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ANTWERP WINS DISTRICTS



The Archer Softball team wins the 2008 District Championship. The winning run was Senior Amanda Riebersal batted in by Senior Bryn Schlatter in the bottom of the 7th inning. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

CHINESE TEENS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Are you looking for something interesting and different to do this summer? Bored with the schedule already? CHI, a California-base non-profit organization, has something new for you to do... host a Chinese teen for three weeks in your home and share your daily life with him or her.

The Chinese teens are very eager to experience the

"American way of life" and make American friends. The Chinese teens watch American television, listen to American music and follow many American trends. They can't wait to visit and learn our culture firsthand.

This is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons, make international friends, and perhaps, travel to China to visit your student and meet their family. Many international friendships have been

HITE AND WACHTMANN ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR LOCAL EFFORTS TO STOP FLOODING

State Representatives Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) and Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today announced the introduction of House Bill 562 - the capital budget bill for the state of Ohio - a measure that will provide approximately \$120 million in funding for community and infrastructure projects across the state.

Specifically, Hite and Wachtmann worked to include \$3 million in the capital budget for flood mitigation projects in Hancock and Putnam counties, which have been devastated by flooding from the Blanchard River in recent months. The August 2007 flood was the second-largest on record, with the river cresting at eight feet above flood stage.

"This area has been devastated by flooding during the last few months, and this

funding will help ensure the chance of this happening again is slim," Hite said. "I am very excited about this funding and for the support of the state and other officials in getting this needed project underway."

Under the project, a partnership including Allen, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam and Wyandot counties will work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to address problems caused by flooding in the Blanchard River watershed. The total project is estimated to cost \$150 million. Federal, state and private funding is being used to complete the project, which will take several years to complete.

"We are grateful the State of Ohio recognizes the need for flood mitigation in this area and look forward to working with the Army and other leaders to prevent future flooding," Wachtmann said. "I also want to thank our community leaders and area businesses for their efforts in securing this important funding."

Possible solutions to flooding concerns in the multi-county area include the construction of retaining ponds and river walls as well as dredging to widen and deepen the river. Hite and Wachtmann will continue to work to provide additional funding for this project in the future.

Separate from the operating budget, the capital budget bill is passed and enacted every two years by the Ohio Legislature and helps fund local community projects such as building modernization and restoration, land acquisition, and conservation programs for parks. The legislation is expected to pass the House in the coming days.

made here in our community through this program.

CHI has boys and girls (junior high and high school age) who need homes for July 19 to August 11. Due to the recent earthquake in China and the Olympics these dates are still tentative and may vary a few days.

They all have full medical insurance, speak English and have pocket money. The host family need only provide room and board and an interest in sharing their family life with a Chinese "sister or brother."

The students will arrive with two Chinese chaperons who will be of assistance during the stay if need be. The chaperons also will stay with an area host family. During the week the students will be attending classes in Paulding and will need transportation to and from school.

If you are interested in hosting for all or part of the stay, please contact me, Tara Miller at 419-594-3516 or 877-729-9935 or mtaw@tds.net.

BRUNKHORST - BRITT



John and Joni Brunkhorst of Oak Harbor, Ohio announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jenna M'Ree, to Bradley Jay (B.J.) Britt, the son of Frenchie and Richelle Britt and Danny and Kim Sutton of Paulding, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Genoa High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is employed with the Genoa Schools. Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Paulding High School. He received an Associates degree from Northwest State Community College and a Bachelors of

Science degree in Business Management from the University of Toledo in 2001. He is employed with B.P. Toledo Refinery as an Operations Manager.

A June wedding is being planned in Genoa, Ohio.

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OBITUARIES

Alice M. Smith, 88, of Paulding, died Thursday, May 22, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born January 12, 1920 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of William and Mary (Schramm) Ackerman. On November 7, 1942 she married Olen L. Smith, who preceded her in death on November 5, 1982. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church and United Methodist Church Women. She was employed by Paulding County ASCS.

She is survived by a son, Roger (Diana) Smith of Paulding; and two grandchildren: Shelby and Elaine Smith.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters: Elva Schlemmer and Anna Albert.

Funeral services were May 27 at Paulding United Methodist Church with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial was in Bowholtz Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Cancer Society; American Heart Association; or Paulding United Methodist Church. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

Ricardo Salas, 52 of Paulding died Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at his residence.

He was born February 27, 1956 in Paulding, Ohio, the son of Luis G. and Guadalupe (Gonzales) Salas Sr. On November 14, 1987 he married Linda S. Mettert, who survives. He was employed by Global Systems, Bryan.

He is survived by his father, Luis Salas of Defiance; wife, Linda Salas; a son, Michael Salas; and a daughter, Christina Salas all of Paulding; five brothers: Conrado Salas of Sarasota, FL, Humero Salas, and Dabi (Diane) Salas both of Ft. Wayne, Jose (Sharon) Salas, and Jesse Salas both of Paulding; three sisters: Esperansa (Carlos) Gonzales, and Angelica Rodriguez both of Ft. Wayne, and Sulema (Agustin) Hernandez of Paulding.

He is preceded in death by his mother; two brothers: Roberto and Luis Jr.; and three sisters: Amelia, Romalia, and Olivia.

There will be no service or visitation.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Ricardo Salas Family in care of Linda Salas. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com

Patricia A. Hanson, 65 of Oakwood, died May 20, 2008 at Van Wert County Hospital.

She was born on December 14, 1942 in Bowling Green, KY the daughter of the late Carl and Betty (Proctor) Fox.

She worked as a Xerox Technician; was a member of the Family Worship Center in Paulding; and was a member of Lombard Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by two sons: Martin A. Hanson of Defiance and John C. Hanson of Oakwood; one daughter, Jackie A. Deming of Farmer; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sally Jewel Fox.

Funeral services were May 24, 2008 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Rev. Eileen Kochensparger officiated. Burial was in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials are to the Laurels of Shanhill Nursing Facility of Rockford, OH. Condolences may be sent to www.lovefuneralhome.com

Mr. Arden F. King, 85, of Payne, passed away Sunday, May 25th, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arden was born in Payne on January 21, 1923, the son of the late Gaylord and Hazel (Outland) King.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Pvt in the Post WWII and was a retired farmer.

Arden was a member of Saint Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne and the Flatrock Masonic Lodge.

He married Betty Vitz on June 28, 1947. She died in 2002.

He will be sadly missed by

his daughter, Cathy (Keith) Wiley of Bellefontaine, OH; sons: Gayle (Helen) of Houston, TX and Rick (Renee) of Payne; and seven grandchildren.

His sister, Anita Gorrell; and brother, William preceded him in death.

You are invited to participate in his service at St. Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, with calling one hour prior. Rev. James Langham will officiate. He will be laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to the church or Dallas Lamb Foundation Home. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Zona L. Andrews, 90 of Oakwood, passed on to her heavenly home on May 25, 2008 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance.

She was born on June 3, 1917 in Paulding the daughter of the late Frank and Zella (Mead) Price. She married Elwood Andrews on December 3, 1939. He died in September 1990.

She was a homemaker. She attended AuGlaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood; was a graduate of Latty High School; a member of Homemakers Demonstration Club of Oakwood; loved baking pies, sewing, crafts, gardening, and watching her finch feeders.

Surviving are three daughters: Sharon (Tom) Herr of Oakwood, Linda (Pete) Relyea of Paulding, and Ellen Larson of Crump, TN; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Barton Andrews; two brothers: Kenneth Price and Bob Price.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008 at AuGlaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood with Rev. Stan Harmon officiating. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton, OH. Visitations will be one hour prior to service at the church. Memorials to AuGlaize Chapel food pantry. Condolences may be sent to www.heimmeyerfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were handled by Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood.

THANK YOU

We, the family of Robert Wyckoff, would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of our relatives, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances for your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, kind words and messages of condolences and sympathy we received in the loss of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. We would especially like to thank Dr. Wiley, the nurses at Hicksville Hospital, Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice, and the EMS squad for their care given. A very sincere thank you also to Shawn and Michelle Dooley and their staff for their kindness and support, to the VFW Post 5087 for the Military Rites, to the VFW Auxiliary and Antwerp United Methodist Church for the meal prepared for us and to Pastor Jim Edwards for his comforting words. May God continue to bless, guide and protect all of us...

—Jackie & Jerry VanCleve and family,
Benny & Deb Wyckoff and family

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
5/19 – Burl Barnes, Paulding

5/20 – Duane Geer, Paulding
5/22 – Dustin Griffis, Payne

Dismissals:
5/18 – Pernetta Keever, Antwerp; Neva Cluts, Paulding
5/21 – Eliene Cox, Payne; Duane Geer, Paulding
5/23 – Dustin Griffis, Payne; Burl Barnes, Paulding

GOMEZ – LICHTY WIN LOCAL POOL TOURNEY

Stella Gomez and Lynn Lichty won the Antwerp mixed doubles par pool tournament scheduled many months back. Other entries came from Paulding, Dupont, and Antwerp. Ms. Gomez placed as runner-up in a previous Antwerp rotation pool tourney and was also one of the finalists in two Tri-County pool tourneys. She was also a finalist, in another rotation pool tourney. She has done part-time, secretarial work for Candace Bankhead Movie Actress Promotions. Lynn is the manager of Candace Bankheads and has had this position for many years.

LATTA ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CAMP PERRY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is pleased to announce \$2 million in funding for the Ohio Army National Guard Camp Perry Training Site in Port Clinton, Ohio. The \$2 million contained within H.R. 5688, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, will provide the funds necessary to build an 80-bed barracks facility at Camp Perry.

"Camp Perry serves as an important training facility for the Ohio National Guard and host to national shooting matches. This funding will provide much needed improvements to ensure our soldiers have the best facilities possible," Latta said.



JASON LABOUNTY PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICER IN OTTAWA

First Federal Bank has announced the recent promotion of Jason LaBounty to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer in the Ottawa office.

A graduate of Defiance College with a degree in Finance and Information Technology, LaBounty has been with First Federal Bank since 2003 working as a Credit Analyst. In his

position, he establishes and maintains business relationships in Putnam County. He also offers a number of commercial services such as lending assistance, establishing lines of credit and offering cash management services.

LaBounty is a member of the Defiance College Alumni Executive Board, Vice-President of the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa and a Wayne Trace Alumni Association Committee member. He was also involved in First Federal Bank's Relay for Life and United Way committees. He and his wife Melissa attend the Apostolic Christian Church and reside in Paulding.

Jason's office is located at 405 E. Main St., Ottawa. He may be reached by calling (419) 523-3161.

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Fri, Sat & Sun 6/13-15 - The Village Players will present "The Boys Next Door". Watch for more info!

Sat. & Sun 6/21-22 - The DANCE DOLLS will be on stage at the Huber. Always great show! Look for promotions.

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Responses need to be received by Friday at 5:00 pm to be considered for the next publication. We reserve the right to edit for length, content and worthiness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been told so many times that the town put the kitchen in the Antwerp EMS building. You are all so full of it! I was up there every morning at 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. I did not see anyone from the town hall up there. I cooked every day because I had a daughter and granddaughter on the EMS and because I wanted to help them out every morning. Sam Smith was there at 7:00 a.m. to help me. Again I did not see anyone from the town hall. Here are the rest who helped: Beth Derck, Dewayne Price, Can-

dace Springer, Tammy Price, Casey Springer, Chris Hounshell, Heidi McDougall, Rosie Derck, and April Speaks.

Thank you, —Rita Sensabaugh

CHELSEA, WE'LL MISS YOU

By: Sue Knapp Chelsea Vail has been writing a column, "The AHS Angle", in The West Bend News since August of 2006. She has entertained us with her wit and 'wisdom', teaching us new words weekly and informing us of the goings on at the Antwerp School.

We at WBN will miss her greatly but realize that life goes on and Chelsea is going to Chicago.

Chelsea is the daughter of Pete and Lynette Vail of Antwerp. She is the older sister of Taylor and brother Alex. All the kids attend Antwerp Local School.

Chelsea's first book was "I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today", by Dr. Suess. In second grade she got into reading because Mrs. Birkhold gave prizes for reading. She then developed a genuine love for the printed word.

Chelsea started making up stories and illustrating at the young age of five.

In the sixth grade she had to write a lot of short stories and found she really enjoyed it.

In the seventh and eighth grade she participated in "Power of the Pen" competition and had to write short

stories in 45 minute increments based on props they gave you.

