

STRAHLEY SISTERS SELECTED IN THE PRE-TEEN OHIO ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Ashlyn and Kaly Strahley, daughters of Jeff and Connie Strahley of Paulding, have been selected as finalists in the Pre-Teen Ohio Academic and Enrichment Program to be held August 15-17, 2008 in Pittsburg, PA. Ashlyn was the 2006 Pre-Teen Ohio Junior Titleholder and is now pursuing the Senior title while her sister, Kaly, pursues the Junior title.

Pre-Teen Ohio is a by-invitation only Academic and Enrichment event involving young ladies 7 to 12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young

ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State Finalists will be evaluated on (1) Academic Achievement (2) Volunteer Service to Community (3) School Honors and Activities (4) Development of Personal Skills and Abilities (5) General Knowledge Assessment (6) Communicative Ability and (7) On-Stage Acknowledgement of Accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Ohio will award more than \$5,000 in Educational Savings Bonds, prizes and awards.

WOODBURN HOLDS PANCAKE RACE TO BENEFIT FIREFIGHTERS

Woodburn firefighters will soon see why sometimes two wheels are better than four. On July 26-27 the Woodburn Fire Department will welcome competitive cyclists from Northeast Indiana and the Midwest to the third annual Pancake Race. The two-day race will include a road race, a 13-mile time trial, and a NASCAR-style criterion through the city park. The Woodburn Fire Department Auxiliary is also planning numerous events for kids and the entire family.

On Saturday, July 26th, a pancake breakfast will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Fire Department. Proceeds from the breakfast and the Pancake Race will benefit the Woodburn Fire Department. A kids' bike parade will also be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Participants are asked to arrive no later than 9:45. Representatives from Parkview Memorial Hospital will be handling out helmets to all registered participants.

"It's a great opportunity for spectators to watch some of the top cyclists in the region and support the Woodburn Fire Department," says John Martin, one of the organizers of the event.

On Sunday at 12:15 p.m. there will be a kids' race in the park. The community will then also be treated to a bike safety rodeo followed by a watermelon eating contest, hillbilly horseshoes and hillbilly golf.

The Pancake Race, organized by the Koehlinger/Kelley Cycling Team, is nationally sanctioned by USA Cycling. It is brought to the Woodburn community through the sup-

port of the following individuals and organizations: Marilyn Coomer, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Coomer Farms; National City Bank; Maumee Township Farm Bureau; Midwest Tile and Concrete; Dr. Heather Hicks, DDS; LJI Wealth Management; Ridge Auto; Bridge Manufacturing; Hall's Restaurants; and Crazy Sisters Coffee Roasters; and Dr. Richard Bull Chiropractic.

For more information, contact John Martin 260-403-9089, john.m.martin@comcast.net

ANTWERP EMS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Sunday, July 20, at 2:00 p.m. there will be a dedication of the memorial honoring the three fallen victims of the Antwerp EMS. The dedication will be held in Antwerp at the Firehouse, EMS buildings.

REGARDING RECENT ARSON FIRES

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office and State Fire Marshal's Office has identified three teenage adult males as being responsible for the recent eight (8) arson fires occurring in Paulding County, since May 15, 2008. The last involved fire was reported on June 16, 2008. The individuals are all from Paulding County and the cases will be presented to the Paulding County Grand Jury, meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008. As the investigation is continuing no other details are being released at this time.

—Dave Harrow, Paulding County Sheriff

PAULDING CHIEF SHOPPER WINS \$10,000 DREAM KITCHEN



Tina Demuth, Oakwood, is the winner of a \$10,000 Dream Kitchen from Chief Supermarket, Paulding, Ohio. Tina will receive a \$10,000 Home Depot gift card to create the kitchen of her dreams.

Ms. Demuth entered the Frozen Food Month contest at Chief Supermarket in March 2008.

Tina was surprised to receive a phone call in June to notify her that she had won the \$10,000 Dream Kitchen. Her completed entry was drawn at random making her the winner.

Tom Eickhoff, Store Director at Paulding Chief Supermarket, said, "I am very excited to hear that Tina won the Dream Kitchen. She's a familiar face every week. I hope she has a great time picking out her new kitchen."

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Rose Marie Shrider, 72 of Paulding, died Saturday, July 5, 2008 at Harborside Healthcare Center, Bryan, OH.

She was born June 26, 1936 in Latty, OH, the daughter of Marion A. and Bernice (Glass) Foust. On July 1, 1961 she married Harry F. Shrider, who preceded her in death on April 7, 2007. She was a self-employed hairdresser, a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, and a life member of Yankee Motorcycle Club, Defiance, where she was a past president.

She is survived by a son, Dean (Tamatha) Shrider of Stryker; and three grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Paul and Dean Foust; and a sister, Bonnie Foust.

Funeral services were conducted July 10 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, with Rev. Amy Haines officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Donations may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne, or Rose Marie Shrider's Grandchildren's Trust Fund. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Rita Ann Beeman, 54, of Hicksville, died on Saturday July 12, 2008 at University Medical Center - Toledo,

Ohio. She was born on May 1, 1954 in Port Washington, Wisconsin the daughter of Clarence and Coletta (Bichler) Schmitt.

She was a 1972 graduate of Random Lake High School - Random Lake, Wisconsin and an ITT graduate majoring in accounting.

She married Henry H. Beeman on July 26, 1974.

She was a homemaker; a member of the Catholic Church; and an avid Yatzee player.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; her mother, Coletta Schmitt of Random Lake, WI; two sisters: Ruth (Mark) Seider of Mequon, WI and Rose (Wayne) Vander Velden of Belgium, WI; three brothers: John (Terri Secer) Schmitt of Brown Town, WI; James (Lynda) Schmitt of Random Lake, WI; and Andrew (Val) Schmitt - Adell, WI; a brother-in-law, Lyle Dysert of Random Lake, WI; a special niece, Kelly (Tim) Grandey of Hicksville, OH.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence; a sister, Suzanne Dysert; and an infant daughter, Danielle.

Funeral services were July 15 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery - Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to Donor's Choice.

Dolores Marcile (Vance) White, 79, of Bowling Green, died Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL.

Mrs. White was a retired church secretary at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, where she also was a member of the Esther Circle, the choir, Loyal Hearts Sunday School Class, and United Methodist Women.

She also was a member of the Paulding County Historical Society and Wood County Hospital Guild. She served as president of the Stonegate Homeowner's Association.

Born December 4, 1928 in Grover Hill, to Cloyce Willard and Elizabeth (Fruche) Vance, she married Donald Ordean White on March 4, 1950. He died June 16, 1983.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers: Wendell and Daryll Vance; and a sister, Valera Riley.

Surviving are a son, Dana Lee of Westerville; a daughter, Deborah Kay Scheuerman of Naperville, IL; a sister, Donna Thornell of Convoy; four grandchildren; and two

great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service was held July 12 at the church. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church or American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent at www.dunnfuneralhome.com.

Lula A. Kees, 98, of Hicksville died Thursday July 10, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

She was born on November 10, 1909 in Springfield Twp., Allen County, Indiana the daughter of Frank and Celia (Pearson) Donat. She married Glen Kees on December 30, 1926.

She was a retail clerk and a homemaker her entire life.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church - Hicksville; the All Together Farm Club; and an honorary member of Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary - Hicksville.

She is survived by three daughters: Bonnie Poper of Hicksville; Mary (Jim) Friend of Antwerp and Linda (Jim) Bloir of Bryan, OH; a son: Norbert "Nub" (Anna Mae) of Hicksville; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Frances Meek; a brother, Ray Donat; a sister, Ethel Fulmer; and a step-great-grandson.

Funeral services was on July 13 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home - Hicksville with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Burial was at Scipio Cemetery - Harlan, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to: Hickory Creek Activity Fund or Crippled Children & Adult Society or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Doretta M. Kinnaley, 61, of Payne, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2008 at her residence.

Doretta was born in Paulding on March 6, 1947, the daughter of the late Ralph Coomer and Frances (Zartman) Comer who survives her of Payne.

She was a homemaker and a member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

On September 4, 1965, she married David D. Kinnaley, who survives.

Doretta will be sadly missed by her husband, Dave; mother, Frances Comer; daughter, Michelle all of Payne; sons: Kenneth (Tammy) of Paulding and Chad of Fort Wayne; and five grand-

children. She is preceded in death by her father, Ralph Coomer; and step-father, Kenneth Comer.

Her funeral service was at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Payne on July 15, with Rev. Amy Haines will officiating. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to the charity of your choice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Dooley Funeral Home of Antwerp & Payne.

Icle Galbert, 92 of Paulding died Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born December 2, 1915 in Blaire, West Virginia, the daughter of Van and Alli (Ellis) McNeely. In 1935 she married Lawrence C. Johnson, who preceded her in death in 1963. On March 24, 1974 she married Edward E. Galbert Sr., who preceded her in death on March 13, 1990. She was a member of Harvest Field Pentecostal Church of God.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia L. Dunson of Paulding; a stepson, David Galbert of Springfield, OH; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; a son, Norman Johnson; a daughter, Jean Galbert; a step-son, Edward Galbert Jr.; two sisters: Violet Brown and Velvie Baldwin; and two brothers: Bud and Dell McNeely.

