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## THE FATE OF THE ST. MARY'S JUNCTION HANGS IN THE BALANCE

By: Sue Brown

The fate of the St. Mary's Junction church building is still to be determined. Last fall, when the Diocese hired contractors to remove the windows, they were turned back twice by protestors. After the final incident a motion for preliminary injunction

was filed to prevent another attempt. Even as they protested the demolition, people still did not know what the future might hold for the building. All they knew was that they didn't want the windows removed, especially without notification. The greatest hope was that the county li-

brary could open a branch in the building. The Paulding County Carnegie Library expressed an interest to at least pursue the possibilities. Word was received in early December that the Diocese would indeed allow a branch library to be housed in the building, with the windows left intact. It was now up to the library to decide if this could happen. It was spring before they finally decided that, as much as they hated to pass up the opportunity, it just was not in their budget at this time to pursue it.

In May, legal counsel for the Junction group, Joe Burkhard, advised the group to form a committee and come up with a Plan B. Most didn't think a Plan B was even an option, but proceeded to form this committee, comprised of both former parishioners and locals who had voiced an interest in preserving the building. Members agreeing to explore possibilities included Joe Burkhard, Melinda Krick, Karen Schlatter, Shelly Shinners, and former parishioners Les Weidenhamer, Janet Sholl, Deedi Miller, Lynn and Becky Keller, and Sue Brown. They had a brainstorming session and thought the group might be more credible if it was attached to the John

Paulding Historical Society. A presentation was given to the Historical Society at the end of May. Although they were sympathetic to the cause, there were understandably many questions that arose from this request. Once legal counsel met from both groups it was decided not to allow the group to become an extension of the Society.

On June 30 Burkhard sent an email to the Diocesan attorney, Tom Pletz, requesting a one year trial period for the local group to use the property, without any religious services, to show that it can maintain and operate the building responsibly and preserve it, with reversion of the property to the Diocese after a year if they failed. Pletz replied that he "would be happy to explore the possibility" once the suit was dismissed and that he would provide samples to get the necessary paperwork started. Any trial transfer would ultimately need the approval of Fr. Fillman and the Bishop. The group would need to meet the basic legal requirements and once an appropriate legal entity was formed he would recommend promptly that the parish and the diocese give the local group a chance.

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## PAULDING COUNTY 4-H PARTNERS WITH VANTAGE CAREER CENTER: 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



From left to right - Brittany Hamm, Derrick Echols, Cassandra Copeland-Goings, Sylvia Altenburger, Congressman Bob Latta.

Vantage Career Center and OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, Paulding County partnered to provide a youth leadership program through the Job Center in Paulding. Preparing today's youth for their roles as tomorrow's leaders is one of Ohio 4-H's most important goals. The Paulding County youth who were the participants of this summer program were, Erika Hamm, Derrick Echols, Brittany Hamm, and Cassandra Copeland-Goings.

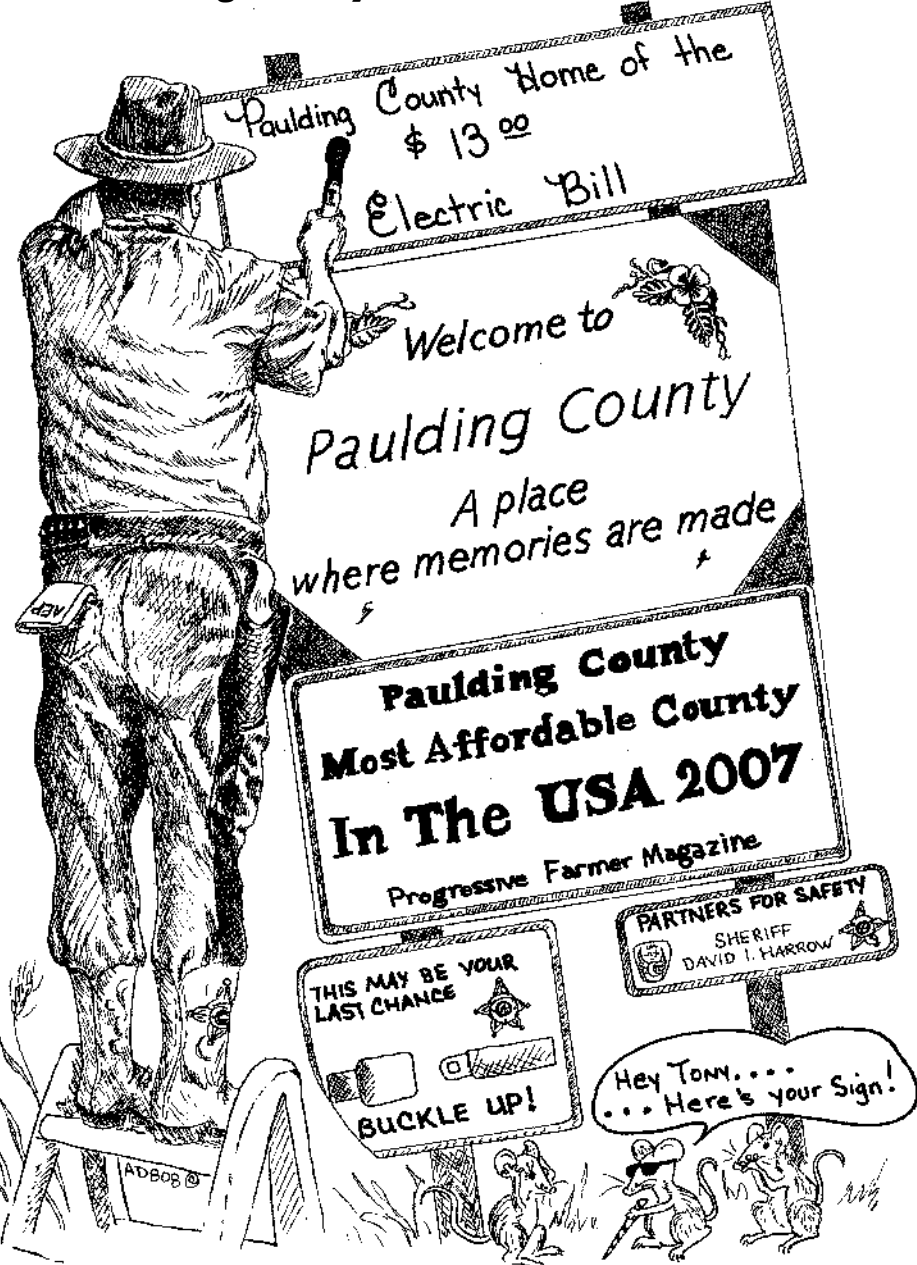
The 4-H project book used Leadership: Skills You Never Outgrow is designed to de-

velop skills in understanding self, communicating, getting along with others, learning to learn, making decisions, managing, and working with groups.

The hands-on activities involved working under the supervision of Sylvia Altenburger, 4-H Educator, Kristy Bidlack, Vantage Career Center instructor, and Bob Miller, 4-H Advisor. The youth group met with Congressman Bob Latta, and also listened to his presentation on the energy crisis that the United States is presently facing. After the presentation, the teens conducted research on the facts

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● Brookside Pizza	● Erika Pease Photography
● Stacey and Matt Butler	● Tiffany Pease
● Brad & Kathy Clemens	● Todd & Erika Pease
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● Don Howard	● Rachel & Jerry Thomas & family
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**OBITUARIES**

**Earl E. Stewart**, 73, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2008 at Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Earl was born in Isaban, WV on May 24, 1935, the son of the late Charles E. and Ida Belle (Jones) Stewart.

He worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne and enjoyed his family and spending time at the card-room.

Earl married Betty Horsley April 2, 1955. She died April 20, 1993.

He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Kimberly (Rod) Schaefer of Antwerp; sons: Michael (Sandra) of Antwerp and Patrick (Jill) of Hicksville; sisters: Martha Young of Columbus, Dorothy Sparks of Manchester; brother, Art of South Webster; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

His sister, Virginia precedes him in death. His funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp August 18. Rev. Jim Edwards officiated. He was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery Antwerp, OH.

The family requests donations to Northeast Indiana Burn Council. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**Jean M. Coplin**, 73, of Hicksville died Wednesday August 13, 2008 at Parkview Hospital - Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was born on September 3, 1934 in Hicksville, Ohio the daughter of Homer & Hilda (Wort) Miller. She was a 1952 graduate of Hicksville High School. She married Robert Bailey on June 13, 1953. He preceded her in death in 1975. She married Earl Coplin in 1978 - he preceded her in death in

1989. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church - Hicksville; American Legion Post 223 Auxiliary - Hicksville. She was Service Unit Director of Defiance County Girl Scouts for many years and was a self-employed seamstress. She is survived by two sons: Bob Bailey, Jr. and Mike (Pam) Bailey both of Hicksville; three daughters: Jill (Mike) Krakowski and Becky (Darrell) Kimpel both of Hicksville, Kathi (Todd) Braun of Decatur, IN; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four step-children: Larry (Nancy) Coplin of Convoy; Michael (Jane) Coplin, Marie (Mitch) Headley, Pat (Steve) King of Hicksville; 17 step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; and a sister, Louise Burkhardt. Funeral Mass was on August 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville with Fr. Tom Oedy officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville. Preferred memorials to Camp Libby Girl Scout Camp or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

**Midge "Dottie Blue" Biery**, 68, of Hicksville left this world on Tuesday August 12, 2008 after a short illness. The daughter of the late John L. and Luetta (Junge) Palmer, she was born on July 2, 1940 in Napoleon, Ohio. She was confirmed at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio. She graduated in 1958 from Hamler High School. She met her husband Richard while working in Washington, D.C. They were married on December 17, 1960. They settled in Hicksville in 1968 with their two children Michele and Mark.

