Paulding
- Dr Kreit's office, Oakwood
- Dr Kuhn's office, Payne
- Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill
- Visit our website to download pre-registration forms



Downloaded pre-registration forms must be returned to PCH with payment and self-addressed envelope by **June 11**.

Completed packets must be returned by June 11 to any of the above locations

For more information, call Brenda Wieland, 419-399-1138





RETIREMENT NEWS

By: Stan Jordan

Darlene Billman is retiring from being School Nurse at the Antwerp Local School. I think she is retiring from everything. Why don't you just sit there and let me tell you about the life of Darlene Billman.

She was born Darlene Elwell in 1936 in Fairview, OK. She had two brothers and no sisters. She was born on a farm and she could handle most any chore.

She went for eight years in a one room school in Golden Valley, OK. She went to high school in Fairview and graduated from there in 1954 and gave the Senior Class Speech.

She entered the Enid Hospital School of Nursing in the fall of 1954.

Ray 'Pinky' Billman was stationed at Vance Air Force Base in Enid. A city of about 45,000. She met 'Pink' in 1955 and they got married in 1956 in the spring.

Pinky got transferred to Sacramento, CA in 1960 at a local air base. He took a discharge in 1962 and he told Darlene they were moving back to God's Country—meaning Antwerp.

By now they had three children and were plenty busy. Ray had a part time job at the Paulding County Hospital as he was in the medics in the Air Force. Darlene got a job at the PCH as a nurse in the surgery section and also helped in the recovery room.

Dr. Snyder liked her work and offered her a job as his nurse in his doctor's office. They worked well as a team and she was there for 20 years. She left there and planned on going to IPFW and get her nursing degree. While doing this she worked part time at Lutheran. Going to school after 48 years was a little hard, but she did well because of all those years of actual experience.

After graduation she worked for two years at Lutheran in Pediatrics. Then she had six years in the New Intensive Care Unit there.

The stress driving that far got a little heavy, so she stayed home a bit and then went to Dallas Lamb working nights. She had years of taking care of babies and now she took care of the elderly for two years.

While back in Oklahoma as a youngster she spent 10 years in 4-H. She won trips to Kansas City. She was a leader for many years. Over her 10 years she showed calves, sheep, pigs and turkeys and she always had a winner. Then one year she showed a lamb and had the Grand Champ at the Enid Fair but the rules read that she had to sell her lamb. She was paid a good price, \$1.65 per pound. But the heartache from losing her lamb was much more than that.

She retired from Dallas Lamb and was enjoying being at home. Mr. Bagley and

Hazen Kennedy asked her if she would become the school nurse, as the one they had was leaving. She said she would try for one year and has finished five.

She has lots of testing and lots of records and paper work. She is working with children again as she has most of her career. She will miss the school staff and all of the kids but she has no regrets about leaving. It is time to stay home.

She has three children and two grandchildren. Her hobbies are sewing, embroidery, flowers, the yard and reading.

Darlene, it has been a pleasure to interview you and the story of your life. It's time to slow down.

See, Ya!

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND TO PRESENT ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

The Antwerp Community Band will present its annual spring concert on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's Center in Antwerp. You are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the program: a Bach air, Mozart's "Il re Pastore", Strauss's "Dedication", Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" (all the melodies will be familiar), Fillmore's "King Karl King" march, Grundman's "Western Dance", del Borgo's "Adagio for Winds", and a selection of music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera", all played for you 100% live and in person by your Antwerp Community Band musicians. As always, there is no charge for admission but donations are greatly appreciated.

Although the band presently has about two dozen members (from Antwerp, Hicksville, Payne, New Haven, and Fort Wayne), we always need and welcome new musicians! If you've ever considered lending your energy and talent to our group, now's the time. We rehearses every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School's band room. Our activities for this summer include the John Paulding Days and Van Wert Peony Festival parades, the "Band Extravaganza" in Auburn, and a concert for Antwerp's Arts in the Park. So, if you're not sure what we do or how we do it, come to the concert and see for yourself, then talk to any band member about making music with us while helping to preserve and strengthen one of Antwerp's own renewable resources, the Antwerp Community Band.

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on May 29, a good audience is our best reward!

AREA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM COMPETE IN WAYNE TRACE RELAYS

Paulding (PL), Antwerp (AN), Ayersville (AY), Continental (CN), Fairview (FV), and Wayne Trace (WT) recently competed in the Wayne Trace Relays.