Funeral services were conducted July 12 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Ron Hofacker officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Harvest Field Pentecostal Church of God, Scott. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Dorothy Irene Faust, 93, was called to meet her Savior on July 7, 2008 at her daughter's home in Ocala, FL.

Dorothy was born October 3, 1914 in Clinton County, MI, the daughter of Tom and Elsie Mees. For 54 years she was married to Harold E. Faust who preceded her in death in December 1986.

Dorothy was an LPN at the Paulding County Hospital. She also worked with the American Red Cross Mobile unit. She loved to crochet, sew and knit and her crocheted afghans and knitted Christmas stockings brightened the homes of many Paulding County friends and co-workers. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

Surviving are two daugh-

ters: Helen (Fred) Spencer of Fort Wayne, IN, and Karen (Gene) Lehman of Ocala, FL; one brother, Clinton Mees of Jackson, MI; six grandchildren: Terri (Bruce) Vanderpool, Tom (Dana) Ross, Jim (Linda) Ross, Joni (Kevin) Burnett, Scott (Tamatha) Lehman, Kimberly (Christopher) Vaffis; 11 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Proceeding her in death were her parents; seven brothers: Charles, Oscar, Clifford, Robert, Donald, Clayton and Dale; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held July 13 followed by services at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Raymond Daniel officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations are made to: Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL, 34478-4860. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

David A. "Boot" Feasby, 58, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, July 7, 2008 at his residence.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 26, 1950,

the son of the late Paul and Jean (Thompson) Feasby who survives him of Antwerp.

Boot was a 1968 graduate of Antwerp High School and was a social member of the Antwerp VFW. He enjoyed his family, racing and trips to Kelleys Island. He was the manager at Steve Reiff, Antwerp. On September 15, 1985, Boot married Denise Dietrich, who survives.

Boot will be sadly missed by his wife, Denise; mother, Jean; daughters: Stacy (Matt) Hopkins of Antwerp, Tracy (Mark) Marczewski of Westerville and Kristy (Chad) Bradford of Oakwood; sister, Cindy (Randy) Bell; brothers: Steve (Terri) and Mark (Sue) all of Antwerp; and grandchildren: Cody and Logan Bradford and Ella Marczewski.

His service was July 10 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Rev. Max Begley officiated. He was laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery, Cecil.

The family requests donations to Gateway for Cancer Research www.gatewayforcancerresearch.org. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Isabelle L. Zuber, 100, of

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The daring rescue operation involved months of intelligence gathering, dozens of helicopters on standby, and a lot of planning. The rebels had been led to believe that the hostages were to be taken by helicopter to supreme rebel leader Alfonso Cano to discuss a possible hostage swap. When the hostages were shoved onto the unmarked helicopter, their hands bound, even Betancourt believed they were being transferred to another guerrilla camp.

The helicopter crew members, however, were soldiers in disguise. As soon as the helicopter was airborne, the crew members persuaded the rebel soldiers - including the local commander, alias Cesar, who had tormented Betancourt for years - to turn over their pistols, and then they were subdued.

Then one of the crewmen announced: "We're the national army. You're free!"

The helicopter was filled with jubilation. Betancourt reported: "The helicopter almost fell from the sky because we were jumping up and down, yelling, crying, hugging one another." *

Through our own wrong choices, you and I have been taken captive by sin. Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a SLAVE of sin" (John 8:34). Sin is a harsh master, and it will ultimately destroy us (Romans 6:23).

But God planned a monumental rescue mission.... He loved us so much that He sent His son to rescue us from sin (John 3:16). Jesus gave His life as ransom so that WE might be set free (Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:7).

Jesus has made our freedom from sin possible IF we will accept His offer on His terms by: believing in Him and trusting Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). When we cooperate with Him through our trusting obedience, He, in essence, says to us: "I AM the Son of God. I have come to your rescue. You're free!"

And, if we will CONTINUE to follow Him faithfully, He will CONTINUE to cleanse us from sin and lead us to Eternal Life (1 John 1:7)!

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Payne, passed away Friday, July 11, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Antwerp on February 1, 1908, the daughter of the late Francis and Susan (Arndt) Wetli.

Isabelle was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish (formerly St. John the Baptist), Payne. She was a member of the St. Catherine's Circle and was devoted to her family, church and enjoyed farm life.

She married Frank Zuber, February 7, 1934. He passed away November 13, 1979.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Beatrice (Leonard) Karr of Garrett, IN and Arlene (Gary) Wobler of Carmel, IN; sons: Leonard (Marilyn) and Russell (Carol), both of Payne; 14 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her sisters: Florence Schaeffer, Louise Anderson and Sr. Agathonia Wetli; and brothers: Eugene, Charles and Gerald Wetli.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish (formerly St. John the Baptist), Payne, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. She will be laid to rest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

You may call at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne on Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The family requests donations to the Divine Mercy School Endowment Fund. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

THE STORY OF THE FROG AND THE SCORPION

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

There is an obscure fable from long ago of a conversation between a scorpion and a frog. It seems the scorpion approached the frog one day at the edge of a river.

"Please take me across the river on your back," said the scorpion.

"You are crazy," replied the frog. "Halfway across the river you would sting me and then I would drown."

"It's you who's crazy," the scorpion retorted. "If I stung you when you were taking me across the river on your back, I would drown too!"

So the frog was persuaded and agreed to the deal. The scorpion climbed on his back and off they went.

Halfway across the river, the scorpion stung the frog. As they were both drowning, sinking down to the river bed, the frog looked at the scorpion and asked, "But why?"

The scorpion looked back and replied, "I guess that's just the way I am."

Interesting little story, isn't it? Either the scorpion COULD not or WOULD

not fight against his natural inclination to sting the frog. As a result, both were destroyed.

Because we are born sinners and have a natural "bent" toward selfishness, we will normally think, speak, and act according to our nature. Some of the time we say that we simply can't help it. Or that it's not our fault.

We will say things like, "I'm Irish and have an Irish temper" (as if that should somehow justify one's lack of self-control).

Or we'll say, "That's the way I was brought up and the way I've always been." (as if we are not responsible for our actions today because we can conveniently blame them on our parents and our background).

The truth of the matter is, God holds us morally responsible for our actions. We do NOT have to be held hostage by our personality, our temperament, our parents, our background, and our upbringing.

But it is only in the power of Jesus Christ that we can have the power to be what we SHOULD be. Only through Christ's grace, strength, and power working in our lives will we be able to successfully fight against our "old natures" and think, speak, and act as God intends.

Not that Christians are perfect or "have it all together". Rather, a person who has committed his/her life to Jesus Christ embarks upon this life-long process of BECOMING more like Christ day by day.

I'm certainly not without fault. There are times in my life when I am just as self-centered as the next guy. However, as I continue to mature in my walk with God, I'm realizing more and more that I'm making progress in my spiritual maturity.

Old attitudes and patterns continue to fade; new attitudes and actions are being grafted into my character.

A good lesson for all of us is this: first, take responsibility for your own behavior and stop blaming everything on everyone else for the way you are. And second, recognize that it will only be in the power of Jesus Christ that you will ultimately be able to become what God intends.

Without the power of

Christ at work within you, it's not going to happen. You'll sink. Sorta like the scorpion.

APOSTASY LESSON 8C

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

In the previous lesson I was showing the difference between denominationalism and the churches of Christ and also the similarities. How in both there are people that are unsaved and claiming to be Christians. Loved ones just as men fell away from God's word or divine pattern by his or her will to heed or obey God's word. That way he/she can return by the same word that they previously neglected. Read I Timothy 1:13.

In the late 1700's and early 1800's there was a movement started by men of different denominations, such as the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian organizations. This movement was called the restoration movement.

The plea these men who had left denominationalism, had was a plea for people to return to the Bible, to the original plan that is set out in scriptures. These men in their efforts to bring people back to the true teaching of the Gospel message made mistakes just like you and I. Just like them we are very far from being perfect. Those in the churches of Christ who are doing and teaching the truth or what the divine pattern is, do this so that people can be able to return to the truth. People need to get away from church manuals, creeds, covenants, etc. and get back to the Bible. The Bible tells us in the New Testament, how to conduct our lives, how to worship, about salvation and baptism, etc. Loved ones, the Bible is all you need for every day living, let the Bible guide you. If I sound harsh or discriminatory, I just ask you to forgive me. The reason I am telling you this, is so you can be a part of God's Kingdom.

Loved ones, it saddens my heart when others I talk to tell me there are other ways to Heaven. The Bible tells us there is only one way. Read what the Bible says about studying II Timothy 2:15. Remember Jesus loves you and so do I!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nichole Lynn Kennedy was born to Michael L. Kennedy Jr. and Amy L. Gray of Payne on July 10, 2008 at 2:09 a.m. Nicole weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. and was 18.6 in. She has an older brother, Lucas A. Kennedy.

Her proud grandparents are Michael Sr. and Jeni Kennedy of Payne; Donald and Theresa Metzger of Fort Wayne, IN; and Barry Gray and Debbie Gray of Paulding.

Her proud great-grandparents are John and Arlene Sandlers of St. Augustine, FL; James and Diana Cates of Fort Wayne, IN; Jack and Phyllis Seitz of Fort Wayne, IN; Avory and Sharry Overbay of New Haven, IN; Mona and Les Gray of Cincinnati, OH; Paul and Sandy Johnston of Cincinnati, OH; and Robert and Mary Metzger of Fort Wayne, IN.