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During her life, she was active in several clubs including garden clubs and the Red Hat Society. She made her mark though by clowning as "Dottie Blue". She shared this ministry with many sixth grade classes while teaching special needs at Hicksville Elementary School for 22 years. She was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville serving as Sunday school teacher, Youth Group Leader, church council, WELCA, chancel choir, as well as various other committees. She was a current and founding member of Community Christian Center in Hicksville.

She is survived by her husband; daughter, Michele Biery of Columbus; and son, Mark of Hicksville; grandchildren: Paul Ankney, Nathan Ankney and Allison Biery; a great-granddaughter, Maribelle Ankney; many brothers and sisters in Christ; and children in the community who called her "Mom". A memorial service was held on August 16 at Community Christian Center, 96628 Hicksville-Edgerton Rd., Hicksville, Ohio with Pastor Jay Scott officiating. Private burial at Forest Home Cemetery will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers: canned goods for Christ Cupboard or contributions to Community Christian Center or Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance.

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Funeral services was conducted August 16 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Mary Beth Smith Webb officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding; or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**Velma Irene (Collins) Mortorff**, 70, of Astor, FL passed away August 6, 2008 at St. Luke's Hospital following a lengthy illness. She was born to William and Genevieve Collins in Delphos, Ohio on December 24, 1937. She married Paul Mortorff on January 7, 1977. She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Astor, FL. She is survived by her husband, Paul; daughter, Diana Miller of Perrysburg, OH; step-children: Patti Hathaway of Waterloo, IN, Linda Swann of Woodburn, IN, James Mortorff of Antwerp, Stacey Stevens of Woodburn, IN; nine grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters: Toni Theis of Paulding, Carol Arnold of Norton, VA, Linda Trubey of Waterloo, IN; brothers: James Collins of Verbena, AL, Willard Collins of Waxhaw, NC, Edward Collins of Tampa, FL, Thomas Collins of North Platt, NE and Carl Collins of Tampa, FL. Cremation was chosen and a memorial service was at Norris Chapel United Methodist in Auburn, IN on August 16, 2008.

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Ivan Smitley; and an infant sister, Irma.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding, Ohio. Rev. David Meriwether will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery Paulding, Ohio. Calling at the DenHerder Funeral Home one hour before services on Wednesday. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, Ohio or Foundation for Fighting Blindness. Condolences may be sent to: [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

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becca (Jack) Benna of Glendale, AZ, Vanessa (Paul) Sciortino of Jeffersonville, VT; sons: Bradley (Judy) of Clarendon Hills, IL and Douglas (Laura) Cincinnati, OH; sister, Barbara (Richard) Brown of Hicksville; brother, Lynn (Ruth) Savage of Coral, MI; sister-in-law, Peggy Savage of Antwerp; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Her first great-grandchild, Lincoln Lucas, is expected to be born within the next few weeks.

Preceding her in death were her parents; stepfather, Melvin (Dugan) Billman; stepmother, Mildred Savage; and brother, Rex (Pete) Savage.

A private burial service will be held at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating Carole's life on Friday, August 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Grant's Reception Hall, 501 East Canal St. in Antwerp.

Preferred memorials are to the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center, 06817 SR 66 N, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Arrangements by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

### REFLECTIONS ON THE "DREAM TEAM"

**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**

*This article is was originally printed in 1993 after the 1992 Olympic Summer Games in Barcelona. It is being re-printed in light of the current Olympic Games in China.*

I was one of the millions of Americans who sat last summer for countless hours in front of the television set watching the Olympic Games. And one of the most popular venues of the entire Olympiad was that of men's basketball.

It wasn't that the basketball games themselves were particularly interesting (especially as the U.S. team dominated every game they played from start to finish), but what was fun to watch was the reaction of the fans and other basketball teams to the NBA stars representing the American team.

Dubbed the "Dream Team", the United States boasted such marquee names as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and a host of other all-star players. For the foreign teams playing the U.S. the highlight of the

Olympics was not the playing against these guys as much as the pre-game photographs they insisted on being taken with the NBA stars.

For each of these international basketball players, to have your picture taken with someone like Magic Johnson was a dream come true.

Some of us remember when Charles Barkley elbowed an Angolan opponent during a game. Most of us were disgusted and the entire world cried "foul!" But not the Angolans. They actually felt flattered that Charles Barkley considered them to be such serious competition.

After the game in which U.S. flattened the Croatian team, the Croatian coach, Peter Skansi, was all smiles. As he explained, "I was impressed with the way Mr. Jordan and Mr. Daly pronounced our names. They knew about us. That is very important to us. That means we are something in the world of basketball!"

Even though they got creamed, these foreign athletes were happy because the members of the Dream Team knew who they were.

What does it say about you and me - to say that we live in a God-invaded world? That Christ would not only VISIT this planet, but die on our behalf... does it not say that our lives are vitally important to Him and that we truly matter?

If Angolan basketball players felt honored just to be able to compete on the same court as Michael Jordan, what should it mean to us that Jesus Christ has come into our world and desires to know us personally?

Very little space in the gospels has Jesus dealing with individuals who were the "headline grabbers" of their day. In fact, a very small minority of Christ's personal contacts were with people whose names appeared in the "Palestinian Who's Who."

However, as I read my Bible, I find many episodes of Jesus taking time to talk with common folk, encourage little children, heal lepers, restore sight to blind people, and minister to no-name villagers. What does that say about Christ's compassion for simple, everyday individuals like you and me?

If you have questions about the depth of God's concern for an ordinary person like yourself, think again. Not only does Jesus know your name and know where you live, but He wants to do a work in you and accomplish marvelous things in your life. Think about that for a few moments. It should give you a fresh measure of encouragement... far more than getting elbowed by an NBA superstar.

### A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**By: Tommi Stahl**

School is starting up and I'm so excited. I love school and the teachers. I'm going in the 7th grade at Paulding, my little brother, Larry, is going into the 3rd grade at Oakwood, and my older brother, Devon, is going to be in the 9th grade at Paulding High School. He is a freshman football player and I'm wanting to go to the games! I'm excited to see my friends and make some new ones. So... I'm excited to go back to school. Go Panthers!!

### THANK YOU

We want to publicly thank our children for making our 60th wedding anniversary such a very special day. From the planning of the dinner to the open house to share with dear family and friends, it was a most joyous occasion.

To those who sent a card, brought a gift or shared memories with us we Thank You each and everyone.

May God Bless You All,  
—Francis and Bonnie Coughlin

### THANK YOU

The Class of 2013 would like to say thank you to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce for including us in a Day in the Park. We had a wonderful time with all the children who participated in the games and jumped in the moon bounce.

The class would like to say thank you to the following for donating their time to sit in the dunk tank: Pat Miesle, Jason Hormann (aka Pinocchio), Phil Rangel, Rose Reinhardt, Sheila Hilton, Shawn Dooley, and George Clemens.

Thank you to Lynn and Mike Bute and Shawn and Michelle Dooley for delivering and returning the dunk tank.

We would like to especially thank St. Mary's Catholic Church for lending us their children's games to utilize for a Day in the Park. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing all of them.

Thank you, Mr. Kammerer, for lending us the milk crates needed for some of our children's games.

Thank you Chuck's Tires for the tire needed for the football throw.

The class would like to say thanks to our parents for the donations made for a Day in the Park. We couldn't have done it without you. p

**The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.**

### MATTHEW 24 LESSON 2

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

In our last lesson I only made it through verse 1 which tells us about Jesus and the disciples coming out of the temple and how the disciples were pointing out the temple buildings to Him. Before I go any farther in this study, I would like to encourage you to read the scripture verses since space does not allow me to write them down. Also if you don't have a strongest Strong's concordance, I would encourage you to go out and purchase one.

Matthew 24:2 - Jesus tells the disciples to observe or look at these buildings, for I am telling you not one stone will be left upon another. Jesus is making a prophecy about the destruction of the temple. According to Josephus, a Jewish historian, in writing a book titled wars, he describes the razing and burning of the temple in 70 AD.

Matthew 24:3 - There are three questions asked in this verse.

Question 1: When will these things be? This question refers back to what Jesus said in verse 2. These things refer to the tearing down of the temple.

Question 2: What will be the sign of your coming? This is an event related to question 1 and will happen about the same time.

Question 3: What will be the sign of the end of the age? The third question is related to Christ second coming and the end of the world. Jesus is showing us in these verses that the destruction of the temple and His second coming at the end of the age are separate events. As we study these verses, it will show to each of us that premillennialists are wrong again. Lord willing, we will continue this study next week. Please remember that Jesus loves you

and so do I! If you have any Bible questions call 419-393-4775 or 419-399-5022.

(4-H Continued from Page 1) that Mr. Latta presented to better understand his agenda.

The youth group also spent a day observing the Paulding County Court presided by Judge Tiffany Beckman. The youth learned that it takes many years of education and experience before you can become a judge. The youth learned the various cases that are handled in Judge Beckman's court, such as traffic, theft, bad checks, and misdemeanors and which cases are handled by the other courts. Judge Beckman spoke to the teens on the court system and what leadership skills are needed to preside as a judge. The teens also toured the Treasurer's office, Auditor's office, and Recorder's office and were most impressed with all the duties performed in each office.

The youth group also visited the Paulding County Jail, Paulding County Historical Society, Al-Co Products Inc., and Custom Assembly. The presenters at each location spoke to the teens on the life skills needed to run a business. The skills emphasized by each agency were leadership, teamwork, decision making, problem solving, communication and integrity.

The teens acknowledged how much they learned by the various visits and were looking forward to practicing all the leadership skills they learned at their schools and extra curricular activities.

(Junction Continued from Page 1)

So as this story goes to press it is still undetermined what the future holds. Is there still community support for preserving this historic building? Will the powers that be even allow the possibility? Stay tuned!