Chelsea played Jr. High basketball and golf all through high school. She's been involved in Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, International Club, 4H (camp counselor and Jr. leader), Class President and Class Secretary.

In her Sophomore year she did a writing packet, Mrs. Bagley helped her quite a bit and she really appreciated it. The classes have really helped her to develop her writing skills and she has worked hard to do over and above.

As a Junior, Chelsea took Creative Writing and Communications with Mr. Schott. She learned quite a bit in that class.

As a Senior she applied to colleges that would further her career. She will attend the University of Chicago (ranked 19th in the nation by 'U.S. News and World Report').

Chelsea is striving to be a feature writer and possibly get into editing, anything to do with reading or writing.

Here is some 'quotes' from Chelsea: "Since August 2006, I have been honing my writing skills in the context of penning a weekly news article for The West Bend News, a local free-circulation newspaper. My column, entitled "The AHS Angle," focuses on school-related events and activities occurring in the Antwerp School District.

"In approximately 350

words each week, I blend pop culture and local yarns into an amusing rundown of school happenings and coming events. Because I take care to make it not only informative but also engaging and enjoyable to read, I often hear from my readership that the "Angle" allows them to be more connected to the school and to the students at Antwerp.

"When I first conceived the idea for this article, my intent was twofold: to give my high school the positive press it deserves and to gain experience as a journalist. Now, a year and a half and some 50 articles later, I can see that I have accomplished both handily. The intensity with which I practice my craft can be at times frustrating and exhausting, but each time a reader mentions how much I made him or her smile, I cannot help but beam with the joy that comes from the written word myself."

These quotes came from Chelsea's college application.

They say you need to let loved ones go, that they'll come back to you. Oh, Chelsea, we will miss you.

INSIGHTS FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

"I just don't take a good picture. "Ever heard anyone say that? Perhaps you've said it yourself. Most of us do not like the pictures we have seen of ourselves. Ever wonder why?

A well-known photographer once said, "There are very few beautiful women or handsome men in the world. It takes careful lighting and posing to make most people appear attractive.

"Many folks do not know they have a slightly crooked nose, one small eye, a lop-sided jaw, or some other minor flaw. Unfortunately, when they look into a mirror, they are usually engaging in some type of activity like shaving or combing their hair.

"This is deceiving for when a person is in motion, physical defects are not noticeable. But when he is still, as in a photograph, his undesirable features become obvious."

I thought about those comments for a long time. One of the principles the photographer shared that struck me was that when a person was engaged in activity, they are more attractive. Think about that. That has interesting implications. And I believe that there are some spiritual parallels as well.

When we are busy serving the Lord and serving others, we tend to be objects of greater "beauty". When we are in "motion," investing our lives in others, spending time helping others, actively involved in ministry for the kingdom, there is a unique beauty and loveliness about our lives that is evident to others.

But it is when we are standing still, wrapped up in ourselves, taking little regard for others or the serving of their needs that our flaws become more evident. My encouragement for each of us is to look for ways to serve others this week. How can you encourage someone else, pitch in and help a person in need, or actively be involved in ministry for Christ?

You will not only have the

joy of serving the Lord and the fulfillment of knowing you've helped someone else, but perhaps you'll also have the added benefit of knowing that you've improved your "attractiveness".

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LESSON 1D

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In the previous lessons I have tried to show that there is only one church that Christ recognizes and that He is the head of that church. In the last lesson we were studying the work kingdom and that the kingdom Christ would set up would be a spiritual kingdom.

In order to be in that kingdom we must do what the Bible says. The Bible says to be in the Kingdom or Church we must hear the Gospel message, which Peter, Paul, Luke and John as well as others wrote about. The Gospel message is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Hear - Romans 10:17; Matthew 7:24-27; After hearing the Gospel message we must believe - Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:15-16; after believing we must repent - Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3; Repent simply means to change your life style. The word repent comes from the Greek work metanoro which means to have a true change of mind toward God. It is to turn from the evil you have been doing and stay away from this evil and to turn to God and do what he wants us to do in the New Testament if we love Him. After repentance we must confess. What does it mean to confess? Who are we to confess? Well the Bible tells us in Matthew 10:32-33; and Acts 8:36-37; in our confession we are recognizing Christ as the Son of God and that he truly is what He claims to be. Look at Acts 8:26-40 about the Ethiopian eunuch.

Look at verse 28 where he was reading Esaias, which means Isaiah. In verse 30 Phillip asks, "understandest what thou readest?" and the eunuch answered, "How can I except some man guide me or teach me?" In verse 30 we read that Phillip started in Isaiah 53:7-8 and preached Jesus to him, and verses 36-39 tells how the eunuch became a Christian. I will continue this study in the next lesson. Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I!

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Please remember that Jesus loves you and so do I!

NOTICE OF SALE OF CHIROPRACTIC BUSINESS

After 30 years in chiropractics, Brent A. Roth, D.C., announces that he intends to sell his practice known as "Dr. Brent A. Roth, Inc." to Dr. Ryan Bagley, D.C.

The transfer of the business to Dr. Bagley should be complete by June 20, 2008. This will also be Dr. Roth's last day seeing patients. All patient records will remain in the custody of Dr. Bagley. If a patient desires to transfer or receive his or her records, he or she may do so by contacting the office at 501 West High St., Hicksville, OH 43526, phone 419-542-8247, fax 419-542-6726.

Dr. Roth is pleased to have Dr. Ryan Bagley take over his practice. He states, "Dr. Bagley is an excellent chiropractor and a quality individual. I've always hoped to find someone I could have confidence in to serve the people of Hicksville and the surrounding area with the integrity and professionalism they deserve. I know that I have found that person in Dr. Bagley.

"Dr. Bagley is highly skilled in manual manipulation, the Graston technique, and the Pro-Adjuster for safe, comfortable, and painless adjustments." Dr. Roth goes on to say that he hopes the community and his patients will continue to support Dr. Bagley as well as they have him over the years.

May God Bless You, —Brent A. Roth, D.C.

9th Annual Paulding County Hospital Family Health Day. When: Saturday, June 14 7:30 to 11 a.m. Where: PCH Medical Office Building 1032 W Wayne St. Pre-registration forms available at the following locations. Available Testing: Comprehensive Health Panel, Thyroid Screen, Hemoglobin A1C, PSA.

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Living Waters Ministries invites everyone to second great season of a very special kind of praise and worship service, on Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m. We're moving everything outside to the east lawn of the First Financial Bank in downtown Payne for the first of three summer gatherings called *Worship Without Walls*. (Don't be surprised if we ad a few more before fall is over.) It's going to be a great time of live worship with One-A-Chord, the word, ministry, free food, fun and fellowship. This is an opportunity to tear down some walls and "take the church to where the people are."

It doesn't matter how old you are or how young you are. It doesn't matter how

you dress, or if you know the words to the contemporary worship songs or not. Come as you are, bring your beach blankets, or lawn chairs, eat some great food and let's hang out together.

When *Worship Without Walls* is over we hope that we've all made a few new friends, or maybe we've gotten re-acquainted with some old ones. But most importantly we hope that everyone will see, hear, feel, and know beyond a shadow of a doubt how much Jesus Christ loves you! So everyone grab someone you love, or someone you would like to love and bring them with you, and we'll see you at *Worship Without Walls*.

***In case of rain, flood, earthquake, freak snowstorm, or anything else the weather man didn't see coming, we'll*

*move everything inside the Payne Community Center, the "Rock" 104 South Main St. Because, nothing ever stops worship!***

Our next two dates are Sunday, July 6 and Sunday, August 3. All start times are 10:00 a.m. For more info call 419-263-2728 or by email: LivingWaterMinistriesOhio@hotmail.com

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By: Rich Phelan, Living Waters Ministries

Love 'em or hate 'em, commercials have long been a part of watching television. Back in the old days of live TV, the actors did the live spots themselves. Today advertising companies invest millions of dollars on story

lines, scripts, sets, actors and even exotic locations to sell their clients' products. I suppose if we must endure the insipid disruptions anyway, I'm glad they decided to at least make them entertaining. All you have to do to see that commercials have become big business while attempting to make us laugh is to watch the Super Bowl where a 30 second spot costs more than the gross national product of some third world countries. I've been to Super Bowl parties where grown men go back for seconds on food, and go to the bathroom while the game is on just so they won't miss the commercials!

Commercials started to change for me in the early 80's. They went from just a pitch to buy a certain product, to one that could tempt

us, and make us laugh, some even to make us cry. Remember the AT&T commercial where the elderly couple is sitting in their living room. The wife says to the husband, "Jimmy called today." The dad immediately thinks the worst. "Jim called, what's the matter, are the kids all right? Why did he call?" Mom begins to cry, "He called to say, I love you mom!" Everyone got teary eyed at the one, come on admit it, I did. I even got teary remembering it just now. Do you know what the true genius of that ad was? They tapped into the heart strings of us all and said (without saying it) that AT&T rates were so cheap that "Jim" could call his mom and dad anytime, just to say "I love you". That's genius. I wonder how many people flocked to AT&T because of that commercial. Someone on Madison Avenue must have figured out that the consumers wanted more than just mere information about the products we buy. We wanted to be entertained.

One commercial campaign from that era that I remember very well is the Fed Ex one where they highlighted their speedy service by having the world's fastest talking man deliver the dialogue in his rapid fire voice. It was hilarious and ground breaking. For the first time in history a kid as well as a corporate CEO knew who had lightning fast delivery service. Why? Not because we had first hand knowledge of their services, but because we saw a 30 second spot of a guy talking a mile a minute that made us laugh. And we remembered it. Another big campaign from that era still cracks me up today.

Three little old ladies walk into a restaurant... and no, this isn't the set up to a bad joke! They walk in to a fast food joint, and they walk up to the counter that towers over them. There's a huge sign in the corner for all to see that reads "home of the big bun"! Our three geriatric stars look at each other with great confusion. The littlest of them all finally hollers out the three words heard 'round the world, "Where's the beef?" Those words not only launched Wendy's to all galaxy status, they launched the meteoric career, albeit a short one of, Clara Peller. She passed away a few years into the campaign, to be replaced by another over the hill "pitch man", Wendy's founder Dave Thomas. He was good, but you just couldn't follow the success of that sweet little old lady speaking those words.

"Where's the beef?" found its way into American lexicon of phrases. It was used everywhere, from stand up comedians in their smoky comedy clubs, to the school yard. It even made it into the 1984 Presidential campaign. It almost made Walter Mondale seem hip. Well, almost! It's used as a phrase that means, where's the substance here? Or, there's nothing here! I used it to mean someone or something that promised great or bold things and then didn't deliver that which was promised. A few years back I had perfect scenario to resurrect this good old phrase.

My wife, Julie, and I used to frequent a nationwide steak restaurant franchise that I will not name here to protect the innocent. (By innocent I

mean our taste buds, not the owner of this franchise!) We would go to the location of this steak joint closest to our house. The food got worse and worse every time we went there. I would look up at the pictures of the beautifully cooked steaks that lined the serving line, and then I'd look down at the barely recognizable brown carbon based substance on my plate. The two looked nothing alike. My mind raced to find the perfect words to describe my displeasure. Some of those words I can't/won't repeat here. But I was able to wrestle up a phrase I remembered from the past. "Hey, where's the beef?!" It wasn't long before we just didn't go there anymore. It was an easy fix that didn't even enter my mind until we were on our way to our honeymoon.

The morning after our wedding Julie and I loaded our car with everything we'd need for our trip to the cottage in Massachusetts—bags, cash from the reception, and my cousin Jeff. Jeff was my best man who'd flown in from Massachusetts for the wedding. We were dropping him off on our way. Our drive went great. We all had a blast, we even saw Niagara Falls briefly as we passed by. As we pulled into Buffalo, New York we decided to stop for dinner. Our choices were limited, KFC, Red Lobster, or the infamous un-named steak restaurant chain. Jeff wanted the steak place. I resisted, but my new bride convinced me with what at the time appeared to be wisdom, "Honey, they can't all be as bad as the one by us."

Our fates were sealed with my words. "You know honey, I bet you're right. This one will probably be just great." If I listen carefully I probably could've heard the ominous theme music that was surely playing in the sound track of our life at that moment. But I couldn't hear it; I was deafened by newlywed bliss.

