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ANTWERP SOFTBALL WINS FIRST ROUND REGIONALS, MISSES ON FINAL GAME



Wednesday, May 25, the Lady Archer's Softball team played against Patrick Henry in the first round Regional Finals. The team performed flawlessly and ended winning 11-0. The infield players shown here having a "meeting" near the end of the the game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

ANTWERP GIRLS' SOFT-**BALL HAD A GREAT** SEASON!

Certainly you have noticed that Antwerp's softball team had a super season. This team proceeded further in the state tournament than any Antwerp softball team in the school's history.

Saturday the girls played in the Regional championship (final 8) game against the Convoy Crestview Knights. The Knights are rated #1 in the state for division IV.

An error in the top of the first inning at third base indirectly caused problems for the team. The error was recovered and Archer catcher Christy Kortokrax tagged the runner at home, but a controversial call by the first base umpire, at home plate, gave a point to Crestview. While the Archers



thought the play was dead because the call was being questioned, the Knight's next runner scored.

The rest of the game was quite uneventful. There were some good plays by both teams, but neither's offense could score. A few hits here and there and several walks made the game finish quick-

The entire team's defense worked extremely well, tighter than the Knight's. You have nothing to be disappointed about! Great job to all of these young ladies for their fantastic season.

The Archer softball team completed their season by falling to Crestview 2-0 on Saturday at the Findlay Regional Final. A two run first inning on the part of the Knights was enough to en-(Continued on Page 8)

WACHTMANN ANNOUNCES **PASSAGE OF CASTLE DOC-TRINE LEGISLATION**

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann (R- Napoleon) today announced the Ohio House of Representatives approved Senate Bill 184, legislation that updates Ohio's self-defense laws.

law-abiding "Assuring citizens can defend their families in their homes and vehicles is the right thing to do," Wachtmann said. "Additionally, the bill contains improvements to Ohio's concealed carry law that benefit and respect Ohio's citizens."

Under current law, a person who is attacked in their home has no duty to retreat before using deadly force in defending themselves or their family. Senate Bill 184 creates a presumption that victims acted in self-defense unless proven otherwise in a court of law. This places the burden on the intruder to prove they were not there to cause harm. The bill also grants individuals who were found to have acted in self-defense civil immunity from being sued by the perpetrator at a later date.

In addition, Senate Bill 184 contains several changes to Ohio's concealed carry law. The legislation would permit a person who does not possess a concealed carry permit to transport an unloaded firearm in a motor vehicle as long as they are not carrying the firearm on their person. It also prohibits landlords from barring firearms within a tenant's apartment.

Wachtmann also announced the House approved House Bill 529, also known as the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA). This legislation, which is the first update to Ohio's organ donation laws in 40 years, streamlines organ donation laws among individual states and makes

it easier for families and individuals to donate organs. The UAGA establishes standards for donor registries and provides procurement organizations with better access to those registries in order to more quickly determine if a person has chosen to donate their organs. It also improves cooperation between procurement organizations and medical examiners to allow for organ donation when the medical examiner has jurisdiction over a body.

"Thousands of people in Ohio and across the country are waiting for an organ transplant that would bring them a better quality of life, Wachtmann said. "This bill will improve the organ donation process in our state so that more individuals can be helped."

The bill also recognizes the right of individuals with health care directives requesting the withdrawal or withholding of life support to donate their organs. The UAGA permits measures to ensure the suitability of organs prior to the removal of life-support systems. In addition, the legislation makes intentionally falsifying documents related to making or refusing organ donation a felony. Similar legislation has been passed by 27 states and has been introduced in nine others.

House Bill 529 was approved by a majority vote and now moves to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

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WEEKEND HEAVY STORMS CAUSE DAMAGE IN PAULDING COUNTY



Strong storms cause damage at Uncle Fudd's

Friday evening began with scattered showers across the readership area. Later in the night heavy storms moved into Paulding County with destruction mainly in the southern part. Some of the areas hit include Melrose, Scott, Ottawa, Glandorf and others in between.

Towns and villages in the area had their tornado sirens sound around midnight as the Nation Weather Services issued warnings. Uncle Fudd's restaurant in Melrose, was damaged with their roof being torn off and some of the 2x4 framing was ripped up. The wood that was destroyed looked like it was broken in half like toothpicks. The construction crew was already

there on Saturday working to get the building back in shape.

While some places were damaged by heavy winds or tornadoes, others had flooding. Several places along SR 613 had high water signs warning motorists to watch for flooding. Towns in the path of this storm also had to deal with loud thunder. Near the library in Antwerp a tree had been struck directly by lightning causing it to splinter apart.

It just goes to show we're officially now in spring. Oh, and by the way, Uncle Fudd's will re-open soon so you won't have to wait too long for their frog legs.

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PAGE 2 – WEST BEND NEWS – JUNE 4, 2008 **OBITUARIES** to www.denherderfh.com

DeLoy D. Dotterer, 61, of Paulding died Sunday, May 25, 2008 at his residence.

He was born January 25, 1947 in Paulding County, the son of Dalno "Don" and Hilda (Justinger) Dotterer. He was a US Army veteran, and employed by Leroy Bennett Construction. He was a member of the former St. Mary's Catholic Church, Junction, Paulding Eagles #2405, and V.F.W. Post #3360 of Defiance.

He is survived by two sons: Jason Dotterer of Haviland, Stacy McDougle of Oakwood; companion, Sharon Crampton of Paulding; and a brother, Francis "Skeet" (Rose Mary) Dotterer of Cecil.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, William.

Funeral services were conducted 12:00 Noon, May 29 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Pastor Gene Yenser officiating. Burial was in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance where military graveside rites were accorded by Defiance V.F.W.

Memorial contributions may be made in DeLoy's memory to Den Herder Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent



Judy D. Grueter Donnett, 65, of Bryan died May 27, 2008 at her residence.

She was born January 24, 1943 in Paulding, Ohio the daughter of Robert B. and Lula M. (Smith) Grueter. She was employed as a cashier by Chief Supermarket in Bryan, OH.

She is survived by her former husband and present companion, Glenn F. Lorntz of Bryan; three sons: Rick Rothenbuhler of Bryan, William R. (Lisa) Rothenbuhler of Paulding, and Jeffery A. (Jeanettie) Rothenbuhler of Bowling Green, OH; a daughter, Rhonda (Mark) Lewis of San Diego, CA; two step-sons: Mark and Mike Lorntz of

The Enemy

Before Andrew Jackson became the seventh president of the United States, he served as a major general in the Tennessee militia. During the War of 1812 his troops reached an all-time low in morale. As a result they began arguing, bickering, and fighting among themselves. It is reported that Old Hickory called them all together on one occasion when tensions were at their worst and said, "Gentlemen! Let's remember, the enemy is over there.

Confusion exists as to the identity of our TRUE enemy. It is often the case that people who should be fighting on the same side against the real enemy are often ound fighting each other instead. For clarification purposes, let us ask ourselves, "Who is our real enemy?"

The Bible answers: "Satan." The Apostle Peter warns: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he nay devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Our adversary the devil is a formidable opponent; a master at deception Ephesians 6:11). "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." Beware of his schemes:

· Distraction: Satan seeks to distract us by getting us to focus our attention on the material instead of the spiritual. See 1 John 2:15-17.

· Discouragement: This is one of Satan's most potent weapons. He wants us to get so discouraged that we will want to give up living for what's right and good, i.e. for God. Consider Elijah's battle with discouragement (1 Kings 19)

· Discontentment: Satan longs to have us focus on what we do NOT have rather than upon the blessings that we DO have. His desire is that our discontentment will lead to other sins such as covetousness, stealing, and the like.

· Discord: Satan knows there is strength in communion and weakness in solitude. Satan likes to isolate people through discord and division -- just like predators separate their prey from the herd thereby weakening it and easily killing and devouring it.

In the war of Good vs. Evil, the decisive battle has been fought and won by Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ, God's Son, died on the cross, Satan thought he had defeated Christ. But through His death on the cross, Jesus accomplished God's great plan of redemption: that through the death of Jesus as payment for the sins of he world, salvation was made available to all (Ephesians 1:7).

You and I may receive the benefits of Christ's atoning and align ourselves on **the Victor's side by:** placing our <u>faith</u> in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin through epentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

He will keep those who continue to serve Him faithfully (2 Timothy 2:4)

Remember, our REAL enemy is Satan!

Make sure that he is the one that YOU are fighting. And, make sure that you are fighting on the side of the Victor: JESUS CHRIST.

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Bryan; and two step-daughters: Linda (Robert) Bell of Fremont, OH, and Laura (Craig) Wolin of Toledo; three brothers: Larry (Kathy) Grueter of Kalamazoo, MI, Clayton (Marge) Howell and Denny (Paulette) Shaner both of Paulding; three sisters: Genalta (Sam) Levos, and Phyllis (Jack) Hoffman both of Paulding, and Pam (Kevin) Bauer of Broughton, OH; grandchildren: Kyle, Nicholas, Kevin, Phillip, Railyn, Daniel, Lindsay Jacob, Valerie, Veronica, Alexander, Emily, Natalie, Rachel, Reed, and Kiarra.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Paul Narker.

