

HISTORY ALIVE! WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT VANTAGE CAREER CENTER

Teachers from all over the area (Van Wert, Paulding, Mercer, Auglaize, Defiance, Williams, Henry and Fulton Counties) are invited to attend workshops titled "History Alive!" at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH on September 17, 2008 (part one) with part two being held on December 2, 2008. Hours for the workshops are 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The workshop is designed to introduce teachers in grades 3-8 to the History Alive! materials from publisher TCI. Introduction and Hands-on experiences with the materials will be presented. These instructional materials will add to the social studies curriculum at the schools.

Teachers will learn about the instructional power behind the History Alive! program through proven methods such as improving students achievements by tapping students' multiple intelligences, building students' content reading skills through effective techniques, and creating a cooperative and tolerant classroom environment.

The workshop is designed for teachers interested in incorporating History Alive! into their curriculum.

The workshop is free and sponsored by the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center and its Teaching American History grant. The grant is a three year project, funded specifically for professional development for social studies teachers in the northwest Ohio region. It is designed to encourage teachers to deepen and broaden their knowledge of American history, increase the quality of instruction, increase teacher use of primary source materials and improve student achievement. Content for all of the professional development series will focus on making a connection between local and regional historical events and American historical events. Substitute teachers who fill in for the teachers who are attending, will be paid through the grant.

For more information, contact grant director, Chris Feichter, at cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org. For registration, please contact Jan Smith at jsmith@wb.noacsc.org or 419-399-4711 by September 10, 2008.

ARE THE NATIVES RESTLESS IN OAKWOOD?



Cannibals are L to R: Denny Thrasher, John Saxton, Ron Cooper, Mike Miller, Derric Brown. The Oakwood Homecoming was quite the memorable event this year. More hilarious pictures at www.westbendnews.net

By: Angel Steiner and Sue Knapp

This past weekend was Oakwood's annual Homecoming Festival. The weekend was filled with family fun and, of course ... food!!

The Friday night festivities were kicked off with a "jungle" dinner served up in true tropical rain forest fashion. From the grass hut welcoming tent to Ms. Sue Thomas in a grass hat and skirt, the mood was set the moment of arrival. The hors d'oeuvres were fresh and crisp summer fruits and veggies with dips for each. The monkeys were roaming around to remind the guests that the jungle was here. The main menu included a kabob

of roasted summer veggies, smoked turkey, red potatoes, and 'stone' rolls. And we cannot forget dessert! Wow, I'm not sure what all was in it, but I tasted graham crackers, bananas, pineapple, pudding and whipped cream. Yumm!!

A very talented MC, a Mr. Brown (I think) kept the atmosphere light and put smiles and laughs on everyone. The entertainment followed the dinner accompanied by townsfolk dressed up as professors, Tarzan, natives, witch doctors, wild jungle animals... and even elephants! It was small town entertainment at its finest (just check out the pictures in the paper

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ANTWERP BALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 14

The Antwerp Ball Association will be having their annual review meeting on Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. in the auditoria at Antwerp School. This meeting is open to the public. If anyone has any questions, concerns or any suggestions please plan on attending.

At this meeting we will also be taking new members, anyone who is interested in becoming a board member should attend. If you cannot attend this meeting please let a current board member know you are interested so your name can be put before the board. We have some board members retiring this year and will have five positions open to be filled. If you don't wish to join the board but would be interested in helping with maintenance and such, please come to this meeting and let us know. We are always in need of help.

The Antwerp Ball Association had a successful year. We appreciate all the hard work the coaches and assistant coaches put into the season. The Class of 2013 was a

great help in the concession stand and we applaud them for their time.

We are in the process of doing upgrades on the fields and could use some help this fall. We will be painting bleachers in the spring and could use the extra hands.

We are also looking for some land. We are having growing pains, if you were at the ball fields this year you are aware parking is at a premium. We need about 25 acres to have space to continue to grow in the future. We would like to be close to town and have easy access from 24 or 49. If someone would donate land to our cause it would be a great benefit to our community. We are a non-profit organization and need all the help we can get.

We look forward to you joining us on Sunday, September 14.

WBESC BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

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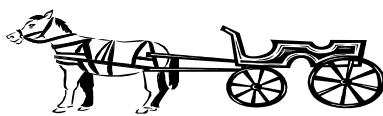
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MATTHEW 24 LESSON #4



By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Matthew 24:9 - who is Jesus talking about being delivered up, and Jesus said they would be killed. According to Matthew 24:1-2, Jesus is talking to the disciples, who would later become the apostles. With the exception of Judas Iscariot, who would betray Christ. After Judas Iscariot betrayed Christ, he committed suicide—you can find this in Matthew 27:1-6. James, John's brother, was killed before 70 AD (Acts 12:2). Peter, Paul (and it is also believed that James the Less) were also killed before 70 AD. Also Jesus told them they would be hated by all nations (Matthew 10:17; Luke 21:12). Notice what Paul says in II Corinthians 11:23-27, later Paul would be executed. Loved ones, look at how Paul suffered, just to do the will of Jesus. Yet today people would rather teach a false doctrine, than the truth. Look at what Jesus said in John 8:32, the truth that is spoken of here is the Bible, especially the New Testament. Yes, those who are truly Christian will be hated, because of their love for the Lord and His doctrine, also for the one true church, which consists of Christians.