When we walked in the door, all looked promising. There were about a hundred people sitting and enjoying their food, the decor was pleasing to the eye, and the joint was clean. I was convinced Julie was right; this was going to be different. We walked up to the food counter, where a nice lady welcomed us to "....." She asked us ever so sweetly what we would like to order. At this point I was starving. I was fixing my hungry gaze upon the pictures of all the lovely steaks that hung over the counter. Julie and Jeff ordered while I pondered the menu some more, finally when I could delay no longer I ordered a New York Strip medium rare, and why not, I ordered the buffet bar too. We were on our honeymoon after all; it was the time to splurge. The nice lady gave us our drinks and some plates for the buffet bar, and said someone would bring our steaks to us when they were ready. Wow, what a nice gal, I thought as we walked to our table. The three of us went up to the buffet; we laughed and were really enjoying our evening and the break from the highway. We had a full eight hours ahead of us, but right then, we were enjoying the moment. Well, that moment lasted for about another 13 seconds.

(Continued Next Week)

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power to area communities. Another way we cut the cost is by doing the distribution through dedicated volunteers. We truly are a community-based organization. Our Motto is "Having Fun Helping Others". Without our volunteers we would not be able to help hundreds each month stretch their food budgets.

A basic box will feed a family of four for a week or a senior citizen for almost a month. As people pick up their first order, we continually hear their comment, "I cannot believe I am getting this much food for only \$30.00." Groceries are pre-ordered with no income guidelines or applications. The only qualification for Manna Food is "if you eat you qualify." Anyone can order any number of food units, there is no limit order dates that are set each month and food pickup is usually the last Saturday of each month. There is a new menu each month. We believe it is time for individuals, families, and communities to unite to help one another. That is the central reason we created Manna Foods, to bring communities together to help one another. Currently we are providing food budget relief in five counties and over 22 communities in our area.

We are excited to have two new distribution sites located in Paulding County. Area churches St. Jacob's United Church of Christ on 207 W. Oak St. and the Melrose United Methodist Church on 720 State St. You may also contact Ralph Williams in Payne area at (419) 263-2083 or Pastor Eileen Kochensparger in Melrose at (419) 399-5818 or Pastor Paul Hamrick at (260) 312-4444 for more information. You may pick up menus and order forms at area churches and at all library locations in the county. We will inform you soon of more places to pick up menus and order forms. The order cut-off date for June is Wednesday, June 11 and the pick up date is Saturday, June 28. I know it sounds to good to be true but try one, so many people are so glad that they did.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INSTALLS HIGH FIELD OPEN MRI



Community Memorial Hospital received delivery of its new high-field open MRI unit on Thursday, May 22, 2008. The unit was lowered into a prefabricated, steel shielded building that was assembled in Tennessee and delivered to Hicksville on Wednesday. The Phillips Panorama 1.0T is the world's first truly open high-field MRI with active shielding. It uses advanced open magnet technology rather than traditional cylindrical magnets. This high-field open MRI unit is the region's strongest open magnet. Phillips Panorama 1.0T offers advanced high-field performance to increase image quality and faster diagnosis for the clinician. In

fact, the image quality of the new Philips Panorama 1.0T is comparable to that of a cylindrical 1.5T MRI. This totally open-view model offers superior patient comfort and access, particularly for children, elderly patients, clinically obese and those suffering from painful sports injuries.

Community Memorial Hospital plans to have the MRI fully operational by mid-June with extended evening and Saturday hours available shortly thereafter. For more information on the latest technology at Community Memorial Hospital or to schedule an appointment call our Radiology Department at 419-542-5582.



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan
On the last of May Jan Hahn will be making her last trip as a school bus driver. She has been a true and faithful employee for 34 years.

She was born in Conner Elk, NC in July of 1943. She was the eldest of seven, three boys and four girls.

She started to school in Shell Creek, TN then the family moved north as her dad was a high rise steel worker and there was more work up here. She started to school in Ft. Wayne at Bloomingdale School. Then to school in New Haven until the sixth grade, then she attended Woodburn School from sixth to ninth grade. Then they moved to Antwerp and she graduated in 1962.

She met Ken Hahn in 1962. At this time, she was working at the Modern Cleaners in New Haven. She and Ken were wed in 1963. Jeff was born in 1964, Dan in 1967 and Tony in 1970. Tony perished in an auto accident.

They moved to their present location in 1974.

That same year Mr. Adams the School Superintendent asked her to consider being a school bus driver. She agreed and Chuck Wiedman taught her the ropes and she has been driving full time ever since. I forgot to mention she started on the kindergarten route.

She said the route on US 24 was very nerve wracking. She saw an 18 wheeler strike a car behind the bus one time but neither her nor her riders were hurt. That was her closest call, down east on US 24 by the Jiminez driveway.

One time she left the school with a testy bunch of riders and she pulled into the Park Station to quiet them down. One little girl said, "Oh, are we going to get some beer?"

Jan says she has no regrets about leaving. She has seen lots of kids come and go and has made lots of friends.

Her hobbies are her grandchildren, gardening and traveling. She has three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

For years she has been wanting to go to the Holy Land. She and Ken will be going to Israel to the University of Jerusalem and will have guided tours out of there.

For over 30 years, Jan was the coordinator of the Meals on Wheels Program. It was time-consuming because of the scheduling and sometimes short of help. She said that Mary Derck is in charge of that now.

I know that Jan needs a rest, but she will be missed. Here at the WBN we wish you a good, long retirement. See, Ya!

KEN AND JAN - THE REST OF THE STORY

By: Stan Jordan

Ken and Jan Hahn are mighty fine people and are our neighbors and Ken farms our place. In the winter when it snows at night, Ken will have our driveway plowed out before day light.

They are going to Israel in February. They both are Bible Students and have a list of the biblical places that they want to visit.

I am very proud to have them for friends. We wish them well on their journey to the Holy Land.

I shouldn't tell this next story now, but I'm going to. I know, I will start a new paragraph.

There was a man and woman from America, visiting the Holy Land. She pretty much had her thumbs down on this gig. He had on a straw hat, loud shirt, walking shorts, long white socks and, as Americans, a camera hanging around her neck. She wanted to look like 'Joe College'. She was a grump from the east coast.

While they were sight seeing, she up and died. He

was at a loss what to do, she had never done that before.

After awhile he went down to the local undertaker to discuss what to do. The undertaker said, "I can fix her up and bury her here for \$500 or I can fix her up according to U.S. rules to get by customs for about five to six thousand dollars. You can save a lot of money by burying her here."

The man said, "Let me think on this awhile."

He returned and told the man, "I want you to fix her up and we'll take her back to America."

The mortician said, "There is no reason for that, we can bury her here and be done with it and still save you a lot of money."

"No, I think I want to bury her back in the States," the man said.

"Well, we can do just as good a job burying her here," said the mortician.

The little man said, "Yes, I know. Some years ago you buried a man on Friday and on Monday he was up, alive and well, and walking around and I just don't want to take that risk!"

See, Ya!

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Which Way?

A man performing genealogical studies had occasion to visit several cemeteries and read the inscriptions found on tombstones. He saw a tombstone on which was engraved:

Pause now, stranger, as you pass by;
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so soon you'll be.
Prepare yourself to follow me!

Someone had placed a piece of wood next to the tombstone. On it was written:

To follow you I'm not content,
Until I know which way you went!

There are many voices today - all proclaiming, "THIS is the way" or "THAT is the way" we should go. But the "WAY" to life is NOT a DIRECTION. The "WAY" to life is a PERSON! The "WAY" to life is NOT a RELIGION but rather a RELATIONSHIP.

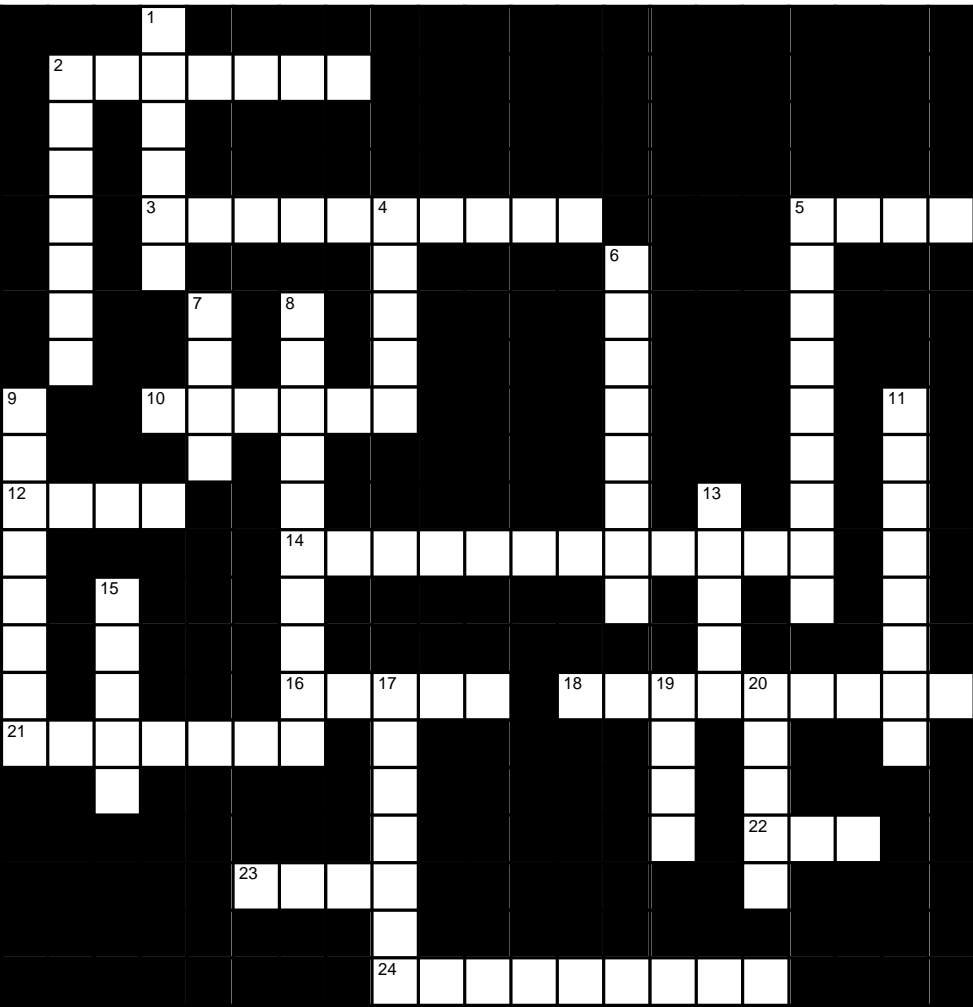
Jesus said, "I AM the "WAY", the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus also said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are MANY who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are FEW who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

We "enter through the gate"- through our obedience to the Gospel ("Good News") believing in Jesus (Acts 16:31), repenting of our sins (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), AND being baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). We "travel" the road to life eternal - through our continued trust in and obedience to the Lord (1 John 1:7).

Two ways. Two destinies. ONE choice!
Which "WAY" will YOU travel?

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

Down

- 2. The nickname of jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong.
- 3. The biggest living fish in the ocean. (2 words)
- 5. Name the traditional and popular wrestling sport of Japan.
- 10. Cirrus or cumulus are examples of THESE.
- 12. The longest river in the world.
- 14. The title of the 1818 novel by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley.
- 16. The third major planet from the sun.
- 18. The town of Jesus' birth.
- 21. The Greek goddess associated with the moon.
- 22. The son of Kanga in stories by Alan Alexander Milne.
- 23. This chess piece is of the lowest theoretical value.
- 24. The first man on the moon.

- 1. The capital of Canada.
- 2. This non-metallic element has the chemical symbol "S".
- 4. In the olden days a "souter" repaired these.
- 5. This musical instrument was invented by Belgian Adolphe Sax.
- 6. Name the marine creature of the genus Hippocampus. (2 words)
- 7. The African country in which Timbuktu is.
- 8. Dracula suffers from stauophobia, the fear of these.
- 9. The capital of Australia.
- 11. This is the number for the Roman numeral XIX.
- 13. Name the character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" who is the uncle of Olivia Sir Toby.
- 15. The unit of currency in Poland at the time of WWII.
- 17. In which country is Transylvania?
- 19. Name the dog in the Punch & Judy Show.
- 20. This liquid measure is equal to 1.76 imperial pints.



By: Chelsea Vail

The tribe has spoken – we've snuffed our torches, packed our bags, and said our goodbyes. All that remains is for the chopper to take us off into the sunset and away from this wonderful little corner of the world we call Antwerp. We'll be back, though. Survivor Antwerp: The Reunion seems promising.