Funeral services were conducted May 31 at First Christian Church, Paulding, with Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorial contributions may be made to Walk Now Autism Society. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Kent Charles Doctor, 38, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008 suddenly at Paulding County Hospital.

Kent was born in Fort Wayne, on August 9, 1969, the son of Nathan and Carol (Rose) Doctor of Antwerp.

He served in the U.S. Navy, was a merchant marine, holding a membership in the Seafarers International Union and had just taken a position at Rea Wire, Fort Wayne.

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On December 23, 2006 he married Laura Rolandovna, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Laura; parents, Nathan and Carol; daughter, Greta Rose Doctor; sisters: Tammy (David) Bradtmueller of Antwerp and Cindy Resor of Auburn, IN.

His memorial service was held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, May 30, 2008 with Rev William Barlow officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Laura Doctor. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome. com

"WHERE'S THE BEEF?... (CONTINUED FROM PG. 4 OF LAST ISSUE)

By: Rich Phelan, Living Water Ministries

While we were enjoying our salads, that nice lady reappeared. She was holding high above her head a huge plastic tray that held our

steaks hot off the grill. With a big friendly grin she placed our steaks in front of us; my grin left my face in a tenth of a second. Julie saw the look on my face, and I think she knew what was coming. Jeff tore into his steak, oblivious to what was brewing at his table. I took one look at the charred lump of charcoal on the plate in front of me; turned around and looked at the picture of what was supposed to be the same steak as I had ordered. They looked nothing alike. I went off! I stood up and walked to the counter and I held up the substance on my plate, so I could see it a little closer to the picture. Maybe it was my eyesight that was the problem. Nope, it wasn't my eyes, it was the steak. The same nice girl who'd served us saw the look on my face and hear the tone in my voice. Her nice pretty smile dissolved into a look that seemed to say, "Please sir, don't kill me, I only work here!" She offered to get me another steak. I refused. I asked her, "does this look anything like that picture?" Even she couldn't

pretend that it did, though all she could do was shake her head no and say she was sorry. I knew it wasn't her fault so I went and sat down with Julie and Jeff. I went off for another 20 minutes or so, as long as it took them to finish their meal in silent horror at my behav-At one point during our

visit I ranted about seeing the manager. After a few minutes another lady came out of a back office; clearly the manager had heard the ruckus and came out to investigate. She took one look at me, heard what I was saying about match what's on the "plate"? her product and the company she worked for; turned on her heels and walked right back into her office and closed the door. No doubt to call the cops. I'm sure my new bride had visions of spending the first night of her honeymoon in the Buffalo city jail. Jeff was just laughing at me. Finally as we were ready to leave, that same very nice, long suffering lady who'd greeted us seemingly a life time before came bravely to our table. She wasn't the manage, she had no authority there what so ever, but it was she who quelled the fire in me that night. She did the only thing she could think of. She bravely walked over to me; with her little hands shaking said, "Here's a comment card sir." I took it from her hand, and in the last burst of my dying anger I said, "one isn't gonna do it!" She returned with a handful of them. Even I laughed a little at that. I filled out a three or four page complaint to the owner of the steak chain, in it pouring out my displeasure at how I had now eaten at his establishments in two states and found his food to be sorely lacking anything even approaching what they were advertised to be. I'm sure my complaint cards didn't make it any further than the nearest trash can, or police evidence locker should the need arise! All I wanted was a little honesty from them, a little truth in advertising for crying out loud! All they had to do was show me a picture of what their steaks actually looked like, and then I could've made an honest assessment as to whether or not to eat this food. Then if I went in, paid good money, and ate the food anyway, it would be my fault when my steak looked like it

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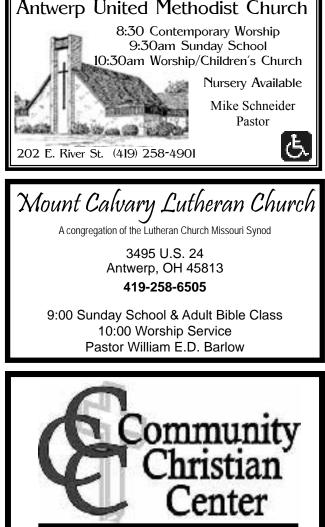
was carved from an old gym shoe. Why couldn't it just be true to what it was? Where was the beef? I don't know, because it sure wasn't on my plate.

Now we have truth in advertising laws. That means that the products sold actually need to do or be what the advertisements say they do/are. yet, we still need to be sure that what is advertised on the outside matches what's really on the inside. There's an old Latin saying, caveat emptor - "buyer beware." It's a warning to those buying as well as to those selling.

This is some advice that would do well for the church to hear today. Is what we're "packaging and selling" today really what Jesus would have us do? Does the "outside" match the "inside" when it comes to what we're doing in His name? Are we more than a vision and mission statement? Are we more than just programs designed to entertain, and pacify men? Programs are fine if they ultimately lead to the giver of life - Jesus Christ. When people come to our buildings on Sunday and see our signs advertising what's going on inside, does it match? And more importantly, does it match what Jesus is having us do? Does His Holy Spirit inhabit and empower what's going on? Is Christ's life being manifested here? Does His living water flow, when the ads and the flyers, and websites say it does? Because if it doesn't, what's going to happen when those who are thirsty and hungry from their journey come in to get that which they need, and don't find it? What happens when the "picture" doesn't

They won't come back! It's been almost 17 years, and I've never gone back to that restaurant chain since. I still won't darken their doors. Now, I haven't quit eating steak, not by a long shot! But they have lost me for good. And if they keep doing what they were doing they'll eventually lose enough business that they won't be there anymore. But that's just economics, the price of doing business in a free market. You either change with the times and appetites, keeping the food quality number one or you don't make it. Eventually those employed there will find other work and the world will go on, then more steak joints will come along and take their spot in the market place.

But, Jesus isn't a steak joint franchise. There's only one Jesus. And only one church (I'm not talking about denominations here; I'm talking about the one universal church through whom Jesus works). When someone doesn't find "truth in advertising" at one church, it's not like a steak joint. This dissatisfied "customer" may not go down the street and try the other "steak joint". They may stop "eating meat" all together. We're all in this together; we're all that "chain". Ănd we're all bound to ensure that what is on the sign is what is on the plate. We're here to ensure that Jesus is the One we're pointing everyone and everything to. This doesn't mean that we'll always do things perfectly. But when we strive to present to others the love, life, and grace of Jesus above all else; then we've fought half the battle. When someone asks us, the church, "where's the beef?" it had better be on the plate.



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LESSONS FROM A LILY

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It was 1884. The New Orleans Cotton Exposition desperately wanted to be the biggest and best convention of all. And so the committee members worked very hard to come up with new and fresh exhibits and ideas never seen before.

And New Orleans did come up with something never seen before. It was a rare and unusual flower, beautiful in appearance and heavenly in fragrance. This exotic water flower with its orchid-like bloom came from Venezuela and was called a "water hyacinth".

All the ladies oohed and ahhed with thousands of them secretly sneaking little slips of the plant into their purses. They took them home, hoping and praying they would take root and grow in some spot in their own damp Louisiana yards.

Their wishes came true. The lovely water hyancinths DID survive. But little did people anticipate that these beautiful flowers would also eventually take over every water channel in the South! Soon rivers and canals were solid water hyacinths from bank to bank.

A little too late, horticulturists discovered that each plant produces a thousand little water hyacinths every two months! And because pieces break off and float down the river, they can even transplant themselves with no help at all.

That decision by those many women at the 1884 New Orleans exhibition has produced a problem throughout this entire region that has taken on colossal proportions in terms of headaches, frustration, and money.

What a profound parallel to the way sin enters into our lives. The amazing way that little decisions have a way of snowballing into patterns and problems of huge proportions.

A simple phone call. A drink at a party. Growing resentment over a tiny offense. A hasty comment made in a moment of anger. Such small, insignificant things. But how they can take root and multiply.

The human heart is fertile soil for everything that is twisted, distorted, and evil. Every student of human behavior knows it is true. The Bible tells us that the enemy of our souls, the devil, is lurking around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

How we need to be so

CHURCH LESSON 1E By: James Potter, Oakwood

THE NEW TESTAMENT

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In our last lesson, I was talking to you once again about the Ethiopian eunuch and about how he was saved and was able to receive salvation. I ended the last lesson talking about baptism and not only the significance of it but also the importance of being baptized. The purpose of baptism: in order to have remission of our sins, to have those sins washed away and be able to put on Christ we, not only must but need to be baptized. In our last study we saw the purpose of baptism, now let us look at the action of baptism.

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 28:19, it tells us as Christians to go and teach the Good News of the New Testament. For those who believe this good news, just as the Ethiopian eunuch did and requested baptism, so must those who are Christians baptize those they teach. This is the candidates for baptism. In seeing the action of baptism, first we must know and understand that Jesus enacted the Gospel in His death, burial and resurrection, I Corinthians 15:34. When you and I are baptized, we are dead to sin, the old person, the sinful nature is buried, and we are resurrected to a new life. Please read Romans 6:3-5. then verses 6-11. There are also other verses, such as Acts 8:36-38, Mark 1:9-10, John 3:23. The Bible says that by baptism we are saved from sins - Mark 16:16, I Peter 3:21, Acts 2:38 tells us that we have remission of sins. The Bible also tells us that sins are washed away by the blood of Christ - Acts 22:16, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 10:22, I Peter 3:21.