**"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."**  
—Abraham Lincoln  
Presented by Phillip Piersma

## UROLOGY CLINIC



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### LOCAL YOUNG LEADER READY FOR HISTORIC INAUGURATION

In January 2009, outstanding high school students from across the United States will take part in a truly American celebration—the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States. During the five-day program, the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC) will provide scholars with a deeper understanding of the history behind the electoral process and the rich traditions surrounding the presidential inauguration.

“The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference will provide students with an opportunity to take part in historic events that coincide with the Inauguration of the President of the United States,” said Marguerite Regan, Dean of Academic Affairs for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors PYIC. “Something that is really wonderful about so many young people gathering in Washington, D.C. for this event is that it will provide them a chance to become more familiar with and attuned to the president who will govern our country over the next four years. We certainly hope this will inspire the next generation of U.S. leaders.”

Inaugural Scholars will have the opportunity to interact with a major presidential candidate, White House officials, congressional staff members, politi-

cal experts and other VIPs, such as Lance Armstrong. After witnessing the inauguration, scholars will experience the grandeur of the inaugural parade, as the president, vice president and their families make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol Building to the White House. To further honor and celebrate Inauguration Day, scholars will attend a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball.

Simon Hessler, a Payne resident and Junior at Wayne Trace High School has been extended an invitation to attend this prestigious event.

In addition to participating in inaugural events and festivities, scholars will have the opportunity to explore the numerous historic sites and monuments in our nation’s capital, as well as participate in roundtable discussions, debates and other activities that will help to expand their knowledge of democratic principles and the presidential election process.

CYLC is a nonpartisan, independent, educational organization. Since 1985, the Council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Members of the U.S. Congress have joined our commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the Council’s Honorary Board of Embassies.

For additional information, visit us at [www.cylc.org/pyic](http://www.cylc.org/pyic).

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2008.

The Commissioners discussed the AEP expenses for the new jail. The Commissioners are “very disappointed with AEP failing to submit a correct bill and with ourselves for not finding the AEP error earlier.”

Tracing the cause of not finding the AEP error pointed to the fact that utility bills are paid from many different funds. There is no method in the existing accounting system to track bills for all the county-owned buildings because different programs and funds are involved in making the payments.

The end result is actually a financial savings for the county. When AEP did not bill the correct electric costs, the county gained interest earned on the balance. Plus, a sixty-five month payment schedule (almost five and one-half years) continues to allow Paulding County to earn interest on the funds until caught up.

However, the estimated costs for the new jail were underestimated as the true electric costs were hidden by the AEP error and the county’s inability to catch the problem early enough.

Tony Burkley, Chairman of the Commissioners, said, “The problem is not the expense. It would have been paid out earlier if we had known. The problem is our old accounting system that does not allow us to obtain management information on important expenses. Tracking expenses for invoices we receive can be difficult and especially difficult to track invoices we don’t get. There are those that are looking for someone to blame for the AEP bill. If it will satisfy their political agenda, the buck stops in the Commissioners’ Office.

### EDITORIAL ELECTRIC BILL OVERSIGHT WILL HURT OTHER AGENCIES

by Bryce Steiner

As most all of you know, the county received an AEP bill for the jail of over \$120,000 for electricity used but now billed. The Paulding Progress had an excellent article last week concerning this. I was planning on doing a news article about this but decided against it and instead do an editorial opinion. Just to let you know, this may or may not be the view of the West Bend News. In other words, it’s my opinion!

After the Defiance Crescent broke the story on August 5, we’ve had numerous phone calls asking us what happened and what we’ve thought about it. I even went and asked the Sheriff a few questions and talked to some people in the courthouse. I still have more questions than answers.

Here’s what I’m confused about: “Harrow said that the bill payment has been listed in the 149 Fund report [jail levy that failed to renew in 2007] on a spreadsheet of bills since the county took occupation for the jail building several years ago. He said that the \$13 payment was there for all to see, recorded with the rest of the finances on the document.”\*

To me this is interesting because he says in the next paragraph, “Harrow said he knew nothing of the low AEP bill until he was informed recently.”\* So, He expects everyone else

to know this because it was ‘there for all to see’, but he himself is excluded...and what’s the reason for that? It was his department that made the report from the bills including utilities (his office also opened the bills, wrote up vouchers of the amount and forwarded them to the Auditor. “I didn’t pay attention to utility or water bills...How can I when there are so many responsibilities

to carry out as sheriff.”\* Sorry Mr. Harrow, but as an elected department official, it is your responsibility. Why would you run for office if you won’t take responsibility of the position?

Now I don’t want to be too hard on the Sheriff because I’m sure it’s a tough job, but he told me, “I don’t budget utilities. Never have!” How can a person properly know what their expenses are if there is no budget projection from the prior year at home, business or government? Again, I’m sure the responsibilities were just too great to include something as simple as that. After all, what is a \$4,500 a month for electricity compared to \$13 of the tax payer’s money (per month)?

I find it funny too, the first person Harrow blames is Brad Dysinger as the timing was too coincidental with election season. Uh, Brad wasn’t the one who found it and giving him credit is giving him “free political advertising.”\* I’ll bet Tony Burkley is real happy with Harrow for giving Brad so much free publicity (that was sarcasm in case there was any question). Who wrote anything about criminal intent?

I was concerned that the county wouldn’t have the money to pay for this with all that we have heard lately concerning the county finances, but the news release to the left implies the county has the money and is earning interest on it since it only has to be paid back over a 65 month period. I thought that maybe other county funded departments may have to be cut because of the AEP—Sheriff oversight. Unfortunately, I believe it will hurt other county departments

as they have be the ones cutting budgets to pay this continuing bill.

On another note, be sure to visit the different events in the area. Fall approaches fast and before you know it, it will be winter. It’s a great a time to live in Paulding County!

\*asterisk items are quotes from the Paulding Progress August 13



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We will not blame others for an honest oversight; but will work towards avoiding a similar occurrence in the future.”

Marty Harmon said, “Ohio schools have a state-supported accounting system that allows school boards to capture good management information. However, the state does not provide a similar service for counties.”

Marty Harmon stated, “The county owns many facilities, many of which we pay for utilities. Some are paid by others and of those

we pay, some are a general fund responsibility and some belong to a special fund.”

The Commissioners are aware that a new accounting system is a difficult project and expensive. All elected and appointed officials have to be involved. The computer programming must be purchased, implemented, and maintained. Commissioner Ed Straley said, “It would be difficult, if not impossible, to make this change at the same time that available funds are short and staff have already been reduced.”

### LOCAL CURVES HOLDS BOOTH AT DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR

The Curves of Defiance, Hicksville and Paulding will be holding a booth in the merchant building at the Defiance County Fair. “We are encouraging people to come check us out,” says Hicksville owner Jerri Steffens, “We will have a machine to demonstrate. There will be drawings for a week free and trainers will be there to answer any questions you may have.”

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This informational letter is in response to Danielle Smith's suggestion that the Paulding County Fair host a band show. Danielle—we couldn't agree with you more! The senior fair board would have loved to have a band show to add to our growing list of activities that occurred at the fair this past June. In fact, in December of 2007, we sent out a letter of inquiry to the administration and the band directors of each school in the county (Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace) asking if they would consider attending the show. We included in the letter that we had been approached by numerous community members asking for a show at the fair.

We had a flyer ready that listed prizes and other pertinent information, including contact information, about the show. Unfortunately Danielle, not one of the schools responded to our letter. We decided not to further pursue the plans for the show since we didn't have the support of the county schools.

Your positive, enthusiastic, and straightforward letter was much appreciated. It sounds like the band is active and lucky to have you as a member. As a board, we welcome suggestions and we try our best to provide a great fair for the county. Many new activities, some hosted by the junior fair board (fun activities with prizes for fair goers of all ages) and some hosted by the senior fairboard (truck pull and new nightly entertainment) have been scheduled in the past several years in an attempt to help build the fair attendance. We believe that it is working. We have had many comments and compliments (as well as good suggestions) about the changes that we have made. Our junior and senior fair board members (all volunteering their time) work hard to provide a quality fair for the county. We want to continue the positive changes, so suggestions like yours help. Please feel free to continue sending them our way. Community members are welcome at our open meetings. They occur on the second Wednesday of every month and are held at the fair grounds at 7:30 p.m. We also invite community members to consider volunteering to help us continue to build the Paulding County Fair.

—Ellen Townley—Senior Fair Board President

Larry Colley—Senior Fair Board Vice President, and the Paulding County Senior Fair Board members

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To a fine organization "Antwerp Chamber of Commerce" and all who helped at the Day in the Park celebration. A great job!

A community coming together to plan, organize, and work together is what small town living is all about.

Paulding County communities have put together wonderful activities and these have drawn people together.

—Ray & Sharon Johanns Paulding, Ohio

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brad Dysinger does not expect a TAX increase or want some. It is past time for somebody to do something and he is the gentleman for the mess.

—Reba Breckler

### THANK YOU

The Grover Hill Park Association would like to thank everyone who made Summerfest 2008, such a success:

—All area businesses (Van Wert, Paulding, Grover Hill, Defiance, Ottoville, and Oakwood) for their donations and contributions.

—All of the volunteers, family, and friends who helped make it possible

—Grover Hill Lions Club

—Grover Hill Ball Association

—To all of the vendors, crafters, and entertainers.

Thank you to everyone for helping make this year a wonderful fun filled family weekend!!

### SUSAN G. KOMEN NORTHWEST OHIO RACE FOR THE CURE®

Registration is now open for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure® that will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2008, in downtown Toledo. The 5k run/walk ends with a celebration and ceremony at Fifth Third Field. The event also includes a one-mile family fun walk.

