

WHAT WILL FUEL THE FUTURE ECONOMY?

Ohio Governor Strickland and many others believe it will be alternative energy. With the global warming controversy, the high cost of oil and the predictions of huge increases in energy demands in the world, who could argue that increased technology for alternative energy is not needed? With housing and automobile markets down, and the loss of manufacturing jobs due to NAFTA, Ohio certainly needs something to help the job losses.

On June 16, the Ohio Department of Development held a meeting with 180 economic professionals from all over the state. Governor Strickland stated his administration's commitment to increasing the Ohio economy by creating programs that will encourage the private sector to invest in alternative energy. He spoke about the manufacturing capabilities of Ohio being applied to the alternative energy industry. The governor referred to this program as "Retooling for Ohio's Advanced Energy Markets."

Here in Paulding County

there is interest in alternative energy. Investors are looking at wind, solar, biomass, ethanol, soy fuel, geothermal and energy saving building construction. During the '90's, it was computers that drove the economy, it very well may be that "green energy" is the new economy.

But can the U.S. hold onto the manufacturing jobs for alternative energy equipment that will be in demand, or will overseas labor get the work? Now would be a good time for the U.S. to be more competitive because of the devaluation of the dollar, fuel costs causing shipping rates to go up, and wages going up in China. However, the Federal and State governments will have to support incentives for American companies and more fair trade laws to keep jobs here in America. Governor Strickland is encouraging the Ohio State Legislature to pass programs for Ohio companies, let's hope Washington will do the same.

—Tony Langham,
Paulding County Economic Development



ADVANCED CHASSIS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

By: Sue Knapp

Advanced Chassis, of Antwerp, Ohio, celebrated their 20 years in business with an open house on June 21. This company makes and modifies race cars and tractor pullers. They also do specialty welding on stainless steel and aluminum for the public.

Owner Ken and Judy Bowers along with son Dan Bowers, grandson Drew Messman and Dan and Tracie's son,

Austin, make this business a family affair. Other employees include Vince Krezmiski and Bob McGoogh.

The featured car of the open house was a first ever built F32 AC with a Harley Engine (S&S). This auto cycle was designed and is owned by Doug Wamsher of Toledo and engineered and built by Ken and Dan Bowers. It meets all the requirements of a street car and Doug is excited to get it home and on the street. Advanced Chassis will be making kits for these auto cycles

for you to put together or they will do it for you. They are taking orders now for the auto cycle with a completion date of 60 days. This is an exciting new venture for the company.

Also for your looking pleasure was a NTPA Mini Modified Tractor Puller with a 2500 Horsepower Hemi engine. This 'toy' is a four-time world champion winner. There were also other cars to view that Advanced Chassis had made or modified.

Ken and Dan also race. Dan has a dragster with a turbo charged Hayabusa Suzuki 310 horsepower engine. Ken has a '57 Corvette Roadster. He came in third in Juliette, IL last weekend. The first three cars over the line in that race were Advanced Chassis

NEW FACES IN EMERGENCY ROOM AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Walk into the emergency room at Paulding County Hospital today and you may see several new faces, including Dr. Tom Sterling. He works for NOES, an emergency room physician service. You will be seeing him more often as he has asked the physician in charge of his company if he could have a more prominent role in the PCH emergency department. Dr. Sterling likes the atmosphere at Paulding County Hospital and really enjoys working with the staff. He likes the feel of small hometown health care. He feels that it is more personal and he feels very welcome here which he finds very gratifying.

Dr. Sterling lives in Perryburg, Ohio with his wife and (Continued on Page 6)

cars.

Congratulation go to Advanced Chassis for their 20 years and for many more to come.

CORRECTION

In last week's classified section the ad for A Day in the Park, the Chambers address should read P.O. Box 1111, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have called.

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OBITUARY

Alma P. Whaley, 84, of Cecil, former Hamler resident, died Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born October 15, 1923, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the daughter of Joseph and Parthenia Johns. She married Onas Whaley, who preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by a son, Scott Whaley of Cecil.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, David Whaley; two daughters: Janie Olnkneck, and Nadia Whaley; and two brothers.

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

REGARDING DEATH AND FOOD STAMPS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

A story ran in the Associated Press awhile ago that I found rather intriguing. It seems that Al Palanza's brother had been dead for two weeks when a letter arrived at the address of the deceased.

Social Services had written to notify him that his food stamps had been discontinued. The letter stated the reason was "...because we received a notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

Say what? How's that again? You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances? When ques-

tioned, the Social Services director said that the letter was computer-generated and the "God bless you" was added by a case worker who wanted to soften the harshness of the notification. The director went on to say that Social Services is working on a more appropriate letter.

It kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it? I chuckled when I read that story and then started thinking a little more about it. Since I am a believer in Jesus Christ, if that letter had been mailed to ME after I had died and my loved ones would have read it, some portions of that original letter would, indeed, be accurate.

Yes, I would have passed away. Yes, God would have blessed me, and interestingly enough, there would have been a change in my circumstances. For the person who

knows Christ, death isn't the final episode. Death is not the end. Death is not the concluding chapter in one's life.

Much more lies ahead. There WILL be a "change in my circumstances" after I die. My Spirit will be ushered by angels into the presence of the Lord when I breath my last. When you read my funeral notice in the newspaper, I will be having the privilege of seeing Jesus and those who have known Him and preceded me.

I will have the joy of being made whole, complete and given a glorified body. I will no longer know pain, wipe away tears or struggle with sin and temptation. I will never again know fear, regret, guilt or grief.

No, my friend, after I die there will be some very abrupt changes in my circumstances

and because I know Christ, all of those changes will be wonderful, glorious and marvelous to behold.

So if the government Social Services should ever write my family a letter after I have passed away, their original letter would still be valid in my case. The only change would be that I wouldn't be needing to reapply for food stamps.

APOSTASY LESSON 8 A

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

I am unable to remember the number of times I have been asked the following question, "Why are there so many churches?" At one time, believe it or not, I was a preacher at a denominational church and at the time I believed what I was preaching/teaching was right until some one challenged me on the teachings of this denomination.

I was asked questions such as where in the Bible could you find such things as the sinner's prayer, Holy Ghost Baptism, Salvation by Faith only through grace, once saved always saved and infant baptism, etc. After trying to research and find scriptural evidence to show these people I finally came to the sad realization that there is no scripture verses for any of these teachings and they are deceiving thousands of people just like they once did me. The way they are able to do this is taking scripture verses completely out of context.