This lesson will have to continue until the next time, Lord willing. Jesus loves you and so do I.

PAULDING VILLAGE COUN-CIL MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on May 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Randy Daeger, Sam Jeffery, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Ronnie Breedlove was absent. not to exceed \$285,000 portion of Series 2008 various purpose improvement notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of making improvements to the Village's sewer system.

Wiebe requested the Finance Committee's report be presented before the first reading of Ordinance 1377-08, 1378-08, and 1379-08. Rife presented the Finance Committee's May 1st report. The following information was presented:

was presented: ***A grand total of \$372,431.99 is available for debt reduction.

***\$155,000 is to be paid down on the principle of the current note. The 2008/2009 note issue will be \$990,000.

***Recommendation to transfer \$372,431.99 from the Income Tax Fund (#102) to the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Funds (#603 and 604 respectively).

***Potential sewer rate increase was discussed. The proposed increase would add approximately \$2.50 per month to the sewer portion of resident's bills. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Sutton motioned to approvetransferring\$372,431.99 from the Income Tax Fund (#102) to the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Funds (#603 and 604 respectively), seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1377-08 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of \$277,500 Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Improving the Village's Sewer System and Waterworks System, each together with all necessary Appurtenances thereto, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Sierer motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1378-08 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of not to exceed \$427,500 Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of making Improvements to the Village's Waterworks System, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1379-08 re: An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance of not to exceed \$285,000 Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Improving the Village's Sewer System, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Rife motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1374-08 re: An Ordinance Prohibiting through Truck Traffic on West Baldwin Avenue as Designated between North Williams Street and North Walnut Street in the Village of Paulding, was read for the second time.

Ordinance 1376-08 re: An Ordinance Designating the Stokely Ponds as a Park and/ or Recreational Area within the Village of Pauling, was read for the second time.

Chip Hampel of Hilliard Lyons was present to discuss the 2008/2009 note issuance. Mr. Hampel noted the 2008/2009 bond issue will carry an interest rate of 3.15%, down from last year's rate of 4.50%.

Sierer presented the Utility Committee's May 5th minutes. The Committee had met with Marvin Gnagy of URS Corporation to discuss the new Water Treatment Plant. The Committee requested the following changes to the Administrative Office floor plans:

***Combine two storage rooms into one,

***Eliminate one office,

***Smaller reception area, ***Redesign restrooms,

***Enlarge break room to

include a conference area. Mr. Gnagy will present the

Utility Committee with the adjusted project cost at the May meeting. Mayor White relayed May-

or's Court collected \$685 for the month of May 2008.

Wiebe presented a revised Administrator's Agenda. The agenda consisted of the following two requests:

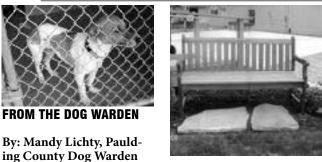
***Authorization to assess a residence for delinquent water, sewer, and refuse.

***A \$40,000 transfer from the General Fund (#101) to the Water Fund (#601).

Rife motioned to approve a \$40,000 transfer from the General Fund (#101) to the Water Fund (#601), seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted he has noticed an increase in assessment requests. He also relayed he, Mayor White, and Councilman Sierer will be attending a meeting on Thursday, May 8th to discuss funding of the Water Plant. He noted Julie Ward of RCap will also be present.

Solicitor Jones relayed the Village had won the claims filed against three residents for delinquent utility billings due to the residents' failure to appear. He also noted he is still awaiting the judge's decision in The Stake Company's case.



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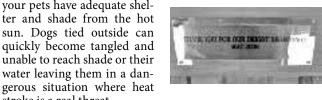
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A heartfelt thank you to the parents who contributed to our beautiful bench for the preschool. We were very surprised and pleased to receive such a nice gift. We didn't realize we had such sneaky parents! We feel blessed every time your children walk through our front door knowing that you are placing your trust in us to care for and teach your most precious gifts. We don't take that trust lightly. Stop by and sit on our bench, with us this summer! We love it!

—Ann, Carrie and Chris, Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool





careful regarding even the small decisions in our lives. How we need to keep short accounts with God, asking Him to walk the hallways of our hearts and show us where we have been compromising or deceiving ourselves.

There are so many beautiful water hyacinths out there that are begging to be plucked. The allurements of this world are so subtle, yet so dangerous. For seldom do we consider the cost, the implications, or the long term consequences of trafficking in sin.

May each of us take a lesson from this illustration. It might preserve your "waterways" and keep your life from becoming more entangled and clogged than you ever imagined. Sierer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White presented the following three Fiscal Officer's Certificates for the forthcoming bond issue:

***Proposed issue of the \$277,500 portion of the Series 2008 various purpose notes to be issued in anticipation of bonds for the purpose of improving the Village's sewer system;

***Proposed issue of the not to exceed \$427,500 portion of Series 2008 various purpose improvement notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of making improvements to the Village's waterworks system; ***Proposed issue of the Contact Lynne Mansfield for information 419 258 1442 or Deb Adams 419 399 2023 Sponsored by Saint John's Tire Service

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GRANT MADE BY PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDA-TION

The Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) recently granted \$500.00 to the Paulding County Youth Leadership Building (PCYL) located at the county fairgrounds. The Youth Leadership building is used to support youth projects and organizations for all Paulding County young people. Pictured are Sylvia Altenburger (PCYL) and Tony Langham (PCAF).

PCH AUXILIARY HOSTS TLC **KANVAS SALE**

The Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary will be sponsoring a TLC Kanvas sale on the 12th of June from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the hospital lobby area. TLC Kanvas designs are designed to help you organize. You will



All proceeds will benefit the hospital. We recently donated approximately \$6,000.00 for the wish list put out by the different departments. A reminder that the auxiliary is the official site for the sales of Webkins in Paulding County and also the Ty babies and Ty girls that can also be used with the computer. The Ty girls come with clothes that can be purchased separately. Volunteers are always welcomed to join auxiliary.



SUMMER READING 2008 HAS COME TO THE WOOD-**BURN BRANCH LIBRARY**

Catch the Reading Bug Children's Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 2 – Friday, July 25, 2008. Children from birth to those 11 years of age in August-summer is here and it's time to relax with a good book. Stop by any ACPL location to sign up for the program. Children will be reading books to earn great items such as books, pizzas, Wizard's tickets and will also enjoy special summer programs at all locations.

Metamorphosis@yourlibrary - Teen Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 2 – Friday, July 25, 2008. Young adults grades 6 - 12. We will have special activities, cool events and lots of good reads for you this summer. Read to earn books, pizzas, movie passes and a chance to win a laptop computer.

Relax, Renew, Read! Adult Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 2 – Friday, July 25, 2008. Adults we have a summer reading program for you too!! Read a book or listen to a book and earn prizes and enter a drawing for a grand prize.

CURVES IN HICKSVILLE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE: LO-CAL RESIDENTS CAN GET HEALTH ADVICE, NUTRI-**TIONAL INFORMATION**

If you've been curious about Curves in Hicksville or just want to know what they have to offer, then stop in on June 6–7. Curves will have an open house so you can take a peek.

Curves in Hicksville is owned by Jerrica Steffens. Jerrica Steffens is the store manager. According to Steffens, the open house will be held from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and will feature healthy snacks.

"This is a chance for someone to come in and see the equipment we have, and learn more about our program," said Steffens.

Curves provides an exercise and weight control program designed specifically for women. Whether you're interested in getting more exercise for health and general condition, or want to lose weight or tone your muscles, Curves can help you establish a regimen to help you meet your goal," Steffens said.

Curves' exercise program consists of thirty minutes of ★ cercise three times a week, during which participants work all major muscle groups and receive a great cardio workout. It includes all five components of a complete exercise program: warm-up, strength training, cardio, cool down, and stretching. Curves also offers a weight management program that includes a line of nutritional supplements, weight loss products, and 6 Week Solution classes. Memberships are transferable to any of the 9,400 Curves locations worldwide, and travel passes are available upon request. Curves in Hicksville is at 143 E. High St. For more information, × contact Jerrica Steffens at 419-542-7400 or hicksville curves@ vahoo.com. ******

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JOHN PAULDING DAYS **GRAND MARSHALL AN-**NOUNCED

By: Sue Knapp

The Grand Marshall's for the 2008 John Paulding Days are Marge and Bob Gorman. Bob is a retired insurance agent. He started his insurance agency in Paulding in 1930 and sold it to Don Foltz in 1987. He was an independent insurance agent for 63 years. Marge helped Bob in the agency.

Bob is a Veteran and served in WWII. He was an original founder of the AuGlaize Country Club, Past President of the Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents, member of the Lion's Club and the Paulding County Chamber.

Bob and Marge received many nominations to be the Grand Marshall's this year and are well deserved to head the Parade.