Wanna hear something funny? Yeah? Everyone else is still doing the school-house rock! Muahahahaha! Exams begin on Friday with eight period testing. The following Monday and Tuesday bring periods 1-4 and 5-7, respectively. The bright side: classes let out on June 3 at 1:15. In the words of many a scheming senior at AHS, EARLY DISMISSAL!

There is one final piece of advice this word nerd would like to relate regarding the art of communication: in choosing one's words, it is accuracy that matters most. Fancy schmancy or tried and true, the subtle differences are the defining ones. And don't you forget it, neither!

Word of the Week

Commencement \kuh-MENS-muhnt\

1. That thing the Class of 2008 took part in last Sunday

2. The beginning

Commencement may not be the most interesting or erudite word, but it is certainly the most fitting. Though this may be the final installment of "The AHS Angle," it is only the beginning of my work as a writer. I am grateful for such a wonderful opportunity to contribute to my community and hope that in the future similar occasions will arise. And anyhow, I could turn out to be the Streisand of the news world and write my final column twice or thrice.

PAULDING ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS

Paulding will host boys and girls all-star tournaments sponsored by Baughman Tile, D.A.R.E., McDonald's, Midwest Sports, Welch Trophies and Subway.

On July 18, 19, 20 a girl's 12 and under fastpitch softball tournament (age cut off is December 31, 2007) will be held. First place team receives 12 new mountain bikes and T-shirts will go to the second place team.

Also a boys' 10 and under and 12 and under all-star baseball tournament will be held on July 22-26 (age cut off April 30, 2008).

First Place teams in each tournament will receive 12 new BMX bikes and T-shirts will go to the runner up teams.

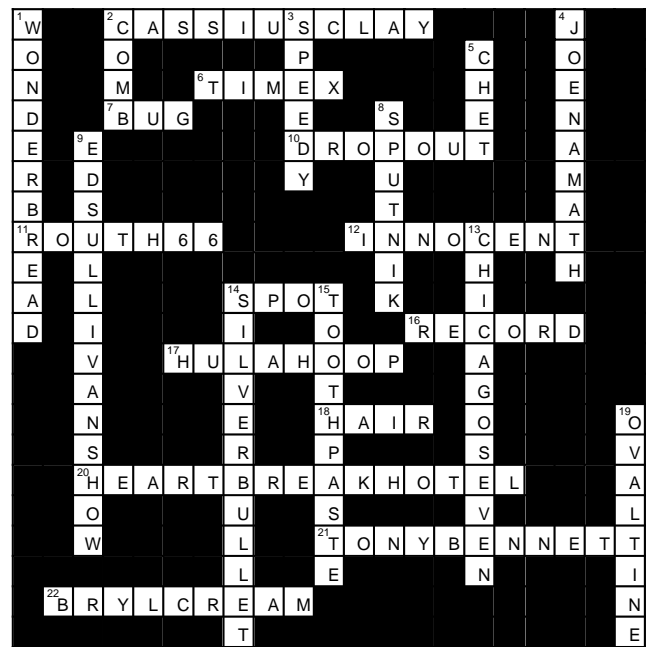
First 12 teams in each division will play. The entry deadline is June 27.

School teams have to have all players from the same school district.

To enter, please call 419-399-2981 or by e-mail: ronzneonz@hotmail.com.

Last year's tournament was full so please enter early!

Answers to "Suddenly Senior Quiz"



JUDY SNOOK'S ART CLASS

By: Sue Knapp

As I was walking down the hall to the gym to view the archery class at Wayne Trace High School I passed a room with a lot of windows. In the windows were objects made out of ceramic and clay that the students created. These objects were really well made and would look good in any setting.

The Art Class is under the direction of Judy Snook of Antwerp. She is able to release the creativity in the students while they learn to do new and innovative things.

The students are now involved in helping the library's remodeling project. The li-

brarian, Susie Johnson, has received a grant to redo the library and make it more kid-friendly and casual, somewhere where the students will want to be. The art students are painting murals on the library wall.

Judy Snook feels her class is moving onward and upward all of the time. She keeps the kids creating new projects.

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Sandy Rosselet

outpouring of love and support she received during her illness she decided to stay in Paulding. She is very grateful and appreciative of all the support she has received.

Sandy feels that teaching has been a fulfilling profession and has provided an outlet for her creativity.



Madeline Foltz

Madeline Foltz of Paulding Middle School and High School

February 29, 2008 was the last day of school for Madeline Foltz. She started her teaching career at Oakwood and after three years transferred to Paulding. She taught for a total of 35 years. She taught Work and Family Life.

Madeline spends her time working in her yard, quilting, genealogy, gardening, traveling and doing house projects.



Peggy Glick

Peggy Glick of Grover Hill Elementary

Peggy Glick has enjoyed her 30 years of teaching, but is now going to start a new chapter in her life. She is going to retire this year from Grover Hill Elementary. She has taught 4th grade Reading, 4th and 5th grade Science and has taught 3rd grade for 19 years. She has spent two years with Title One Reading and one semester in high school for reading.

She loves the kids and the enthusiasm they bring to classroom. She has high expectation for her students and they live up to them. She changed things in her classes a lot so as not to get in a rut; for example, she loves plants and has a plant center in her room. The kids can watch the plants grow and bloom. They also can start new plants off older ones and take them home.

Peggy isn't going to sit around during retirement, she may get something part time, volunteer in a nursing home or work with Paulding County History.



Sharon Peck

Sharon Peck of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School

Sharon has been with the Wayne Trace School Systems for 25 years. She has taught 4th, 6th and 7th grades. She has enjoyed making a difference. Keeping up with technology has been a challenge but has enjoyed teaching, enjoyed working for the Wayne Trace System and appreciates the opportunity to have worked with children.

When she retires she pursue her passion of antiques, refinishing furniture and reading.



Claudia Elliott

Claudia Elliott of Grover Hill Elementary

Claudia has spent her 35 years of teaching K-4th grade

Special Ed at Grover Hill Elementary. She has really appreciated helping children with their special needs. She has been able to keep on top of things and would like to keep on learning but is ready to give someone else a chance to teach the children. Someone with new fresh ideas.

She will keep busy with her nine grandchildren, new puppy, crocheting and many other hobbies. She would like to travel to Alaska.

She has lived in Grover Hill all of her life, graduating from Grover Hill High with her class of 22 kids.



Pam Biddle

Pamela Biddle of Woodburn Elementary

Pamela has taught for the East Allen School System for 27 years. She has taught at Southwick, Leo, Harlan and has been at Woodburn Elementary for 10 years. She has taught 2nd, 4th and 5th grades.

She loves seeing the growth of children both mentally and socially, loves to see the bright eyes and excitement when they figure things out. She will miss the involvement with the children, their families and the community.

Living on Big Long Lake, she will not have to drive the distance everyday and is looking forward to her six grandchildren, gardening, reading, traveling and doing stitchery work.



Janet Darvish

Janet Darvish of Woodburn Elementary

Janet taught in a classroom for 5-6 years before taking over as a Resource Teacher. She has worked in Monroeville, Bluffton and the rest of her 34 teaching career has been at Woodburn Elementary.

She has loved working with and getting to know the children. She considers being

a teacher the right choice for her and it has been a great profession.

She will miss the students and the camaraderie with the teachers.

She is looking forward to do things she hasn't been able to do such as: declutter and traveling with her husband on business trips. She is ready for the next chapter in her life.



Gayle Etzler

Gayle Etzler of Woodlan High School

Gayle started teaching at Woodlan High School in the fall of '65. She has taught English, Speech and Journalism and has been the head of the school paper. She quit for a time to have and raise four children. She then went back into the system. Because of low seniority she could not get back into Woodlan right away so she taught at New Haven Middle Schools and Village Middle Schools. She then was able to go back to Woodlan where she has finished out her teaching career.

She met her husband, Leland Etzler at Woodlan where he was the head coach for football for 40 years. He has been retired for three years.

Early in her teaching career she directed plays and helped with the musicals.

The Etzlers have a lake place and are looking forward to spending more time there. She's excited to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. She'll think about working part time teaching speech classes and will become more active with church, reading and having lunch with friends. She has been to London and would like to go back. Her husband went to Israel and she would like both of them to go again.



Renee West

Renee West of Antwerp Local School

Renee started out as a hair stylist before she was hired in 1979 or 1980 as a reading aid and ran the reading lab for Antwerp Elementary School. She then accepted a job in the Elementary Library and has been there 15 years. She has been the "Battle of the Books" advisor working with the 5th and 6th graders in competition. Renee served as PTO President and one of the projects done was to improve the looks of the school by landscaping all around the building.

Renee and her husband are building a home on Adams Lake in Wolcottville,

IN where they will be moving this spring. They have two children, Chad lives in Georgia and Candace lives in Michigan.

Renee plans to enjoy life at the lake, travel and see the country. She would also like to work part time at the Rome City Library. She also enjoys scrapbooking and crafts.

Renee has also been a Cub Scout Leader, involved in 4-H, coached girls Little League and was one of the original coaches for girls Pee Wee Softball Teams.

Renee won't have a lot of idle time in her retirement.



Norman Thompson

Norman Thompson of Antwerp Local School

Mr. Thompson started his teaching career at Antwerp Local Schools in 1977 and has always taught there.

He attended school in Harlan and graduated from Woodlan. He attended Huntington College and graduated in 1977.

In 1976 he married Susan Esterline. She teaches school in Reading, MI. They live in Angola, IN which is about half way for each of them to drive to work. They have three boys.

Norman's hobbies are fishing first, he is an avid fisherman, hunting, golf, bike riding and travel. He is planning to do more of these things after he retires.

He will not miss the drive of 45 miles each way, but he will miss the students and staff. He might do something part time later.



Cyndy Bowers

Cyndy Bowers of Antwerp Local School

On the last day of May, Cyndy Bowers will retire from teaching the first grade at Antwerp Local School. She will miss all her friends and the pupils. She is ready to start the new life of retirement that opens up new possibilities. Volunteer work, being a housewife, grandmother, baby sitter, cookie baker and all those things that go with being a grandmother. Cyndy and Terry have three children and 12 grandchildren. Each day this year, she remembers that this activity/lesson will be for the last time, as she continues to savor every moment with her class. "I am not unhappy about my retirement," says Cyndy. "Teaching has been an extreme joy for me, yet I'm ready to begin focus on another part of my lifetime. My plans include

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 family, service and travel, providing good health continues to sustain us both," she adds. "My parents have been wonderful Christian role models. They taught me how to love completely. They demonstrated a work ethic that I admire and how to build relationships among friends. I lost my mother almost three years ago, yet daily, she continues to be a part of who I am. I am very blessed." Her father still resides in the same house in Rochester that Cyndy has always known as 'home'. She is happy that her retirement will allow more visits with her father.



Jack Schmidt

Ohio Schools and finally has had eight years at Antwerp Local School.

Jack had already retired once but missed the kids so much that he went back to work. He now feels that now is the time.

He will spend time with his wife, relaxing and wants to go to Disney World without the band kids.

He has a small home-business doing promotional printing on pens, key chains, etc. He will also help take care of his son who was injured in an accident. He would like to move closer to Antwerp to be able to spend more time with their daughter and son-in-law and four grandchildren. He also has a daughter in Ft. Wayne. He and his wife and son reside between Ft. Wayne and New Haven.

His best memories are when students come back and tell him how much band has meant to them.

When Jack came to Antwerp, there were 18 kids in the band—now there are 60. It

is his hope that the new band teacher will have the kind of support he has received and the students will continue to participate in the band program.

His first performance was at the 3 Rivers Parade with Harding High School 25 years ago, his last performance will be at the 3 Rivers Parade this year with the Antwerp Band.



Shirley Gordon

Shirley Gordon of Antwerp Local School

Shirley's first teaching job was at Ohio City, Ohio, teaching there for one year. She then taught at St. John's Catholic School in Payne for three years. She then came to Antwerp Local School where she started in 7th and 8th grade reading two days a week and working on something else the other three. She taught 6th grade for three years, 1st grade for two years, then 3rd grade for 15 years.

She had an endorsement on her license that she could teach 'Title One' and she taught that for 14 years. She had a total of 34 years at Antwerp and a grand total of 38 years.

She likes to sing and sang with her family under the name of 'Singing Gordons' all over Indiana.

She and Sandra (her sister) traveled to Scotland a few times and sang; they are of Scottish decent.

She likes to travel. She has been to all 50 states, three provinces of Canada and all over Mexico.