Loved ones, in Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, "I will build my church" and then in Matthew 16:17, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give to thee the keys to the kingdom of heaven." In Acts chapter 2:14-41 we can read Peter and the eleven apostles sermon and using the keys Jesus gave him to unlock the door of the kingdom, which we read in Acts 2:47 as the church Jesus would build. This all happened on a Sunday in 33 A.D. at the Pentecost celebration. Christ's church came into existence and flourished for many years. It suffered through persecutions, tribulations, killings, etc. Back in those times there were Gnostics, Ebonite's, monarch ions and others who had their false teachings and did harm to the Lord's church. The apostasy came into the church through those who were once Christians and departed from the faith. Please read II Peter 2:1-3. I will continue this lesson in my next installment.

Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
6/23 - Kathryn Golliver, Grover Hill; Danielle Mosure, Payne
6/25 - Don Hornish, Oakwood
6/26 - Duane Geer, Paulding
6/27 - Joyce Russell, Defiance
Dismissals:
6/24 - Roma Frey, Paulding
6/25 - Danielle Mosure, Payne
6/26 - Kathryn Golliver, Grover Hill
6/27 - Don Hornish, Oakwood
6/28 - Joyce Russell, Defiance

ance
6/29 - Duane Geer, Paulding, transferred to Lutheran

POWER LAB - DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!

Have you noticed "Power Labs" popping up all over the community? South Scipio Church will host one from July 21-25, each evening from 6:30-9:00. Kids from age 4 through grade 6 (2008-2009 school year) are invited to join in the fun! Each evening will sizzle with excitement as they learn about the power of God through awesome science experiments. There will be Bible Blast stories, Wacky Work crafts, Test Tube treats, Hyper Speed games and Cinema Science. The church is located at the corner of Antwerp and Scipio Roads outside of Harlan, IN just minutes from Antwerp, OH. For more information call 260-438-2519 or contact Director Liz at 419-399-9648 to reserve a place at Power Lab for your children.

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MASONIC SERVICE RECOGNIZED



One hundred and seventy five years of Masonic service by three members of Flatrock Lodge of Payne were recognized at their "Annual Steak Fry". Pictured from left to right are WB Ron Schmidt, Master of the Lodge, RWB J. David Crawfis, District Deputy of the Fourth Masonic

District of Ohio, WB Keith Carter with 50 years, O'Dell Williams with 60 years, and WB Roy Flaugh with 65 years. Approximately 65 members and wives were present to enjoy the steak supper and recognize these dedicated members for their years of service.

LATTA APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF WAR SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) supported final passage of H.R. 2642 the Iraq/Afghanistan War Supplemental bill today, praising the effort of both the Republican and Democrat leaderships in the House.

"This supplemental package ensures our troops have the necessary funding they need while in harms way without deadlines or withdraw requirements that could have an adverse affect on their mission. This

bill also provides important educational G.I. benefits for our veterans when they return home from serving our country, and the bill further extends the benefits to their family members," Latta said after tonight's vote.

H.R. 2642 also contains unemployment insurance benefits that include a 20-week work requirement and a maximum extension of 13 weeks.

"In addition to the supplemental package, this bill provides important unemployment insurance that assists those who are truly in need," Latta added.

NEW HABITAT HOUSE BEING BUILT IN PAULDING

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County is proud to announce the brand new event that is coming to Paulding. Our fourth home is in the beginning stages of being built on West Jackson Street. The noise factor has risen quite a bit from the pounding of the hammers, buzzing of the saws and the excitement of those who are working on the house.

Walls are going up and we are just as excited as the new family that will be moving in.

Marla Hershberger and her children will be the proud owners of this new home that is being built by volunteers throughout Paulding and the surrounding county. When volunteers are doing all the work for Habitat it seems like it takes a long time but well worth the wait.

There will be work throughout the week but the majority will be done on Saturdays and we hope that we can count on men and women to offer to help. Women, if you can hit a nail and are a better cook, the work crew would appreciate a good meal. There is always a need for gophers so please don't stay away. Later on we will need painters, sanders and all of the things that goes with building a new home.

Neil Beining will be our contact person if you would like to work and or provide a meal. His phone number is 419-587-3792.

For those who don't want to call him long distance you can contact 419-399-2804 Roger Gasser, Sue Beck 419-399-3806, or Eileen Kochensparger 419-399-5818. We will then forward your request to Neil and he will be in touch with you.

The first home built back in early 2000 is the next door neighbor to the home we are building now.

The second home is in Antwerp and the third home was built in Melrose. We are always looking for new applicants to keep on our list.

The item that keeps most of our applicants ineligible is the fact that the earned income must be at least \$1000.00 a month. This does not include food stamps or child support. And the house that they live in must be sub-standard housing. The house usually isn't the problem, it is the earned income. Those who apply are usually on government income and it is below the requirements of Habitat International.

It takes time for the new applicants to fulfill the guidelines of Habitat. One of those requirements is they must attend classes at NOCAC in Defiance. They are taught how to manage money and a variety of other things to help them to be good home owners. For every dollar they save, NOCAC has a program that will double or triple your savings and then this goes on the down payment of the home.

We hope to see groups of different organizations coming to help build this new home. It will be an asset to our county and to Paulding.

We encourage you to get some of the gang together at your office, factory, health facility, school educators, fire departments, car dealerships, police department, library, retail business, a family reunion, class mates, church

groups to help us build this house in a record amount of time. Senior citizens, we could use you every day or whenever the work crew is working. Drop in along West Jackson, just west of the post office. You can't miss us. There is a BIG sign advertising Habitat For Humanity of Paulding County.

We are counting on you and so are the Hershbergers. They will be there at times also because Marla is required to put in at least 250 hours of sweat equity. Homes are not just given to a family. They must work toward this and in the final stages will be given a mortgage, interest free for 20 years. Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County will hold the mortgage. Thus it is important that we keep members on the board to oversee this process of getting the money returned to us which will then be used towards another new home. It is our goal to have one in all parts of the county. If you know of a lot where we could build a home please let us know. We prefer water and sewer as it keeps the cost down. Or if you would like to be a member of a committee or on the board let us know that also.

MASONS HOLD ANNUAL "SUMMER RECESS" COOK-OUT

Jim Kline opened the Lodge and the pledge was given. Get well cards were signed and sent to Marlin Miller and Randy Brooks Sr. and a sympathy card was sent to the family of member Donn Snell.