PAULDING COUNTY HOS-PITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions: 5/27 - Doyle Price, Oak-

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5/27 - Doyle Price, Oakwood (transferred to Lutheran)

5/31 - Larry Miller, Paulding

PET WEEK AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently celebrated pet week at preschool! Lucy Shuherk brought in her tadpoles to share with her class that she caught herself in a pond by her house.

Standing in front of the **LIBRARY SYSTEM TO**

CLOSE FOR JPD PARADE The entire Paulding County Carnegie Library system will close at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 so that the staff might participate in the John Paulding Days Parade.

For more information call

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pet wall with everyone's pet pictures are from left: Jeremiah Molitor, Lucy and Brianna Minck. These children are in the afternoon class with Mrs. Carrie Myers and Mrs. Ann Miller.

CORRECTION

In last week's article concerning Chelsea Vail the following corrections need to be made: Her mother's name should have been spelled Lynnette Vail and the University of Chicago is ranked #9 in "The News World Report" magazine. Our apologies for these errors.

*********************** 9th Annual **Paulding County Hospital** Family Health Day

Saturday, June 14 ~ 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Medical Office Building at 1032 W Wayne St

(attached to the hospital at its northwest corner)

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Hearing Screenings Kim Molitor, Audiologist

Ankle and Foot Screenings Sam Neuschwanger, D.P.M.

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Registration Packets available at all county doctor's offices and at the hospital or: Visit our website to download pre-registration forms Downloaded pre-registration forms - still need to be returned to PCH with payment and self -addressed envelope included. All completed forms must be returned by *June 11* to any of the above locations.

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WHITE - JENKINS





White Courtney of Paulding and Ernie Jenkins of Columbus, along with their parents Greg and Nancy White of Paulding and Michael and Jennifer Jenkins of Columbus would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2005 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She is currently employed at Adecco Recruiting Firm.

The groom-to-be is a 1999 graduate of St. Paul High School, Norwalk, OH and a 2004 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He is currently employed with Infocision Management Firm.

The wedding will take place at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne, OH on June 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

So, you like reading the West Bend News? Call or Stop on in and let us know.



PAULDING WATER PARK 2008 SEASON

We would like to welcome you to the Paulding Water Park this summer! We look forward to seeing you at our facility this season and hope you take advantage of all we have to offer! Please feel free to contact our facility through phone, email or in person if you have any questions!

Paulding Water Park will be open from May 26th through August 17th.

Pool hours for the 2008 season are: Monday-Thursday, 12:00-

7:00 p.m.

and Saturday, Friday 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

We will be offering swimming lessons in two sessions this summer: First session is June 16-20, Monday-Friday. Morning classes will be offered from 11:00-11:50 a.m. and night classes will be offered from 7:00-7:50 p.m.

Second session will be held July 14-18, Monday-Friday. Morning classes will be offered from 11:00-11:50 a.m. and night classes will be offered from 7:00-7:50 p.m.

We will also be offering water aerobics throughout the whole season with instructor Jill Welch. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday nights from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Sign up today by phone, email or stop by.

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY 27, 2008

There was a regular council meeting held 5/27/08. Those attending were Toby Plotts, Jim Varner, Mark Figert, Kenny Thomas, Ron Eakins, Bill Baker, and John Keyes. Roll call was taken after the pledge, all council members were present with Mayor Henke presiding.

Bud made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/28/08, Jake seconded, all in favor. Don made a motion from the finance committee that they accepted all financial reports, and payment of the bills, Bud seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Henke explained to council that they couldn't accept the minutes of the special meeting held on 5/14/08 because he failed to get the clerk all paperwork needed to process, therefore this will be done at next meeting.

Fire dept. gave report and it is on file. Kenny Thomas had a few extra things to add to report. He wanted to say that he was ready to get started on the process of his new truck. Phil made a motion to pass resolution 08-R-05, for the fire dept. to continue with the purchase of Brush Truck, Jake seconded, all in favor. Kenny wanted council to know that he gave the two Cadets permission to use the fire truck for the prom. He stated that the fire and EMS does a lot for the community and felt there was nothing wrong with using. Ron Eakins said he would be giving a donation of \$30.00 for fuel used. Council said wasn't any different than parade, as long as insurance covered it. Kenny also wanted it to be noted that it is illegal to be burning in town other than a clean bonfire for recreational purposes only. This is not just village ordinance, this is also state law. The clerk to post reminder and send to newspaper for publication.

EMS gave report, it is on file. Ron Eakins asked council for Bill Baker to receive paramedic pay in addition to his salary pay. Phil makes a motion to have Bill Baker to be paid for runs plus salary, Jake seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

Ron also asked for his wife Linda Eakins to have an increase in pay as she is now doing online billing and it takes up considerably more amount of time. Phil made a motion to give Linda a \$50.00 a month increase, Jake seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

Ron gave the mayor the purchase agreement with life star so that he could get solitors signature and process. Resolution 08-R-06 was made by Jake to proceed with purchase of vehicle, Adam seconded, all in favor, no opposed.

The police report is on file.

The village administrator did not have a report but mentioned that putting the boat dock in as soon as getting trailer from Sherry's.

The mayor spoke about the EPA letter and being in compliance. Tim took all paperwork needed to Bowling Green. There are a few other things needed to deal with like the purchase, lease or some kind of arrangement for ground surrounding well. Ralph Hunt will have to be notified because it is his land in question.

The mayor stated that there is nothing to speak of with the old fire building.

He mentioned that the application for the CDBG has been taken care of. The Legion building renovation of restrooms will be estimated for about \$50,000 plus \$8,000 contingency fund. The mayor will keep council afloat with progress.

John mentioned that he is looking for the blue barrels if anyone knows where to get them. He uses for trash barrels, however, someone must be stealing them as they come up missing. Bud Adkins will furnish barrels.

The mayor directed John to call Columbus Grove and get the Adams sewer problem fixed. The mayor also stated that the sewer charges are to be put on the bill.

The mayor has not appointed a zoning board member as of yet.

The suggested streets for possible pavement were West Harmon, AuGlaize, Celina, South First, and Second Street in between the two churches.

Kenny Thomas stated that Tim Kidd would like to join the fire dept. He also stated that Tim Kidd already was certified therefore would not cost the village any money. Kenny would recommend to council that Tim Kidd be a part of the Oakwood fire department. Phil made a motion to authorize Kenny Thomas to bring on Tim Kidd as firemen, Jake seconded, all in favor. The topic of natural gas (Continued on Page 6)

PAGE 5 – WEST BEND NEWS – JUNE 4, 2008 **MILLER – HONIGFORD**



Alex Honigford and Carly Miller, along with their parents and families, announce the celebration of their upcoming marriage June 21, 2008. Carly is a graduate of Antwerp High School and the University of St. Francis. She is employed at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, OH.

Alex is a graduate of Mission Veijo High School and Saddleback College in California. He is employed with Whitley County EMS and Three Rivers Ambulance Authority in Fort Wayne, IN. He is also a member of the Indiana Air National Guard. They will be married in a private ceremony at the Lakeside Rose Garden, Fort Wayne, IN.





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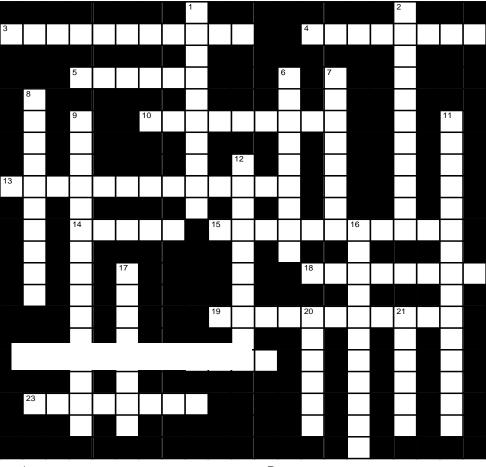
A Georgia favorite and People's Choice Award Winner performing from 4:15 to 5:30 pm **Everyone Welcome** Admission by donation to the Huber.

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"Indianapolis 500"

Crossword Puzzle

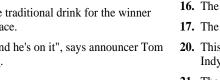


Across

- When IRL was formed, who won their first 3. 500?
- This racer won the 1957 race and drove the 4. pace car form 1959-1963.
- 5. The first four-time winner of the Indy 500.
- 10. The Indy 500 is known as the greatest _ in racing!
- 13. This was the first woman to drive in the Indy 500.
- Tony Stewart was the ____ _ rookie to start from the pole position for the Indy 500.
- 15. The number of cars traditionally on the starting grid.
- 18. Unser beat out this driver in the closest finish in Indy 500 history.
- 19. The racer that holds the record for the most laps leading one Indy 500 race.
- **22.** This is the traditional drink for the winner after the race.
- 23. "Aaaaaannd he's on it", says announcer Tom

Down

- **1.** As of 2001, this many drivers have won the Indy 500.
- 2. Lyn St. James was one of the two women who started in teh 2000 Indy 500, who was the other one?
- Who's won the most poles in the Indy 500? 6.
- 7. This is the town where the 500-mile race is run.
- This person won the first Indy 500.
- Name the driver who won the pole but spun 9. out on the pace lap and didn't complete one lap in 1992.
- **11.** Of the drivers who have competed at Indy but have never won, this racer has led the most laps.
- **12.** This English Formula One driver won the race in 1966.
- 16. The youngest driver to win the Indy 500.
- 17. The first 3-time winner of the Indy 500.
- 20. This is the color of the car that won the first Indy 500.
- 21. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the track in operation today.