She didn't want to retire, but an injury forced her to.

She will miss the kids. She loved watching their eyes and knowing when they understood something.

She and Sandra are heavy into genealogy and history and belong to the Paulding County Historical Society.

Shirley won't have any trouble filling up her time.



LOCAL DANCER MODELS FOR CATALOG/MAGAZINE

Jacquelyn LeMieux, daughter of Mark and Jonna LeMieux, Paulding, was selected to model for Curtain Call Costume Company in Lebanon, Pennsylvania recently. Jacquelyn spent two days modeling dance costumes for next year's catalog and her photo will be featured in *Dance Teacher Magazine* for a Curtain Call advertisement this fall. Jacquelyn has been a dancer at Raise the Barre Dance Studio for four years enjoying ballet, tap, jazz, tumbling, and cheer classes.

NOTICE TO WOODBURN CITIZENS

Woodburn City Hall will be closed June 9 through June 13 due to out of town training. Any utility bills can be paid at National City Bank. For any water emergencies contact the Maintenance department at 632-9911 or your district Councilman.

LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING H.R. 2419

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting for H.R. 2419, The Food Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008—commonly referred to as the farm bill.

"It is a common misconception that this bill is exclusive to farmers and the agriculture industry. The truth is that only 20 percent of the funding within this legislation is devoted to farm programs (commodities 12%, crop insurance 8%), while nearly 70 percent goes to nutrition title programs. Since 2002, funding for farm programs has been cut 50 percent, now only comprising one quarter of one percent of the entire federal budget."

"While the focus of this legislation has shifted away from the agriculture industry, many important components are now in place to allow hard-working farmers in Ohio and across the country to continue their work which drives our nation's economy. America's farmers ensure that we have affordable food and that we are independent of another country's whims. This bill also promotes the production of alternative energy and new conservation programs that will benefit farmers as well as our nation's energy market."



ALUMINUM FOIL ART AT WLS

These figures were made by Scott Staub's seventh and eighth grade art students from Woodburn Lutheran School. The variety of figures include depictions of Christ, gymnasts and all kinds of life things.

These figurines are worth seeing. They will be on display in the hall by the school office until the end of the year.

So you decided to send postcards? Okay, be sure to check out West Bend's prices on your postcard printing.

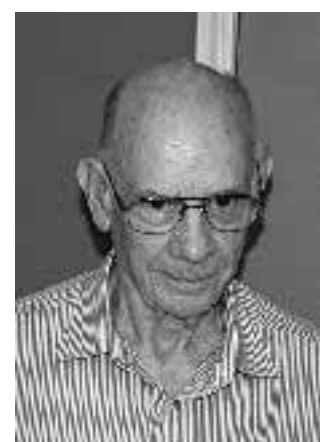


ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Generally when Sue and I interview someone and take their picture we call it "Stan and Sue on the Road" but this time I interviewed Wayne Shuherk and he has been around here for over 80 years, so we're going to run it as Antwerp History.

Wayne Shuherk was born in 1921 in Scipio Township over in Indiana in Allen county. His parents were Charles and Edna Peffley Shuherk. Edna was from an old time Antwerp family. Most of the Peffley's lived on CR 204 east of SR 49. The Peffley's were



'old pioneers' of this area.

Wayne attended his first year of school at North Scipio School in Indiana. Then their family moved to the Antwerp area on the River Road East and south by the Slough Cemetery. Over the years they moved a couple times and then Charlie moved to the Mann Peffley homeplace on the corner of CR 204 and CR 43. They had by now Wayne, Lewis Emanuel, Edward and Esther.

Wayne graduated from Antwerp High School in 1939. He married his high school sweetheart, Marian Stevenson in 1939. They started farming with forty acres on the north side of CR 144. They lived in that house for many years and had three children. Denny had Todd, Conn and Chad; Douglas had Laura and Nathan; Mark had Christopher and Brian. He sold that house after he built his new home across the road in 1976.

Wayne was considered one of the best farmers in the area and at that time one of the biggest, over 900 acres at that time. A lot of his acreage was over on the north side of the river.

My father-in-law, Therman Powell, had retired and Wayne farmed his place, all

of George Reeb's place and his father's Charlie's acreage. Wayne had good big machinery. Wayne stayed busy farming until 2005, when he sold out and retired from everything.

His wife, Marian, passed away in 2005.

Wayne has seven grandchildren and I asked how many great-grandchildren and he said, "Oh, my goodness, I can't help you there."

Wayne had a brother we all called 'Manual'. He was a very good athlete. I remember he used to catch baseball when Bob Chiles was pitching. Bob was the M. E. Church's pastor's son. They lived next door to Wayne Fleck who played with the Chicago White Sox. Wayne taught Bob all that he could about pitching. Bob threw so hard that before each game Manual would buy 25 cents worth of round steak (which was 29 cents a pound at that time) and he used it in the palm of his hand in his catcher's mitt to take up part of the shock of Bob's fastball.

Later on, Manual married Betty Griswald from Payne and they lived in Findlay. I think he was in purchasing. He was very well known in Findlay. They had two girls.

Wayne had another brother, Eddie, he was a very good athlete. I remember him playing softball while we were getting lights for the ball field.

Eddie was a very good bowler and was called 'Steady Eddie' down at the bowling alley. Eddie married Barbara Rhoads. I remember Eddie and Dick Rhoads helped to build the building that is now the Petals and Vines. That was around the 1950's. Barbara's father, Ed Rhoads, was my Sunday School teacher in about 1936-'37.

Eddie and Barb moved to northern Indiana and had a tavern and grill. They are retired now but still there in that area. They had two girls.

Wayne's sister, Esther, married Bill Marrow, a construction man. They had two children. Esther still lives in the Antwerp area.

Wayne moved into the Manor House a few weeks ago. He likes it very much and he feels pretty good and enjoys all the activities and good food.

I hope you enjoyed this Robin's eye view of over 80 years of some of Antwerp's History. I sure enjoyed visiting with Wayne and the people at the Manor House.

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SPRING SPORTS WRAP UP!



Hicksville hosted the JH track meet on May 20. Many schools competed including: Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Hicksville, and Ayersville. Shown here of the Raiders' seventh grader Michala Elliot in one of relays. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Lady Archer Softball Team opposed Edon at Hicksville in Districts Tuesday, May 20. Three runs were scored with the last by Freshman Jesse Arnold. Edon was scoreless in this game. The infield, Darcie Reinhart, Kelsey Bashore and Amanda Riebersal, come into give Bryn Schlatter a boost in the final inning. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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ASHLEY WARD GRADUATES FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Ashley Ward, a 2002 graduate of Wayne Trace High School graduated Monday, May 12 from New York University. She graduated with a Masters of Science in Digital Imaging and Design. She currently resides in New York.



Antwerp held it's Sport's Awards night on May 21. Sophomore Rose Doctor received her letter and a certificate along with many of her fellow teammates.

ANTWERP JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT

The Archer JV baseball team captured the annual year-end Antwerp Tournament by defeating county rival Paulding 9-4 here last Tuesday, May 20. The Archers posted six runs in the first inning and never looked back. Tinora defeated Wayne Trace 15-5 in the consolation game.

Antwerp freshman pitcher Logan Lucas struggled to begin the game, allowing two walks in the first frame, however a strikeout of the fifth Paulding batter in the inning closed the door on the early threat. Taking a turn at bat was all the Archers needed. Antwerp sent 11 batters to the plate in the first inning, scoring six runs on two hits and five Paulding errors. Lucas held Paulding scoreless in the 2nd and 3rd innings, while the Archers scratched three more runs out in the 3rd. Dillon Sensabaugh led off the inning with a single followed by a Lucas single and a Tyler Gaisford walk. Paulding countered with a new pitcher in Travis Keeran who promptly struck out the Archer lead-off batter but an RBI single by Tanner Copey, a Paulding error during Jordan Koppenhofer's at-bat, and a Shaile Chamberlain fielder's choice plated three more Archer runs.

The Panthers hadn't given up though, as they sent eight batters up in the top of the 4th and plated three runs of their own. An Archer error allowed Mark Wolffe on base, followed by Wes Zellex and Logan Stoller singles. A tiring Lucas was replaced on the mound by Jordan Koppenhofer, who made quick work in striking out the first two

batters he faced before a walk, and another Antwerp error, allowed three runs to cross in the inning. Keeran kept the Archers at bay for their final two at bats. Koppenhofer was relieved in the fifth by closer Shaile Chamberlain who struck out three of the six batters he faced.

Paulding had four runs on five hits, led by Wes Zellex with two singles and Mark Wolffe who was on base in all three attempts and scored two Paulding runs. Bill Vance suffered the loss for the Panthers.

Antwerp's balanced seven hit attack helped seven different players score. Dillon Sensabaugh scored two runs by being on base in all three at-bats, hitting two singles and getting hit by a pitch. Logan Lucas helped his own winning cause going 2 for 3 and scoring twice.

Antwerp Coach Jan Perry and the Archers close out their 2008 Spring JV baseball season with an overall 7-13 record.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Tuesday Night Men's League

1. Miller Lawn Care/Red Owl 6-0
2. On the Edge Construction 5-1
3. Red Owl/Bud Select 4-2
4. Raintech 3-3
5. Guilford Real Estate 3-3
6. TJ'S/Eagles 2-4
7. Quality Cars 1-5
8. Grace Home Improvements 1-5

Wednesday Night Women's League

1. Carpet wholesalers 3-1
2. Red Owl/Budweiser 3-1
3. Jay Dangler Excavating 2-1
4. Sherwood VFW/D&H 2-2
5. Casa Veija/ Sun's Edge 1-2
6. Lafarge 1-2
7. Paulding VFW 0-3

Thursday Night Men's League

1. Millers/Country Cabinets 6-0
2. Chico's 5-1
3. Taylor Brothers 4-2
4. Larson's Body Shop/Ed's Car Center 3-3
5. Red Owl/Firefighters 3-3
6. Atwood 2-4
7. Haviland Tile 1-5
8. Doghouse/Ice Cream Depot 0-6

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Antwerp played Hilltop on Friday, May 23 in the District Championship. The game was close for the Lady Archers, but they came out on top in a 2 to 1 victory. Bryn Schlatter passes the ball to Kelsey Bashore for the out at first. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL ARCHERY CLASSES



Emily Shuherk practices her archery skills at Wayne Trace's new class.

By: Sue Knapp

Bryan Gerbers, Superintendent of Wayne Trace High School, was instrumental in receiving a grant from National Archery in the Schools with the Department of National Resources as sponsors to teach archery in the gym classes. The grant was awarded and Jim Linder, Athletic Director, and Jan Smithmeyer, both Jr. & Senior High school teacher, went through the training course to be certified and are now teaching archery to second semester gym classes.

Mr. Linder and Ms. Smithmeyer are very enthused to be teaching this class and are hoping to compete with other schools next year.

One of the advantages of this program is the fact that the physically disabled can also compete and you don't have to be athletic to compete. It's all about building confidence and learning how to shoot arrows.

The rules are very strict with the students listening to the whistle commands. No second chances for mess ups (such as pulling back without an arrow which can ruin a bow) you will lose your turn.

The students are very excited about this program and some of the comments were: Emily Shuherk, 8th grade,

took bow and arrow while at camp, as a project for 4-H and she said it helps you to focus and she wants to be in the competitions. Garwin Wiseman, 8th grade, said, he likes the class and has had archery before and wants to compete. Zach Cotterman, 8th grade, thinks it's pretty fun and wants to compete. Andrea Balderas, 10th grade, first time for archery and has war wounds because she hasn't quite yet learned how to use the bow. She likes to pop the balloons—the prize is candy. Janelle Davis, 9th grade, would like to compete but is very involved in other sports. She likes it a lot and is pretty good at hitting the bull's eye.

Macy Crooks, 9th grade, is glad the school officials are allowing the course. She is good at it and appreciates it because you don't have to try and shoot a hoop or hit a ball. Tiffany Robinson, 10th grade, is right-handed but shoots left-handed because she is left eye dominant. It was kind of awkward at first but now is getting used to it.

All told, the kids seemed to really like the sport. They were very open about talking about it and very respectful of the teacher's whistle.

If there is competitions next year I think this is one sport I could get into.

FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Flower is this week's featured pet. Flower is a small, five year old black and white terrier mix. She is very friendly and loves to be petted. Rozz, the basset mix is also still looking for her new family to take her home. Stop out and see Flower and Rozz on Friday from 2:00-6:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment to see all the adoptable dogs.