This year the race introduces a new course that begins downtown at Monroe and Summit Streets, travels throughout the central business district, the Warehouse district and a portion of the Old South End by the train station.

Participants are encouraged to sign up early to get the best price. The Early-Bird Registration deadline is Thursday, August 28, 2008.

To register for the Race and to view the new Race course go to [www.komen-nwohio.org](http://www.komen-nwohio.org).

Early registration is also available on Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the following locations: Brondes Ford on Concord Road, Brondes Ford in Maumee, Mathews Ford in Oregon, and at Flower Hospital (rear entrance, cafeteria). Registration will also be available at the University of Toledo Student Union on Wednesday, August 27 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Funds raised by the Ko-

men Race for the Cure® benefit the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure which awards grants to area organizations offering a variety of community based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved throughout our 18 county service area. Last year's race raised more than \$560,000.

Each year special tribute is paid to two courageous individuals who serve as inspiration to others by recognizing them as the "In Celebration of" honoree and "In Memory of" honoree.

This year the "In Celebration of" honor goes to Diane Pacella for her personal perseverance against breast cancer and her dedication to raising breast cancer awareness. An 18-year survivor, Diana volunteers her time on the oncology floor of Flower Hospital, working with newly diagnosed patients through the reach for Recovery Program.

The "In Memory of" honoree is Gail Wilkins could best be described as "sunshine" because she brightened everyone's day and put others before herself. She courageously fought the disease for three years. Gail is survived by her husband Jeff, daughter Samantha and son Hunter. On December 1, 2007 Gail and her family moved into a new home, the fulfillment of her wish. Surrounded by her family, Gail passed away on Christmas night. She was 34 years old.

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982 that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement.

Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, more than \$1 billion has been invested to fulfill the promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

In 1999, the Northwest Ohio Affiliate was officially established and supports the 17 Ohio counties of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood, and the county of Monroe, Michigan.

The national sponsors of The Race include Yoplait, American Airlines, Coldwater Creek, Energizer, Ford, Fuze, New Balance, Quilted Northern Ultra, RE/MAX and Zeta Tau Alpha.

For information on the Komen Northwest Ohio affiliate, please visit [www.komennwohio.org](http://www.komennwohio.org) or call 419-329-2137. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast health or breast cancer, visit [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

## SCHOOL HAS STARTED!



Antwerp & Paulding Varsity Football teams scrimmaged on Friday, Aug. 15 at Paulding. Both sides' bleachers were filled and lots of cheering was heard. Paulding's Haden Sholl scored their first touchdown with 1:48 left in the first half and earned the extra point. Paulding won 20-0. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Wayne Trace Varsity & JV played Fort Laramie in a scrimmage. Wayne Trace JV players Jacob Eklund & Dylan Horner shown above. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

All four school districts in our readership have now started school. Along with school starting is the fall sports. Antwerp played at Paulding in a football scrimmage on Friday night and Wayne Trace played against Fort Laramie. Paulding scored in the first half of the game. Both teams looked very good. With the summer winding down and the fall festivals beginning to start, the young people are looking to get back on the bus for another year. Make the most of it!

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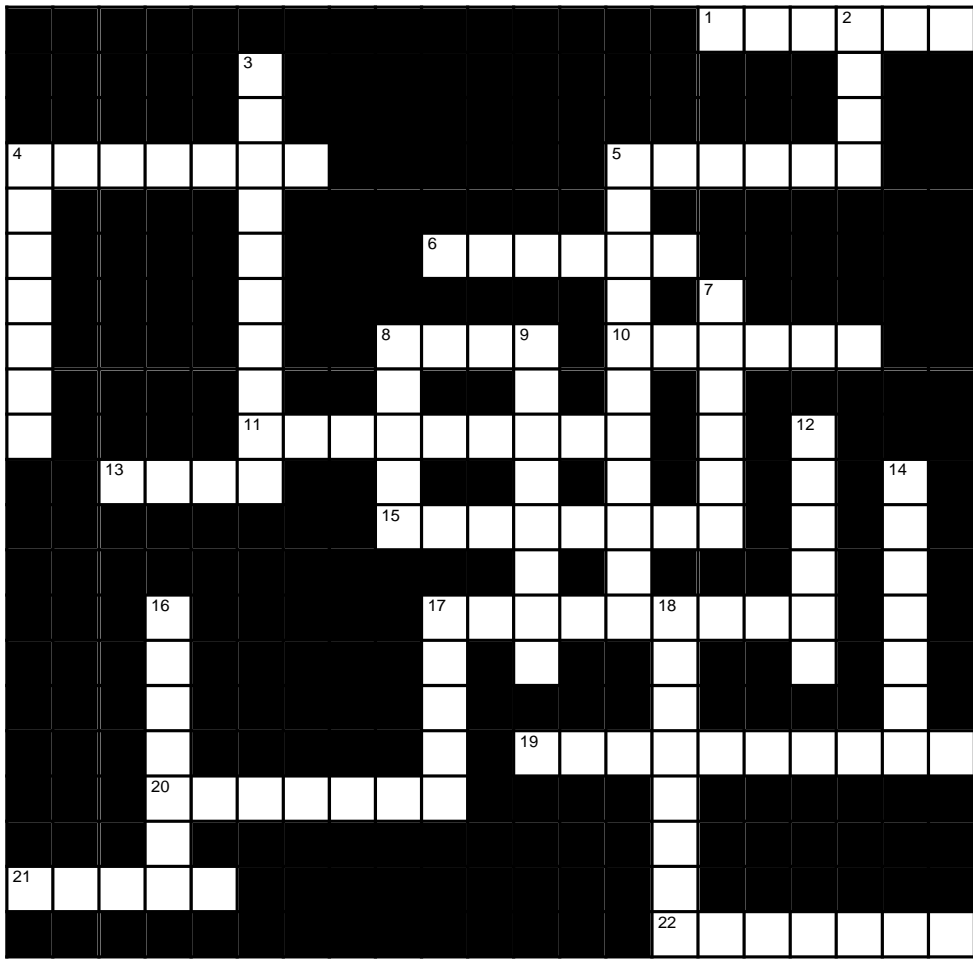
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

**Down**

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| <p>1. This Soviet gymnast performed the first back summersault on the balance beam.</p> <p>4. The only woman to win a medal in the 1968 Winter Olympics.</p> <p>5. The male gymnasts call the pommel horse this. (2 words)</p> <p>6. This part of their vehicles' equipment bobsledders are only allowed to use after crossing the finish line.</p> <p>8. 42% of sports casters think this event should be added to the Olympics.</p> <p>10. The number of seconds on the Olympic basketball shot clock.</p> <p>11. Old poles of this type were used as the first hurdles in the 1900 Olympics.</p> <p>13. The Olympics started out as a pagan festival in honor of this Greek god.</p> <p>15. This skater was protected by seven security guards at the 1994 Winter Olympics.</p> <p>17. This Olympic event winner is considered to be "The World's Greatest Athlete."</p> <p>19. This event dates back to the ancient Olympic games. (2 words)</p> <p>20. This kayaker makes artificial limbs.</p> <p>21. The number of minutes in an Olympic basketball game.</p> <p>22. This many thousand volunteers helped with</p> | <p>2. This lady will make her fourth appearance as an outfielder in this year's Games.</p> <p>3. The five rings in the Olympics symbol stand for these five things.</p> <p>4. This event starts when a jury director orders, "En garde!"</p> <p>5. The number of sports in the Beijing Olympics.</p> <p>7. This type of shooting was an Olympic event that was short lived.</p> <p>8. In the first Games, only free men who spoke this language could compete.</p> <p>9. This one event recorded in the first Games was called "the Stade". (2 words)</p> <p>12. The first modern Games was held in this city.</p> <p>14. The Olympic torch is first lit in this city.</p> <p>16. This field event consists of a crouch, shift, thrust, and release. (2 words)</p> <p>17. The oldest boxer to compete in the Games.</p> <p>18. This "strong man" laid out the 600m foot race course in the only event in the ancient Olympics.</p> |
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## GIRLS GOLF: WAYNE TRACE VS. FREMONT

Girls Golf teed off at Pleasant Valley Golf Course for a private match between Wayne Trace and Fremont (IN) on August 11, 2008.

Final score: Fremont (IN) 190, Wayne Trace 192

Records - Fremont 2-1, Wayne Trace 0-1

Individual results:

Fremont (190) - Elizabeth Carlson 41, Allison Hall 49, Kaylynne Goeglein 50, Sarah Aldrich 50

Wayne Trace (192) - Shelby Critten 44, Kacey Hockenberry 47, Courtney Hicks 50, Gabrielle Hook 51, Elyse Myers 56

JV results:

Wayne Trace - Lynn Bidlack 60, Jordin Jackson 51, Katelyn Hughes 59, Aryn Denny 65, Olivia Hook 60, Brittany Wilcox 62, Ashley Saylor 52

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF DEFIANCE INVITATIONAL

Many girls high school golf teams met up for Defiance's Invitational on August 14.

Team Scores - Sylvania Northview 388, Toledo Whitmer 394, Perrysburg 395, Eastwood 414, Lima Shawnee 416, Sandusky Perkins 431, Wayne Trace 432, Sylvania Southview 434, Otsego 476, Wapakoneta 479, Lima Central Catholic 480, Fairview 507, Edon 556

Wayne Trace Golfers - Kacey Hockenberry 105, Elyse Myers 108, Gabrielle Hook 109, Shelby Critten 110, Courtney Hicks 112

## DEFIANCE BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL AT AUGLAIZE GOLF COURSE

Many of the area schools boys' golf teams met up for Defiance's Invitational on August 11 at Auglaize Golf Course.