The boys team results:

1st Paulding 124; 2nd Ayersville 84; 2nd Antwerp 84; 3rd Fairview 78; 4th Continental 56; 5th Wayne Trace 22

Event results:

6400 relay - 1st FV, 20.13; 2nd AN, 21.40; 3rd WT, 22.17; 4th PL 22.36; 5th CN, 22.43

400 relay - 1st AY, 45.43; 2nd PL, 46.45; 3rd AN, 47.20; 4th FV, 48.22; 5th CN, 49.99

1600 Sprint Medley - 1st PL, 3.53.20; 2nd CN, 3.53.64;

3rd AY, 3.56.52; 4th FV, 3.56.74; 5th AN 4.12.22

3200 relay - 1st FV, 8.50.97; 2nd AN, 9.12.01; 3rd PL, 9.12.74; 4th CN, 9.30.97; 5th AY, 9.52.54

Weightman relay - 1st AN, 51.34; 2nd PL, 52.46; 3rd AY, 54.42; 4th FV, 55.65; 5th CN, 57.57

800 Sprint Medley - 1st PL, 1.40.18; 2nd AY, 1.40.64; 3rd AN, 1.45.90; 4th CN, 1.46.57; 5th FV, 1.47.09

Shuttle Hurdles - 1st PL, 1.00.43; 2nd FV, 1.00.91; 3rd AN, 1.05.01; 4th CN, 1.06.08

800 relay - 1st PL, 1.34; 2nd AY, 1.36; 3rd AN, 1.40; 4th CN, 1.43; 5th FV, 1.46

Distance Medley - 1st FV, 11.31; 2nd CN, 12.42; 3rd PL 13.02; 4th WT 13.09; 5th AY, 14.00

1600 relay - 1st PL, 3.37; 2nd AN, 3.46; 3rd CN, 3.47; 4th FV, 3.49; 5th WT, 4.19

High jump - 1st AN, 12'0"; 2nd PL, 11'6"; 3rd FV, 11'6"; 4th AY, 11'2"; 5th CN, 10'8"

Discus - 1st AY, 245'3"; 2nd PL, 222'8"; 3rd FV, 218'8"; 4th CN, 206'2"; 5th WT, 172'9"

Long jump - 1st AY, 38'1"; 2nd PL, 37'7.5"; 3rd AN, 33'5"; 4th WT 32'9"; 5th FV, 31'11"

Shot put - 1st AY, 83'0"; 2nd PL, 80'4"; 3rd FV, 79'11"; 4th CN, 74'2"; 5th AN 68'1"

Pole vault - 1st PL, 23'6"; 2nd AY, 20'6"; 3rd AN, 20'0"; 4th WT, 20'0"; 5th CN, 17'6"

Girls team results:

1st Paulding 104; 2nd Ayersville 90; 3rd Wayne Trace 86; 4th Antwerp 68; 5th Continental 48; 6th Fairview 40

Event results:

6400 relay - 1st AY, 26.18; 2nd AN, 27.28; 3rd WT, 28.42; 4th FV, 29.35

400 relay - 1st WT, 52.84; 2nd AN, 55.87; 3rd AY, 56.42; 4th FV, 56.43; 5th PL, 56.53

1600 Sprint Medley - 1st CN, 4.36; 2nd PL, 4.39; 3rd AY, 4.56; 4th AN, 5.26; 5th FV, 5.29

3200 relay - 1st PL, 11.04; 2nd AY, 11.36; 3rd AN, 12.06; 4th WT, 12.13; 5th FV, 13.27

Weightman relay - 1st WT, 1.03.51; 2nd PL, 1.03.73; 3rd AY, 1.03.94; 4th FV, 1.05.05; 5th AN, 1.07.7

800 Sprint Medley - 1st WT, 2.01; 2nd PL, 2.02; 3rd AN, 2.03; 4th AY, 2.04; 5th CN, 2.10

Shuttle Hurdles - 1st AY, 1.16.43; 2nd WT, 1.20.09; 3rd AN, 1.20.15; 4th CN, 1.21.36; 5th PL, 1.25.46

800 relay - 1st WT, 1.54; 2nd CN, 1.57; 3rd PL, 1.58; 4th AN, 2.00; 5th FV, 2.01

Distance Medley - 1st AY, 15.02; 2nd AN, 15.51; 3rd PL, 16.32; 4th FV, 17.03; 5th WT, 18.20

1600 relay - 1st CN, 4.17; 2nd PL, 4.19; 3rd WT, 4.36; 4th AY, 4.39; 5th AN, 5.10