Many times older adult dogs get overlooked in shelters due to their age. If you are looking for a dog to adopt there are many reasons to consider an older dog.

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Pizza and Pop
Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. It's a special program just for dads. Invite your dad to the library for an evening of dad stories, dad bingo, and pizza. Please register by June 6.

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Step back in time and then step into an alternate reality at the Johnson Memorial Library's Upper Elementary Book Brunch Discussion Group on May 31 at 10:00 a.m. The Book Brunch will be reading and discussing *A Family Apart* by Joan Lowery Nixon and *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

The Book Brunch Discussion Group is free and is open to fourth through seventh grade students. The group meets the last Saturday of each month, and any upper elementary or middle school student is welcome. The book discussion is facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Under-



NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

This basketball team won the Paulding County Tournament in 1943. They had also won it in 1942.

wood. The library has ordered copies of the book and audiobook, so each group member may have one. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

Catch the Summer Reading Bug at the Johnson Memorial Library in June and July. Discover and explore the wonders of ants, spiders, butterflies, and much, much more.

The Summer Reading Program will kick off with an Opening Craft Day on June 11, running throughout the day. Children and youth will be able to make five craft projects and help decorate for the summer's "buggy" theme.

All of the summer library programs are free. There are 38 programs available for preschool to high school youth, in addition to programming on Wednesday's in June at the Rotary Park Pavilion, in conjunction with the Hicksville Parks & Recreation Summer Camps.

Now is the time to register for the Summer Reading Program, so you can "Catch the Reading Bug." For more information on the Summer Reading Program, for a complete schedule of preschool to high school programs, to register for a summer full of bugs, or for more information on the Book Brunch Discussion Group, call or stop by the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

PAULDING VILLAGE PARKS BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW POOL MANAGER

The Paulding Village Park Board announces that Sarah Mott of Paulding has been hired as Pool Manager of the Paulding Water Park for the 2008 season.

Sarah is a 2005 graduate from Paulding High School and is presently attending Ohio University.

Sarah has previously worked for the Water Park as a lifeguard and Head Life Guard.

Sarah is anxious to get started with her duties as Pool Manager which officially starts on June 1.

Information for renting the pool for a day, swimming lessons, water aerobics, single, family and group passes can be obtained by contacting Pool Manager Sarah Mott or any Head Life Guard at 399-9593 during opening hours of Mon. through Sat. 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Front Row: (l-r) Robert 'Bing' Bissell, Estell 'Stretch' Cottrell, Jack Bickhard, Max Donat, Zeb Delong, Lynn Bickhard
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LOCAL BOY WINS INDIANA JONES TICKETS

Last week, Indiana's News Center was sponsoring a contest on their morning airing of 5:00-7:00 a.m. Send in a snapshot of you dressed up like Indiana Jones and if your photo was picked, you receive four free tickets to see the latest installment of the Indiana Jones genre - *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* during opening weekend.

Seth Rister, a seven year old who attends St. John Catholic

School in Payne, is a BIG Indiana Jones fan. So, with the help of family members, he got dressed up and went out to Riverside Park in Antwerp, and submitted this photo to Indiana's News Center's contest. Seth was the first winner! His family celebrated his win last weekend at the Rave in Fort Wayne.

From the lines of Short Round in *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*: "Indy, I love you! Wake up, Indy! Wake up!" and "Three aces! I win!"

PATRONS REQUIRED TO SHOW LIBRARY CARD AT PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARIES

Effective June 1, 2008, patrons will be required to show their library card when they use library computers or check out materials from all locations of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. For more information, contact the library at 419-399-2032.

2008 DEMOLITION DERBY SCHEDULE BEGINS WITH PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

Doug Alt's Demolition Derbies of Celina, OH has released their 2008 Derby Schedule. Twelve events are on tap for the season, beginning with the Paulding County Fair on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. New events on the schedule include a pair of stops in Geneva, IN on Saturday, June 28 and on Saturday, September 13 with both nights start time at 6:00 p.m. Harlan, Indiana is a new event for 2008 with the derby running on Friday night, August 1. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. with heat races beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Big car class, Mini-car class, Stock class, and a Heat limited to Allen County drivers only. For more information, entry forms and rules, call Doug Alt at (419) 586-2844 or (419) 305-4573.

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 Sun, July 6, 5:00, Warren
 Sat, July 26, 7:30, Ft. Wayne, IN (Allen Co Fairgrounds)
 Fri, Aug 1, 7:00, Harlan
 Sat, Aug 16, 5:00, Andrews
 Sat, Aug 23, 7:00, Markle
 Sat, Aug 30, 6:00, Bluffton, IN (Wells Co Fairgrounds)
 Sat, Sept 6, 7:00, Roanoke
 Sat, Sept 13, 6:00, Geneva
 Sat, Sept 27, 6:00, Markle

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR PAST AND PRESENT

By: Sue Knapp

In October of 1863 the Paulding Agriculture Society held the fair and the weather did not cooperate at all with rain the two days of the fair.

This Society was organized in 1859. In 1860 a Fair was held at Junction.

Agriculture was down at this time because of the war. Many farmers were gone and the ones remaining worked double time but because of droughts and frosts the crops didn't fair well.

In 1872 the first annual fair was held on the grounds of the Society.

In March of 1872 an executive committee was formed



Sisters Alta Lake McClure and Nella Lake Poling from Grover Hill as they are ready to leave for the fair - a few years ago

to have the grounds 'fitted' up, solicit subscriptions and collect money among other things. They were so successful in their endeavors that they were able to purchase 25 acres for \$900, put up a board fence around the grounds for \$1,000, built Floral Hall for \$390, dug and wall a well for \$70, stalls and stands were built, a half-mile oval race course was constructed for about 80 cents a rod and grounds cleaned.

Although there were the 'naysayers' who knew that this 'experiment' would be a failure it, in fact, seemed to be successful.

The display of cattle was good although sheep was down and farm products superior. Visitors from all over was impressed with the quantity of vegetables, ornamental work and art.

In 1873 the season was quite unfavorable for farmers. It was a rainy spring and on into July, the cattle and hogs were able to feast on the grass in the woods, this went on into December. Lumber was the chief source of revenue at that time.

In 1879 the fair that year was regarded the best ever. Seven hundred and thirty-three entries was on the books. Lumber is still the dominant force in the county.

The Fair in 1883 was held at the fairgrounds in Paulding in October. Attendance was good and the displays excelled.

In 1884 the weather was unfavorable and the attendance wasn't as good as other years. It had been a dry summer but the amount of exhibits were considerable and the display satisfactory.

The log cabins of this time are succumbing to frame farm houses while in town brick is becoming more common..

In 1885 the fair was held the last of September into the first of October. The attendance was very good on the third and fourth days. Thoroughbred stallions were on display and the speed ring was

an entertaining feature. Even though the county is known as the 'great black swamp region', the word does 'swamp' does not apply as the surface is level with no hills or elevations.

1886 brought success to the fair although some days were wet and stormy.

The 1887 fair was very well attended. All the departments were filled except the vegetables because of the dry summer.

In 1888 the board bought an additional 10 acres, made many improvements and the attendance was good the whole time and the displays were excellent.

The cold and wet spring then dry and cold caused the crops to be light. The timber

interesting to learn how things used to be.

The facts in this article came from the Paulding County Fair Centennial Book 1872-1972 printed by: Heffner Printing Company Columbus Grove, Ohio

WOODLAN ADVANCES IN FIRST & SECOND ROUNDS OF SOFTBALL SECTIONALS

Woodlan Softball was victorious over South Adams in the first round of 2A sectional tournament on Tuesday, May 20. The final score was a close slide for the Lady Warriors, 2-1.

Woodlan's record is now 17-7, with 2 runs, 4 hits, 3 errors; and WP-Copeland.

South Adams tried to keep up with 1 run, 5 hits, 3 errors; LP-Melick.

On Thursday, May 22, the Lady Warriors took a second win in the softball sectional tournament. They played Bluffton and came out with a 2-1 victory over Bluffton.

Woodlan's record now stands at 18-7 with 2 runs, 5 hits, 3 errors; 2B-Hogue (W); and WP-Copeland.

Bluffton had 1 run, 3 hits, 1 error; 3B-Moore (B); and LP-Pace.

LADY WARRIORS FALL SHORT IN SECTIONAL FINALS

Last Friday night, May 23, Woodlan softball went head to head with Bishop Luers in the Sectional finals at Bluffton. The Lady Knights left Woodlan with an end to their season by the game's end. Luers is the Sectional champs of 2008 with a score of 7-1 over Woodlan.

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



N. Richard and Joy (Sanderson) Taylor of Jennings Rd., Van Wert will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on May 29, 1948. They have one daughter, Tonya.

ANTWERP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

The Antwerp Council held a special meeting on May 12 at 5:30 p.m. All was present.

Ordinance 2008-15 An Ordinance amending section 5 of Ordinance 2005-07 establishing regulations for use of water, methods of payment, collection methods and water rates for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio 2nd reading

Ordinance 2008-16 An Ordinance amending section 4 of Ordinance # 81-32 establishing rates and charges for the use and service of the municipal sewage works for the municipality of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio 2nd reading

Ordinance 2008-17 An Ordinance amending section 4 of Ordinance # 2005-10 establishing a storm water utility program, methods of payments, regulations and collection methods for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio 2nd reading

Ordinance 2008-22 An ordinance authorizing the Vil-

lage Fiscal Officer to transfer funds and increase appropriations accordingly to the sewer fund in the amount of \$14,000 and declare the same to be an emergency; this was motioned and approved

Resolution 2008-03 renewal of tax levy-police protection 1st reading; this is a renewal not asking for new monies

Approval was granted to pay the renewal on liability insurance, there is a decrease of \$83.00

A visitor was present to discuss the new billing for the utility department, there was much discussion on this matter

Ordinance 2008-22 pertains to the lift station problems on Stone Street. A towel got into the system and bound up and burned a motor. One pump is running with parts coming soon for the other one. Council approved to buy 2 new pumps at a total of \$12,000 for the lift station and then will have the 2 older ones for back up. It will take 10 weeks for the pumps to come and the monies will come out of the General Fund.

TAYLOR, GOYINGS WIN EQUIPMENT "ROADEO"

It was the Wyandot County and Paulding County garages which produced the winners of this year's Ohio Department of Transportation District One Truck and Loader "Roadeo" held Tuesday and Wednesday in Lima.

The event is open to all equipment operators employed by ODOT District 1, headquartered in Lima, which includes the eight counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot.

Alan Taylor of Carey who works out of the Wyandot County ODOT garage won the loader event. It is the first win for Taylor at the district level. This is the second win in the truck event for Goyings who is from Paulding and is stationed in the Paulding County garage. He won the truck event in 2001.

The roadeo pits highway workers from the district's eight-county region against one another in a test of skill in maneuvering equipment through a series of obstacles. The obstacles are designed to mimic situations equipment operators might encounter on the job.

Operators are also required to perform a pretrip inspection where they must find five deliberately placed mechanical flaws on a truck and a loader. The pretrip inspection is a function that is performed by operators before they take equipment out on the job.

Each of the state's 12 transportation districts holds individual roadeos. Taylor and Goyings, along with the second place finishers in both the loader and truck competitions, will compete against the winners in each of those transportation districts at a state competition held in the fall in Columbus.

Goyings completed the obstacle course in the fastest time of any one in the finals. He felt his performance in the pretrip inspection could have kept him from winning. "In the pretrip I didn't feel I performed very well but felt I did perform well on the course," said Goyings.

"I knew I had a good run on the loader," said Taylor, who finished second in the loader competition last year. Taylor said the roadeo is very enjoyable to participate in, but it's also useful in sharpening equipment skills. "It's not an easy job," said Taylor of what equipment operators are asked to do in the course of their work. Both Taylor and Goyings agreed that the maneuvers they must perform in the roadeo are true to life. "It makes you think things through," said Goyings.

"Safety is at the heart of everything we do. The roadeo is just one way to increase the skills and awareness of our operators which makes them safer on the job," said Tim Burkepille, ODOT District 1 deputy director. "We have several new employees who took the opportunity to participate in this year's event which provided them an additional opportunity to learn more about the operation of equipment," he said.