Team Scores - Bryan 295, Anthony Wayne 300, Wauseon 314, Archbold 316, Napoleon 317, Van Wert 326, Liberty Center 326, Kalida 343, Celina 343, Defiance 348, Paulding 351, Ayersville 365, Ottawa Glandorf 367, Tinora 383, Fairview 407, Wayne Trace 414

Top Individuals - Zach Davenport (Bryan) 71, Kaleb Figy (Wauseon) 71, Steven Kinsman (Archbold) 72, Cleo Trumbull (Anthony Wayne) 72, Josh Bialecki (Anthony Wayne) 73

Wayne Trace Golfers - Dalton Coburn 85, Henk Akkerman 101, Devon Snyder 111, Russell Fulk 117, Cody Feasby 122

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF: WAYNE TRACE VS. SOUTH ADAMS

The girl's golf team of Wayne Trace outstroked the South Adam girls in their golf match up on August 12 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

The final score was Wayne Trace 187, South Adams 222.

Individual results:

Wayne Trace (1-1) - Gabrielle Hook 45, Kacey Hockenberry 47, Elyse Myers 49, Shelby Critten 49, Courtney Hicks 46

Last Week's answers to "Sudoku"

3	6	4	9	1	7	5	8	2
7	5	9	8	2	6	4	1	3
1	2	8	4	3	5	6	9	7
6	9	3	5	4	2	8	7	1
5	1	2	7	9	8	3	4	6
8	4	7	1	6	3	2	5	9
4	7	6	2	5	1	9	3	8
9	3	1	6	8	4	7	2	5
2	8	5	3	7	9	1	6	4

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank Big Boys Toys Car Club, Larry & Joyce Copsey, members of the Payne Church of Nazarene, Club 49 plus the riders who rode, Royal Neighbors, Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne, Jim Schmidt Ford, friends, family especially my mom & dad (Rex & Cathy Shaner) for everything they have done for us. Through our children's illness and surgeries we were able to keep our faith due to the kindness of you all. I keep reading in the newspaper different people state that memories aren't made in Paulding County, but I feel they are wrong. A lot of the people on this list helped us even though they didn't know us. We will always be grateful.

God Bless You All!

—Shane & Nicole Lockhart, Brad Botteron, Lisa, Daisie & Mac Lockhart p

## UPCOMING FILING DEADLINES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. is the filing deadline for nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races, local questions and issues, including local liquor option petitions.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. is the filing deadline for the declaration of intent by write-in candidates.

Should you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230 or email the office at paulding@sos.state.oh.us

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Last Saturday was the celebration called "A Day in the Park." Boy, what a fine day. The weather was excellent and the people came early and stayed until the festivities were over.

Brighter Days DJ's, Gary Looser, let us use his sound equipment for all our games and interviews. He has a fine P.A. system and we appreciated the use of it.

We had an interview and talk with Dick Dunderman. He was in the Navy for 22½ years. He was a corpsman and most of the time a Naval Chief in the medic. Dick has been all over the world and his wife, Oattie, followed when she could.

Dick was Antwerp's Police Chief for 23 years. He was well known and well liked by most everyone in the county.

Dick and Oattie had five children, they have 16 grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren.

The Dance Dolls entertained for almost an hour. There is about 130 girls and they come from all the neighboring towns. Their flashy costumes and dress added to the entertainment.

The hoop race stymied them for awhile because that type of race has not been run for a long time around here.

In all, I think the girls won more contests than the boys did.

In the jello eating contest, a nice little fellow told me that he was allergic to red jello. Then a gal told us the same thing. So we had plenty of jello and we got that part straightened and I don't think either one won anything.

Anyhow, later I asked Darlene Billman, R.N. About this situation. I always take my medical questions to her. She says that's not uncommon, lots of people are allergic to red food coloring. In the medical profession they try to stay away from red.

By golly, I learned something today. We never get to

old to learn.

We had singing groups. The Glory Gospel Group from Van Wert County. They have a fast-moving beat in gospel songs. They were greatly received by everyone. Legacy is from the Defiance area, plus one member from Antwerp. They appear at the Essen House periodically and are known by a lot of people.

We were entertained by a little eleven year old girl, who has a great voice and a great presentation. Her name is Kenzie Clemens, and attends school at Wayne Trace. I personally really enjoyed her singing and I hope she pursues a musical career. I think she is that good.

The last entertainers for the day was Cy and Ruth Savage. Both are Antwerp natives, but have lived in Michigan, where Cy was a school teacher. They have always helped out with their fine array of songs, any time they are asked. That is the way with a lot of Antwerp people, they pitch in and help and do their share to make A Day in the Park a huge success.

**NOW READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

A man was driving in the San Francisco area and he picked up a hitch hiker. He was a typical hippie, sandals, long hair, little glasses, a beard and a long dress or coat of some type. He really fit the mold and talked like a hippie.

Soon he came up to a busy highway and stopped like the sign said. The driver pulled up and said, "It's all right my way, anything coming your way?" The hippie said, "Like, a dog, man." So he drove out on the highway and there was a terrible crash, metal grinding on metal, glass falling all around, the dust and noise were terrific.

As they laid there, at the crash scene, the driver said, "You said their was nothing but a dog, man."

The hippie said, "Yea, man, like a greyhound."

See, Ya!

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/20 THROUGH 8/26**

**MS/HS - Breakfast**  
8/20 - Continental breakfast, juice, milk  
8/21 - French toast stixs, sausage links, juice, milk  
8/22 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk  
8/25 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
8/26 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk

**MS/HS - Lunch**  
8/20 - Pepperoni pizza or breaded chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk  
8/21 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk  
8/22 - Footlong chili dog, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk  
8/25 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, bread or ham chef salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk  
8/26 - Turkey club sandwich, pickle spears, chips, assorted fruit, milk

**Paulding Elementary & Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast**  
8/20 - Coco-Roos, honey graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk  
8/21 - Apple zings, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk  
8/22 - Assorted cereal, graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk  
8/25 - Cinnamon toasters, honey graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk  
8/26 - Frosted flakes, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

**Paulding Elementary - Lunch**  
8/20 - Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk  
8/21 - Beefaroni, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, milk  
8/22 - Ham deli, mini carrots w/dip, pretzels, fruit cup, milk  
8/25 - Hamburger on a bun, french fries, fruit cup, milk  
8/26 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

**Oakwood Elementary - Lunch**  
8/20 - Hot dog on bun, corn, fruit, milk  
8/21 - Cheese bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk  
8/22 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fruit, milk  
8/25 - Hamburger on a bun, cheese, pickle, vegetable, fruit, milk  
8/26 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk

8/25 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, pears, milk  
8/26 - Nacho chips/meat/cheese, green beans, sherbet, milk

**LUNCH MENUS FOR ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK OF 8/20 THROUGH 8/26**

8/20 - Chicken nuggets or pizzaburger on bun, corn, peaches, milk; No salad bar or french fries  
8/21 - Cheeseburger on bun, or corn dog, cherries, green beans, milk; No salad bar or french fries  
8/22 - Pepperoni pizza or chicken salad sandwich, cheese curls, salad, mixed fruit, milk; No salad bar or french fries  
8/25 - Meatball sub or burrito, french fries, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese & fruit  
8/26 - BBQ rib patty or chicken patty on bun, baked beans, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or yellow cake w/cherries



**NOW READ THIS TOO**

Some time ago, Harold and Sandra Wann had a family reunion and had a picture taken of all their children. The kids took the picture to a firm and had this tapestry made showing a life like image of all their children.

From left to right is Hal, the oldest and he lives in Berne, IN. Then the daughter is Rita Putman and she lives in Rockford, OH. Son Jim and family lives in Ravenna, OH. Son Tom and his family live in Defiance, OH. Daughter Susan and her family live in Washington, PA.

The Wanns have eight

grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

This tapestry is a very unique keep sake. It looks nice whenever you put it on the wall, sofa, chair or anywhere.

Mrs. Sandra Wann is the president of the Antwerp Chamber. Mike Renno is the V.P. and Cheryl Lichty is the capable secretary treasurer.

These people really appreciate all the groups coming and setting up and helping out at "A Day in the Park."

And I also want to thank everyone, because I really enjoyed this day. Another day has gone down in Antwerp History.

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8/22 - Waffles, sausage, milk  
8/25 - Pizza, milk  
8/26 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

**Lunch:**  
8/20 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk  
8/21 - Hot dog/bun, carrot sticks w/dip, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: BBQ pork  
8/22 - Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, milk

# PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS ON



## COUNTRY INN RESIDENTS VISIT SENATOR MCCAIN

Residents at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding, were recently given VIP treatment by presumed Republican Nominee Senator John McCain and his campaign staff. McCain, who made an appearance in Lima on August 7, extended an invitation to Country Inn residents who could attend his town hall meeting. Four residents and staff, along with several seniors from Country Villas made the trip to the Veterans Memorial Center in downtown Lima.

Mary Zachrich, 87, was excited to find herself up front along the roped off platform of McCain. "I was very happy to find out that he is a Navy veteran like me. I didn't know that and it means a lot to me." It evidently meant something to McCain as well who shook Mary's hand firmly, leaned into her face amidst the crowd and thanked her for

her Navy service during World War II as the program ended. "He really made me feel very special. I had never been to anything like this before." Mary had persistently waved a flag in attempts to ask McCain a question during his 45 minute question and answer session. He did not select her to ask her question, but made up for it by shaking her hand. When asked what question she would have asked McCain, Mary replied. "I wanted to know if he was pro-life." Another participant had asked McCain that very question and McCain stated that he supports legislature to protect the rights of the unborn.

Residents agreed that it was worth the wait and drive to see the McCain campaign in action. It was noted that Ohio has traditionally been one of the deciding states for the presidential election. Residents celebrated by eating out on the return trip to Country Inn in Paulding.