A date was set for the first week in August to police the Masonic two miles on State Route 18 East. The Hicksville Masons have cleaned the two mile stretch of road for years in accordance with the State Highway pick program. Authority was given to the Treasurer to pay all bills that occur during the summer months. It was reported the Annual Scholarship Chicken Bar-B-Q was a success and Jim Kline thanked all who participated in this annual event. Hicksville Lodge gives several scholarships to deserving high school seniors in our area.

Jim Kline and Bill Metz reported on their trip to Columbus. An estimated 10,000 Masons and family members were drawn to Columbus on Saturday (June 21) to participate in a full day of activities helping the Grand Lodge of Ohio to celebrate its 200th anniversary. The

day started with a parade in downtown Columbus, with more than 4,000 persons marching down High Street, from Nationwide Boulevard to the Statehouse.

All parts of the family of Freemasonry in Ohio were involved, including floats or marching units from the Order of Eastern Star; the Scottish Rite; Chapter, Council and Commandery of the York Rite; Shrine, High Twelve; and Job's Daughters, Rainbows, and DeMolay, in addition to others. Numerous Lodges and Masonic Districts were involved. A huge delegation from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio also took part. The parade lasted well over an hour.

After the meeting all retired to the Tim Betts ranch for food and fellowship. Those present included Jim Kline, Robert L. Stotler Jr., Ron Farnsworth, Bill Metz, Tim Betts, Scott Ruppert, Richard Savage, Charles Carey, Elmer Woodcox, Terry Derck, George Underwood, Wm. Kenny Wonderly, Russell St. John, Jim Moore, Byron Rastey, Doyle Johnson, Tom Culler, Lowell Applegate, Robert L. Stotler Sr., Jim Sidenbender, Jim Miller, Lee Kallsen, Grover Blalock and Fred Shaffer. Special guest Richard Coffman attended representing Tu-En-Da-Wie Lodge # 195 from Defiance.

The next stated meeting will be the "Fish Fry" on September 10.

2ND ANNUAL LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL CAMP

The 2nd Annual Lady Raiders Basketball Camp will be held July 14 - July 16 at Wayne Trace High School gymnasium from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is both a fundamental/play camp. This camp is open to all girls entering 4th - 7th grade. All school districts are welcome. Please call Cindy Crosby at (419) 263-2267 for prices, more information and/or to register your daughter.



JOHANNS RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

By: Sue Knapp

Ray Johanns grew up in Paulding County. His parents were farmers and he grew up working on a farm and helped them raise sheep.

He graduated from Paulding High School and went to college for a year then worked at Zeller's Corp. for a year before entering the Army. He was in the service from 1967-1969 serving 1968 in Vietnam.

In 1970 he married Sharon Nelson from Payne. They have a daughter and a son. They also have four grandchildren. He retired from B.F. Goodrich after 35 years; while doing this he also farmed. He is still farming.

Ray is a pilot, has a plane and is in the International Flying Farmers. While an officer in that organization he and his wife traveled all over the United States. They are also involved with their grandchildren and like to go to their games and different events they may be in.

Ray likes to help and work with all people and has a desire to help the county. He is an honest man and although tells a good story, he doesn't make promises that he may not be able to keep. Because he has lived here all his life he has a good feel for what makes the county tick and is willing and able to serve it.

Ray feels the best way he can serve is by winning the seat for County Commissioner under the democratic ticket.

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BBBS RELEASES SUMMER SPECTACULAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties has scheduled a Summer Series of BIG Fun! This summer's theme is "Summer Sports Spectacular!" Events kick off with our community picnic series and continues with golf and our season ending 5K! All are welcome to attend.

Picnic Series:

June 24, 3-5 Kidz Kingdom Park—Join us for a swim and picnic.

June 26 - Deshler Park—Join us for lunch picnic and recreational games immediately following.

July 10 - Ballquest Recreation Defiance—Miniature Golf and picnic.

August 14 - Paulding Park—Learn some softball fundamentals, play, and picnic!

Golf for Kids Sake: Our 3rd Annual Golf Scramble to benefit BBBS mentoring

July 26 - 1:00 Start at Auglaize Golf Course

Walk for Kids Sake: First Annual 5K Walk/Run

August 23 - 9:00 a.m. at Henry County Fair Grounds

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties (www.bbbsbigfun.org) is a volunteer organization that provides children support, guidance, friendship and fun by matching them to adult role models. The agency mission is to build confident, competent, and caring adults through positive one to one mentoring relationships. Big Brothers Big Sisters serves this mission through a professional staff that carefully works with both volunteers and children to ensure that the experience of Big Brothers Big Sisters is dynamic, fulfilling, memorable and fun for both the child and the volunteer.

PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR JUDGING RESULTS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

4-H Engineering Conservation:

Electricity: Magic of Electricity - Austin Conlon, best

First Place Electricity - Austin Conlon

Bicycles: Bicycle Adventure II - Emily Whitman, best

State Fair Qualifiers: Bicycle Adventure II - Emily Whitman

Working With: Arcs and Sparks - Matthew Klopfenstein, best

ATV - Jill Stephenson, best

First Place AG Equipment - Matthew Klopfenstein

Tractor & Machinery Operation:

Tractor 1: Starting Up - Drew Taylor, best

Tractor 2: Gearing Up For Safety - Anthony Stoller, best

Tractor 3: Moving Out - Matthew Porter

First Place Tractor Operation - Anthony Stoller

State Fair Qualifier: Tractor Day: Junior - Anthony Stoller

Woodworking: Measuring Up - Randell Collins, best

Making the Cut - Scott Wenninger, best

Finishing Up - Andrew Klopfenstein, best

First Place Woodworking - Andrew Klopfenstein

Second Place Woodworking - Scott Wenninger

John & Bernadyne Rogers Wood Wrk. Award - Kolyn Hickey

State Fair Qualifiers: Finishing Up - Andrew Klopfenstein

Science & Technology: Rockets Away - Cameron Strahley, best

Rockets Away - Estes type - Scott Wenninger, best

Radio Controlled Vehicles

FLETCHER - BATES



Cindy Sue Fletcher of Antwerp, Ohio, and Anthony Wayne Bates of Grabill, Indiana, were married June 7 at Marblehead Lighthouse in Marblehead, Ohio.

Their parents are Ronald and Lee Ann Fletcher of Woodburn, IN; and Thomas and Diane Bates of Leo, IN.

Their children are Kayla Mae, Addison Rene, Emilee

Raylene, Alex Robert, and Jared Robert.