LATTA TO PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN ENERGY TOUR

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) announced today that he will participate in the American Energy Tour with fellow freshmen Republican House members from July 18 through July 21.

House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) will lead the ten member delegation to Golden, Colorado to tour the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and then continue to Alaska's remote North Slope to tour the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

"My constituents, along with a majority of the American public have made it clear that they support an energy plan that combines both renewable energy and the recovery of domestic resources. This American energy tour encompasses both ideas and will lay the groundwork for a responsible, comprehensive energy reform plan for Congress to follow," Latta said.

"I want to thank Leader Boehner for the invitation to participate on this important tour. I look forward to sharing what we learn with my constituents and colleagues in Congress so that we can start working towards lowering energy prices and reducing our dependency on Middle Eastern oil," Latta added.

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As an educational opportunity for the community, Paulding County Hospital is offering an explanation of what blood profile test results mean. (for those who took part in the blood profile section of Family Health Day on June 14th you are welcome to bring those results with you to this session.) It is important to note that this educational session should not take the place of a visit with your physician, but it should be looked at as a tool to help understand the results.



Laura Roth, MT, ASCP Laboratory Director of Paulding County Hospital will go over lab results line by line and explain what they mean. Normal ranges will be discussed and the significance or insignificance of abnormal results.



Dr. Ahmed will discuss abnormal results and how they relate to various health issues. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the education session.

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SWANSON - STEINER



Adam Steiner of Grabill, IN and Rebecca Swanson of Troy, NY were married in Troy, NY on June 21, 2008. Adam graduated from Woodlan High School in 2007 and studied music and piano performance, and was a member of the University Singers at Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne, IN. He was also a member of Antwerp Church of Christ, Antwerp where he played piano for Sunday service.

Rebecca graduated from Tamarac High School in 2007 and is studying music performance at Schenectady

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Adam and Rebecca are the son and daughter of Sam and Kay Steiner of Grabill, and Chris and Kristen Swanson, of Troy.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
 7/8 - Marilyn Mutschelknaus, Payne; David Bevis, Payne; Paul Curtis, Mark Center

7/10 - Joyce Russell, Defiance; Vertia King, Antwerp; Alice Pacitti, Paulding

7/11 - Sharon Foust, Oakwood

Dismissals:
 7/10 - David Bevis, Payne (transferred to Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne)

7/11 - Paul Curtis, Mark Center

7/12 - Sharon Foust, Oakwood; Alice Pacitti, Paulding

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on June 16, 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.

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2nd meeting, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1380-08 re: An Ordinance Establishing that Certain Streets in Countryside Estates require the Replacement of Yield Signs with Stop Signs and that Certain Other Streets in Countryside Estates require the Erection of Stop Signs, was read for the first time.

Ordinance 1381-08 re: An Ordinance Regulating Golf Cart Use within the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the first time.

Sutton noted the Ordinance Committee had met June 3rd to discuss Ordinance 1380-08 and 1381-08, and recommended enacting both pieces of legislation. Sierer requested the Solicitor revise the golf cart legislation to include that "golf carts are subject to all traffic laws". Rife requested the legislation include that the vehicles may only be driven on public streets. Therefore, golf carts would be prohibited from driving on sidewalks and private property. Wiebe noted he had received a report of a golf cart driving through the cemetery grounds, and not utilizing the driveway.

Tope presented Council with an Application for Change of Corporate Stock Ownership from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for Chief Super Markets. Solicitor Jones noted the request was to transfer the company's stock from the four (4) prime shareholders into the corporation's name. Rife motioned to approve Chief Super Market's request without a hearing, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe presented Council with a copy of the judgment for the Village's case against The Stake Company. Judge Tiffany Beckman found

The Stake Company guilty of violating the ordinance relating to noise, and not guilty of violating the ordinance relating to vibration. Solicitor Jones noted he will be sentenced Friday, June 21st. The fine could be from \$10.00-\$50.00 per day for the period from 11-1-07 through 2-1-08 (or whatever day the business closed).

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The Agenda included the following:

—Sidewalk repair assessment for a residence located at 206 S. Williams St.

—Requested approval for Paulding-Putnam Electric Coop to replace two (2) wells with one (1) in order to keep their geothermal heat pump system in operation. Wiebe and the Mayor had given them immediate approval to proceed, but pursuant to Ordinance 814-81, Section 1, Council's authorization is also required.

Sierer motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea.

Wiebe noted that he and the Mayor had attended a meeting sponsored by Senator Voinovich and Representative Latta to discuss unfunded EPA mandates, along with other problems cities and villages are having.

Jeffery inquired if Wausau Homes is still entitled the tax abatement offered by the Village since they have moved out of town. Mayor White noted Wiebe will check into the issue. Jeffery requested the Village begin spraying for mosquitoes.

Daeger inquired of the tall grass within the Village. Solicitor Jones noted that he has provided the Police Department with revised procedures when dealing with foreclosed homes. Residents were requested to contact the Police Department to report tall grass.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Utility Committee - Tuesday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee - Thursday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Salary & Allowance Board - Thursday, July 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Jeffery motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS AND HONOR ROLL



Pictured above are the students, parents, coordinator, and teacher from Woodburn Lutheran School who worked at the Woodburn Recycling Site on June 21. They are standing in front of the large bin that is filled with newspaper, etc. each month. To the left of the newspaper bin is a large bin that is filled with all kinds of cardboard each month. Also, to the right in the picture is one of the four bins that are filled with mixed recyclables each month. The Woodburn Recycling Program began 16 years ago when WLS contracted with the City of Woodburn to work at the recycling site in exchange for a monthly fee; at this time Waste Management pays WLS \$350.00 each month, which goes into the WLS Class Trip Fund. If the students and parents work all of their scheduled times at recycling and concessions throughout the year, the students' class trip fees are paid in full. The Woodburn Recycling Site is open on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; on

average, 150 vehicles drive through each month to have their recyclables unloaded by the students and parents on hand. To the left in the picture above is Mrs. Joan Woebbecking, who has coordinated the recycling program for 15 years - her monthly duties included scheduling the WLS students and parents to work each month, checking the bins, and being on hand each recycling day to answer questions, keep the vehicles moving, and to help out as needed. Mrs. Woebbecking is "retired" as Recycling Coordinator after the July 19 recycling day. As of July 31, she is also retiring after 26 years as the WLS secretary. Mrs. Kelly Moore, a WLS parent, will be coordinating the recycling program beginning with the August 16 recycling date, and Mrs. Rachel Trygg will be the new WLS Secretary as of August 1.

The following students achieved High Honors, Honor Roll, and Improved Grade Point Average (over the 3rd quarter) for the 4th quarter of

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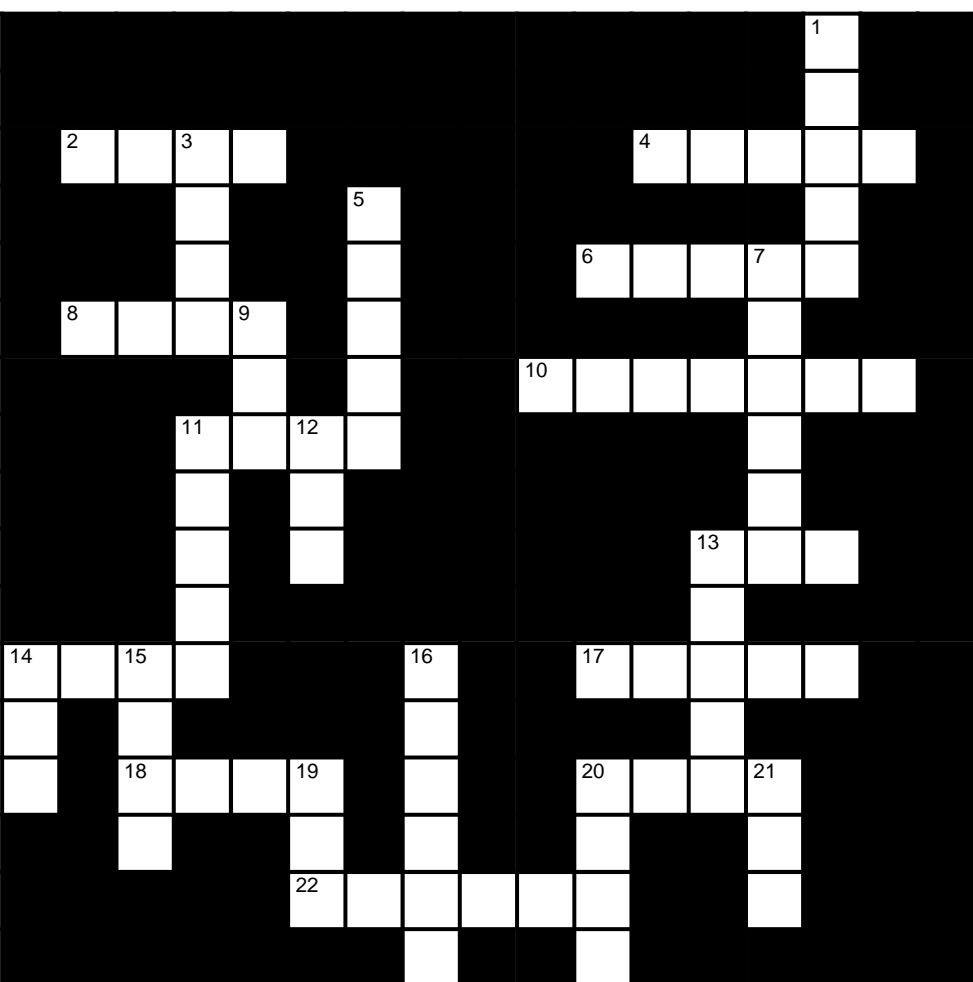
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- 21. Chocolate ____ Cup



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

The puppy pack is this week's featured pet. There are three girls and three boys. They are a mix of rat terrier, beagle, and daschund. The puppy pack is eight weeks old and they have had their first vaccination and worming. If you are looking for a short coated little lap dog, one of these tiny ones could be just the dog for you.