High jump - 1st PL, 10'3"; 2nd FV, 8'10"; 3rd AY, 8'8"; 4th AN, 5'0"; 5th WT, 4'8"

Discus - 1st AY, 184'11"; 2nd PL, 183'9"; 3rd CN, 181'5"; 4th WT, 147'1"; 5th AN, 139'10"

Long jump - 1st FV, 26'4.5"; 2nd PL, 24'10"; 3rd AN, 20'11.5"; 4th AY, 19'6.5"; 5th WT, 9'6.5"

Shot put - 1st PL, 65'1"; 2nd CN, 58'2"; 3rd AY, 55'4"; 4th WT, 54'8"; 5th AN, 54'3"

Pole vault - 1st PL, 13'6"; 2nd WT, 7'



FRICK - GRANT

Paul and Charolette Grant of Briceton wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son Michael to Jamie Frick.

Jamie is the daughter of Jim and Stephanie Frick of Borger, TX. The bride-elect graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in Business Marketing. She is an Area Manager for the Buckle clothing stores in

Colorado Springs, CO.

Michael graduated from Wayne Trace High School and from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a degree in Cultural Geography. He is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and currently stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on June 28th at Shedd Memorial Chapel in Colorado Springs.

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Vantage Award of Distinction winners: (Front row) Timna Klopfenstein, Cristy Branham, Casey Dull, Emily Erhart, Kaitlin Lindeman, Cynthia Clellan. (Back row): Calvin Sinn, Rusty Warnecke, Jeremy Ewing, Joseph Gable, Johnathan Young, Katie Diment. Unavailable for the picture was Brady Hoersten.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY HELD AT VANTAGE

Awards of Distinction and scholarships highlighted the annual Awards Assembly at Vantage Career Center on Tuesday, May 13. The entire student body, along with staff members, home school representatives, family and friends, joined together at this event to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of students enrolled in Vantage career technical programs.

Special guest speakers at the assembly were seniors Tricia Utterback, a Business Information Technology

student from Wayne Trace and Jeremy Ewing, a Precision Machining student from Van Wert. Tricia looked back on all the events and activities she was involved in during her two years at Vantage, and thanked staff members for their guidance. Jeremy's message was about coming a long way in life and, although it hasn't always been easy, the senior class of 2008 is ready to graduate. Both student speakers thanked their classmates and teachers for their friendship and support.

Each year, career-technical teachers select outstanding students to receive an "Award of Distinction". To be eligible for this award, a

student must demonstrate leadership qualities at school, have outstanding achievement in their program area, show exceptional skills in the subject area, participate as an active member of a school career-technical club and demonstrate cooperation, initiative and responsibility.

This year's "Award of Distinction" winners are: Calvin Sinn (Ag Diesel Mechanics), Johnathan Young (Auto Body Repair), Brady Hoersten (Auto Technology), Rusty Warnecke (Carpentry), Casey Dull (Cosmetology), Emily Erhart (Early Childhood Education), Cynthia Clellan (Food Careers), Timna Klopfenstein and Katie Lindeman (Health Careers), Joseph Gable (Industrial Mechanics), Cristy Branham (Interactive Media), Katie Diment (Medical Office Management) and Jeremy Ewing (Precision Machining).

Scholarship recipients were also recognized at the assembly. The Robert C. Stevens Scholarship is given by the Vantage Teacher's Organization in memory of Bob Stevens, who taught Occupational Work Experience (OWE) at Vantage from 1976 until 1984. Students who are awarded this scholarship have shown outstanding achievement in their program area, while demonstrating initiative and perseverance. This



Vantage Career Center 2008 Awards Assembly senior speakers were Jeremy Ewing (Van Wert) and Tricia Utterback (Wayne Trace).

recognized at the Awards Assembly.

National skills contestants were also recognized during the assembly. Business Professionals of America (BPA) national contestants were Shyanne Hooke (Crestview) and Amanda Perry (Crestview). Rusty Warnecke (Ottoville) will be representing Vantage in the Cabinetmaking contest when he competes at the SkillsUSA National Championships in Kansas City this summer. Joining him at Nationals will be Sam Price (Van Wert) and Chris Vibbert (Van Wert) competing in the Mechatronics contest. Other students who participated in state contests were recognized, as well as National Technical Honor Society members, students receiving academic awards, perfect attendance awards, student ambassadors and Girls and Boys State delegates.

Congratulations to the Vantage Career Center class of 2008!