The bride is a respiratory therapist at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana. The groom is the Windows Manager at Homeguard in Grabill, IN.

The family spent their honeymoon at East Harbor State Park Beach and water-slide. They will reside in Antwerp, Ohio.

- Michael Stuart, best First Place Sci. & Technology - Scott Wenninger
- Second Place Sci. & Technology - Michael Stuart
- State Fair Qualifiers: Rockets Away, Junior - Scott Wenninger
- Engineering Excitement Day, Radio Controlled Vehicles - Michael Stuart
- Small Engines: Crank It Up - Dustin Thomas, best
- Tune It Up - Thomas Zuber, best
- First Place Small Engines - Dustin Thomas
- State Fair Qualifiers: Crank It Up - Dustin Thomas

- Conservation: Let's Explore the Outdoors - Hannah Nguyen, best
- Tree Planting - Levi Priest, best
- Exploring Ohio Ponds - Alex Wetli, best
- Ohio Birds - Kylee Wenninger, best
- Rope - Trent Church, best
- First Place Conservation - Kylee Wenninger
- Second Place Conservation - Levi Priest
- State Fair Qualifiers: Ohio Birds - Kylee Wenninger
- Safe Use of Guns - Logan Fast
- Photography: Focus On Photography

- Level 1 - Madeline Baumle, best
- Focus On Photography Level 2 - Aimee Heck, best
- First Place Photography - Aimee Heck
- Second Place Photography - Madeline Baumle
- State Fair Qualifiers: Focus On Photography Level 2 - Aimee Heck

- Creative Writing: Creative Writing - Katie Harmon, best
- First Place Writing - Katie Harmon

Family Consumer Sciences:

Health: You're the Athlete - Addison Baumle, best

First Aid for Kids - Kyle Wenninger, best

Tobacco & You - Amelia Pierce, best

First Place Health Project - Amelia Pierce

Second Place Health Project - Kylee Wenninger

Family Life: Growing on my Own - Katie Carnahan, best

Growing in Communities - Tanya Collins, best

First Place Family Life Project - Katie Carnahan

Leisure Activities: Collectibles - Franklin Grimes, best

Home Decorating: Designing Interiors - Ann Reinhart, best

First Place Home Design Project - Ann Reinhart

Second Place Home Design Project - Kristina Skeldon

Genealogy & Citizenship/International: Family History Treasurer Hunt - Haley Fiechter, best

First Place Heritage Project - Haley Fiechter

Second Place Heritage Project - Amber Gebers

Leadership: First Place Leadership Project - Taylor Baumle

First Place Junior Leaders Project - Audrey Nice

Second Place Junior Leaders Project - Taylor Baumle

- Self-Determined: Self-Determined - Creative Arts, Juniors - Haley Fiechter, best
- Self-Determined - Creative Arts, Senior - Mac Clark, best
- Scrapbooking - Michele Stuart, best
- Creative Arts: Art as Expression - Ty Lee

Crop and Garden Tour:

Horticulture: From Seed to Flower - Estee Miller, best

Lawncare - Justin Johnson

First Place Horticulture - Justin Johnson

Second Place Horticulture - Thomas Zuber

Vegetable Gardening: Vegetable Gardening I - Jill Stephenson, best

First Place Vegetable Gardening - Jill Stephenson

Second Place Vegetable Gardening - Richard Zielke

State Fair Qualifiers: Lawncare - Justin Johnson

OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MINUTES

The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life Insurance have been busy again here in June.

Environmental work was done along SR 66 north of Oakwood for their two mile pick up. Nine members were present for this project. To finish the project mulch was purchased and placed around trees and shrubs we had planted in the past, around Oakwood, Fort Brown and John Paulding Historical Society.

Buckeye Trails volunteers have been working south of Oakwood. We furnished the noon lunch at the Oakwood Memorial Park for thirty Arbor members and volunteers.

June meeting was held at the Oakwood Fire and EMS building. Firemen and rescue personnel were present to give us a Health & Safety talk. Topics were on fire an smoke alarms—being sure to have a yearly date set to change batteries and to check often to be sure they're working. Tornado alarms and weather alerts were discussed and other related topics. A tour was given to all present.

Gleaners agent, Kevin Hornish, was present and literature given with questions answered and can call his office any time.

Caring Hands project was discussed for the "straight winds" we had in area recently.

Refreshments of ice cream, sundry, soda, floats, etc. for June's Dairy Month was enjoyed by the twenty present.

Election of Officers will be held in July. July 10th meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. with a carry in meal, at Memorial Park, (in case of inclement weather to be held at Twin Oaks UMC fellowship hall).

Gleaners communicator Ruth Beien was present to remind us of the Mud Hens Baseball game coming up, tour to Savannah, GA, and Ohio picnic in Findlay. Also an outing at Mackinac Island.

Soon our new Arbor calendar will be made, as our new year starts September 1st each year. We are looking for new members. Give us a call or come join us. We have no dues to pay, just your volunteering acts and hours, is what keeps us working and growing.



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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan
Kirk Hopkins loaned me a booklet that he found in the Weatherhead Plant. This booklet was made for the Open House Celebration of the Weatherhead Plant in Antwerp, December 12, 1951. This story and picture is going to bring back a lot of memories for a lot of people and for me also.

Many, many people attended that open house that day and some who were not invited. Eddie Snyder tells me that he and Bill Parrott and Jim Donell played hookey and visited the plant that day. They were called to the Superintendents Office the next day and Mr. Bell asked them why they left school without permission. They explained they thought they would learn more in that big factory than they would in school. That seemed to satisfy Archie and he sent the boys back to class. Mr. Bell was a first class Superintendent, he was no stuffed shirt.

In the over 50 years that the Weatherhead Factory was in operation it touched nearly every home in Antwerp and the neighboring towns also.

Probably their parents or brothers, sisters, aunts or uncles were employed there at one time or other.

I talked with Wayne Carr the other day. He worked there over 40 years, most of

it in Personnel. He said that at one time they ran three full tricks with a total of over 1,100 employees with all the overtime you wanted.

George Underwood was one of their longest employees in time of service. George hired in June 4 of 1951 at \$1.10 per hour. He was on machinery about 20 years and assembly about 20 years. He was earning about \$20.00 per hour at retirement time.

I was talking to Chuck Miller and he told me some of the products they made. He said Weatherhead made the strongest fittings in the world for hydraulic hoses and made them from most any metal.