The puppy pack is very cute but they are another sad reminder of how many unwanted puppies are born every year.

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CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2008

Residents from Westmont were present to request getting a home cleaned up, they feel he is running a business out of his home. After discussion, Mayor Hoepfner stated he will send a letter requiring the property be cleaned up. The homeowner came into the meeting, Mayor asked if he was running a business, he replied no. After discussion the homeowner agreed to clean up the property.

Representatives from Caring and Sharing were present to discuss the benefit held on September 27th in the parking lot of the Copper Top bar. They are requesting Main St, Center St, and Front St. be closed for a short time for a bike parade. Mayor didn't see a problem and stated they will need to work with Officer Carpenter.

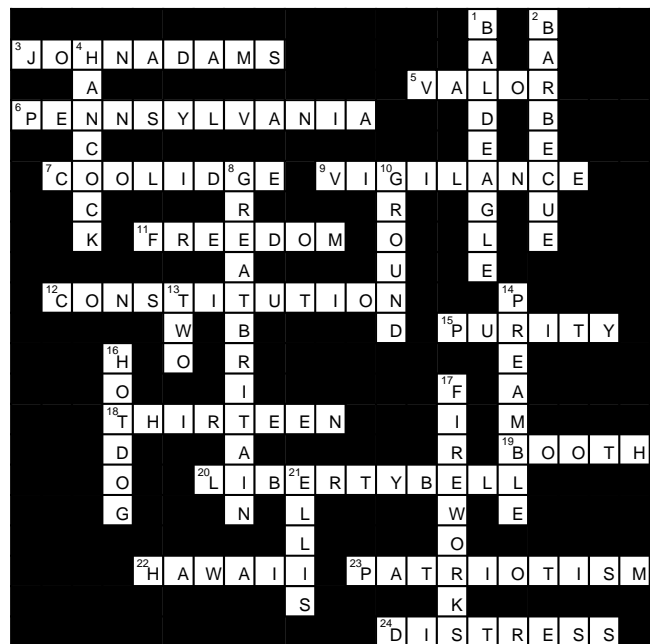
A resident from Platter Parkway was present to discuss billing. Mayor stated the Board of Works met with Ben Adams; he suggested putting a meter in and charging residents a metered amount instead of a flat rate amount. Councilmen made motions for the Allen County Sewer District to install the meter, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passed. Ryan Walls stated the agreement should state the meter would be calibrated every year.

Mayor Hoepfner reported damage to the new building during the storm; the insurance company has been contacted. Mayor spoke with Councilman Norden about making more anchors for it. This is tabled for now.

Mayor Hoepfner stated the Family Fun Fest Day will be October 4th and the Children's Home auction will be October 18th.

Lesia presented Ordinance G-08-1180 for adoption; read by title only, Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed. 3rd and final reading, Councilmen made motions to accept, all agreed, motion passed. Ryan Walls

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ask council if they wanted any changes to the price list for equipment use, Councilmen made motions to raise charge for truck plus trailer from \$15.00 hr to \$35.00 hr, all agreed, motion passed.

Ryan reported the mower blew another motor and is being replaced. The water pump went out on the John Deer tractor and is being repaired.

Warrants were presented for payment; Claim # 316 change Reichhart Builders \$175.00 charge from Cedit to Water. 3 claim registers; 1st total \$7,222.08 checks 6185-6188; 2nd total \$656.00 checks 6208 & 6209; 3rd total \$35,611.47 checks 6210-6242. Councilmen made motions to make change to Riechhart Builders and pay, all agreed, motion passed.

Reading of the minutes was waived, Councilmen made motions to approve minutes, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Mason stated a high grass letter needs to be sent to resident on Bull Rapids Rd. He would like a Thank You in the Courier for all the help from the Fire Department after the storm. Councilman Reichhart is working on getting the tracks on Woodburn Road

repaired. He met with resident and gave approval for him to put a tile in behind his home. Mayor will send a letter to the railroad to get them to clean up the tracks in town.

Councilman Zimmerman stated if resident on Westmont is not using items stored in his yard he should put them in storage, and neighbors need to contact the Planning board if he is running a business out of his home. He feels the parking issue could be solved on Westmont by taking the curb and grass area out. Extending one side of the street will allow for most of the parking restriction signs to be removed. Ryan Walls stated it would have to be the North side of the street because the water lines run on the South side. Mayor Hoepfner stated Jim Lauer should have engineering results for the storm water separation soon. He is looking at an area for another sewer pond; Ryan Walls feels when the inflow problem is fixed the city should not need another pond.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

A few weeks ago I ran a column about Wilson's Hollow—how it got its name and who Mr. Wilson was. Well, to my extreme pleasure, Dave Hill, who lives right here in Antwerp, came forward and told me that his great-grandfather was James Wilson and he owned that land out there on the River Road East close to where Road 220 Y's off.

As I understand, James and Emma Wilson, for many years, lived in the house on the River Road where most of us remember the Franz Parrett family living.

The Wilson's had a number of children: Ira, who used to live on US 24 where Tim Peffly lives, Elmer Wilson lived down in that Bethel area and one of his daughters, Bessie, married Wendell Jump and lived north of the Bethel area and Desia married a man named Nighswander. One of the daughters, Dollie, married Russell 'Sock' Murphy and lived on the River Road West for many years. Another daughter, Eva, married Carl Langham and had a daughter, Eloise, who is an old class mate of mine - later on Eva married Fred Kralej. A daughter, Hazel, married John Gustin, I knew they had two daughters, Mrs. Beverly Stout and Mrs. Lu-

cille Marsh. A son, Frank, a WWI Vet, married Madonna McCurdy. They had three girls, Ruth, Betty and Marilyn. Marilyn married Budd Hill, a WWII Vet, and they had one boy, David, and that is where we got a lot of our information.

Kenny Donat brought me a 4x4 feet colored plat map of Defiance and Paulding County. This map and some other info tells me that maybe James might have been the son of a Thomas Wilson where in the mid-1800's owned about 77 acres in that area. It shows that the creek that caused Wilson's Hollow started on the Wayne Zeilke farm and then ran southeast as Wilson's Hollow and dumped into the Maumee River. In those years Thomas Wilson was the owner, hence the name Wilson's Hollow.

I don't suppose that you are too much interested in this but to me it is settling a lot of historical questions.

The plat map that Kenny Donat loaned us probably belonged to his great-grandfather, Oliver Donat. Oliver was a prominent man up on Road 7 in the late 1800's. I always called that the Donat Road. It was first Oliver then his son, Harry and then on north to his son, Charlie, a WWI Vet, and then on north to Pete Donat's. Pete is gone now, but his son, Kenny, has built a new house there.

See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

On July the Fourth we had a dandy celebration at the new Conservation Club.

In the years past Ken and Jan Hahn always had the fireworks at their house but with the completion of the club house that is the ideal place to hold the Fourth of July Celebration, and we did. There was well over two hundred youngsters and young oldsters.

We had brats, smoked sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and anything else that was grillable.

The Conservation Club has a lot of Amish friends from over in Scipio and Springfield Townships that come and have a good time at the fish fry's and other get togethers.

Well, two of those families, a Mr. Lengacher and a Mr. Graber, who helped lay the floor in the new clubhouse, they came and brought five containers of home made ice cream. What do ya think of that? Three vanilla, one strawberry and one peach! Everyone had a good meal and plenty of good home-made ice cream.

The cost of the fireworks is getting out of hand. Like everything else the cost has sky rocketed. We will have to find a way to raise that kind of money for next year.

Tim Copsy tells me that he is holding an Alumni Baseball Game versus the Antwerp High School Ball Team. It is at the new school ball diamonds on July 19 with registration at 10:30 a.m. If you are an Alumnus of AHS and can still play ball, please go out and help make this a successful goings on.

The Bethel Methodist Church will hold their annual home made Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 19, starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Antwerp Main Street Cruise In will be held on July 26th. Larry Copsy has all the details.

See Ya!