PAULDING COUNTY FAIR PAST AND PRESENT: **PAULDING COUNTY4-H**

By: Sue Knapp

The first 4-H club was formed as a pig club in 1919. In 1920 there was one pig club and five food clubs.

The first 4-H Camp was held in 1924 with 28 members. In 1925 there were 25 clubs with 23 boys and 267 girls.

By 1935 club membership had climbed to 282 boys and 429 girls with 65 advisors in 37 clubs. Almost the entire agriculture hall was turned over to 4-H clubs at the fair. The livestock barns were so crowded that stalls had to be constructed in the dairy barn for foals.

In 1950 the Junior Fair Livestock Building was constructed for \$3,000 raised by the Paulding County Agricultural Council, fair board members and 4-H Club members.

In 1972 there were 668 boys and girls in 4-H. There are nearly 200 projects for members to select from.

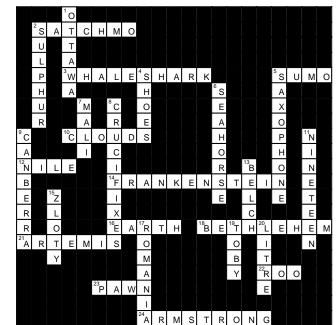
Some of the highlights of the 1948 Fair included were entertainment by 4-H Club Talent, pony race for youngsters, pet show, Horse Pulling Contest. Possibly the greatest kick the audience got out of 'Pioneer Day' was the argument a couple of old settlers had over the date of the 'Big Wind'.

A Conservation with George Reinhart: In the 100 years of The Paulding County Fair there has been many ups and downs. To run a fair that only last a few days out of the year takes many weeks of work by the fair board and much is left to the Secretary. George Reinhart was on the board for many years. His position was speed Superintendent.

In the year 1936 the financial condition was such that the commissioners decided not to have a fair that year. George and his friend, Jim Johnson, then the County Extension agent who had charge of the 4-H kids who had already had their projects ready decided there must be a way out so a meeting was called with the Chevrolet dealers of the county: Leinard of Antwerp, Shisler of Oakwood, Wetli of Payne and Reinhart of Paulding and they decided to put on a 4-H Fair, with George as chairman. The schools then went in, also grange and before they knew it, they decided to put on the whole fair, races and all. After some problems they were able to get rides and were able to give away a '36 two door Chevorlet, a living room suit

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Answers to "General Knowledge Trivia"



concerning the weeds in various parts of town that need addressed, along with Joe Mead's property by the town hall and a vehicle. Parks property on Burt Street was also spoke about. The mayor mentioned that in order to comply with procedures, he must send a letter of notification. The laundry mat weeds were also addressed along with Main Street. The mayor will proceed with the mentioned.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2008

Defiance County

Ohio 281 over the Maumee River - Bridge painting will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone beginning June 2. Work will continue for three months. Work is being done by Atsalis Brothers Painting Co.

US 24 from just west of Defiance to the Paulding County line - Berm work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

US 24 from Ohio 15/18 to just west of Carpenter Road Project to reconstruct and lower the pavement on US 24 beneath the Ohio 66 interchange bridge will begin June 9. Traffic at that time will be placed in the westbound lanes while the eastbound lanes are reconstructed. Traffic will continue in this pattern until late summer. In addition, the exit ramp from eastbound US 24 to Ohio 66 will close June 9 for approximately 75 days. Traffic detoured onto US 24 east, Ohio 281, and US 24 west back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by M.G. Joint Venture, Archbold.

Paulding County

Ohio 613 between US 127 and County Road 123 - Tile work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 500 between Ohio 49 and the state line - Tile work will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

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During the 1937 fair three cars were given away. Both '36 and '37 fairs were complete successes with money ahead. These fairs are definitely a part of Paulding History.

Next week: Paulding County Fair, Present

All this information was taken from the Paulding County Fair Centennial Book 1872-1972. Printed by: Heffner Printing Company, Columbus Grove, Ohio

(Continued from Page 5) came up, Bud explained the hook up and proposed payment schedule. His will fill out survey forms and process. He also mentioned that there will be another public meeting around June 11,12, or 13 at the school.

Litter list was discussed

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

On Memorial Day we had a fine service at the Old Cemetery for our Veterans. All the planners and the organizations done a fine job. Randy Brooks, the County Veteran's Service Officer, delivered a fine message, along with the Antwerp High School Marching Band. All Americans get a bubble of pride swelling up in their chest when they see the American Flag go by or hear the National Anthem being played.

If you are a service man or woman that bubble in your chest gets a lot bigger at this time. It is a feeding you can't describe when you know you went and done your part for your country. Look at all the cemetery's here in Paulding County and see all those Veteran's Flags flying in the breeze. This county has always done it's share toward protecting our country.

that WWII would end all wars. Well, we lost 50,000 more boys in the Korean War, about that many in the Vietnam War then Kuwait and those other small countries and now Iraq. We've been at it for six years and some of the returning soldiers say we can never pull our troops out of there. It could be another One Hundred Years War.

Some of out problems come from the U.N. When a country joins the United Nations they are told if you are involved or another country bothers you, we'll come and protect you. Well, Uncle Sugar ends up furnishing nearly all the men and equipment. Those countries think that Uncle Sugars has an endless bank account. Fact is, our officials in Washington think the same thing. We have to have an end somewhere.

settle anything anymore.

We old timers thought

All the nation's leaders must learn that wars don't

It seems that they haven't found that out yet. They must find another way to settle their differences. In the last four or five wars, America has lost over 100,000 good boys and has spent herself in oblivion and to no avail. We have gained nothing. Our leaders just go out and make the same mistakes again. Wars and invasions are not the answer anymore. What won WWII for the Allies was an invasion that didn't happen.

In the 1939 and 1940's, the German's had pushed all of the French and English soldiers clean back to the Sea. The call came out in England for any boat with a motor on it to go to Dunkirk across the Channel to the French side. Thousands of boats, big and little, went there and in a couple of days rescued all their remaining soldiers, 264,000 Allied troops. Most of them didn't have any weapons anymore.

England had been bombed into a shambles. They had no resource and

Citizen, they should be able to read, write and speak English. That is the accepted language of this country and always has been. No one should be given a driver's license until he can read English. How could a man be considered a safe driver if he can't read the signs? I'm certainly against any move to put the traffic signs in any other additional language.

I think that in a start towards America's security, we have poured enough cash down those rat holes in Asia, to build a 10 foot high security fence from West to East on both sides of the border.

Americans have to have a passport to go to Canada, so let's make everyone to show a passport at certain places in the Security Fence. Extremely strict entrance rules would do more for security than any foreign war.

We have plenty of laws about terrorists and displaced people, we just have to start enforcing them.

See, Ya!



only one friend, the U.S. At that time America would trade England 50 warships, mostly destroyers, for all her knowledge on radar. America didn't have radar yet and that is how we got it. They sent a lot of engineers and blueprints to the East Coast and we worked night and day to get them installed on our warships and our Merchant Marines was taking all kind of supplies to England.

On a number of occurrences, Mr. Hitler, was one of our best helpers. At this time, he could have invaded England and taken it over and it would be a different world than it is now. But he turned to the East and wanted Russia's oil fields. The German high command could not influence him different. He made military blunders time and time again that in the end helped the Allies. If you are not over 70 years old you don't know much about that time and era. WWII in the European Theater, cost over 16 million lives and that doesn't count the war in the Pacific. Men must learn another way of settling our differences because now all countries, even what they call the Third World, have World Ending Weapons. In some of these countries, the populace are armed to the teeth. Some countries sell any weapon, even 'Smart Weapons' over the counter. I think that before a person can be an American

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

I was at the Pee Wee League ball diamond the other night. Pam Zartman and her mother scooted over and made room for a couple old people to sit down and watch the game. She came to see her grandson and we were there to watch our great-grandson, and by the way, they were on the opposite sides.

Pam and husband, Terry, have a beautiful place on the River Road East where 192 meets up with 220. It sits right there in that triangle of the 'Y' in the road, and by the way, the great philosopher, Yogi Berra, says, "If you come to a 'Y' in the road, take it!"

I reminisced with Pam about when I was a boy back PAGE 7 – WEST BEND NEWS – JUNE 4, 2008



MORE FROM STAN

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of the 1923 and 1924 Antwerp Basketball Team, picture courtesy of Kathy Smith Wilson.

Bottom Row L-R: Amery 'Pat' Tracy, Unknown, Bob Lichty-with basketball, un-

As I sit here at the kitchen table, I can't help it, but my memory goes back over the last 60 years to Pam Zartman's father, Harold Nern.