They made L.P. gas valves and regulators, window vents for Ford Thunderbirds and Chrysler autos, and air conditioner condenser cans for the auto industry. They made mortar shell housing for the government. They made hydraulic pumps for the landing gear on some air planes.

The plant was made bigger in 1964 and then again in 1968. It covered 250,000 square foot of floor space.

This is only a small list of the products they make over a period of time.

My mother and brother retired from Dana-Weatherhead along with hundreds of other people from this area. A.J. Weatherhead factory was a boon to this area and that is putting it mildly.

See, Ya!



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AVOID BITES AND STINGS THIS SUMMER!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

The sun is out. The temperatures are rising. At last the screened doors and windows can let in the fresh air. Summer is finally here!

As you enjoy the great weather, however, please give some thought to hazards that come with the season, and take steps to protect the safety of your family, your friends, and your postal employees.

Dogs like the summer weather, too. Cooped up all winter, they want to play, now that it's pretty outside. But dogs can present a hazard. Last year, more than 3,100 letter carriers were attacked while on the job delivering the nation's mail. And that number pales in comparison to the more than four million Americans—most of whom are under the age of 13—bitten by dogs all across the country.

What can you do to ensure that your dog doesn't injure someone? First, be sure that your pet is always properly restrained. Make sure your fences are secure and locks are in place. Make sure that your children understand that your dog should not be allowed out, except while on a leash controlled by a responsible family member. Even your neighbor's usually friendly dog might bite.

Bees, wasps, hornets, and spiders like warm weather, too. Thousands of people are allergic, making a bee sting a potential life-threatening event.

What can you do to stop bee stings? Periodically check your mailbox, the eaves and overhangs of your house, and your flower beds, and remove any insect nests promptly.

Help protect your letter carrier and have a wonderful and safe summer.

—Your Local Postmaster

A couple of weeks ago we ran a picture of the Maumee Valley Fish and Game Club. We knew who all of the men were except one young man on the left end. Well, he saw that picture and called the WBN, and identified who that young man was.

His name is Bob Zimmerman and he lives outside of Woodburn. He is 78 now and was 15 when the picture was taken. He also has a copy of that photograph.

We had a nice visit on the phone and we appreciate him calling.

I talked to Nancy Bennett the other day and found out that the Bethel Home Made Ice Cream Festival is July 19th this year.

Larry Copsey says Antwerp's Main Street Cruise-In for 2008 will be Saturday, July 26.

A man was beach combing along the Pacific Ocean in California. He picked up a bottle and sure enough, there was a Genie in it. He said he could award the man one wish. He told the man that he was a Junior Grade Genie and could only give one wish.

The man said he loved the Hawaiian Islands but he won't ride an airplane and he gets seasick on a boat so would he build a highway all the way to Hawaii.

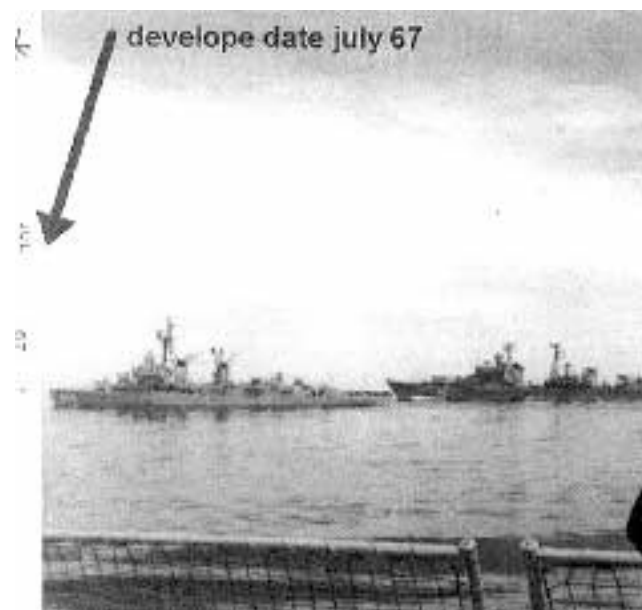
The Genie said, "Boy, that would be a chore, do you have a second choice?"

The man said, "Can you fix it so I will be able to understand women?"

After he thought a moment the Genie said, "How many lanes do you want on the highway?"

See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS TOO



By: Stan Jordan

These pictures were given to me by Marty Hunt. This is part of a collection that he gave us. We have already used one of his pictures and down the road we will use some others. Thank you Marty for your help.

This picture that shows #1045 in dry dock. As I understand, Marty was a member of the Davidson's first crew. They went down to the Ship Building Yards and took her out on a shake down cruise. Marty was very proud of the fact that he was a member of the original crew.

The one picture of 1045 shows her underway as an American ship.

Then that next picture was of the U.S.S. Walker cutting off a Russian Destroyer, somewhere in the Sea of Japan. The Russian ship was trying to break inside the screen of ships. This photo was taken from The Davidson, that is the one Marty was on. This was in July of 1967.

The U.S.S. Davidson was leased to Brazil in 1989. It was renamed Pariba D-28 and it is shown as such in one of the pictures.

Marty said it was being towed to South America to be scrapped, but as it was being towed it sank.

I know Marty had mixed emotions about the ship sinking. But he said it had a good active and honorable

record and he was glad to see it go to the bottom rather than be cut up as scrap. Nearly all sailors would have felt this way because that was their home and life for many months.

See, Ya!

DUNCAN AND BAXTER

By: Rose Kever

I guess its time for an update on my two boys (actually, this was a request from my aunt).

Duncan – the fat cat – is getting smarter all the time. You know the old saying, "With age, comes wisdom?" I guess it applies to him, too. (Baxter is probably as smart as he's going to get!) Duncan can turn the water spigot on in the bathroom. He likes to play in the water. He also can turn the bathroom lights off an on, and he opens the doors on the bedroom and bathrooms because we have French handles instead of knobs and all he needs to do is reach up and pull down on it.

He's still quite the porker, who weighs 28 pounds now, but it hasn't slowed him down much. He's a fast runner, but stopping is a problem. Most of the time its an inanimate object that stops him. Laying down is also a problem and absolutely hilarious. He kinda crouches down and rolls over. He lays on his back a lot, belly up and all four feet up. He looks like an otter, all he needs is the rack on his chest and clams in his hands.

We love to rub his tummy and he likes it really well.

Now, if his food bowl is empty, then Baxter gets mauled. Duncan jumps on Baxter and bites his ears, so then Baxter yowls and bugs me to put food in the bowls.