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the 2007-2008 school year:

High Honors - Grade 5 - Shawn Kitzmiller; Grade 6 - Morgan Gerig; Grade 8 - Logan Buuck, Caleb Hathaway, Lily Keller, and Joshua Maroney

Honor Roll - Grade 5 - Caroline Hoepfner; Grade 6 - Tara Gerig and Samuel Hathaway

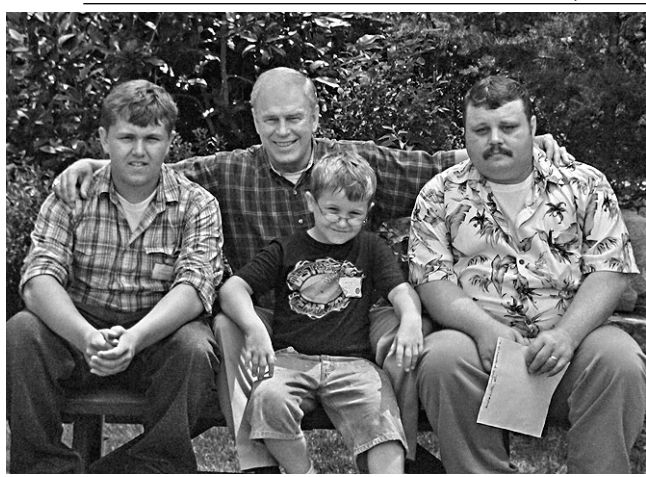
Improved GPA - Grade 5 - Caroline Hoepfner, Shawn Kitzmiller, and Allison McConnell; Grade 6 - Morgan Gerig and Kaitlyn Wiley; Grade 7 - Devin Hoepfner and Spencer Osborn; Grade 8 - Joshua Maroney and Andy Meyer.

On Thursday, June 5, eight students graduated from the 8th grade at Woodburn Lutheran School. They are: Elizabeth Burke, Logan Buuck, Caleb Hathaway, Lily Keller, Jonathan Lindberg, Joshua Maroney, Andrew Meyer, and Hannah Stevenson. Their diplomas were awarded during a graduation service that was held at Christ Lutheran Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Addressing the congregation during the service were Lily Keller, 2007-2008 Valedictorian, and Logan Buuck, 2007-2008 Salutatorian. After the graduation ceremony, a reception honoring the graduates was held in

the Christ Lutheran fellowship hall. After the reception, academic and athletic awards were presented to the 8th graders as follows: Science - Logan Buuck; Math - Lily Keller; Social Studies - Caleb Hathaway; Literature - Lily Keller; Language - Elizabeth Burke; and Art - Joshua Maroney. Lily Keller and Logan Buuck also received Valedictorian and Salutatorian Medals and Plaques. Athletic participation trophies were given to the following students who participated in at least one available sport: Elizabeth Burke, Jonathan Lindberg, Joshua Maroney, and Andy Meyer; receiving trophies for participating in all available sports were: Lily Keller, Caleb Hathaway, and Logan Buuck. Also, receiving additional athletic awards were: Sportsmanship - Logan Buuck; Hustle - Caleb Hathaway; and Inspirational Player - Jonathan Lindberg. On May 12, in a ceremony at the Grand Wayne Center, 8th Graders Lily Keller and Caleb Hathaway received Distinguished Student Awards from the Allen County Non-Public School Association.

Besides Honor Roll pins and ribbons, many other awards were presented to the students after the closing chapel service on June 5. 6th graders Morgan Gerig, Tara Gerig, Samuel Hathaway, Kendra Sinclair, and Kaitlyn Wiley participated in Woodburn "If I Were Mayor" essay contest and received savings bonds from Mr. Clarence Reichhart, representing the City of Woodburn. Accelerated Reader Awards were given to the following students: 1st grade - Emma Rekeweg, Rising Reader and Ready Reader; Brynn Phillips, Isaac Meyer, Connor Knoblauch, Rachel Scharr, Mekayla Schwartz, Jacob Gerbers, Jacob Gentz, and Dawson Knapp, Ready Readers and Independent Readers; 2nd grade - Meredith Mathews, Independent Reader; Miriam Edwards, Nicole Osborn, Cameron Christen, and Alexandria Swanson, Super Readers; Cody Bratten, Cody Osborn, Mitchell Warnock, and Matthew Wiley, Rising Readers; Seth Yeadon, Advanced Reader; 3rd grade - Joshua Gerig and Kyle Nahrwold, Advanced Readers; 4th grade - Brice Rekeweg, Advanced Reader; 3rd and 4th grades - Abby Kammeyer, Jordan Wells and Gavin Keller accumulated over 200 AR points during the year; Jason Lindberg, Victoria Moore, and Owen Yeadon accumulated over 100 AR points during the year; 5th grade - Madison Swanson, second highest points in 07-08, 121.8; Shawn Kitzmiller, highest points in 07-08, 198; Tyler Knapp, second in lifetime points, 367.4; Shawn Kitzmiller, highest in lifetime points, 539; Caroline Hoepfner, Star Reader; 6th grade - Morgan Gerig, 2nd highest points in 07-08, 160; Samuel Hathaway, highest points in 07-08, 205; Morgan Gerig, 2nd in lifetime points, 616.5; Samuel Hathaway, first in lifetime points, 1,159.3; Samuel Hathaway, Classic Reader Award; 8th grade - Lily Keller, Logan Buuck, and Jonathan Lindberg met their AR goals all year; Lily Keller, highest points in 07-08, 175.9.

Perfect Attendance Awards for the 07-08 school year were presented to Jacob Gentz, 1st



THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

By: Tommi Stahl

On the date of 06/28/08 I took a 2-3 hour drive to Columbus for a picnic at the Governor's Mansion. Before we headed out, we drove through Antwerp to pick up Vern Laukhuf because he wanted to meet the Governor as well. After we picked up Vern, we were on our way.

On the way I fell asleep so I did not see very much scenery. My dad woke me up about half way there because we had stopped at a breakfast shop. I ordered a strawberry waffle with bacon and a iced tea. When we finished eating, we were headed off again. Of course, I fell back asleep. My dad woke me back up when

we arrived at the Mansion.

When we arrived we were an hour late. One of the guards said we had to leave, but just as the guard said that the Governor came walking up to us and told us we could stay and to make ourselves at home. We stayed until the next show. During the next show we took a tour through the mansion, and we listened to a band. While we were touring the mansion the First Lady was standing inside and I got a picture with her. We went back outside. One of the guards showed us where he had worms for us to feed her turtle, Jackie.

We had to leave 45 minutes early so we could get back to the Depot in Antwerp. We had a great time at the Mansion.

grade; Madison Swanson, 5th grade; and Logan Buuck 8th grade. 6th graders Samuel Hathaway and Kaitlyn Wiley received awards for participating in the area Math Counts competition. Spelling Bee Awards were presented to the winner, Spencer Osborn and to the runner-up, Elizabeth Burke. Caleb Hathaway, Jonathan Lindberg, and Logan Buuck received Woodlan Junior High Football Awards. Presidential Physical Fitness Awards were given to Samuel Hathaway, Jason Lindberg, Lucas Scharr, and Brice Rekeweg. Track Coach Jacob Gentz presented the following Track Divisional Awards: Samuel Hathaway - 6th in the 440; Caleb Hathaway, Evan Gustin, Spencer Osborn, and Samuel Hathaway - 6th in Relay; Caleb Hathaway - 5th in Hurdles, 2nd in High Jump, 2nd in Shot Put; Logan Buuck - 2nd in the 100, 1st in the 220, 1st in Long Jump; Lily Keller - 6th in Hurdles; Elizabeth Burke - 4th in High Jump; Kendra Sinclair - 6th in the 220, 4th in Hurdles; Madison Swanson - 5th in the 220, 5th over all in the Mile Run, 1st in Long Jump. The May Chapel offerings were given to the WLS Schol-

arship Fund. May activities included the following: Grade 1 visited Mrs. Schlie's home for lunch and to plant flowers; the Kindergarten Class held a "Mom, Dad, and Me" Night on May 20; on May 19, WLS Faculty, Staff and School Board members raised over \$400 for the Computer Server Fund by serving food from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Stellhorn Road McDonald's during their first ever "Mc-Teacher" night; Grade 2 visited the Creator's Classroom at Concordia High School, Grades 5-8 visited Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI; Grades 3 and 4 took a field trip to the Indiana State History Museum; and on the second last day of school, June 4, grades K-8 enjoyed the movie "Horton Hears A Who" in the morning and had lots of fun during the Annual Field Day in the afternoon.

WLS faculty members, PR committee members, parents, and students will participate in the Harlan Days Parade on August 2. Registration for the 08-09 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 12, with two sessions at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. and the 08-09 year will begin with a full day of school on August 19.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL HIRES NEW HR DIRECTOR

At Paulding County Hospital's recent board of trustees meeting CEO Gary Adkins updated members on the new human resources director. "Melanie Rittenour will be joining our staff on July 28th. She comes to us from NOCAC where she has seven years of experience as their HR Director," Adkins reported.

Chief Operating Officer, Randy Ruge reported:

—Paulding County Hospital will become one of only 8% of breast imaging centers in the country and one of only a few area hospitals to offer digital mammography. Digital mammography has been found to detect cancer better than film mammography in women fifty and under; those that are premenopausal or have become menopausal within a year of their last mammogram; and those with dense breasts. This lifesaving technology will be available at PCH this summer. The American College of Radiology recommends that women 40 and over have an annual mammogram.

—On June 23rd a new in-house DEXA Scan unit (Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry) was installed. The device aids physicians in diagnosing patients that may have brittle bones known as osteoporosis. The device uses low dose x-rays to measure the density of the patients' bones. Learning the density of the bones allows the physician to prescribe medications that may help prevent fractures. PCH is now offering full body DEXA scans on a daily basis rather than the mobile unit that was formerly here twice a month. DEXA scans are recommended for women 65 and over and for men and women that are at a risk for developing osteoporosis at an earlier age. Those risk factors include family history of osteoporosis, family history of hip fracture and fragility fracture before age 40 or in a family member. Certain medications, lifestyles, diets, and diseases may also put a person at risk for early development of osteoporosis.