He was a veteran of WWII. We talked a few times about the war. He served in a Railroad Battalion, in the China, Burma, India Theater, known at that time as the CBI. He talked about Rangoon, Calcutta and then on north. He said the railroad carried war supplies to the Chinese and American Troops plus a zillion India people hanging all over the cars and engine. It had always been their mode of transportation and the Army just had to work their way around them.

I had never been over there and I really enjoyed talking to Harold about those Religious cows and protected animals, about the narrow gauge tracks, the stinking heat, bugs, animals and critters, not to mention Japs and Jap planes. They had a dozen enemies besides the Japs. What an experience.

I remember going east on the River Road in our old Model "T". A nice June morning with the windows down, doing about 20-25 miles an hour on a stone road with clean cool air.

When we reached the ravine where Road 43 comes known, Mark Bickhard Back Row L-R: J. A. Cottrell-Coach, Bob Schilb, Ken Boland, Unknown, Unknown

If you can help us with any of these names, we would like to here from you. See, Ya!

in from the north and meets Road 192, Dad would ease up on the gas going down hill then make that sharp turn to the right and "give her the gas" to go up the hill. It would not have been any more exciting if that would have been Pike's Peak.

Now close your eyes and picture a nine year old boy, barefoot, without a care in the world, with a 12 foot cane pole, a strong line, hook and sinker with the cork stopper out of a gallon jug for a bobber and a Kroger sack with a bologna sandwich inside.

Pam Nern Zartman, I want to thank you again and again for helping me to relive that fine fishing trip 70 years ago because ever since I talked to you at the ball park, Wilson's Hollow, a fine fishing spot, has been on my mind.

Yes, Pam, I still like a good bologna sandwich. See, Ya!

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in the 1930's. I would go fishing in that valley just west of their house called 'Wilson's Hollow'. At that time the road was stone with no traffic. You could park your 'Model T' Ford by the road and go down to the Maumee and fish. That was a good fishing spot and I have a lot of good memories of those times. I have looked at a number of Platt maps and I have never seen Wilson's Hollow marked as such. I've never seen any land around there with Wilson's name on it.

Mrs. Stromski is the closest house to the West, but none of those houses were there at that time except Frank Parrott's. There has been a lot of dandy new houses built in that area over the last few years. Yes, progress is big in that area.

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Antwerp played Crestview Lady Knights at Findlay in the Final Regional game on Saturday, May 31. Kelsey Bashore shown here diving back to first safely. More pictures at www. westbendnews.net

(Continued from Page 1) sure them their fourth state berth in as many years.

Though disappointed with the loss the Archer softball team has a great deal of which to be proud and looks forward to representing Antwerp High School next softball season.

Sadly, the team also bid farewell to four seniors that have left their mark on the Antwerp High School softball program. Bryn Schlatter,

be greatly missed as they take the next step in their lives. Their dedication to the program and the school has done much to develop a foundation for success within the softball program. To the Antwerp school

community, thank you very much for your support throughout the season.

Christy Kortokrax, Amanda

Riebersal, and Nit Major will

ARCHER SOFTBALL SHUT OUT THE OPPOSITION IN REGIONAL PLAY

The Archer softball program made history last evening with an 11-0 regional semi-final win over Patrick Henry. For the first time in the program's history the team was victorious in a regional game. In doing so the team positioned itself for a potential state berth on Saturday.

Bryn Schlatter and Christy Kortokrax provided the battery that proved to be more than Patrick Henry could handle as Bryn struck out 10, walked 1 and allowed 2 hits over five innings of work. Kortokrax was exceptional behind the plate and proved herself one of the best catchers in NW Ohio.

At the plate a seven run first inning was all that was needed to secure the victory for the Archers. Kole Schlatter and Kelsy Bashore led the way with both going 2 for 3 with a double and single while combining for 5 RBI's on the evening. Doubles by Loni Walk and Amanda Riebersal, along with singles by Nit Major and Kortokrax rounded out the hitting for

The team will now take on the winner of this evenings Crestview/New Riegel contest on Saturday, noon, at Findlay with the winner advancing to the state tournament in Akron next Thursday.

The support of the school community and the Antwerp community has been a major factor in the success of this program.



The OSU Alumni Club of Van Wert & Paulding Counties will be holding its 5th Annual Golf Outing at Willow Bend Golf Club in Van Wert on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

The shotgun start event will be a four person scramble. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf w/cart and dinner. The outing is open to the first 16 paid teams. The deadline for entries is Friday, June 20, 2008. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired to a team on the day of the event.

Former Ohio State Buckeye football players RJ Coleman and Ryan Hamby will take part in the event. RJ played tight end for the Buckeyes from 2002-2006 and Ryan played tight end from 2001-2005.

Prize money will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each flight. Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive (men & women), longest putt, closest to pin (men & women), and hole-in-one.

All OSU fans are welcome! Get a foursome together and come out and support our Ohio State students!

The OSU Alumni Club is also in need of golf outing sponsors. Sponsors will have a sign displayed at both summer golf outings and also be listed on the club's golf outing page on the website.

Proceeds from the banquet will go to aid students from Van Wert and Paulding counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.

For more information about the golf outing or sponsorship, contact Jake Mohr at 419-238-4575 or 419-203-6215. Complete information about the golf outing, along with printable entry and sponsorship forms, is also available at www.osuvwp.org.

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Ohio 66 north of Oakwood to the Defiance County line - Sealing of pavement cracks will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

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

Ohio 500 at two locations,

ANTWERP ACME SCHED-ULE

Antwerp has announced the ACME high school baseball schedule for the summer.

Coach Bob Winslow and his staff will be busy this summer with a full slate of games against some quality opponents. The summer begins Tuesday, June 3 against Division 3 district runnerup Ottawa Glandorf, before traveling to Wayne Trace on Thursday, June 5. In a new twist this summer, the Archer boys will travel to Columbus for a four game, weekend road trip. The Archers will open play with two games on one of the top new fields in the state, at Dublin-Coffman High School. The Coffman summer team is coached by Antwerp alumnus Jared Franklin. The boys will take the evening off to enjoy watching the OHSAA Division 4 State Baseball tournament final game at Cooper Stadium, before traveling back toward home to play two games at Bluffton on Sunday. The boys will then play an aggressive 10 more games in the next 15 days with scheduled games against league foes Hicksville, Ayersville and Wayne Trace along with non-league games against Glandorf, Miller City, and county-rival Paulding. In all it should be an exciting season of summer ball for the boys.

Tuesday June 3, Ottawa Glandorf Home, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday June 5, Wayne Trace (DH), Away, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Dublin-

Coffman (DH), Away, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 8, Bluffton (DH), Away, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, Hicksville (DH), Home, 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, Ayers-

ville, Home, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June18, Ottawa Glandorf, Away, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, Miller City, Away, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 23, Wayne Trace (DH), Home, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25, Paulding (DH), Home, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 27, Hicksville, Home, 6:00 p.m.

ACME Sectional Tournament dates, sites & times TBA

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way for kids to learn more about Jesus' love.

Who's invited? All kids ages four through completion of fifth grade.

When will this take place? the week of June 9-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Where to meet? All this will take place at the Paulding United Methodist Church.

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Register by calling the church at 419-399-3591 or Cheri Estle at 419-594-3045. Please leave your child's name, age, grade this past school year and phone number.



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Putnam County

Pavement repair at the following locations will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

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Vantage senior Health Careers student, Timna Klopfenstein, is pictured with Tina McGinnis, Nurse Aid Supervisor at Vancrest Health Care Center in Van Wert.



Vantage senior Health Careers student, Kaitlin Lindeman from Delphos Jefferson, is pictured with Libby Metzger, Assistant Director of Nurses at Vancrest Health Care Center in Delphos.



Vantage senior Electricity student, Alex Burnett from Crestview, recently had his hair cut to donate to Locks of Love. On the left is Alex "before" his haircut – on the right he shows off the 10 inches of hair "after" it was cut! Senior Cosmetology student Darci Hitchcock from Van Wert admires her work.



"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR HEALTH CAREERS BANQUET

On Tuesday, May 6, the Vantage senior Health Careers class held its annual Employer Appreciation Banquet in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

Senior Health Careers at Vantage is a Co-op program. Students attend academic classes in the morning and then work in a healthcare facility to earn their lab credit. Employer representatives from the following facilities were in attendance at the banquet: AmeriCare Home Health, Defiance; Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Haviland; Dallas Lamb Foundation, Payne; Family Caring Clinic, Van Wert; Hearth and Home, Van Wert; Okuley's Pharmacy, Defiance; Vancrest Health Care Center, Delphos and Van Wert and Westwood Behavioral Health Center, Van Wert.

Two outstanding Health Careers students, Kaitlin Lindeman from Delphos Jefferson and Timna Klopfenstein from Wayne Trace, were presented with the Award of Distinction at the banquet.

Senior Health Careers is taught by Mrs. Shirley Jarvis.

SENATE OFFERS CONCUR-RENCE ON BUEHRER LEG-ISLATION TO ESTABLISH OHIO CASTLE DOCTRINE

The Ohio Senate this afternoon (May 29,2008) voted to give final approval to Senate Bill 184, legislation sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) that would make needed, common-sense reforms to Ohio's self-defense law to affirm the right of every Ohioan to use force to defend themselves and their family from violent attack in their home. While under consideration in the Ohio House, the bill was amended to clarify several confusing provisions in the state's concealed carry law that have placed an unintentional burden on lawful gun owners.