I guess with Duncan being raised with adults explains why he's afraid of little kids. Especially our grandson, Seth, who likes to chase him. Since Duncan hasn't been de-clawed, I'm not sure who would win if Seth ever caught him.

Baxter is turning into an old man. He's eight years old

now, so he's not very active. When Duncan decides its time to play and tries to get Baxter involved, it sounds like we've got a whole herd of cats! Baxter sounds like he's being killed. He spits, hisses, growls, and screams. Most of the time the only way he gets away from Duncan is to find a high place to perch, because Duncan can't jump up as far as Baxter can.

Baxter is also a 'talking' cat. It's easy to have a conversation with him as he answers my questions, never changes his tone and seems to say what I want to hear. If I wasn't already married (and if it was legal) Baxter would be my next husband!

He has a very raspy voice because he had a fungal growth on his voice box. The vet said he is lucky to have gotten his voice back at all, but now he sounds more like one of those "ECW" wrestlers than like a cat! Duncan meows like a girl, all quiet and sweet. Even if one of us clumsy old ones steps on his tail, he just gives a soft "mew".

Oh, we can't forget the flea infestation we had last summer. Lordy, we had a mess! We had to flea bomb the house twice and got cat shampoo that killed the little critters on contact. Of course, it took two baths to get them, but we won the battle and the war. The reason we got the darn things in the first place is because we 'kitty sat' with our adopted daughter's crew of cats. Now if we watch them, they're in a big ol' box in the garage, not in the house.

After we bombed the house, cleaned the carpeting, swept up dead fleas and bathed the two boys, everything went back to normal and they're happy as clams on a rock.

"Be alert that dictators have always played on the natural human tendency to blame others and to oversimplify. And don't regard yourself as a guardian of freedom unless you respect and preserve the rights of people you disagree with to free, public, unhampered Expression."

Presented by Phillip Piersma

—Gerard K. O'Neill

SCHOOL CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES PROJECT



Paulding County Job and Family Services is offering a limited project to assist families with school clothing and supplies for school year 2008-2009.

Applications will be available at PCDJFS, 303 W. Harrison St., Beginning

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

Applications are to be filled out and must be returned completed to PCDJFS no later than

4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008

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AUGUST 2ND, 3RD AND 7TH – Private Parties Get YOUR Event Scheduled NOW.



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Rally is this week's featured pet. Rally is a one to two year old Boxer/Lab mix. He is very friendly and is medium sized.

If you are looking for a new dog please visit the shelter or see the dogs online at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

Due to the very wet weather, flies and other biting bugs are a real problem. Make sure your dog is taking their monthly heartworm preventative and keep fly repellent on their ears and face area to keep the bugs away. Ear tips can become extremely raw and painful in just a day from fly bites. If your dog's ears are already injured from flies you can get ointment that will heal as well as prevent further bites. Contact your veterinarian or pet supply store to see what products they have available.

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Information: Gaylen Goff Stetler & Eugene Norwhald; Written By: Sue Knapp

The information and history of these next few articles is from 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days' Woodburn Centennial - 1865-1965. Eugene and Gaylen have been very generous in providing me with articles and information about Woodburn, I am very grateful to them for sharing. We now will start from the 'beginning'.

While exploring along the Maumee River a group of men found a mound and a skull. The bones were identified by the Ohio Historical Society as human bones probably a male. Therefore the first known people to inhabit this area were called the 'Moundbuilders'. These people would bury their dead under mounds of earth.

The Indians were the next known people to call this area their home. They hunted, waged war, bossed the women (who did all the work) and wore skins and furs of animals for clothes. It is said that if the wife was unfaithful the husband would cut off her nose.

One family from the tribe practiced cannibalism. This duty was inherited. They would torture their victims and burn them at the stake.

The first white men were known as the Wood Rangers. It is thought that these men were adventurers and came by boat via Lake Erie to the mouth of the Maumee and traveled from there. They

soon saw that the area was very profitable because of all the animals. They made up with the Indians, marrying them and living their lives as one of them. Others got bored with the wilderness and went back to the trading posts of the east and sold pelts. After the money was spent they would head back to the wilderness to marry into a different tribe and start the process all over again.

This is the background of what happened before a true explorer came. A map from 1657, prepared by a French geographer showed Lake Erie and a river defined as the Maumee flowing into it from the southwest. This means the Maumee was explored before 1657 and is agreed that LaSalle, in 1680 traveled the river passing through Maumee Township and on to Lake Erie.

Even though the area was beautiful, the trees were close together and tall. Swamps were created because of the sun not being able to shine to the ground. The southern part of the township was full of these swamps.

Next time: Canals are introduced.

REALLY BIG WEEK AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN HICKSVILLE!

There's something for everyone, and something going on everyday at the Johnson Memorial Library the second week of July.

The week kicks off on Monday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. with the Spiderman 3 Movie Night. "Come join us for a night of web-tingling entertainment as we wrap up the Spiderman movie trilogy," invited Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. The movie night is free and is open to all fourth through twelfth graders. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

On Tuesday, July 8th from 7:00-11:00 a.m., OSU Extension and the Hicksville Beatification Committee will host their weekly Farmers Market in the library parking lot. There's produce, baked goods, honey, craft items, and more.

Also on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. as a part of the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Program, the library will host a Flu Bug Story Time. The story time is free and is open to children three and up. The program will include Flu Bug stories, activities, a movie, sing-along, and a flu bug craft.

"On Wednesday, July 9th at 10:00 a.m., we'll be celebrating the life of children's author Eric Carle with all of his well-loved bug books including The Very Busy Spider and The Very Hungry Caterpillar along with bug crafts and a butterfly movie," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. Eric Carle's Bug Story Time is free and is open to children three and up.

On Thursday, July 10th at

2:00 p.m. not only will we be talking and reading about bugs, we'll also be touching, holding, and feeling them. The Fort Wayne Children's Zoomobile will be putting on a Zoo Day program at the library. Zoo Day is free and is open to everyone.

And the week just keeps getting busier and busier. On Friday, July 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-noon, the Friends of the Hicksville Library will host its Annual Used Book Sale on the front lawn of the library. All of the books, magazines, movies, and audio books will be available for a donation. All of the proceeds from the Annual Used Book Sale go to support library programs, purchase new materials, and support the library volunteer scholarship fund. "Please come on out support the library and the Hicksville Community Service Center," shared Murphy.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, the Hicksville Community Service Center will begin serving High's Bar-B-Que Chicken and Pork Chop Dinners on the lawn next to the library. The dinners include the entrée, potato chips, applesauce, and cookies. Meat only orders are also available. All of the proceeds will be used to support programs through the community service center. To place a pre-order or to arrange for a lunch-time delivery, call the center at 419-542-7173.