Larry "Whitey" Gerencser, 50, of Antwerp passed away Saturday, August 30, 2008 at his residence.

Larry was born in Hicksville on February 17, 1958, the son of Dorothy (Strubing) and Paul Gerencser.

He worked at Kwik Lok, New Haven, also at Solarcrete, Antwerp & Payne and enjoyed farming, model airplanes and was a Cleveland Browns fan.

Whitey will be sadly missed by his father, Paul; sisters: Marsha (Don) Oberlin and Christine (Rick) Steffens; brother, James (Nadene) all of Antwerp. His mother, Dorothy, precedes him in death.

His services were held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on September 3, 2008. He was laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery, Cecil.

The family requests donations to Hicksville Community Service Center for Dr. Wiley's Free Clinic PO Box 43 Hicksville, Ohio 43526. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

24:10 - Jesus is telling you and I, that persecution has a way of determining who is on God's side and who is on Satan's side. This verse teaches also that one can fall away from being a Christian. You and I can lose our salvation. So this destroys the false teaching of once saved, always saved. Jesus loves you and so do I. If you have any Bible questions, please call 419-303-4775 or 419-399-5022.

WCCH 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BENEFIT AUCTION

Would you like an opportunity to enjoy a morning of golf with your friends and help the Woodburn Christian Children's Home? Well, here is that opportunity! The WCCH eighth annual Charity Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2008. We'll tee up at 8:30 a.m. at the Pond-A-River Golf Club. The proceeds will help provide for the care and needs of the children at WCCH.

Included with the outing will be 18 holes with a cart, Scramble (best ball tournament), you choose your foursome (ladies are welcome), prize for winning team, large cash prize for a hole-in-one on hole #9, steak dinner after at WCCH, shotgun start, mulligans for sale. You may call Dave at 260-760-8342 for information.

On Saturday, October 18, 2008 there will be a benefit auction held at the Woodburn Community Center, 22871 Main Street, Woodburn, IN to help support the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. All proceeds from the auction will go toward the direct care and support of the children.

WCCH is seeking contributions and/or donations from businesses and individuals to help expand these efforts. Monetary donations may be made through any Greater Fort Wayne National City Bank or mailed to: National City Bank, P.O. Box 577, Woodburn, IN 46797.

Your donated item will either be sold in the live auction or offered in a silent auction.

If you have any questions about this event, would like to make a donation to the event, or would like more information about how you might help with this event, please contact: David Smith 260-760-8342 dave.smith@lightningnet.net, Ron Long 260-486-2252 ronldlong@comcast.net or Dan Grant 260-632-5551 dan.grant@lightningnet.net.

LESSONS FROM A DEAD PARAKEET

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

It's interesting how much our compassion changes when feelings and circumstances change in our lives.

I heard recently of a little boy who had a pet parakeet that died one day. Heartbroken, the boy began to cry. His father, trying to comfort his young son, said quietly to him, "I've got an idea, pal. We're going to make a little coffin for your parakeet. Then, we'll go down to the amusement park and get some ice cream, ride the merry-go-round, and even buy some cotton candy to eat. How's that sound?"

Wiping his eyes and still sniffing the little lad nodded his head in agreement.

Just as they were burying the bird, it's head moved and a faint little "cheep" was heard. The father said, "Well, whaddya know? It looks like your little pet bird isn't dead after all. What do you think we should do now?"

The little boy reflected for a moment and then replied, "Let's kill him."

Strange the way that circumstances color the way we demonstrate compassion, isn't it?

The Bible tells us, "Let us not just love in words or tongue but in deeds and in truth." We're commanded to love others and demonstrate compassion to others not just in our words, but in our actions.

But that's a tall order when feelings, emotions, and daily circumstances get in the way. Yet, scripture continually tells us that our responses toward others are to be based on what's RIGHT not what we FEEL like doing.

Imagine how a marriage between a husband and a wife would be enhanced if they treated one another according to what the Bible commands.

Imagine how relationships would be healed if individuals would speak kindness, show forgiveness, exercise patience, and verbalize encouragement to one another regardless of their feelings.

Imagine how homes could be strengthened if parents and children would guard their attitudes and watch their words toward one another in order to facilitate love and harmony.