—Dr. Walsh, who has a urology clinic in the outpatient area on Tuesdays, is now performing extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy (ESWL) at Paulding County Hospital. The physician directs shockwaves through the body into kidney stones, reducing them to sand like material that is easily passed through the urine. This procedure is done on an outpatient basis.

Gary Adkins reported that he and Ruge met with Senator Sherrod Brown and discussed the 340B drug purchasing plan which is being reviewed with Senate Bill 1376. Adkins stated, "This bill will provide discounts to the hospital for prescription drugs that we would pass on to the community. Senator Brown is co-sponsor of this bill and we are encouraged by his support."

Concerning the master facility plan, Adkins announced that he expected to hear from the architects this month concerning the changes that will be made to the physical plant of the hospital. This may include changes such as private rooms and a possible ER expansion. Also being investigated is the feasibility of aquatic therapy and changing the space where infusion therapy is performed.

On June 17 and 18 Paulding County Hospital took part in a pandemic flu drill that encompassed Northwest Ohio. This drill helped to identify our strengths and weaknesses in providing care in the most dire of circumstances.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA ANNOUNCES HIS ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is pleased to announce he is accepting applications for nominations to the United States Military Service Academies. Applications for the 2009 academic year will be accepted for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Candidates residing in Ohio's 5th Congressional District who are interested in seeking a nomination to one of the four military service academies must meet the following basic requirements:

—Must be at least 17, but not yet 23 years-of-age by July 1st of year of admission to the academy

—Must be a citizen of the United States

—Must be unmarried
—Cannot be pregnant or have legal obligation to support a child or other dependents

—Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy
Interested candidates may obtain an application from Congressman Latta by calling his office at 1-800-541-6446. Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2008.

Individuals with questions can visit Congressman Latta's website, <http://latta.house.gov/academy.shtml>, or call 1-800-541-6446.

HOMETOWN PIZZA EXPANDS



By: Sue Knapp

John Fredericks opened Hometown Pizza in Hicksville seven years ago. He has wanted to expand for awhile now. The opportunity to come to Paulding came when the 401 Kafe building came up for auction. John bought it, totally remodeled it and now Paulding has a new eatery. Hometown Pizza has a menu that includes full breakfasts, subs, different sandwiches, salads, famous cheesy bread and of course, pizza. The business also includes a dining room

for catered parties, etc. that will seat 108.

Ted Brown who has worked with John in the Hicksville shop for around seven years will manage the Paulding shop and Kathy Crites is the kitchen manager.

John is very grateful for the patrons, without the patrons none of this would be possible.

This convenient eatery on the square in Paulding is well worth going in to see the changed decor and try the reasonably priced menu.

COED SOFTBALL LEAGUES NOW FORMING

Adult coed leagues are now forming at Paulding Reservoir Park. Deadline to enter is August 1, 2008. There will be a meeting on August 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Play will be on either Tuesday or Thursday nights. Pick up an entry blank at the concession stand.

For more information, please call 419-399-2981.

ANTWERP ACME ENDS SUMMER SEASON

- June 3, Ottawa Glandorf, C
- June 5, Wayne Trace (Gm1), L
- June 5, Wayne Trace (Gm2), W
- June 7, Dublin-Coffman (Gm1), W
- June 7, Dublin-Coffman (Gm2), W
- June 8, Bluffton, L
- June 12, Hicksville (Gm1), W
- June 12, Hicksville (Gm2), C
- June 16, Ayersville, L
- June 18, Ottawa Glandorf, L

- June 19, Miller City, L
 - June 23, Wayne Trace (Gm1), L
 - June 23, Wayne Trace (Gm2), C
 - June 25, Paulding (DH), C
 - June 27, Hicksville, C
 - June 28, Sectional - Columbus Grove, L
 - June 29, Sectional - Paulding, L
- Miller City, Ohio - The Antwerp varsity baseball team finished the summer season on a sour note with two quick losses in the double elimination sectional tournament. The Columbus Grove Bulldogs defeated the Archers 6-0 and Paulding closed the door on the Antwerp season with a 12-11 shootout win. The Antwerp summer season ends with a 4-8 season record.

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an environment where kids can express openly their feelings of loss; sometimes for the first time. A variety of activities including swimming, boating, ropes course, crafts games and more will be offered. The camp is open to youths from Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties. No one is denied due to financial need, Saum said. For more information about "Rays of Hope" Grief Camp, call Paulding Area Visiting Nurses at (419) 399-4708 or go online at www.comhealthpro.org.

PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

- Tuesday Night Men's League**
1. Miller Lawn Care/Red Owl 14-1
 2. On the Edge Construction 13-2
 3. Red Owl/Bud Select 9-6
 4. Raintech 8-7
 5. Guilford Real Estate 7-8
 6. Quality Cars 4-11
 7. TJ'S/Eagles 3-12
 8. Grace Home Improvements 3-12
- Wednesday Night Women's League**
1. Red Owl/Budweiser 10-2
 2. Carpet Wholesalers 10-2

3. Jay Dangler Excavating 8-4
 4. Sherwood VFW/D&H 7-5
 5. Paulding VFW 3-9
 6. Lafarge 2-11
 7. Casa Veija/Sun's Edge 2-11
- Thursday Night Men's League**
1. Millers/Country Cabinets 14-1
 2. Chico's 12-3
 3. Taylor Brothers 9-6
 4. Red Owl/Firefighters 9-6
 5. Larson's Body Shop/Ed's Car Center 9-6
 6. Atwood 5-10
 7. Haviland Tile 2-13
 8. Doghouse/Ice Cream Depot 0-15

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Information Provided by: Gaylen Geoff Stetler and Eugene Norwhald
Written By: Sue Knapp

Building canals and railroads through the area did not help the swamp situation. The ground became soft and many trees uprooted, fell and decayed making it more difficult. The ground was covered with dense growth of trees, vines and underbrush. All kinds of snakes and forest animals lived undisturbed by man.

Anthony Wayne helped to make the area safe for the white man. His outpost "Fort Harrison" was located on the south bank of the Maumee, close to the state line.

The early settlers came on pirogues or P-boats. There were hollowed out sycamore logs, some 80 feet long. One man on each end would push the logs. Passengers would sit in chairs and at night they would go ashore and sleep on a puncheon (made of split logs). They were careful because there were rattlesnakes in the area. The pirogues could carry up to five or six tons of merchandise.

George C. Ashley, from New York, ventured here on horseback in 1822 and purchased 1,200 acres of land. He went back to New York and returned in 1832 and built a house just west of the state line and north of US 24. He plotted a town of 157 lots and named it New Harrison. Although not sure where the town stood, a grandchild remembers a log cabin being torn down and used for a garden space. Broken dishes were unearthed and it is presumed that it was part of the old village. The village became a stopping point for the P-boats and river traffic and was on the stage coach and mail route. The tavern and hotel thrived while the rest of the village didn't do so well. It was a place for travelers to stop and rest and get a good meal.

The hotel was built on the state line and was a headache for the law when the fugitives would walk from the Ohio side to the Indiana side dodging the law.

There was an Indian Reservation on this land called the Knaggs Reserve. James Knaggs, son of the sister of Okes, Chief of the River Huron Pottawatomies, was given a section of land on the Miami (Maumee River) where the line between Ohio and Indiana crosses the same. The Indians were peaceable and there was no trouble. Later on Mrs. Stanley Lilly, an Ashley granddaughter, owned the farm. The land has remained in the family. Nathan Doctor, a grandson, owned the Ohio portion and another grandson, Dwight Doctor, owns the Indiana portion. Two other granddaughters, Mrs. Charles Sheets and Mrs. Raymond Wetter also lived in the area. There have been coins of 1824 and 1829, plus Indian relics and an Indian pipe found on the farm. Nathan Doctor remarked that they still have the scales that were used to weigh the grain for the feeding the mules who pulled the canal boats.

Mrs. Ashley was a pioneer woman who was a midwife, she delivered the Brenneke twins, Harold and Herman. She charged \$1.00 or whatever they could give her. One year Mrs. Ashley shelled corn into a barrel, added water and waited for the corn to sprout, she then filled her apron and planted the corn by herself. They had a good crop that year. She also boarded the German immigrants who were digging drainage ditches in the area. She charged \$1.25 a week. It took one beef every three weeks to feed them.

In 1862, the Miami Indians signed a treaty giving permission for the canal to go through their reservations. Indian Agent, John Tipton, was instrumental with working with the Indians and making it possible for more settlers and eventually causing the removal of the Indians.

The canal from Fort Wayne to Huntington was completed by 1824. Ohio was slower in building their connection due to lack of funds. Construction was started in 1840 between Fort Wayne and Defiance and in 1843 the dedication was held. The first canal boat was called 'The Albert S. White', went about 6-8 mph and \$3.25 was charged to go between Toledo and Fort Wayne. The boats carried passengers, freight, grain, livestock and many other items.

In the summer the water supply in the canal was low and in the winter it was frozen causing the operating time to be narrowed.

Locks were built along the canal. The Saylor Lock which was located on US 24 near the George Wells home is one of the best known locks. Ulrich Saylor, Sr. and family tended the locks and ran a tavern for travelers, hence the name Saylor's Locks.