Finishing behind Taylor in the loader competition were Frank Daley of Hancock County and Chris Miles of Defiance County. Finishing second behind Goyings in the truck competition were Daly while Lance Clifton of Van Wert County earned third place.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2008

Minutes were read. Councilmen made motions to approve the minutes, all agreed, motion passed. Dave Fiess with the Fort Wayne - Allen County Department of Health was present to discuss mosquitoes. They will be taking an active role in getting properties cleaned up to help keep the mosquito population down. Due to new species and illnesses he recommends people apply repellent whenever outdoors. Dead birds should be reported to the Department of Health. If mosquitoes are positive for West Nile Virus they will give 24 hours notice before spraying. His contact information is available at City Hall. Dan Avery and Matt Vondran with the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council were present to discuss the Grant Application process. Matt went over the timeline for the application process; we could not make September's deadline but can be ready by March's deadline. Councilmen made motions to use them for the grant writing, all agreed, motion passed. Dan will prepare a contract. Mayor Hoepfner spoke with Ron Reichhart about moving the shed on the Rekeweg property to the Maintenance building. Ron stated he would move the shed, secure it down and pour a slab of concrete for \$3,668.00. Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed. Mayor spoke with Jeff Eager from the High School about having his class make new City signs; he is willing to do this in the fall. Chief Carpenter reported repairs were done on Officer Parker's police car and the check engine light is back on. Chief Carpenter will take the vehicle back to have it checked. Lesa presented warrants for payment; 3 claim registers; 1st totaling \$10,975.00, checks 6128 & 6129, 2nd totaling \$1,515.10 check 6130, 3rd totaling \$47,949.90, checks 6131-6157. Councilmen made motions to pay all warrants, all agreed, motion passed. The \$75,000.00 paid up front from the Allen County Water Sewer District for the Havenwood Bond portion of the Platter Parkway project was taken out of the checking account and put into CD. This money including interest earned will be used to pay off the Havenwood bond early. Councilman Reichhart presented a bid of \$3,976.00 from Woodburn Outdoor Power for a new mower with a trade in allowance for the old mower. Councilmen made motions to purchase the new mower, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passed. The Allen County Board of Commissioners sent a letter stating they are relinquishing sole responsibility for repairs to bridges under 200 feet. They would like alternative funding specific for bridges; Councilman Reichhart suggested the City send a letter to the commissioners stating if the wheel and excise tax is enacted the City would commit to the difference between last years dollar amount of Wheel and excise tax we received and the amount for this year. Councilmen made motions for the difference to be allocated to the County for bridge maintenance, all agreed, motion passed. Councilman Zimmerman would

LOCAL CITIZEN WINS BIG MONEY IN LOTTERY



On May 22, Donald Harp of Antwerp turned in a winning Mega Millions ticket that he had purchased on Tuesday morning, May 20 at The Antwerp Pit Stop. He

won \$10,000.

Pictured are Rachel Taylor (cashier), Donald Harp (winner), and Katie Taylor (cashier).

like the Fireworks Ordinance approved before July 4th. Councilmen agreed; Lesa will put a copy in Councilmen's mailboxes to read over before the next meeting. He would like to see plans for re-doing Stenger St. a section at a time. Ryan reported the state is saying it will be two weeks before they can fix the broken tile on Highway 101 in front of National City Bank.

Meeting adjourned 9:30
Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTOR

The Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that Brandon L. Berridge pled to one count of Reckless Homicide, a felony of the third degree and one count Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree on May 19, 2008, in connection with the death of William Reynolds on November 17, 2007.

On December 14, 2007, the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted Brandon Berridge on one count of murder, a felony of the first degree and Tampering with evidence, a felony of the third degree in the death of William Reynolds. A co-defendant James Graves was also indicted on identical charges.

The Lucas County Coroners Office performed the autopsy on the victim William Reynolds. According to Dr. Cindy Blesser of the Lucas County Coroner's Office, Mr. Reynolds' death was a result of blunt force trauma to the neck and head of Wil-

liam Reynolds. Dr. Blesser concluded that the blunt force trauma causing the injuries to William Reynolds were, the result of force greater than a blow from a hand or fist and was likely caused by kicks to the head and neck.

The codefendant, James Graves submitted to a polygraph test to determine whether or not he kicked William Reynolds about the neck and head area on the night of the incident. James Graves insisted that he never kicked William Reynolds in the neck and head. The polygraph for James Graves resulted in a conclusion that he was not being truthful about not kicking William Reynolds in the neck and head. James Graves pled to one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of Tampering with Evidence on March 14, 2008, and was sentenced to 15 years in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

Brandon Berridge also submitted to a polygraph examination to determine whether or not he kicked William Reynolds about the neck and head area on the night of the incident. The polygraph examination concluded that Brandon Berridge was being truthful that he did not kick William Reynolds about the neck and head area. Previously, Brandon Berridge did admit to punching William Reynolds twice.

Sentencing for Brandon Berridge is scheduled for June 23, 2008.

—Joseph R. Burkard,
Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE CARPENTRY PROJECT "OPEN HOUSE"



The 2007-2008 Vantage Career Center Carpentry house project at 1079 Bruns Avenue in Van Wert.

Come and see this year's Vantage Carpentry house on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon! The 1,975 square foot home is located at 1079 Bruns Avenue in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert.

Highlights of the home include a great room with 10 foot ceilings, a dining room with a tray ceiling, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths and an attached 3 car garage with interior steps to the full, unfinished basement. Upstairs there is a 300 square

foot unfinished bonus room and the outside of the house boasts a stained front door with side lights and brick front with vinyl siding.

The custom oak cabinets made by the junior Carpentry students are installed, along with the doors and woodwork. The senior Electricity students did all the wiring for the house.

For directions or more information about the house, please call Bob Vennekotter at 419-238-5411 ext. 122.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": GOODBYE VANTAGE CLASS OF 2008

Memory books, senior pictures, cap and gown pickup and graduation party invitations... As the class of 2008 prepares for graduation, many students are torn between the comfortable environment of school and the anticipation and excitement of the future. I had a chance to talk to several seniors recently and here's what they had to say about their two years at Vantage.

Andrew Wilt, a senior Welding student from Van Wert said, "Coming to Vantage was a great experience. I liked meeting new people at Vantage. I was also able to earn four AWS (American Welding Society) certifications through my welding program." Andrew is on early placement, working at FabWeld in Ft. Wayne.

Steven Carlisle, an Antwerp senior in the Network Systems program said, "My two years at Vantage were fun. I learned a lot in my program. Coming to Vantage made me more open to try-

ing new things and meeting new people." Steven is currently on early placement at Golden Heritage Foods and plans on attending Rhodes State College and majoring in Networking and Network Security.

Casey Dull, a senior Cosmetology student from Wayne Trace is looking forward to the future. "I'm really glad I came to Vantage for high school. I plan on using my cosmetology skills to help finance my college education." Casey is heading to Tallahassee, Florida to pursue her education. One day she hopes to be a respiratory therapist.

Several classmates in Early Childhood Education - Jennifer Roberts, Emily Erhart, Amanda Horstman, Megan Taylor, Tiffany Siefker and Paige Fishbach - really enjoyed working with the preschoolers. "It was fun to be around the preschoolers. We made so many new friends - it was great." The girls are all planning on working this summer as they finalize their plans for next year.

"Coming to Vantage re-

ally gave me a heads-up about what working in the electrical trade would be like," said Van Wert Electricity senior Ryan Bickle. After three interviews, Ryan has landed a coveted apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 32 in Lima. His classmate Jake York, also from Van Wert, said Vantage was a good experience for him too. He'll work this summer as he prepares to attend Rhodes State College for Mechatronics.

Tyler Miller, a Carpentry senior from Lincolnview said, "I'm really glad I came to Vantage. There were only six of us in the senior class, and we built a house from the ground up! That was a great experience." Tyler's planning on going directly into the workforce.

Parkway's Katie Diment, a senior in the Medical Office Management program thought that she was treated more like an adult at Vantage. She's been on early placement, working at Van Wert Family Physicians. After graduation, she plans to find immediate



Alisha Clippinger (left) and Jessica Johns, both from Ft. Jennings, wear their Vantage senior shirts on the last day of school.

employment and possibly take some classes to be a Medical Transcriptionist.

Tricia Utterback from Wayne Trace and Kari Burgei from Ft. Jennings are close friends. They probably would not have met each other had they not come to Vantage in the Business Information Technology program. "I can't believe we've only known each other for two years, it seems like we've been friends forever." Both also agreed that in addition to learning business basics in their program, they learned a lot about themselves as people. Tricia is planning on a career in business and Kari is heading to the University of Northwestern Ohio to study Marketing.

Some students have already started on their career. Johnathan Young from Lincolnview is using his auto body repair skills working at Straightline Auto Body Shop. Jeremy Ewing, a Precision Machining student from Van Wert is at Braun Industries.

Scott Parker, a welder from Antwerp, along with Tyler Lucas and Mitch Schmidt, both Precision Machining students from Antwerp are all working at Nemco Medical in Hicksville. Andrea Sherry, a Cosmetology student from Paulding is working at the SmartStyle Salon at WalMart in Town Centre.

Timna Klopfenstein, a Health Careers senior from Wayne Trace is excited to begin a new 1+2+1 college program at Defiance College this fall. "This is the first year it's being offered and I can't wait to start." Timna will be preparing for a career as a nurse practitioner.

Vantage is very proud of the senior class of 2008. Whether already working, taking some time off from school, joining the military or heading off to college in the fall, Vantage congratulates the senior class of 2008. Best wishes always!



This group of Vantage seniors enjoys one last time together before the morning bell on their last day of school.



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MOTHER'S TEA AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently invited their mothers to preschool for a Mother's Tea! The children served their mothers iced tea and homemade cookies. We sang "How Much Do I Love You?" and presented them with a beautiful flower we

planted ourselves! Shown here enjoying their mother and daughter time together are Jonna and Evelyn LeMieux. Evy is in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Carrie Myers and Mrs. Ann Miller.

STAN AND SUE ON THE ROAD: BARBARA BOVINE

By: Sue Knapp

Barbara Moore was born on April 9, 1932 to Edward and Mary Moore in Ft. Wayne, IN. Edward and Mary had three girls and one boy with Barbara being the oldest.



Edward worked at Joslin Steel Mill in Fort Wayne while mom stayed home with the kids. They lived on Westview Avenue which at that time was considered country.

They had a garden and a dog named Rover.

Barbara went to St. Joe Catholic School and to C.C. High School. She worked at St. Joe Hospital in the nurses dining room for five years. She met her husband, James, through a boy she had dated. They were married 27 years. James was in the elevator business where he retired from. They had three boys and have three grandchildren.

Barbara loved to bowl and won tournaments, she also played golf and was in the PGA, she loves to play bridge and plays Euchre with the residents at the Manor House.

At first Barbara balked at coming to the Manor House, but now considers it home. The residents were able to go to the Paulding County Seniors Event at the Paulding County Fairgrounds and really enjoyed that especially the blues band. She's now enjoying herself and having fun.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SCORES BIG ON PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Community Memorial Hospital received its first quarter patient satisfaction scores from Press Ganey, nationally renowned for benchmarking patient satisfaction. Our patients ranked CMH in the 99th percentile among our peer group for their likeliness to recommend our facility to others.

The Emergency Department was ranked in the 96th-99th percentiles compared to our peer groups for listening to patient concerns, attention to patient needs, and concern for privacy and comfort. The ED staff was also rated highly for the courtesy shown to family and friends.

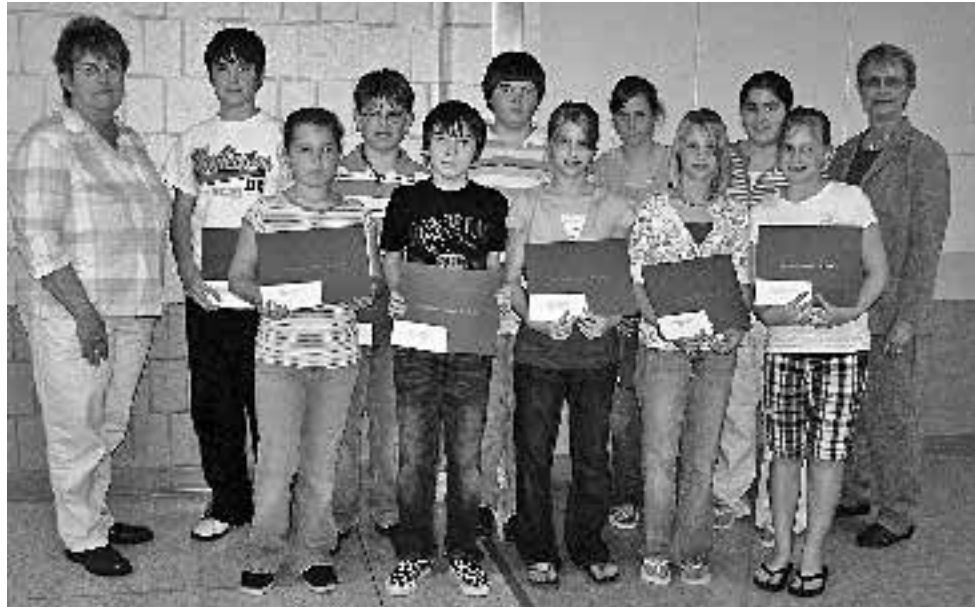
The OB Department scored in the 99th percentile in nearly all areas scored and the ratings for inpatient satisfaction were in the 99th percentile for prompt response to calls, teamwork, positive attitude of staff and communication with the family regarding patient care and treatment.