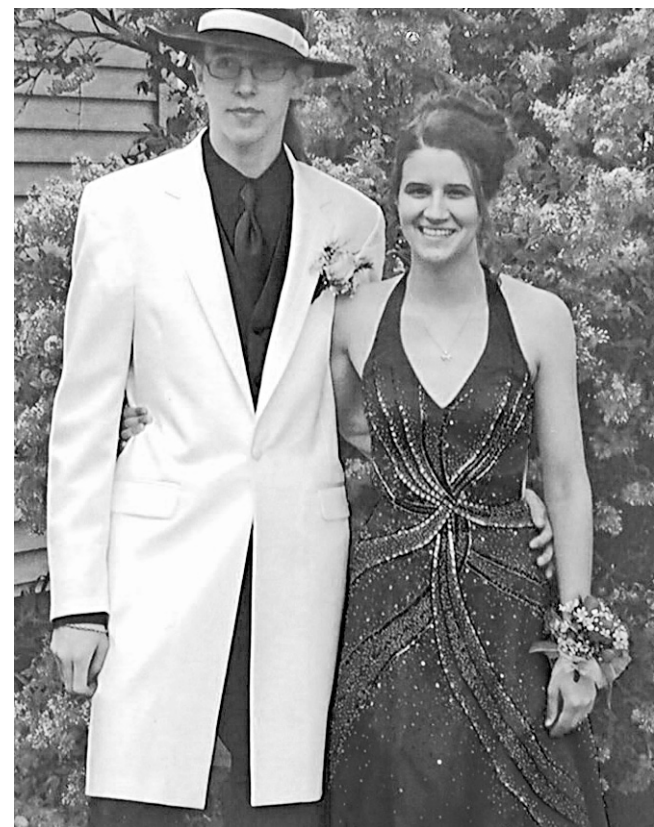
At 10:00 a.m. on Friday as a part of the library's teen "Metamorphosis" Summer Reading Program, the library will begin its Firefly Marathon. All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to come out and explore the futuristic Firefly world. The Firefly Marathon is free and will run throughout the day.

Also on Friday at 4:00 p.m., the library will host its Role Playing Game Group. The group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Harris, and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

In addition to the Annual Used Book Sale wrapping up on Saturday, the library will also be hosting a Love Bug Movie Morning at 10:00 a.m. with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. For more information on any of the Summer Reading Program events or the Friends of the Hicksville Library's Annual Used Book Sale, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or stop by the library.

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MARLIN - BRADLEY



Stephen and Shelley Marlin would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Joan Marlin to Jacob Allen Bradley, son of John and Julie Bradley.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Antwerp High School and has worked in sales.

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sister Madilyn, and his cousin Cole Seslar. Owen, Madilyn and Cole's grandfather Jerry Price and great-grandfather Victor Tuohy are heading the project to get the marker for the Junction canals.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE LEVY FOR 2009

Commissioners met with the non-mandated fund group, which are the entities in Paulding County that will realize loss of funding as of 2009 should the 2.5 levy fail to pass. A few concerns and figures that were discussed will be expanded on today and in the next few months with county taxpayers.

One area of concern is Fund 149, which was the levy for the original operations and maintenance for the new jail that was passed in 2002. This levy required a "Yes" vote before any continuance of the new jail was possible.

The five-year levy began collection in January of 2003 and ended December, 2007, generating approximately \$220,000 per year.

As of April 1, 2008, the balance in Fund 149 was \$322,278 with \$50,850 being used per month for operations and maintenance. By the middle of October, 2008, this fund will be depleted. In the last 2½ months of 2008 this cost will be shifted to the general fund. Approximately \$127,125 will be needed to maintain the current level of services. Reductions to other general fund offices will begin soon after the Fund 149 money is depleted.

Looking ahead to 2009, if the levy does not pass, \$610,000 plus would be needed from the general fund to function at present levels. Current valuation indicates that 1 mill is projected to provide \$310,000 each year. A 2½ mill levy would provide an estimated gross amount of \$775,000 per year. This would provide a difference of \$160,000 each year for repairs (especially the courthouse) and other areas of specific needs, many of which have been delayed because of financial concerns.

Again, this is not just a "Jail Levy"; but a county operations and maintenance levy needed for many different affected groups and areas. Overall expenses to the county are rising faster than revenue.

As explained in a previous article, a document that shows every expenditure and income concerning Fund 149 (the mill levy passed in 2002) can be obtained for viewing at the Commissioners' Office in the Courthouse. Printed copies of Fund 149 have been made available to the media and citizens. Because of its length and scope of detail, the Commissioners or Sheriff would be happy to clarify any questions you may have. Commissioners would be open to any suggestions for balancing the gap between costs and projected revenue.

Commissioners met with Kurt Slusser from the Ohio Department of Transportation concerning the deposition of the Rochester Park road side rest. Once new US 24 is open, the current US 24 will be turned into a county road. When that happens, ODOT will abandon the rest stop. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources were present to explore the possibility of ODNR taking responsibility for the area. Their initial plan is to remove the existing structures and prepare the area for use as a nature area with access to the Maumee River. ODNR would maintain the area and

preserve it as the first county seat of Paulding County. The Commissioners would welcome any comments prior to the final disposition of the area.

—Paulding County Commissioners

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BUBBA J'S WALL OF FAME

By: Sue Knapp

Bob Fessel took it upon himself to make plaques for each portrait on the Wall of Fame at Bubba J's.

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Shown here from the left are: Emma Shuherk holding Rose, Mrs. Sinn, Ava Douglas, Brooke Ankney, Baylee March, Rylee Troth holding Sheldon, Estie Sinn, Ryan Rupp, Sam Adams, Ethan Herman and Brody Fisher. In back are Carson Rupp and Molly Adams.

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MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING DEDICATES BIRD AVIARY



On June 26, Elaine Phillips, Director of Manor House Assisted Living, presented the family of Goldie Getrost with a plaque to be attached to the Bird Aviary. A dedication of the Aviary was presented by Elaine with refreshments served after.

The residents were lined up for the dedication, talking about the birds and the fact that much enjoyment was received by watching them.

The dedication went as follows: For those of you who don't already know this, Goldie Getrost was our first resident at Manor House Assisted Living. She moved in on January 2, 2007 and celebrated her 95th birthday on March 23, 2007 while residing at Manor House.