Ulrich Saylor, Sr. came from Virginia, he would invite the travelers into his home only after deciding if the travelers met his approval. The womenfolk were protected but did hear swearing from the men who worked the canal boats. Ulrich Saylor, Sr. was the great-great grandfather of Mrs. Ben Bertsche and Don Husted.

The canal builders were predominately Irish. They dug the canal with pick and shovel. A 'jiggers boss' (whiskey) was distributed to the workers when needed because of unhealthy conditions. It was said that one worker died for every six feet of canal. The boats carried 'spirits' and one time some unsavory characters decided they wanted some for free. They got on the boat and tapped the barrel, they were caught by a guard. They pushed him in the canal and, with the spirits, got away.

The young people would skate on the canal in the winter and many of the people had private boats.

The canal was in operation for about 10 years. In 1881 the railroad bought the right of way.

Next time — Johnny Applesed, a big buffalo bull and what did they call that city?

This information taken from 'Bringing Back the Good Old Days' Woodburn Centennial-1865-1965.

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"Who should get my mail?"

You probably already send mail to the people who do business with you. Mail to people who you wish would do business with you. How do you find them? You can rent mailing lists of potential customers and write to them. If you are a local store owner,

you can write to every home in your community and surrounding areas. If you have unique items that might appeal to people in other states, you can get regional mailing lists of customers tailored to their interests and write to them. Don't be shy. You are trying to let the world know about your great products, your outstanding offers. Send mail to as many potential customers as possible.

"What should I mail?"

Mail is very flexible. Send letters, postcards, self-mailing brochures — whatever you think fits your business. Doctors, attorneys and other professionals may prefer letters while retailers may prefer flyers. But there's no rule. A retailer can send a "private sale" letter, and a professional can send a postcard to announce a new location or his or her appearance at a seminar.

"When should I mail?"

Any time you have news or an event. It's a good time to send mail. An electronics store can let its best customers know in advance when the new digital cameras are coming in. Are you a tax accountant trying to avoid that late-season rush? Write your clients in January and get the information flow started early.

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—Antwerp Postmaster

ROCK ON AT THE LIBRARY!

The Youth Services Department of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is hosting its first Guitar Hero competition on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. Space for competitors is limited, so pre-registration is required. Even if you are not picked through a drawing process to compete, you can still root for your friends. For more information and to register, contact the Youth Services Department at the library at 419-399-2032.

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PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE DAY CAMP PROVES SUCCESSFUL VENTURE



By: Sue Knapp
 July 7-11 the Paulding Nazarene Church opened their doors to host a Day Camp for ages 5-12. Each day from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., kids experienced the fun of camping without staying all night. Each day they made a craft, had lunch, water games were played and they had a different person come in and talk about safety issues. On Friday they went to the park to do a Science project. They made

s'mores over home made ovens. The kids also painted camp t-shirts and they made human videos, choreographing movements to worship dvd's.
 The Youth Group helped as camp counselors. This camp helped the youth to raise money for their activities, give the kids positive activities and to reach out to them.
 Melissa Harter, part of the NYI Council and director of the camp along with Rachael

Harpel and other volunteers ran the camp this year. This was the first year for the camp and hopefully not the last. A lot of planning and energy went into the camp but Melissa and the volunteers said it was well worth it. What a way to reach out to the community!
 Next on the church's agenda is VBS for ages four through fourth grade on August 4-8 and Youth Nights for grades 5-8 on July 22-25.

VANTAGE BOARD TOURS VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLEX

The regular monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in the Lecture Hall of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center at Van Wert High School. The board was welcomed by Van Wert Superintendent Ken Amstutz, who then provided a tour of the high school/middle school complex.
 The treasurer's report included the approval of the June 5 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of May 2008. The board approved FY08 final appropriations and revenues and FY09 temporary revenues and appropriations.

The board transferred money from the general fund to the capital projects fund, cafeteria fund and to adult education for FY09, which satisfies the mandated contribution to maintain Adult Full Service Center status. They also approved a resolution to enroll in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers Compensation Group Rating Program for 2009.
 Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update for the construction project manager selection process for the OSFC project, discussed the rotation of Vantage Board of Education meetings at associate schools, levy planning progress, Jared's Law inspection and the continuation of the Tools for Schools consultant.

In new business, the board:
 —Approved employment of the following, as needed, as scheduled: Andrew Rager and Sarah Noggle, Paulding Satellite/Ag instructors; Lucy Bambauer and Scott Elwer, Delphos Jefferson Satellite/Ag instructors; Joyce Larimore and Beverly Tuttle, Delphos Jefferson Satellite/Family and Consumer Science instructors; Nora Sue Helle, Paulding Satellite/Family and Consumer science instructor; Bob Spath, Project Lead the Way instructor;
 —Approved stipends for curriculum development to: Susan Farr, Pat Winicker, and Cindy Krizan;
 —Approved extended days for Jerry Robinson, for the completion of the 07-08 House Project;
 —Approved employment of Adult Education employees, as needed, as scheduled for 2008-2009 school year: Kay Carter, Adult Education Evening Coordinator; Melinda McCormack, Michael Kirkendall, Janelle Dull, Jennifer Moody, Shirley Jarvis, Gary Showalter, all Health Careers; Judy Bernard, Susan Castle, Marge Morrison, Diane Dirksen, all Paulding Youth Program; Michael DeMoss, Truck Driving; Margie Hubert and Sara Ricker, Computers; Diane Jones, AE Career Assessment Counselor; Denny Koester and Brent Wright, Welding; Larry Ray, CNC; Pat Winicker, Business/English; and Ted Tumbleson, EMT;
 —Authorized the Superintendent to enter into consultant contract with Ron Schumm, Farm Business Planning & Analysis;

—Approved the new logo and tagline for Vantage Career Center;

—Approved the renewal of Participation Agreement with Ohio Schools Risk Sharing Authority for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (Consortium for property, fleet and liability insurance);

—Approved contract with NOACSC for our internet access service agreement effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009;

—Approved the Adult Education Evening Coordinator job description;

—Accepted cafeteria bids from Aunt Millie's Bakery for bread and Prairie Farms Dairy for milk for the school 08-09;

—Accepted with thanks, the donation of supplies and tools valued at \$350 for the trade and industry programs from the Tractor Supply Company; the donation of a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am valued at \$400 to the Auto Technology program from Ms. Chris Sheehan; a grant of \$1,000 from the Van Wert County Foundation to the GOALS program; funds from the Rothacker-Lampe Bequest from the Van Wert County Foundation to purchase electronic items and a \$600 grant from the Patricia M. Lichtensteiger Memorial Fund of the Van Wert County Foundation for the Literacy Program at Vantage Career Center;

—Approved the student handbook for the 2008-2009 school year;

—Approved a resolution to pick up employee's 10% share of SERS contribution for the position of Superintendent's Secretary/Assistant Treasurer.

The Superintendent requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

A special Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant. The next regular Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cup & Saucer Restaurant.

ROTARY CLUB RECYCLING HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Antwerp Rotary Club has announced that from June 2007 until June 2008 that the Antwerp Rotary Recycling Trailer has recycled 16,272 pounds of newspapers, 2,760 pounds of steel cans, 2,950 of #1 plastic bottles, 2,280 pounds of #2 plastic bottles, 4,156 pounds of glass and 262 pounds of aluminum. Good work, Antwerp, we're looking forward to next year. Keep recycling.

JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE

I have wonderful news to share with all of you... Jim has tested positive for having GVHD (Graft vs Host Disease)! The three biopsies they took last Monday from his esophagus, stomach and large intestine all came back positive for GVHD, so we were very excited to get that news! This is the disease that they wanted him to get to ensure a long-term remission. As of now, he does not have any major symptoms except for his appetite... everything tastes funny, but he is still eating so we will take it! This obviously means we are one step closer to finally being able to come home! (We are fast approaching our one year anniversary of being in ATL!) He will have another bone marrow biopsy this Thursday (7-10-08) so please pray that he is still in remission and that his new immune system is working hard!

On another note, my bosses have decided to make it mandatory for me to come into the office and work my full-time hours, despite the fact that I have been a telecommuter for over three years now with no problems what-so-ever. Working from "home" (and by home, I mostly mean the hospital and clinic) has been a huge blessing and has made it possible for me to be the main caregiver for Jim while still working. They are telling me its because of the work load, and I am not sure if that is the true reason or not. When I asked if this means that I will be out of a job when we get to go home, they said we will have to cross that bridge when we get to it. My job is obviously our main source of income as well as medical insurance so as you can imagine, we are a little nervous... but are keeping the faith that it will all work out for the best either way.

I know all of you have been keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and we are so grateful!! We also appreciate the out pouring of kindness and support you all have shown us through this long and trying journey. Please continue to keep us lifted in prayer. We ask that you please pray for Jim's remission, for the GVHD to be controlled, for our time to come home, for my job and for my strength to continue to balance it all. I know that God has His plan for us and continues to show us His blessings everyday.

Many thanks and much love to you all,
 —Sera

KAMERAN CLEMENS TO BE IN JR. OLYMPICS

From July 25 through August 1 Kameran Clemens will be participating in the Junior Olympics in Michigan.

He will be on the Ohio Lake Erie Team representing Paulding County.