"Importantly, while SB 184 has undergone several changes over the last few months, the bill that was sent to the Governor today meets the goal of allowing people to feel safe in their homes and communities," said Buehrer. "I would like to thank all those who worked on the bill, and I urge the Governor's support for this very important measure."

SB 184 builds upon a belief rooted in the Middle Ages that "a man's home is his castle," and he has the right to defend it and the people inside from harm. Known as the "Castle Doctrine," the bill passed the Senate in April with unanimous support and received strong bipartisan backing in the House yesterday. Under current Ohio law, if a homeowner uses force to protect himself or family members from attack in a home or car, the civil and criminal burden is placed on the homeowner to prove in court that he was acting appropriately to defend from serious harm. SB 184 makes two necessary changes to the law to remove this unfair burden on Ohioans, who are forced to defend themselves. First, the bill would shift the burden of proof from the innocent victim and onto the perpetrator.

This "rebuttable presumption" means if a criminal forcibly enters or intrudes into a person's home and that person chooses to act to protect themselves from harm, they would be legally presumed to be acting in self-defense.

In addition, the proposal would grant a victim civil immunity if it is proven that he or she acted in self-defense. Under current state law, even after a legal finding of self-defense, the victim still faces the possibility of being held liable for damages in a civil lawsuit. The bill, therefore, will prevent any person who is committing a felony or a misdemeanor crime of violence from seeking civil recovery.

"We thank Senator Buehrer for his hard work in leading the effort to reform and modernize Ohio's firearm and use of force laws," said Jim Irvine, Chair of the Buckeye Firearms Association. "Ohio's Castle Doctrine is about helping crime victims, by shifting the focus of our police and prosecutors back on the criminal where it belongs."

Also, during deliberations in the Ohio House, SB 184 picked up several amendments that help ease enforcement and strengthen the effectiveness of Ohio's concealed carry laws.

"The changes made in SB 184 to clarify Ohio's concealed carry laws are meant to help lawful Ohioans more easily exercise their Second Amendment rights," said Buehrer. "These folks deserve to have a common sense law that they can understand and follow."

HARLAN UNITED METHOD-IST TO RUN THIRD SEASON OF UPWARD

Harlan United Methodist Pastor Steve Bard and Upward league director Andy Clark are pleased to announce that the plans are set for the church to run its third season of Upward Flag Football and cheerleading. Registration is going on now through Saturday, June 26. Required player evaluations are Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 am, Thursday, June 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Any registration forms not turned into the church by June 26 will have to pay a late fee. Any parents that have children that want to do both flag football and cheerleading or multiple children will receive a discount per sport or child.

After evaluations are complete on June 30 the draft will be done to set teams. Once the draft is completed there will be absolutely no changes made to team rosters. Parents that need children to be on the same team due to carpooling reasons must set that up at evaluations. Practices start the week of July 20. Games are on Sunday's starting August 17 with the first game of the day starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be eight games with the last game on Sunday, October 12. There are no games on Labor Day weekend. The Awards ceremony will be Sunday, October 19 time to be announced. If you have any questions please call the church at 657-5364 and leave a message and one of the sports ministry members will return your call as soon as possible. We are currently looking for coaches, referees and sponsors.

4TH ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD



"Giving young athletes a chance to compete"

On Sunday, May 24, Emily Shuherk, 8th grader from Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School traveled to Pickerington North High School, Pickerington, Ohio to compete in

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	2. Jay Dangler Excavating

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the Middle School Track & Field State Championships. She placed first in the Division 2/3 high jump, with a jump of 5'. This year 800+ athletes competed in this track and field event.

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	3. Red Owl/Budweiser 4-2
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Front row sitting – Carissa Laukhuf and Nathan Gerber. Standing in the second row – Kalin Gerber, Bekah Dignal, Julia Laukhuf and Dalton Franklin. In the third row – Beth Christo and Gale Imboden.

PIANO STUDENTS SHINE AT RECITAL

Gale Imboden held the spring recital at the Wesleyan Church in Edgerton, IN. Each student performed technic pieces. Kalin and Nathan played a piano duet. Julia accompanied Carissa with her trombone. PowerPoint pictures highlighted their special theme pieces.

Nathan Gerber reminded us of Bikini Bottom with "Sponge Bob Squarepants". Dalton Franklin chose his favorite, "Jesus Loves Me". Beth Christo played Willie Nelson's "Crazy". Bekah Dignal took us to 100 Acre Wood as she played, "Winnie the Pooh". Julia Laukhuf danced us through, "Mexican Clap Hands". Carissa Laukhuf picked photos of animals at dusk with her song, "A Beautiful Life". Kalin Gerber reminded us of Paradise in 'Just Over the River". Gale Imboden finished the recital with "Sh-Boom". Refreshments were served afterwards.



NEW CONSTRUCTION PRO-GRAM II

Whenever a change is made to a property – either remodeling an existing building, adding a new structure, removing a structure, or if a structure is damaged – the law requires the property owner to report that change to the county auditor.

The County Auditor, Susan K. Simpson, is in the process of completing the yearly new construction program which helps to assure that ALL parcels of real property that have structural changes are appraised (or "valued") at their current fair market value and then assessed at 35% of that value. This method is established by Ohio law. New buildings in a taxing district also generate "new tax money" for that district.

Yearly inspection of building additions and removals keeps the tax burden equitable for everyone in the county. Otherwise, a property with a new building might not pay taxes on that structure for several years or the next revaluation. On the other hand, a property with a destroyed building could be paying taxes on a non-existing structure for many years if not reported.

Depending on your taxing district, you are required to either obtain a building permit from your zoning inspector or the county auditor's office. It is the property owner's responsibility to notify the County Auditor of any new, destroyed or damaged structure. The Ohio Revised Code (section 5713.17) states "Upon the discovery of a building... the auditor shall appraise it... together with a penalty equal to 50% of the amount of taxes that would have been charged... from the date of construction to the date of discovery ... " therefore, it is very important that you obtain a building permit and contact your county auditor's office to report any change in structures on your property.

A field technician or appraiser will inspect your property that has been reported, either new construction or building destruction, and record relevant information for the County Auditor. If no one is home, the appraiser will make what they believe to be the necessary changes to the property record card in the auditor's office. You may call or visit the County Auditor's office to review your property record card's information at anytime. You can also access this same information via the county auditor's website at www.pauldingcountvauditor. com. If you believe your information is insufficient, call the County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205. There are three steps that you can take to discover whether or not you believe your property's estimated market value is reasonable: First, check the replacement cost your insurance company has on your home (without the contents). This will give you an approximate idea of your home's value. Then add the value of your land to that number. Second, check the local newspaper and realtor advertisements for sale homes in your area. Be sure the homes you are checking are very similar in size, design, rooms, materials, and lot size

to yours. On average, most realtor-sold properties actually sell for approximately 15% less than the advertised asking price.

Finally, visit the County Auditor's office, either in person or on-line. Check your property record card to be certain all the information is accurate. If something is incorrect, call the auditor's office and ask to speak to a real estate staff person.

Ohio law requires each property to be valued at what its most probable estimated appraised price would be if it were on the market.

Over time, market value changes even if no "improvements" (appraiser's jargon for structure or building) or changes are made to a property. Many people sell their homes for much more (and, sometimes less) than they paid for them years earlier. Ohio law requires that property be periodically reassessed and revalued to maintain realistic market values and treat all taxpayers fairly.

If you still disagree with your property value you may wish to file a Complaint Against The Valuation Of Real Property (DTE Form 1) with the Auditor's Office. A complaint for the current tax year must be received by the County Auditor's office from January 1-March 31 of the following tax year. If the form is not filed timely, or completed accurately and according to State guidelines, it will be dismissed. These complaints are then scheduled and fulfilled through a hearing process by the Board of Revision. However, it is the responsibility of the complainant to provide to the Board of Revision all information and evidence that affects the real property in question. Under Ohio Law, the burden of proof is on you. You must prove, with the evidence you present, that the value you have requested is the fair market value for the property.

Your tax bill may be based on funding requests made by schools, libraries and government agencies as well as on levies that are passed by the voters. If funding requests decrease in a taxing district, or if a tax levy expires, your property taxes could drop – even though your property's market value may have risen. Same is true for the opposite if a new levy goes on or funding requests increases.

Differences in taxes can be due to several items such as a Triennial update (required by the State), special assessments (charges added on your tax bill for ditch maintenance, sewer costs, lighting, etc.) a levy added or change in millage, a property change use (such as commercial to residential), loss of a tax exemption or tax credit, the State may have changed the CAUV land values or land no longer qualifying for CAUV. Ohio law outlines the conditions under which the County Auditor can make changes to a property record. Ohio law is also very specific as to the requirements the County Auditor must follow as to when and how valuation changes are made. If you have any questions about following new construction or destroyed property requirements, please contact the Paulding County Auditor's office at 419-399-8205.