Community Memorial Hospital's registration team was ranked in the 99th percentile for helpfulness. The Radiology team ranked in the 97th-99th percentiles for courtesy and comfort compared to our local peer group.

In addition, patients ranked Community Memorial Hospital in the 99th percentile for cleanliness, courtesy of staff, room décor and minimal noise levels. Food service at CMH was ranked in the 99th percentile for all areas rated.

Community Memorial Hospital physician offices located in Edgerton, Harlan, and Hicksville ranked in the 99th percentile for staff courtesy, the ability to schedule the desired appointment, cheerfulness of the practice and care received.

The Press Ganey survey compares Community Memorial Hospital's customer service surveys to other critical access hospitals in the nation, all hospitals in the immediate area which includes (Defiance Mercy, Paulding County Hospital, Van Wert County Hospital, Cameron Memorial and Adams County Memorial Hospital) and critical access hospitals in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.



WINNERS OF THE SIXTH GRADE TURKEY DIARY WRITING CONTEST

Cooper's Hatchery of Oakwood, Ohio, once again

sponsored the 6th grade Turkey Diary Writing Contest at Paulding Middle School. The top ten winners are (back row) Ms. Dianne Cooper of Cooper Hatchery, Gerod Harder, Seth Mattocks, Samuel Manz,

Taylor Farr, Jaci Schlatter, and Mrs. Bonnie Weller, teacher. (front row) Sidney Salinas, Joe Kauser, Andi Singer, Alli Singer, and Ashlyn Laney.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST, ACADEMICALLY, OF YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER BREAK

By: Jami Koenn, Center Director, Sylvan Learning Center

Within 24 to 48 hours after learning new concepts, students often begin to forget information unless it is reinforced or applied immediately. That's why, during school breaks, even the best students forget lessons they have learned during the school year.

While a break from school is great for recharging your children's batteries, if students aren't using the skills they acquired in the classroom, they could find themselves lagging behind once the school bell rings again. Sylvan Learning center offers great ways to help your child continue to learn, in a fun way, when away from the classroom.

Writing - To help writing skills, encourage your child to start a diary or write letters to a grandparent or friend. If you are traveling on a vacation, ask your child to keep a travel journal recording where you stayed and what you did. At the end of every day, talk through the activities with your child and help him or her with a journal. It not only improves writing skills, but also creates great family memories.

Mathematics - Helping mom or dad with grocery shopping develops opportunities to use math skills, such as making change, weighing fruits and vegetables, etc. Providing assistance with cooking can also familiarize children with weights and measures, organization and planning and following a recipe. Perhaps you and your children could make a special dessert for the whole family. Help them pick a recipe, create an ingredients list and go shopping together.

Reading - You can't start too early. You can't read too much. Reading to young children nurtures an interest in language, words and communication. For older kids, reading together can be fun and interesting. Children also learn by example. If parents are setting time aside to read, it reinforces the fun and enjoyment of reading. Local libraries offer infinite resources for children. Librarians can recommend books appropriate for your child's reading level and interests, and many libraries offer free children's

programs and clubs.

Research - There are an abundance of sites that provide reading lists for children. At www.bookadventure.com, children (K-8) create personalized books lists from more than 7,000 recommended titles, take quizzes on the books they've read at school or at home, and earn prizes for their reading comprehension. The program is designed to motivate students to read more often, for longer periods of time and with greater understanding.

Analysis and Logic - Many family games and puzzles are not only fun, but help children to develop and reinforce skills. A simple card game can involve mathematics, analysis and logical thinking. Be sure to select games appropriate for your child's age level.

Academic Camps - There are many enrichment activities available for children when school is out-of-session. Sylvan Learning Center offers engaging programs that keep the interest and fun in learning alive through the summer and into the school year. Visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/academic-camps/>

index.cfm for more information.

For more educational resources for children in grades pre-K through 12, please visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com> or call 1-800-31-SUCCESS.

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ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT AUCTION A SUCCESS

Our 12th annual St. Jude's Benefit Auction held on Friday, May 9, 2008 was a success. We raised a total of \$5,330.50! All of which goes to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. We are so thankful for the large crowd that came out to support the auction.

The Chinese cake auction is always fun! The cakes raised \$597.00. At a Chinese auction, you bid and pay as you go and the last one to bid and pay wins the item, in this case, a decorated sheet cake was donated by Chief super-market in Paulding, Ohio.

The 50/50 cash ticket drawing is fun and helps raise extra money. This year we sold \$1,626.00 worth of tickets. We had three \$100.00 winners, and the big winner was Mary Jane Heiser of Montpelier, OH who won \$513.00 dollars. Also, \$813.00 goes to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

We had a great variety of donated items from all our contributing businesses and are grateful for each item donated. We could not do this auction without the generous support from each of you. Troyer foods of Berne, was our largest donor of food and misc. items and Nostalgic Images of Defiance, OH was our second largest donor.

Without each of you helping, we could not do this auc-

tion. God Bless you all and the children and staff at St. Jude's Hospital.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/28 THROUGH 6/3

5/28 - Sloppy joe on bun or vegetable soup w/crackers, peas, orange smiles, milk; no salad bar or french fries

5/29 - Blueberry pancakes & sausage on stick or cook's choice, hash brown, pineapple, milk; No salad bar or french fries

5/30 - Assorted pizza or egg salad sandwich, carrots & celery, peaches, cheese curls, milk; No salad bar or french fries

6/2 - Hot dog or pizza burger on bun, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, milk

6/3 - Sack Lunch - Ham & cheese on bun, carrots, gogurts, applesauce cups, chips, milk

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GARAGE SALE: 7373 Rd. 192 (McKeever's). May 31st, 8:30-3:00. Boy & girl baby clothes 0-2T, boy clothes up to size 4, high chair, pack-n-play, bedding, other baby stuff, toys galore, maternity clothes, junior/misses, J.D. Gator Power Wheels, other ride on toys, lots of misc. p

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY Garage sale: Fri. May 30 & Sat. May 31, 8am - 6pm. entertainment center, bunk beds, woman's bike, bike buggy, baby items, Little Tykes, toys toddler thru Jr. clothes, shoes, misc. 1 mi. N of Antwerp on 49. West 1/2 mi. to **3491 Road 192. M. Zuber. p**

GARAGE SALE: Thurs & Fri (May 29,30), 9-5. 2-36" storm doors, Kirby sweeper, scrapbooking supplies, kids, juniors & mens name brand clothing and much more. 49N of Antwerp, 2 miles to CR 204 E, 1 mile, grey house on corner, K. Jones. p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE sale: May 29,30,&31, 9-6. Hwy. 49 north of Antwerp. Right on 192, 3/4 mi. Watch for signs. Booster seat, exercise bike, canaries, books, clothing, knick knacks, toys and misc. p

GARAGE SALE: 3123 Rd. 192. Saturday 8:00 to Noon, May 31. Lots of boys clothes sizes 12 months to 5 slim/regular and lots of misc. p

GARAGE SALE: 4504 Road 192 (east River Road) Sat. May 31. 8 foot trailer, leaf blower, couch, chair, 6 foot bush hog type mower, electric hedge trimmer, dog house, twin bedding, miscellaneous. p

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GARAGE SALE: 9-5, Saturday, May 31st 3982 Rd. 192 (corner of St. Rt. 49 & 192) Antwerp. Building supplies, furniture, couch, table, chairs, kitchen table, electric stove, Maytag propane dryer, air hockey table, clothes - women's sizes, 6-14, men's sizes M-XL p

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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/28 THROUGH 6/4

Breakfast:

5/28 - Pancakes of waffles, sausage, milk

5/29 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

5/30 - Turnover, milk

6/2 - Pizza, milk

6/3 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

6/4 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk

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5/30 - French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage, 100% juice, milk

6/2 - Cook's choice

6/3 - Cheese quesadilla, corn, mandarin oranges, milk

6/4 - Sack Lunch, elem. - Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, chips, k-pak, milk; WT: breaded chicken sandwich

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Sitting beside Aaron are his parents Lori and Les Hockenberry, Coach Jeff Parish, Head Coach Al Welch, and Athletic Director Jim Linder.

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

SENATE VOTES TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

For Ohio to maximize its educational resources so that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential, parents should have the freedom to choose a school that best fits their child's individual needs. Accordingly, I have been a proponent of policy over the years that helps strengthen educational options in the state.

Last June, shortly after the General Assembly passed a bipartisan state budget bill, I voiced disappointment in the Governor's decision to veto a provision that would have established a scholarship program for thousands of special needs children to pursue the educational environment that best suits their unique situation. This group includes students with speech and learning disabilities, severe behavioral problems, physical handicaps and many others.

For years, parents of special needs students have fought to secure greater educational opportunities for their children, so the Governor's decision was not only disheartening for advocates of school choice but, more importantly, a tremendous blow to the parents of special education students, who know first-hand what is best for their children. Fortunately, through the continued dedication of these parents and the support of some legislators, there is still hope that an agreement can be reached. Recently, the Ohio Sen-

ate approved a measure that would resurrect the special education scholarship program. Senate Bill 57, legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor, would establish a five-year pilot program within the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) that would provide scholarships to students, who have individual education plans, allowing them to enroll in the public or private special education program of their choosing. Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, school districts are required to work with parents, teachers, psychologist and other school staff to create an individual education plan, or IEP, for any student with special needs. According to ODE, during the 2005-2006 school year, there were more than 254,000 Ohio students with such plans across the state.

The pilot program would be limited to 3 percent of the total number of children with IEPs in Ohio, or approximately 8,000 students. Also, the special education scholarships, which would be capped at \$20,000, would be equal to the amount that the state would have provided to send that child to public school, unless, the cost for that child to enroll in a private special education program is less than the traditional public school tuition. Therefore, the program could lead to significant savings for the state.

In addition, SB 57 calls on ODE to conduct a thorough review of the special education pilot program and report back their findings to the General Assembly by the end of 2011. The bill also works to ensure public schools have ample time to plan as a result of students choosing to leave the district for a more favorable educational environment, requiring parents of special needs children to apply for scholarships by April 15th of each year.

SB 57 now moves to the Ohio House for further consideration where there will be strong debate amongst those who have concerns about the bill's impact on public schools. While I respect these concerns, I feel that it is paramount that we work to create an education system that gives every student the opportunity to excel. Surely, many public schools do an excellent job educating our children; however, there are some students who need a different educational setting in order to reach their full potential. In the coming weeks, I hope to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to see that this important measure passes.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

PAULDING COUNTY EMS UNITS HONORED



Gary Adkins, CEO of PCH, Randy Schaffer, EMS Coordinator, Casey Springer and Dewayne Price, Antwerp EMT's

On Tuesday, May 20, 2008, the Paulding County Hospital and the Emergency Room Nurses honored the dedication of our county EMS providers with a commemorative rock designed by the ER nurses. The rock has been placed in the garden beside the ER entrance. Representing Paulding County Hospital at the dedication was Gary Adkins, CEO and representing the county EMS Squads was Randy Schaffer, EMS County Coordinator.

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medicine. The brave men and women who serve as EMS providers are dedicated to saving lives, even putting their own lives on hold as they respond to medical emergencies. These extraordinary people do this every day without special recognition, which is why we are recognizing EMS providers and the service to their communities! During National EMS week (May 18-24) we want to honor our EMS providers for often going above and beyond the call of duty to save lives while risking their own.

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Thank You for a wonderful and exciting first year!