Atticus Lee Meussling, five months old, attends the kick-off for Barack Obama's presidential campaign in Paulding County. His mother, Tresa Grace Meussling, helps Atticus hold his new Obama bumper sticker as he sits on her lap. Also attending the kick-off is Allisen Cooper, age six. Of the approximately 20 people in attendance, the consensus was that this is the first time that a presidential campaign sent a field rep to organize in Paulding County.

## INVESTMENT IN EXTENSION PAYS BIG BENEFITS

By: Paulding County Extension

As most of you realize, the fate of the Paulding County Extension Office rests in voters' hands on November 4. Passing the county general fund levy will keep our doors open and allow us to continue serving Paulding County residents.

And it will also mean your investment in Extension will continue to pay dividends. This investment provides an economic benefit to the community through both direct and indirect dollars.

Your county investment for 2008 from the Paulding County's general fund is \$90,000. This amount goes toward the salary and benefits of the Paulding County Extension office staff, as well as office operating expenses. At the same time, state and federal partners paid nearly \$115,000, with another \$15,000-plus coming from special grants. Plus, the Paulding County Extension Office also brings another \$112,000 in grants to serve our clients, including 4-H Youth Development grants and sponsorships, Agriculture and Natural Resources grants and sponsorships, and a federal Family Nutrition Program grant.

The bottom line is this: For a local investment of just \$90,000, the Paulding County Extension Office brings in another \$242,000 from outside sources. That's like paying 27 cents for a full dollar worth of services: Buy one, get three free.

But the payoff doesn't stop there. By having an Extension presence right here in Paulding County, we offer indirect economic benefits to local residents and businesses every day. A 2005 study on OSU Extension conducted by Battelle showed:

- Every 1 percent increase in agricultural output achieved through Extension programming brings \$149 million in direct and indirect output to Ohio, \$29 million in personal income for Ohioans and 2,712 jobs.

- Farmers who read Extension newsletters report significant savings and profit generation. Readers of the CORN (Crop Observation and Recommendation Net-

work) newsletter said they saved \$11.3 million in pesticides, and readers of the GRAIN newsletter reported a \$3.8 million gain by following marketing advice. Weed control recommendations from Extension increased corn yields by more than 2.5 million bushels and soybean yields by 1 million bushels.

- Extension's nutrition programs, such as the Family Nutrition Program here in Paulding County, reach thousands of families with information on healthy eating habits. More than 90 percent report a positive change in food choices and serving size and 98 percent report an increased knowledge of nutrition.

- Our food safety programs also pay off. Battelle reported that for every 1 percent decrease in foodborne illnesses as a result of Extension programming results in \$2.6 million to \$5.3 million savings in Ohio, as a result of reductions to health costs and missing work.

- The 4-H Youth Development Program's focus on leadership and integrity reaches 300 youths in Paulding County and 11.7 percent of the youth throughout Ohio. Battelle figured that if the program encourages just 5 percent of 4-H members to receive a bachelor's degree, more than 11,000 degrees would be earned, bringing those graduates \$19,000 more annually over counterparts who only finished high school.

Locally, we have worked with local businesses and individuals to protect ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive pest that, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, could end up costing the state \$3 billion. The sentinel plots we scout weekly for soybean rust could give us early earning against this disease that could mean yield losses of 10 to 90 percent. We participate in the Corn Nitrogen Study that assists farmers in the calculation of the optimal economic nitrogen rate based on nitrogen cost and corn price.

In many ways, Paulding County Extension pays off. Please vote for the general fund levy in November and help Keep Paulding County Growing and Strong.

## FARMERS MARKET AT RIVERSIDE PARK

By: Antwerp Park Board

Antwerp's Park Board is please to announce starting August 23 at 9:00 a.m. - noon we will be having our first Farmers Market at Riverside Memorial Park.

Any and everyone is invited to set up and sell their produce to the public.

There is no charge for space. You may set up tables, wagons or sell from the back of your truck. All we ask is to keep our park clean.

The public is welcome to come shop for fresh home grown produce, visit with friends and neighbors and to enjoy our wonderful park.

This will take place every Saturday through fall. We hope this turns into a great summer activity that returns yearly.

## CURVES IN PAULDING HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

If you've been curious about Curves in Paulding or just want to know what they have to offer, then stop in on August 27 and 28, 2008. Curves will have an open house so you can take a peek.

Curves in Paulding, located at 101 W. Perry St. is owned by Jeff and Glenda Ferris. According to the Ferris', the Open House will be held from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and will feature healthy snacks. Additionally, Jill Erford, LMT will offer free chair massages on August 27 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. The first 10 members to join will receive a special discount savings.

"This is a chance for someone to come in and see the equipment we have, and learn more about our program," said Ferris. The workout can be modified for those with special health conditions and our circuit trainers will make individualized adjustments to the workout to meet each person's needs. There are several different membership options and everyone is encouraged to come in and take advantage of a free workout.

Curves provides an exercise and weight control program designed specifically for

women. Whether you're interested in getting more exercise for health and general condition, or want to lose weight or tone your muscles, Curves can help you establish a regimen to help you meet your goal, Ferris said.

Curves' exercise program consists of 30 minutes of exercise three times a week, during which participants work all major muscle groups and receive a great cardio workout. It includes all five components of a complete exercise program: warm-up, strength training, cardio, cool down, and stretching.

In addition to a proven workout plan, Curves of Paulding offers various programs to help motivate and assist women in obtaining a healthy lifestyle, including: CurvesSmart™ personal coaching system, a new technology pioneered by Curves that offers a custom workout, moment to moment feedback and progress reports to keep members motivated while they work out; and www.CurvesComplete.com, an online weight-loss subscription service that provides subscribers with diet and fitness information, tools, experts and motivation to achieve their weight-loss goals.

For more information, contact Glenda Ferris at 419-399-9229 or pauldingcurves@hotmail.com.

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:*
- 8/11 - Mary Ann Shelton, Haviland
  - 8/12 - Lester Bland, Paulding
  - 8/14 - Pauline Cooper, Kalida
  - 8/15 - Earlene Laney, Paulding
  - 8/16 - Olga Rocha, Paulding
  - 8/17 - Marurice Saxton, Oakwood
- Dismissals:*
- 8/14 - Lester Bland, Paulding
  - 8/15 - Mary Ann Shelton, Haviland
  - 8/16 - Pauline Cooper, Kalida

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL FUN IN PAULDING COUNTY



Randy Stone ran the "strong man" booth at the Broughton Redneck Jamboree. The event had many attendees and lots of food and fun last Saturday. Look for more about Broughton in next week's paper!



Divine Mercy Annual Festival at Antwerp took place Sunday, August 17. Lots of fun for everyone! Steve Drennan, Transitory Deacon, here in the dunk tank will be ordained as a priest next year.

## NEW TITLES ORDERED AND/OR ADDED TO THE PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY SYSTEM

*At First Sight: A Novel of Obsession*, Cannell, Stephen J.  
*Being Elizabeth*, Bradford, Barbara Taylor  
*Ben Bernanke's Fed: The Federal Reserve*, Harris, Ethan S.  
*Bible Salesman*, Edgerton, Clyde  
*Breaking Dawn*, Meyer, Stephenie  
*Case Against Barack Obama: the Unlikely Rise and Unexamined Agenda of the Media's Favorite Candidate*, Freddoso, David  
*Cast a Blue Shadow*, Gaus, Paul L.

*Cheech & Chong: The Unauthorized Autobiography*, Chong, Tommy  
*Cinderella: The Love of a Daddy and His Princess*, Chapman, Steven Curtis  
*Close*, Cole, Martina  
*Confessions of a Contractor*, Murphy, Richard  
*Damage Control*, Jance, J.A.  
*Dangerous Days of Daniel X*, Patterson, James  
*Dark of Day*, Parker, Barbara  
*Domestic Affairs*, Goudge, Eileen  
*Fearless Fourteen*, Evanovich, Janet  
*Force Unleashed*, Williams, Sean  
*Great Wall: The Extraordinary Story of China's Wonder of the World*, Man, John  
*Host*, Meyer, Stephenie  
*Just Too Good to Be True*, Harris, E. Lynn  
*Killer View*, Pearson, Ridley  
*Lace Reader*, Barry, Brunonia  
*Lie Down with the Devil*, Barnes, Linda  
*Likeness*, French, Tana  
*Listen to Your Heart*, Michaels, Fern  
*Marriage Benefit: The Surprising Rewards*, O'Connell, Mark

*Meditation for Dummies*, Bodian, Stephan  
*Mercedes Coffin*, Kellerman, Faye  
*Money and the Law of Attraction: Learning to Attract Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, Hicks, Esther  
*Moscow Rules*, Silva, Daniel  
*New Earth, an Old Deception: Awakening to the Dangers of Eckhart Tolle and His Number 1 Bestseller*, Abanes, Richard  
*Night of the Gun: A Reporter Investigates the Darkest Story of His Life. His Own*, Carr, David  
*No Choice But Seduction*, Lindsey, Johanna  
*Off Season*, Siddons, Anne Rivers  
*Pharmakon*, Wittenborn, Dirk  
*Ridiculous Race*, Hely, Steve  
*Riven*, Jenkins, Jerry  
*Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Sanction*, Van Lustbader, Eric  
*Rough Justice*, Higgins, Jack  
*Rules of Deception*, Reich, Christopher  
*Say Goodbye*, Gardner, Lisa  
*Sense of Belonging: From Castro's Cuba to the U.S. Senate, One Man's Pursuit of the American Dream*, Martinez, Mel  
*September Society*, Finch, Charles  
*Shack*, Young, William P.  
*Sister's Secret*, Brunstetter, Wanda E.