Vantage Scholarship recipients: (Front row) Bridget Baer, Tricia Utterback, Jessica Johns, Janine Link, Casey Roop, Andrea Sherry. (Back row) Steven Carlisle, Andy Burwell, Nina Anez, Calvin Sinn, Johnathan Young, Holden Profit, Jason Stump, Timna Klopfenstein and Laura Ruen. Nathan Arn, William Wagner, Jacob York, Ryan Bickle and Brady Hoersten were unavailable for the picture.

year, the Robert C. Stevens Scholarships were awarded to Brady Hoersten (Ottoville), Jessica Johns (Ft. Jennings) and Janine Link (Paulding).

The Joshua Ralston Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of Josh Ralston, a Vantage Ag Diesel student from Parkway. This scholarship is given to a student pursuing a career and further education in mechanics. Josh's father, Scott Ralston presented this scholarship to Calvin Sinn an Ag Diesel student from Wayne Trace.

The Principal's Award, a new award this year, was given to two senior students who made great strides during their junior and senior years at Vantage. Nina Anez, an Auto Body student from Van Wert and Thomas McMichael, a Precision Machining student from Paulding were the recipients of this award.

This year's Central Mutual Black Inc. winner was Tricia Utterback, a Business Information Technology student from Wayne Trace. Casey Roop, a Health Careers senior from Van Wert was awarded the Van Wert Rotary scholarship. Andrea Sherry from Paulding was the recipient of the Ohio Board of Regents scholarship. All Vantage scholarship recipients were

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

By: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Eugene Nahrwold

Bob's Restaurant was started in 1975 by Bob Sproul. There have been five owners. The current owners are Steve and Tiara Bremer of Woodburn. They bought the restaurant in September of 2005.

Steve and Tiara have lived in Woodburn for over 30 years. They have three sons. Their oldest son, Brandon, is a graduate of Purdue, W. La-

fayette and has a B.S. in accounting. He works for Erast Young of Indianapolis. Son number two is Clint and has two associate degrees from Ivy Tech. He is going to Tri-State next fall to get his BS in accounting. Clint helps his mom at the restaurant doing odd jobs and also cooks four days a week too. Aaron is their third son. He is going to Ivy Tech to get his degree in Culinary Arts. Aaron loves to cook. He helps Mom out at the restaurant by helping her plan the menu and by also cooking five days a week.

When the Bremer's first bought Bob's Restaurant, they were asked if they were going to change the name. Tiara said they weren't because everyone knew the restaurant as Bob's.

The owners of the restaurant were Bob and Leah Sproul-1975, Ron Ashelman-3 years; Bob Zedaker-1 year and Chris Vardiman 15 years.

Bob and Tiara have owned the restaurant for three years. Bob's have daily specials and have homemade pies and ice cream treats such as cookie madness, hot fudge sundaes, hot fudge brownies, milk shakes and root beer floats. Bob's will also host private parties. Bob's currently have 20 employees.

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SPECIAL GUEST AT WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Pictured above in the middle of Mrs. Karen Hoepfner's 3rd and 4th grade students is Ms. Nidzara Sakinovic, a refugee from the Bosnian War in the early 1990's. Ms. Sakinovic

recently gave a very interesting and informative power-point presentation about the war and the time she spent in refugee camps to grades 3-8 students at Woodburn Lutheran School. Ms. Sakinovic is now a U.S. citizen.



CODY BOK WINS TOUCHSTONE ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

Cody Bok, a high school senior at Antwerp Local School, Antwerp, OH, was one of four winners to be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship on April 29 in the Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship competition sponsored

by Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

He is the son of Jim and Candice Bok, Cecil, OH and was sponsored in the competition by Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Paulding, OH.

OREC is a Touchstone Energy partner and trade/service association for the state's 24 electric cooperatives that provide power to nearly 400,000 consumers in parts of 77 of Ohio's 88 counties. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative serves approximately 12,750 consumers in parts of Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Allen counties, Ohio; and Adams and Allen counties, Indiana.

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR: PAST AND PRESENT

By: Sue Knapp

It's almost time again for the Paulding County Fair. This year it will be held on June 17-21.

For the weeks leading up to the fair I will put excerpts in the paper from the Paulding County Fair Centennial Book dated 1872 - 1972. I thank Kathy Smith Wilson for lending me her copy.

The following is letters received on the Fair's 100th anniversary: "As Governor of the State of Ohio, it is a great pleasure for me to welcome all Ohioans to the 100th Annual Paulding County Fair.