Kameran, son of George and Victoria Clemens, is 15 years old and a freshman at Wayne Trace High School. He has worked very hard to participate this year. He will hold the 103 pound position in wrestling.

Kameran is accepting donations to help with his participation in the Olympics. The donations will help cover his stay in Michigan, two singlet's and warm up gear. If you would like to help Kameran with a donation you may call at 419-258-1522 or write to Kameran G. Clemens, Box 734, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN HICKSVILLE

There's something for everyone at the Johnson Memorial Library, July 21-26.

As a part of the "Metamorphosis" Teen Summer Reading Program, the library will be hosting a Tick Movie Night on Monday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. The movie night is free and is open to all middle school and high school youth. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

On Tuesday, July 22 from 7-11:00 a.m., the Hicksville Beautification Committee and the Defiance County Extension Office will sponsor its weekly Farmers Market in the library's parking lot. There will be fresh produce, homemade baked goods, local honey, and much, much more.

As a part of the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Program, the library will host a Purple People Eater Story Time on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. The story time is free and is open to children three and up. Share the excitement and fun that the *One-Eyed, One-Horned Flying Purple People Eater* song brought you with your children and grandchildren. The program will include purple stories, activities, videos, songs, and craft.

Explore *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale* on Thursday, July 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library's teen book discussion group. This month's book is by Holly Black. The teen book discussion is free and is open to all middle school and high school youth.

On Friday, July 25 at 3:00 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice-monthly 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 Youth Services' Librarian Dustin Harris.

Celebrate Beatles Night with free food, tie-dying, henna art, face painting, karaoke, and of course Beatles songs and music. The Friends of the Hicksville Library is sponsoring the free Beatles Night on Friday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Johnson Memorial Library.

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1ST ANNUAL ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME

On Saturday July 19, the Antwerp baseball team will be hosting the 1st Annual Alumni Baseball Game, for anyone that ever played baseball at Antwerp. Proceeds from the day will help with updating batting cage equipment for the varsity team. The fun filled day will begin with a sign-in and registration at 10:30 a.m., and will continue as long as the players can hold out. The agenda will look something similar to this:

10:30 a.m. - batting practice for anyone that would like it

11:15 a.m. - Team Blue infield (all odd year graduates)

11:30 a.m. - Team White infield (all even year graduates)

11:45 a.m. - Introduction of all players/coaches

12:00 noon - 1st pitch (7 or 9 innings depending on

how it goes)

Home run derby immediately following. 15 pitches each (could be from machine)

Everyone that wants to participate will play. If there are enough players with some competitive fire left, we will be open to a second game.

We are also attempting to put together an Antwerp record book for the baseball program. The current book will be on display. If you have any old stat sheets, scorebooks, or newspaper clippings, please bring them along so we can make copies.

There will be good baseball, excitement, fun, and old memories shared, so please make plans to join us on July 19 (rain date July 20 at 2:00 p.m.). If all goes well, perhaps alumni teams from Paulding and Wayne Trace would like to be included in the future as well. For questions or suggestions, contact Tim Copey at copsey7@verizon.net

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ARCHERY: A FAMILY ADVENTURE



By: Sue Knapp

Travis Sherry from L&T Treasures in Sherwood is working to make something for everyone in Sherwood. The Sherwood Archery Association is a newly formed group of people who love archery and wants to see Sherwood's Crystal Fountain Park to hold the events. As of now, the association holds monthly meets. The next one is on July 19 at the park with registration starting at 8:30 and the shoot starting at 9:30.

Youth and adult weekly programs will start soon. The program continues where the NASP school programs leave

off. The goal is to have participants in the Junior Olympics.

The association has submitted a plan to open an archery park, this will create quality times where parents and children can learn the sport together in a safe atmosphere. The program will follow the same rules as the NASP school program does.

For more information call Travis at 866-830-9090.

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WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in the Paulding ESC Board Office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved a very light agenda for the evening. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed current investments and financial reports with the Board. Superintendent John Basinger reported on recent WBESC activities and personnel issues that were on the night's agenda.

In other business, the Board:

**Approved the minutes from the regular June 26, 2008 meeting.

**Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.

**Accepted the resignation of Ashley Shepherd, 21st Century Grant Coordinator/ Special Education Assistant, effective August 20, 2008.

**Approved a one (1) year (192 day) contract for Thomas Mosier as a School Psychologist, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, and also

approved up to five days of transition time, by timesheet, prior to the start of the contract.

**Entered into an agreement with the Northwestern Ohio Education Research Council, Inc. (NWOERC) for the 2008-2009 school year, for Western Buckeye ESC staff member services, at an annual rate of \$175.

**Approved an additional 25 contract days for Sandra Freeman for the 2008-2009 school year, for the purpose of grant coordination of the FY09 Dual Credit Grant at her present rate.

**Approved contracted service agreements with Dawn Edge and Caren Miglin to provide summer speech therapy preschool screening services.

**Approved a resolution to become the fiscal Agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council, effective July 1, 2008.

**Approved a depository agreement with Antwerp Exchange Bank for the term 5/15/2008-5/14/2013.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on August 12, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.

HICKSVILLE, THE MUSICAL



By: Sue Knapp

What a great way to tell town history through music and anecdotes. This play written (music included) and co-directed by Dan Cole depicts Hicksville's history with facts, imagination, some laughs and some sadness. If you didn't take advantage of the opportunity to see this musical you really missed a great show. Who needs Broadway with all of the area talent we have!

WORKING TO MAKE OHIO'S ROADS SAFER

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Despite the high cost of gasoline, there will still be thousands of Ohioans who hit the road this summer to go on that much-needed vacation or travel to visit family and friends. Unfortunately, in past years, this increase in traffic has also led to a spike in the number of injuries on Ohio's roadways caused by impaired driving or a failure to buckle up.

According to statistics from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), from June 21 through September 23, 2007, there were 424 fatalities on Ohio's roads. Of these, 133 people died because they weren't wearing seat belts, and another 165 lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes.

Looking to reduce the number of fatalities on Ohio highways, the ODPS recently launched the "100 Days of Summer" safety program with the goal of making the summer of 2008 the safest on record. As part of this campaign, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), the Division of EMS and the Ohio State Highway Patrol have teamed up to remind motorists that safety should be their first priority when climbing behind the wheel.

Starting the week of June 21st, the OTSO began posting on its website a comparison of the number of motor vehicle deaths that occurred on Ohio's roads each day in 2007 with fatality reports for that same time period in 2008. Using these numbers, they will work to identify key problem areas to target—like impaired driving and seat belt use—to help decrease the number of tragic accidents in the future. For instance, according to OTSO's most recent post, there have been 48 fatalities on Ohio roads from June 21st through today compared with 97 fatalities during the same stretch last year.

The Ohio Highway Patrol will also be highly visible on the state's highways throughout the summer. At the same time, local law enforcement

If you've never been in the Huber Opera House, there again, you are missing something special. The work that the volunteers have put into restoring this building cannot be applauded enough.

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agencies, who receive grants from the Traffic Safety Office to combat OVI offenses, will canvass local roads looking for impaired drivers and other dangerous behavior.

In recent weeks, the General Assembly has also taken important steps to get dangerous drivers off Ohio's roads. In June, my colleagues and I approved Senate Bill 17, legislation that strengthens the state's drunk driving law to target repeat offenders. The bill requires any motorist with two or more DUI convictions to submit to a breathalyzer test and directs repeat offenders to participate in a mandatory treatment program. In addition, the proposal expands the use of interlock and continuous alcohol monitoring devices for those with multiple offenses, while establishing a public registry of habitual offenders through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

SB 17 was introduced by State Senator Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland) in response to the tragic story of two students from Hiram College in Portage County, who were killed in a car accident caused by a drunk driver with 11 previous convictions. Shockingly, the driver is only one of a state-estimated 33,000 people with five or more DUI arrests traveling Ohio's roads today.

While the efforts of the ODPS, law enforcement and other organizations will have an important impact on the safety of Ohio's roadways, to truly put a dent in the devastating number of traffic fatalities we have seen in years past, it will take a commitment from all motorists to make safety a top priority no matter where or how far they travel this summer.

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

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC WHOLESALE PROVIDERS JOIN NATIONAL RENEWABLES COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

Generating electricity from renewable resources is an important issue for electric cooperatives. In an innovative effort to capitalize on all forms of renewable energy, Paulding-Putnam Electric wholesale electric providers, Wabash Valley Power and Buckeye Power have joined other electric cooperatives from across the nation to form the National Renewables Cooperative Organization (NRCO).

The National Renewables Cooperative Organization was organized in April 2008 as a way for electric co-ops to participate nationally in diversified alternative energy projects. Members of NRCO that do not have the opportunity locally to develop green energy through wind, solar or biomass will be able to participate in renewable energy projects elsewhere through the organization.

"The customers we serve and the communities they call home recognize the importance of minimizing the electric power industry's impact on the environment through earth-friendly resources," said Paulding-Putnam Electric CEO George Carter. "They will appreciate that we are working with our provider to supply renewable energy to those located in areas that may not otherwise have access."

Paulding-Putnam Electric currently provides renewable and environmentally-friendly sources of electricity to its members through landfill gas, wind and energy from a plant that converts waste material from petroleum refining into clean electricity.

Wabash Valley Power, Paulding-Putnam's Indianapolis-based electric provider, owns 10 renewable energy power plants, in addition to

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