*Sister's Test*, Brunstetter, Wanda  
*Smoke Screen*, Brown, Sandra  
*Somewhere in Heaven: The Remarkable Love Story of Dana and Christopher Reeve*, Andersen, Christopher  
*Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea*, Trudeau, Noah Andre  
*Takeover*, Black, Lisa  
*Time Paradox*, Colfer, Eoin  
*To the Death*, Robinson, Patrick  
*Up Close and Personal*, Michaels, Fern  
*What Happened to Anna K.*, Reyn, Irina

## THE ATMOSPHERIC AC-COUNT

By: Joshua Steiner

Around this time of the year, the hurricane peak season is beginning—in the months of August, September, and October. These three months are peak time because the ocean temperature has been warmed by the hot summer months (above eighty degrees Fahrenheit). This heat rises and condenses forming clouds while the sun evaporates the water in the ocean. The clouds that were formed start raining, the heat from the ocean rises and lowers the air pressure which makes the wind stronger which causes the waves to become larger and larger. When the waves get larger, this causes ocean sprays to evaporate which increases evaporation. The huge amounts of evaporation cause more and more condensation which in turn produces heavier rainfall. This process continues until the hurricane has hit land. Hurricanes are steered by high pressure systems towards the North American continent.

Around here we don't get hit by hurricanes, but we can be affected by them. Sometimes when hurricanes hit the east coast they weaken but the rain can keep traveling west and can give us heavy rain and wind. Hurricanes can also, if it doesn't make it far enough, push are storms towards the west instead of the east.

Around this time here, we usually expect our temperatures to start cooling down in September, it usually does cool down in the beginning of fall (it probably will this year)but we shouldn't let our guards down because last year we had a heat wave in October, so we should remember that it can still get hot in October.

Forecast for the rest of the week:  
 8/20 - Sunny with a high of 84 degrees and a low of 57 degrees  
 8/21 - Partly cloudy with a high of 87 degrees and a low of 66 degrees  
 8/22 - Partly cloudy with a high of 86 degrees and a low of 64 degrees  
 8/23 - 30% chance for isolated T-storms with a high of 83 degrees and a low of 65 degrees  
 8/24 - 30% chance for isolated T-storms with a high of 80 degrees and a low of 53 degrees  
 8/25 - 60% chance of scattered showers with a high of 78 degrees and a low of 56 degrees  
 8/26 - 40% chance of showers with a high of 76 degrees and a low of 54 degrees

## PAULDING MAN TOP SHOOTER



Fred Pieper, Paulding, was the top shooter at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Oscar F. Pieper Memorial Trap Shoot. Pictured with the winner are from left, Tim Pieper, Donna Pieper (Oscar's widow), Fred and Jeff Pieper.

Fred Pieper, of Paulding, was the top shooter in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oscar F. Pieper Memorial Trap Shoot held recently at the Paulding Fish & Game Club. The memorial shoot honors Pieper's father for the impact he had on reviving the sport of trap shooting in Paulding County, Fred shot a near perfect 74 birds

out of 75, having missed his final bird. This annual event, traditionally held on the third Sunday in July, attracts top shooters from throughout Ohio and NE Indiana who compete for cash and meat prizes and a traveling trophy. For more information about trap shooting contact Pieper at 419-399-9021.



## FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Leah is this week's featured pet. Leah is an eight months old silver Weimaraner mix. She is a medium size dog weighing only about 25 pounds with a nice short coat. Leah is patiently waiting for her new home.

Also at the shelter we have a purebred black lab, a german shep mix - house-trained, a copper beagle, and a rottweiler mix. New dogs come into the shelter everyday. Please check our website at [www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html](http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html)

The end of summer is al-

ways the worst time for fleas. Be sure to inspect your pets coat and skin for signs of fleas. Not only are fleas a major nuisance to you and your pets they can also infect your pets with tapeworms.

There are several topical flea treatments that can be applied once a month to kill existing fleas and prevent further infestations. Be sure to buy the right size for your pets weight and never treat a cat with a product made for dogs.

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# ANN'S CAMPERS LEARN ABOUT WATER SAFETY!



The campers at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool were recently visited by the head lifeguard and pool manager from the Paulding Water Park. They taught us how to be safe around water and showed us their tools for saving lives! Shown here from the left in front are: Ella Cook

and Brody Fisher. In back are: Emma Shuherk, Molly Adams, Lucy Shuherk, Nash Saylor, Reid Johanns, Ethan Herman, Sam Adams and Annilyn Ayers. In the very back are head lifeguard Jace Crossland and Pool Manager Sarah Mott.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF LINCOLNVIEW INVITATIONAL

Many area boys high school golf teams met up for the Lincolnview Invitational on August 14.

Team Scores - Ottoville 315, St. Henry 324, Antwerp 353, Lincolnview 353, Crestview 359, Miller City 380, Fort Jennings 389, Wayne Trace 421

Ottoville - Alex Odenweller 77, Tray Markward 78, Tim Kramer 80, Jordan Schimmoeller 80, Eric Ricker 80, Chris Reiger 84

St. Henry - Doug Bruns 75, Chad Gerlauch 81, Sean Walscutter 84, Todd Wehrkamp 84, Ryan Siefring 86, Craig Kremer 93

Antwerp - Isaac Yenser

86, T.J. Short 86, Andy Jones 90, Beau Kobee 91, Kyle Reinhart 94, Ben Spillner 96

Lincolnview - Pierce Walters 82, Taylor Hoehn 86, Anthony Simpson 86, Drew Doner 99, A.J. King 112

Crestview - Jamin Rager 76, Jarrett Yochrich 86, Tyler Clifton 95, Chan Hurless 102, Doug Rhoades 104, Jacob Wortman 104

Miller City - Chandler Schafer 90, Tim Inkrott 93, Kevin Kaufman 96, David Rippebe 101, Derek Griggs 104, Ben Roppetoe 122

Fort Jennings - R.C. Schuermann 90, Cody Warnecke 93, Adam Mesker 97, Tyler Dray 109

Wayne Trace - Dalton Coburn 78, Henk Akkerman 106, Ryan Jewell 116, Cody Feasby 121, Russell Fulk 123

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## JOURNEY THROUGH THE JUNGLE AT THE 2008 OAKWOOD HOMECOMING

"Journey Through the Jungle" is the theme for this year's Oakwood Homecoming held Labor Day Week-end. Festivities begin Friday evening with the Cooper Community Library Event Planners hosting a safari themed dinner and entertainment under the big tent. Presale tickets may be purchased by calling 419-594-3337.

Saturday's events begin at 7:00 with breakfast at the fire station. Baked goods may be dropped off at the old fire station between 10:30 and 11:30 for the baking contest. These items will be out for a silent auction from 4:30-7:30 in the gazebo. The Red Cross will be running a bloodmobile at the fire station from 9:00-1:00. Adults and kids alike are invited to come to the park at 1:00 for a Community Day of Play. There will be play stations set up near the west shelter house and the Kiddie Pedal Pull will also take place on Cooper Street. Kids will dive into chocolate pudding for the Pudding Eating Contest at 2:30 in the gazebo. Little Miss Oakwood will begin at 3:00 with the Jr. Miss following at 4:00. At 4:00, teams of two can sign up at the gazebo for a Corn Hole tournament. The Little King and Queen contest will be at 5:00. Community Recognition Program is at 6:00 when Verda Leatherman will be honored as Grand Marshall along with Mr. and Mrs. Oakwood and other awards to be given. Following the Community Recognition will be the Miss Oakwood at 7:00 p.m. Puttin' on the Hits will take place at 8:00 with prize money being awarded for the top three entries in each age division. The night will conclude with a movie in the park sponsored by Paulding Exempted Village Schools. "George of the Jungle" will be shown in the park and guests are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Twin Oaks will be serving breakfast beginning at 6:30 Sunday morning. There will be a Health Walk sponsored by Family Chiropractic at 8:00 beginning in front of Cooper Community Library. At the east end of town from 8:00-10:00 a.m. will be weigh in for the tractor pull with the first pull beginning at 10:00. There will be a community church service under the big tent at 9:30. Kids may begin signing up for Fear Factor at 1:00 in the gazebo with the event starting at 2:00 under the big tent. Adults will have the opportunity to show their creativity by participating in a construction contest. Those interested will meet at the big tent at 4:00 to get their materials. Oakwood's Amazing Race will begin at 5:00 (interested participants may sign up at 4:30). The winners will receive \$100. The Kiddie Parade will begin at 7:00 with the theme Jungle Fever. Participants need to line up at 6:00 at Twin Oaks. Twin Oaks United Methodist Church is sponsoring the bands "Amory" and "Twisted Nails" under the big tent at 8:00.

Monday begins with the parade at 11:00. There will be a string ensemble and ukulele band in the gazebo at noon for your enjoyment. The fire department will be hosting water ball at the fire station at

1:00. Also at 1:00, Mark's Ark will be under the big tent for a safari. Come and see the animals! This year contestants will have the opportunity to spin the Wheel of Fortune at 2:00. Individuals may begin signing up for Wheel of Fortune at 1:00 at the gazebo. The Wheel of Fortune is being sponsored by The State Bank & Trust Co. At 3:30, R & B Fabrications will sponsor a Tarzan Yelling Contest. Age divisions are kids up through 8th grade and freshmen through adult. Another Corn Hole tournament will begin at 4:00. The annual Duck Race, sponsored by the Oakwood Library Association will be at 6:15.

Inflatables will be on hand for the kids Sunday from 3:00-8:00 and Monday from 12:30-5:30. New this year will be the Extreme Trampoline on Monday. Oakwood Elementary PTO will be hosting a turkey dinner in the school following the parade on Monday. Twin Oaks will have food in the legion, the library will sell ice cream cones, and the Homecoming Committee will be serving from the food stand. The annual Softball Tournament will begin on Saturday, August 30. There will also be a Photo Contest for grades 6-12 and adult with a theme of Laughing out Loud. Entries must be submitted by Friday, August 22 at the library. There is no size limit, but it must be framed with name and phone number on the back. Questions and interested volunteers may be directed to 419-594-3548 or 419-399-9011.