"The Paulding County Agricultural Society and hundreds of concerned citizens have successfully endeavored to bring to the citizens of the area the fun and excitement of the finest in livestock, agriculture, homemaking, music and entertainment for a century. The county fair is truly one of the oldest traditions in Ohio and is highlighted by participation of citizens such as yourself and the crowning of Miss Paulding County.

"Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit to the Fair. Sincerely, John J. Gilligan, Governor."

"June 14, 1972: On behalf of President Nixon and myself I am delighted to have this opportunity to send congratulations and warm good wishes to the Paulding County Agricultural Society on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Paulding County Fair.

"The American county fair is a valuable institution which has made unique contributions to our agricultural and industrial development. The county fair is a show window for American agriculture and industrial progress. It is a testing ground where products are often first put on display to test public reaction. It is a social, recreational, political and educational meeting ground. It is America in action.

"It is truly a pleasure to comment your Society for more than a century of service to America, including 100 Paulding County Fairs. Sincerely, Earl L. Butz, Secretary, Department of Agriculture."

"June 19, 1972, Congress of United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC. Dear, Gentlemen, It is with the greatest of pleasure and honor that I salute the Paulding County Fair on its centennial year celebration.

"A centennial celebration is an excellent time to look at progress throughout the years, Our Nation's agricultural advances since 1872 are almost unbelievable. Your Fair began ten years after the United States department of Agriculture was formed and your leadership in Northwestern Ohio has helped in countless ways to improve the lives of our farm families over the past one hundred years.

"I am sure that each year your Paulding County Fair is held the success of our farm families will continue to show the great progress you have helped make available to them.

"Best wishes for another one hundred years toward the advancement of agriculture in the State of Ohio and our Nation. Sincerely Yours, Delbert L. Latta, Representative

to Congress."

Miss Minnie Scott who was 100 years old in October of 1972 was crowned "Queen of the Paulding County Fair" on the Fair's 100th anniversary year. Miss Minnie was the oldest of 10 children and was baking bread for the whole family at 11 years old. She lived in Haviland and was a member of the Haviland United Methodist Church.

The Paulding County Fair is now 136 years old and how times have changed. The Paulding County Agricultural Society strives to make the Fair a fun time for family and especially for the young people who have worked so hard on their 4-H projects.

These letters and facts were taken out of the Paulding County Fair Centennial Book, 1872-1972, Printed by the Hefner Printing Company, Columbus Grove, Ohio

PHIL RECKER ATTENDS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Phil Recker, of the financial services firm Edward Jones, recently traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to attend a "Business Development Workshop" and training session, which brings together Edward Jones financial advisors who have achieved a certain level of success in the financial services business.

Edward Jones financial advisors regularly expand their knowledge of investments and other financial topics by attending seminars such as this one as they continue training throughout their careers.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 10,000-plus financial advisors work directly with more than 7 million clients to understand their personal goals—from college savings to retirement—and create long-term investment strategies that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

ALEX LABOUNTY ACCEPTS OFFER TO ATTEND INDIANA TECH



Alex Labounty of Wayne Trace High School will be furthering his education and athletic career at Indiana Tech in Ft. Wayne. Pictured

with Alex are his parents Sue and Charlie Labounty, Coach Jeff Parish, and Athletic Director Jim Linder.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Rozz is this weeks featured pet. Rozz is a beagle basset mix and is very sweet. She does like to wander off so she does need a home with a fenced yard.

We also have available a purebred adult female blue heeler. New dogs come into

the shelter everyday. You can check out the dogs on the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

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DAY TRIP/U.S.A.F. MUSEUM and the Greene. Saturday, June 28. For info, call Sue Beck. 419-399-3806.

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END Flea Market @ Lu Jo's in Downtown Sherwood, BBQ ribs & chicken vendors call for space, 419-769-8403. 18-21p

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MARK YOU CALENDARS for Saturday, May 31st. 20+ homes garage sales. Road 192 (River Road) Hwy. 49 north of Antwerp. Still time to participate. Call 419-258-2629. p

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WOODBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT



By: Sue Knapp

There was a smell of popcorn in the air and balloons as I walked up to the yard where the benefit was being held. There were boys with fire hats on and junior deputy badges. Girls were carrying safety coloring books. This was families and communities coming together for a great cause and enjoying food, fun and fellowship. 400 pies were baked that day and 12 hogs roasted that week for the benefit—I couldn't begin to tell you how many Amish and English people were there. A field of cars and buggies, not only in fields, but also lining up and down the road. There was a lot of talking going on along with children all around in groups playing games and just being together. The benefit used to be held in Woodburn, and after Woodburn discontinued their festival Sam Schmucker asked if they could hold the auction and benefit at their home in the Amish community every two years. The answer was a

resounding "yes" and the ball started rolling.