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(l-r) – Kasey Reinhart, Caleb Schultz, Les Weidenhamer, president of the John Paulding Historical Society, Tanner Cook, Miss Sandy Gordon, teacher and Brooke Lelonek.

The historical marker representing the junction of the two canals that crossed the northern part of our county prior to the Civil War in the early 1800's is one step closer to reality thanks to the donation from the third grade class at the Payne Elementary School.

MARKER

Les Weidenhamer met with the students recently and they presented him with a check for \$108.00. The teacher of the students is Miss Sandy Gordon.

These two canals were instrumental in the progress of the development of our county. We can boast that we are the only county in the US to have two canals junction. The Miami-Erie and Wabash-Erie.

At one time it was thought that Junction would be even bigger than Fort Wayne, IN, but when the trains began to go through our county and was more efficient, the canals eventually ceased operation.

At the present time, the Jerry Price and Victor Tuohy families are promoting the historical marker. Les Weidenhamer stated that Paulding County residents must come up with \$1,500.00 in donations and then the Ohio Historical Societies and Museums will add to the fund.

If you would like to donate to this historical marker, please send your donations to the John Paulding Historical Society, Box 93, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Remember that yesterday is already history. Volunteers are always needed at the Historical Society. We are open every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The next activity at the Historical Society will be the Antique Road Show. Watch for it in July.

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





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The Request for Proposal packet may be obtained beginning June 4, 2008 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday – Friday at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by calling 419-399-3756. Deadline for submitting bids is June 20th at 4:00 pm.

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GARAGE SALE, JUNE 5th-7th, 221 South Main St., Paulding, 9:00 a.m.: kitchen items, kids clothes, toys, microwave and stand, beginner guitar, twin mattress and knick knacks.

HUGE GARAGE SALE: June 5-7, Th & F, 9-5, Sat 8-1. 5649 Rd. 60. Just south of Payne off State Rte. 49. Watch for signs. Weightlifting equipment, entertainment centers, computer desks, kids toys, infant car seat, clothes for the whole family, much, much more! Krouse residence. p

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE sale - Must see. Fri June 6 & Sat June 7, 8-5. 18174 Co Road 138 Paulding. Go 5 miles east on Co Road 138 out of Paulding. It is the 1st house on the right once you go past the 637 intersection. (Beckman's) Lots of name brand kids clothing. Girls clothes 0-3T, boys 0-2T, maternity clothing, misses and XL men clothing. Lots of toys. Small kitchen appliances, home decor, plus so much more!

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PAGE 12 – WEST BEND NEWS – JUNE 4, 2008 TAKE A SEAT TO FIGHT CANCER WITH THE 2ND ANNUAL "CHAIR"ITY FOR LIFE



When you think of Relay For Life, you often think of lacing up your shoes and taking to the track, but for the second year you can take a seat to fight cancer. The "Chair" ity For Life rare chair event and auction presented by First Federal Bank and Butler-Mohr GMAC Real Estate will again be part of the Relay For Life of Defiance on June 13-14 at Ayersville High School.

In 2007, nearly 20 unique chairs decorated by local artists, business people and cancer survivors were displayed and auctioned off to raise nearly \$3,000. This year the display and auction will feature about 15 creative chairs that have been given a new life through the talents of local artists.

While the chairs vary greatly in style, each chair has something in common with the next—a story behind it. "Many of the chairs have been created in honor or in memory of someone touched by cancer. A lot of hard work and emotion have been put into these chairs," added Tera Murphy, event co-chairman and chair artist. Murphy's third chair will be showcased at the event and up for bid in the silent auction. The chair

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is entitled "Whatever You're Dealt," in memory of her husband's Great Uncle Ken Murphy. "He always loved to play cards and always smiled no matter what he was dealt during a card game or in life. This just seemed to be a perfect chair to honor his memory," explained Murphy.

Each chair will be displayed with a sign stating the title of the chair, the name of the individual the chair was dedicated to, name of the artist and the sponsoring business, organization or family.

Chair collectors, art enthusiasts and the general public are invited to see the display and bid on these unique chairs. Select chairs will be displayed at the Defiance Development & Visitor's Bureau before Relay. All chairs will then be taken to the Relay For Life at Ayersville for display beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13. The public is invited to vote for their "favorite seat" throughout the event. Six chairs created by cancer survivors will be auctioned off live beginning at 7:00 p.m. that evening. All remaining chairs will be up for silent auction with bidding ending at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Winning bidders will be notified at that time, and all chairs must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the "Chair" ity For Life auction will benefit Relay For Life of Defiance and the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and support services.

For more information, please contact Tera Murphy, First Federal Bank, at 419-782-2419 or Karol Yeager or Rhonda Butler, Butler Mohr GMAC Real Estate, at 419-784-4500.

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DEFIANCE MAN JOINS THE PEACE CORPS



By: Sue Knapp

Brandon Retcher just graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa with Chemistry as his major. He is now ready to go out and make his mark on the world. He has committed to two years in the Peace Corps.

He wants to meet the needs of people in different cultures by helping them make a difference in their lives. He wants to be exposed to other cultures and get the different perspectives-how they live and the differences between the different countries.

Brandon went to the Netherlands last summer to do Chemistry research through an exchange program with the college. He spent 10 weeks there and had his research paper published. He said things were pretty different.

The Peace Corps provides trained men and women to countries that express a need. The need could be anything from agriculture, health education, building wells, etc. Brandon will leave on June 7 and spend two days in Philadelphia receiving shots and paperwork. He then will fly to Ghana for 10 weeks training which includes learning two languages-70 languages are spoken there. He will also be trained on the different foods, history and culture of the country.

The Peace Corps covers transportation, housing and a small wage. Brandon will not to be able to live any higher than the people there. He'll consider himself one of them. He will be part of the community and his job is to help make it better. He will teach science, physics and maybe math. He also will be in charge of two secondary projects such as keeping in touch and letting people know how things are going and teaching the people something to improve themselves such as the importance of clean water and how to make it so.

Brandon eventually wants o teach high school Chemis-

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net **ANTWERP COUNCIL MEET-**ING

By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp's regular council meeting was held on Mon., May 19 at 6:30 p.m. All were present.

Visitor Rick Weaver from Poggemeyer Design Group, Defiance, Oh explained the problems with the water lines in front of Kammeyer's and different solutions to handle the problem.

Police Report: Chief Clemens reported 139 calls for service and 61 offenses for April. It was brought up that a prisoner agreement be signed with the Paulding County Jail that Antwerp Village would pay \$40 a day for prisoners taken in custody.

It was mentioned again from the Finance Committee that any organization asking for donations must be able to prove non-profit status with all the legal paperwork entailed. The Village must be kept informed of the monies collected. This is for property owned by the Village.

Administrators Report: Sarah Keeran announced that the farmer's well was repaired and that the farmer's appreciate very much the use of it.

Curtis from the Utility Department took and passed the pesticide exam, Jeremy took the water exam and will find out in June how he did. He will take the sewer exam in November.

Utility Department has been very busy trying to catch up on all the projects needed done in town. Parts for the pumps are here and both pumps are operating and two new pumps have been ordered (announced at last meeting).

It was announced that the A.C.D.C. should know by the end of this week if assistance for the Depot project has been awarded. Suzanne Rister has also filed grants for this project.

Cameras for the traffic lights were discussed.

Resolution 2008- 03 Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2008-23 An Ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer to amend appropriation and declaring it an emergency.

Ordinance # 2008-24 An Ordinance establishing a policy that developer shall deposit funds into an escrow account with the Village of Antwerp for the review of infrastructure plans by the engineer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

Ordinance # 2008-26 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds and increase appropriations accordingly to the police fund in the amount of \$30,000 and declare the same to be an emergency.

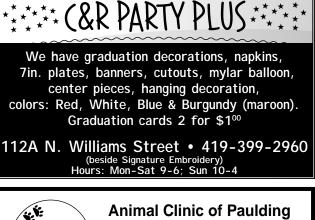
Ordinance # 2008-27 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the EMS fund in the amount of \$6,933.29 and declare the same to be an emergency.

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; third reading.

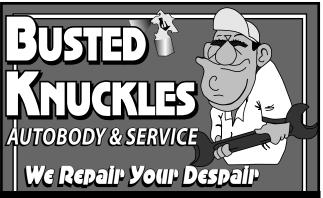
Ordinance # 2008-16 An Ordinance amending section 4 of Ordinance # 81-32 establishing rates and charges for the use and service of the municipal sewage works for the municipality of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio; third reading.

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; third reading.

On Ordinance #'s 15, 16 and 17 the vote went as: Ron Farnsworth, Mike Rohrs and Larry Ryan voting yes on all three; Karen Lee, Tom VanVlerah and Jan Reeb voting no on all three. The tie was broken by Mayor DeLong who voted yes.



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LOCAL STUDENT MAKES **PRESIDENT'S LIST AT CCAD**

Rachel Schutt, a sophomore majoring in Fine Arts at Columbus College of Art & Design, achieved President's List (GPA 3.4 or better, out of 4.0) for spring 2008 term. Rachel, a 2006 graduate of An-twerp (OH) High School, is the daughter of Rebecca and Can Schutt of Antwerp.

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