## CICADAS

By: Rose Kever

The cicadas are buzzing already. I started hearing them at about the second week of July. An old man told me when you hear them that it will be six weeks until the first frost. Well, let me tell you - if the first frost hits us in August, the scientists, who say we're having global warming, are dead wrong!

We have a male mulberry tree where the cicadas live, including coming up out of the ground around it. We were discussing these creatures today and there really is a lot of mystery in the species. They come out of holes in the ground, climb up the tree trunk, morph out the shell and fly around and make a lot noise. It's a beautiful sound that does make you know that fall is coming.

The grandchildren like to go over to the tree and collect the shells, (Seth is afraid of them), and they attach them to their shirts for decorations. Hailey, who lives in Toledo and doesn't get to see this stuff is truly amazed with the whole "outside - nature" thing. They live in an apartment complex, so she can't come and go like she can here. I guess that's why she likes to come to Grandma's. She can go outside to play and explore and still be safe.

The cicadas amaze me every summer. Sometimes you can even watch them crawl through the grass, heading for the tree. I don't know how long it takes for the shell to dry before it splits and they come out. I guess I need to go watch for awhile and see just how long it takes.

## LINDSEY & CO. ATTEND AQUAGE MASTERCLASS ACADEMY IN CHICAGO



(l to r) - Lindsey Rohrs, Lindsey Hormann, Eric Fisher, Jill Koenn and Dawn Grant. To schedule an appointment at Lindsey & Company call 419-399-4869.

The stylists at Lindsey & Co. Hair Studio recently attended the Aquage Masterclass Academy held in Chicago. It was a 2 day, hands-on, intensive, interactive, educational experience. Their class

was conducted by Eric Fisher, Ann Bray, and Luis Alvarez. The program included new haircutting techniques, photo sessions, salon business practice and new up styles.

## THANK YOU

This goes out to everyone who lent a helping hand and reached out in an unselfish act of kindness to help a homeless person who isn't as fortunate as we are in our little town of Antwerp and our community will be blessed by the hand of God for doing so. Thank you all!

—Robin Wolford & Robert R. Miller

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING FOR PAULDING COUNTY

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**GARAGE SALE: Saturday, August 23, 10am-3pm, 819 Springdale Dr., Paulding. Jackets, coats, microwave, boys from size infant, quilts, bedspread, linens, pillows, adult clothing, dishes, & more. p**

**WOODBURN CITY WIDE Garage Sales - Sat. Sept. 13th, 8:00AM till 4:00PM, Legion is still having BBQ Chicken & Lions Club Donuts. 35-37**

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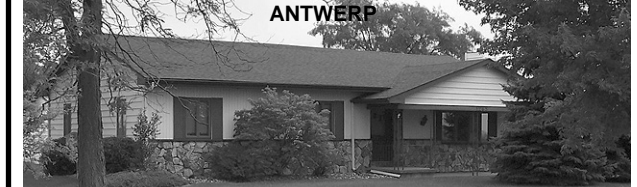
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**UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY CHOSEN BY HOME DEPOT**

The United Way of Paulding County has begun receiving product donations from the local Home Depot store through a new national program that aims to empower communities and improve the lives of people in need.

"The volume, quality and types of items we have received in our first two pick-ups have been outstanding! We are very excited and blessed that we can share these items with the ill, needy and youth in our community," said Nancy Hessler, executive director of the United Way of Paulding

County.

In an effort to increase access to affordable housing and provide healthy and decent living conditions for low-income families and elderly persons across the nation. The Home Depot (THD) partnered with Gifts In Kind International to launch the Framing Hope Product Donation Program ([www.giftsinkind.org/HomeDepot](http://www.giftsinkind.org/HomeDepot)), a national product donation program that benefits nonprofit organizations in the communities served by each THD store.

Most low- or fixed-income families in America pay more than one-third of their earnings on housing and cannot afford the cost of maintenance on their dwellings. This new national product donation program—managed by Gifts In Kind International—aims to empower low-income communities and prevent them from becoming unsafe and rundown. The Framing Hope program matches Home Depot stores with local nonprofits that receive donated products throughout the year. The Auburn, Indiana-based THD store will provide urgently needed building or home improvement supplies to United Way of Paulding County to increase the organized capacity of the people of Paulding County, Ohio to care for one another through the establishment of a community process which brings people together to identify, improve, and where possible, resolve health and human-care problems, all in an effort to promote individual well-being and social good.

"The generous donations of The Home Depot to charitable organizations around the country such as United Way of Paulding County will have a profound impact on local community housing and shelter programs," said Gifts In Kind International President and CEO Richard Wong. "Gifts In Kind is honored to work with The Home Depot to help provide healthy and safe housing for the underprivileged in Paulding County."

The donations received by United Way of Paulding County will include building supplies and materials, plumbing products and assorted home improvement products and have totaled nearly \$5,000.

**Gifts In Kind International**

Ranked by Forbes Magazine as one of the nation's best-managed charities in America, Gifts In Kind International ([www.giftsinkind.org](http://www.giftsinkind.org)) works to enhance, empower and restore communities in need by generating and distributing corporate product donations through its network of more than 120,000 qualified nonprofit organizations that are doing important work around the world. The nonprofit organization manages donation programs for a wide range of Fortune 100 companies and retailers.

**The Home Depot**

Based in Atlanta, GA, The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement retailer with more than 2,000 retail locations worldwide. Giving back to the community has ALWAYS been a core value at The Home Depot. Through community

programs such as Kaboom and Team Depot, The Home Depot has been able to give back to local communities by improving neighborhoods and building playgrounds for children. Through this new store product donation program, The Home Depot will partner with Gifts In Kind International to help rebuild and reshape our local communities by donating needed home improvement and building supplies.

**JUNCTION CANAL MARKER A REALITY**

The Junction Canal Marker Committee has announced that the marker is coming and will be shipped mid-September.

The Committee has been successful in raising more than enough money for the marker. Any monies left will be used to landscape the area.

The Junction Canal Marker Committee consists of Les Weidenhamer, Jerry and Mary Price, Carol Birkemeier and Marceile Tuohy with the John Paulding Historical Society sponsoring the marker.

They have worked very hard to preserve the history of the canals in the area.

The marker will be located near the site where the canals junctioned at the corners of St, Rt. 111 and Township Rd. 163 in Junction, OH. The canals not only helped drain the Black Swamp area but were also a means of transportation of people and goods. The canal connected Lake Erie with the Ohio River.

The marker will also honor the Buckeye Trail and the North Country Trail. The Buckeye Trail is a 1,450 mile long distance trail that loops around the state of Ohio. The North Country Trail, planned to stretch more than 4,600 miles from eastern New York to western North Dakota, is the longest of the eight National Scenic Trails authorized by Congress. These trails follow the Miami Erie Canal through Paulding County.

The dedication will be held on October 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the marker site. Come join in and be a part of the preservation of the Paulding County History.

**JOHANN'S FARM HOST OHIO FLYING FARMERS**



The Ray and Sharon Johanns' farm has again welcomed the Ohio Flying Farmers to Paulding, Ohio.

This year 10 airplanes flew in. Members arrived from four different states for a total of 69 in attendance. A potluck lunch was enjoyed.

After lunch the "Static Sound" Barbershop Quartet from Paulding entertained those attending.

Ron Jackson brought his light sport "Sonic" plane for the men of the group to "ooh!" and "aah!" over.

The Ohio Flying Farmers are always looking for new members and also new places to visit. If you have an interest in flying, farming, or just

want to be with a family organization, this is the group for you.

The Flying Farmers were organized in 1945 with an International affiliation. Friends come together from all over the United States and Canada. The International Convention was held in July 2008 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Winter Workshop will be held in Branson, Missouri in February 2009.

Dayton, Ohio will be the site of the International Convention in July of 2009. For more information or to come as a guest to a meeting, call Ray or Sharon Johanns, Paulding, Ohio.

**PAULDING RESERVOIR COED LEAGUE STANDINGS**

- Tuesday Night League**
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  - Bruce Kunesh Auto 2-0
  - Wildcat Popcorn 1-1
  - Tri-County Roofing 1-1
  - Northwest R.E./Red Owl 0-1
  - Eagles 0-1
  - Sinners Bar & Grill 0-1
  - Solid Ground 0-1
- Thursday Night League**
- Red Owl 1-0
  - Ed's Car Care 1-0
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  - Hoffman Builders 1-1
  - Padrones Pizza 0-1

- D&M Grill 0-1
- Lafarge 0-1
- Concrete Guys 0-1

**PAYNE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 8/15**

- 1) 49 Club 3-0
- 2) Good Times/BW3's 3-0
- 3) Chico's 3-0
- 4) Antwerp Pharmacy/Mad Anthony 2-1
- 5) Custom Curb Appeal 1-2
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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Carryall Township Zoning Commission at the Antwerp Fire Station, located at 203 Cleveland Street on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss amendments to the sign and billboard regulations.

*Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer  
Carryall Township Trustees*

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
HYDRANT FLUSHING  
VILLAGE OF ANTWERP**

The Village of Antwerp intends to perform annual hydrant flushing starting Friday, August 22, 2008. Hydrants located on the south side of U.S. 24 (River Street) will be flushed first. The process will continue on the South Side location for a period of 2 weeks. Residents should check their water for discoloration before washing clothes. Letting the water run will normally clear up any discoloration caused by hydrants flushed in their neighborhood.

The hydrant flushing located North of U.S. 24 (River Street) will commence approximately on September 10, 2008. The process will continue for approximately 2 weeks.

Any questions concerning this process should be directed to the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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