The Amish are very grateful for Woodburn Fire Department and this is one way they can show their appreciation.

DNA Kits were handed out for children and pencils from the Allen County Sheriff's Dept. The Fire Department demonstrated how the Jaws of Life works and also the Samaritan from Parkview Hospital flew in for people to see how it works.

The auction included many handmade items along with tools, toys, pony buggy wagon, glider, rocker, grill and much much more.

The rain that came did not cause the crowd to dissipate—they were there and there they were going to stay.

It was great to visit and see what went on; to see the fellowship and the children playing, people eating the good food and everyone working together.

In my eyes it was a complete success.

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

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/21 THROUGH 5/27

5/21 - Beef-n-bacon on bun or popcorn chicken, corn, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/22 - Cheeseburger on bun or fajitas, potato wedges, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or potato salad

5/23 - Stuffed crust pizza or tuna salad sandwich, salad, cake, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Chicken burger or ham w/cheese on bun, pickle spear, cooked carrots, pears, milk; PLUS: No Salad Bar or FF

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/21 THROUGH 5/27

MS/HS - Breakfast
5/21 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk

5/22 - Cook's choice
5/23 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Cook's choice
MS/HS - Lunch
5/21 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or breaded chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk

5/22 - Cook's choice
5/23 - Cook's choice
5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Cook's choice
Paulding Elementary - Lunch
5/21 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

5/22 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
5/23 - Sloppy joe, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day
5/27 - Ham deli, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

5/21 - Cold ham & cheese on a bun or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrots w/dip, doritos, fruit, milk

5/22 - Breaded mozzarella sticks w/pizza sauce or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk

5/23 - Cheese pizza or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, corn, fruit, milk

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Cheese bread stick or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, green beans, fruit, milk

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/21 THROUGH 5/27

Breakfast:
5/21 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk

5/22 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

5/23 - Turnover, milk

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Egg/cheese/bacon, muffin, milk
Lunch:
5/21 - Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, grapes/oranges, milk

5/22 - Turkey roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, ice cream cup, peaches or strawberries, milk

5/23 - Breaded chicken



PAULDING JH SOFTBALL SNAG 1ST IN TOURNAMENT

Paulding Junior High Girls softball team captured first place at the Northwest Ohio Travel Junior High Softball tournament, April 30. Teams represented were from Ant-

werp, Bryan, Edgerton, Edon, Fairview, Hicksville, Hilltop, Paulding, Pioneer and Tino- ra. They beat Edon 8-1 to win the title. They finished their season 12-1.

Pictured here (l-r) back: Coach Lauren Beck, Kristen Beck, Mesa Pracht, Breana

Schmidt, Jim Breininger, Amber Simpson, Bill Voiron. Front: Lexis Rue, Kayla Owens, Alissa LaFountain, Jessica Harpel, Samantha Martinez, Marlee Pease and Jessica Farr.

sandwich, tator tots, apple-sauce, milk

5/26 - No School, Memorial Day

5/27 - Corn dog, tator tots, mixed fruit, milk; WT: Fajitas

PAULDING AREA VISITING NURSES OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

This is the 19th year that the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Paulding County residents who are pursuing registered nurse training or are now registered nurses working to earn a degree in a specialized medical field.

Applications may be picked up at the VNA office, 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding. Reference letters from two people acquainted with the applicants are required. The deadline is July 1, 2008.

Two Paulding County residents will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2008

Defiance County
Ohio 15 three miles east of Ney - Ditch work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Paulding County
Ohio 66 between Township Road 184 and the Defiance County line - Pavement repair will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 637 between County Road 138 and County Road 146 - Route will close for two weeks beginning June 9 for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 613, Ohio 66 back to Ohio 637. Work is being performed by Anderzack Pitzen Construction, Metamora.

Ohio 500 between Township Road 95 and Township Road 87 - Cutting of trees may reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 500 at two locations, two miles east of the Indiana state line and two and a half miles west of Ohio 111 - Culvert replacement at two locations will close the route for two weeks beginning May 27. Traffic detoured onto Indiana 101, US 30, Ohio 49 and Ohio 111 back to Ohio 500. Work is being performed by Anderzack-Pitzen Construction,

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