Goldie was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. During her stay at Manor House one of our Resident Companions (Amy Connor) taught Goldie how to paint.

Goldie told us she's never painted before in her life. But as you can see by the collage of prints on the wall, she had a hidden talent just waiting to explode. She was very modest about her paintings and never gave herself enough credit for how beautiful each painting came to life beneath her brush.

Goldie passed away while residing here at Manor House on Friday, September 21, 2007. Because of the love Goldie had for her birds, her family decided to set up the Goldie Getrost Bird sanctuary fund upon her death, which in turn they gave to Manor House for the down payment of this new Bird Aviary that arrived here on Thursday, June 5. The residents, staff and families as well as Essen House patrons enjoy the aviary on a daily basis. We even have residents we had difficulty getting out of their rooms before, coming down to watch the birds.

We'd now like to present this plaque to Goldie's family and we'll in turn have it placed upon the aviary to Goldie remember the love Goldie gave to all who's life she touched.

Right now there are four pairs and a single bird in the aviary. One pair of the birds are nesting on two eggs and everyone is in anticipation of the birth and watching the little ones grow.

The Living Design people (who furnish the birds) come every three months to thoroughly clean the aviary and check out the birds. When the aviary gets over populated the excess birds are taken and relocated, the health of the birds is assured.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2008

Mayor Hoepfner stated the East Allen Communities has changed the wording on the reorganization plan and are asking for a resolution to adopt the final plan. After discussion Councilmen made motions to reject the final plan, 5 yes, motion passed.

Mayor reported Caring and Sharing benefit will be September 27th in the grocery store parking lot and the Children's Home auction will be October 18th at the community center.

Chief Carpenter reported 102 incidents for the month of April. He has an appointment to have the police car looked at. Councilman stated there is money budgeted for a new police car and would like the council to consider purchasing a new car. This is tabled for now.

Mayor reported the cameras for the police vehicles would cost \$4837.00 each. Councilmen made motions to purchase two cameras from the radio shop, install one and hold the second till a decision is made about the other police car, 4 yes, 1 abstained,

motion passed. Chief Carpenter reported items stolen from cars over the weekend and would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles.

Resident reported a drainage problem at her home, she would like the speed limit signs on Woodburn Road moved out to slow traffic down coming into town and the cap is missing on her shut off valve. Ryan Walls will jet out the drain, speak with the county on moving the signs and get a cap put on her valve.

Resident reported a sink-hole beside his driveway. Ryan will look at it. Resident would like something done with the ditch beside his house. Ryan Walls will mow.

Joel Doehrman would like to see city vehicle maintenance done in town and would like the opportunity to service the vehicles. Mayor will give both automotive shops opportunities to service vehicles.

Mayor suspended the reading of the minutes. Councilmen made motions to approve minutes, 5 yes, motion passed.

Warrants were presented for approval, totaling \$37,053.70, checks 6189-6207. Councilmen made motions to approve warrants, 5 yes, motion passed.

Ryan Walls reported he fixed the catch basin in front of National City Bank, the water tap for the home on Lynnwood is done and he is still flushing hydrants.

The line on Gustin Road was tested and is hooked up and the mower had a bad motor and is being replaced, under warranty.

A Resident had his water shut off to fix a leak and wants to leave it off. Ryan will have to report it to the department of health if he goes without water for two months, Mayor will speak to resident.

Councilman wants Ryan to fill potholes on Bull Rapids and paint the curb by Jim's Pizza.

Councilman reported we are still scheduled for Pfister's to trim trees on Park Lane.

Councilman stated T & C bid \$2,600.00 to replace a section of concrete on Maple court. Councilmen made motions to accept Reichharts bid of \$1,200.00, 5 yes, motion passed.

Pendergrast submitted a bid of \$5,270.00 to do ditch work on Tile Mill Road. Councilmen made motions to accept their bid, 5 yes, motion passed. Councilman suggested moving the detour off Tile Mill Road before repaving is done. Ryan Walls will speak with the county.

Councilman presented an article on raising money for pet oxygen masks; he thought this might be something the chamber of commerce is interested in. He suggested taking out the grass area to widen Westmont and solve the parking problem.

Councilman suggested if the City is considering doing any annexation it should be considered before the laws get tougher. Mayor stated at this time there are no plans.

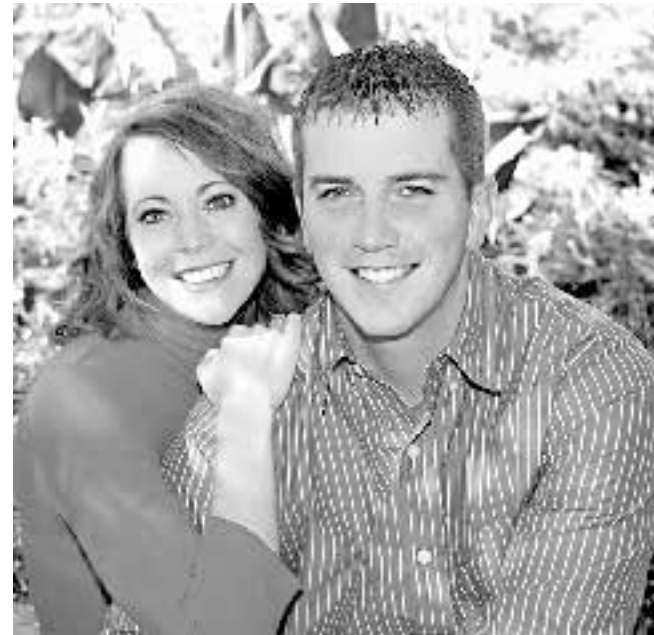
Summer sprinkling Ordinance G-08-1180 was presented for the first reading.

Councilmen made motions to accept the first reading, 5 yes, motion passed. Lesa reminded Council the office would be closed next week to attend training.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Council meetings for July are the 7th and 21st.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

HORMANN - FREESE



Larry and Elizabeth Hormann of Antwerp announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Angie Hormann to Josh Freese, son of Mike and Kathy Freese of West Liberty.

The bride-elect is a 1998 Antwerp Local School graduate and a 2001 Owens Community College graduate. She works at Ohio Indiana Development as a Human Resource

es Manger in Harlan.

Her fiancé is a 1999 West Liberty-Salem High School graduate and a 2003 Bowling Green State University graduate. He works at Hicksville Local School as a Business Education teacher and a Football and Softball coach.

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