Such actions would transform employer/employee relationships, mend family fractures, and foster an environment of support between friends.

Let's determine to speak and act toward one another in a way that is proper, fitting and appropriate. Even if we don't like it. Even if we're having a bad day. And even if

the dead parakeet isn't dead after all.

THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

All people who are not registered and who wish to vote in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 4, must register by Monday, October 6 at the Board of Elections; (or, you may register to vote at an office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public libraries; public high schools or vocational schools; County Treasurer's Office; Office of Secretary of State or any of the 88 county Boards of Election). Office hours for the Board of Elections in Paulding County are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended hours are Saturday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Monday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Board of Elections office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Have you moved or changed names since the last time you voted? If so, you should notify the Board of Elections by October 6. Persons not certain of their registration validity may phone the Board of Elections office at 419-399-8230, write, or stop in the office at

105 E. Perry Street in Paulding.

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles located at 119 W. Perry Street in Paulding; hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

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—You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

You are eligible to vote in elections conducted in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote in Ohio. If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections at 419-399-8230 or email us at paulding@sos.state.oh.us

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ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR GOLFERS AND SPONSORS FOR 2ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) is gearing up for its Second Annual Big Hole Golf Outing on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Pond-A-River Golf Course in Woodburn, Indiana. The Big Hole Golf Outing is just one of the fundraisers ACDC is sponsoring this year to assist in Antwerp's renovation of the historic Norfolk & Western Rail Depot.

The format will be a four-some scramble with a shotgun start. Registration for teams will begin at 9:00 a.m. with tournament play beginning at 10:00 a.m. Foursomes are encouraged to sign up now, as space is limited to 26 teams.

Over \$600 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams with additional prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, as well as the longest put. Lunch and drinks will be provided by ACDC at the clubhouse pavilion. In case of inclement weather the outing will be Saturday, October 11, 2008.

For a minimum donation, local businesses, organizations, and individuals may sponsor a hole for the day. Organizations wanting to become hole sponsors are encouraged to make their tax-deductible donations to ACDC by September 13, 2008.

Antwerp Community Development Committee, P.O. Box 251, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

For information on how to become a hole sponsor or get your team signed up, please call Tina Conley at (419) 506-0170.



Vantage junior Industrial Mechanics teacher, Kevin Van Oss discusses grounding wires as he demonstrates the proper way to hook up an electrical board.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SAFETY FIRST

Since the beginning of organized education systems, teachers have been explaining school safety rules and procedures to their students during the first days of school. That's how it is at Vantage too, but with more depth than the traditional tornado and fire drill preparation.

As a career center, Vantage students work with the same equipment and tools used in business and industry every day. Student safety is one of our primary concerns.

The first days of school have been devoted to safety. In Science classes, Mrs. Harpel and Mrs. Drerup helped answer the question "Why do we have to wear safety goggles in Science?" by conducting an experiment that demonstrated the effects exposure to acid would have on eyeballs. Acid was dropped on raw eggs to show the damage that can be caused if goggles aren't worn. The teachers showed what would happen at five seconds and at 30 seconds, demonstrating the importance of getting to the eye wash station quickly. Science classes are continuing their safety experiments by learning how to light burners properly, measuring boiling liquid and diluting acids.

Career technical teachers throughout the building have safety issues that must be addressed in each individual lab. In Ag Diesel, Mr. Fischer demonstrated the proper use of all equipment including a fire extinguisher. In Carpentry, Mr. Robinson demonstrated the safe and correct operation of machinery in the lab including table saws, radial arm saw, jointer, circular saw and shapers and then requires students to pass a safety test with a 100% for each piece of equipment in the lab.

In Health Careers, Mrs. Rohrs teaches her students the importance of gowns, gloves, masks and face shields during their initial discussion



FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

Duncan is this week's featured pet. Duncan is a nine month old Shepherd mix puppy. He is a big sweet lovable guy.

Also at the pound are four beagles, a greyhound shepherd mix, and a lab/golden retriever mix. New dogs come in every day. Please check the website at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html



Andrea Kremer

and on our website if you don't believe me!

Amid encouragement from the audience and 'faces' from the kids, Oakwood's Fear Factor was pure entertainment. The judges were Kevin Dunakin and Haley Kesler while Shannon Fry announced the games. Each contestant received a bottle of water to help them get the 'food' down.

Round one consisted of small cups of 'flavored' Jello with a black something (fish eye oyster?). Amidst gags, awful faces and advice from the crowd, the deed was done. One kid commented that it was "not good" while one brave girl said it was. Another kid couldn't try it and while yet another was offered \$20 to 'eat it'.

Round two was a little easier on the kids—they were given a small cup of M&M's, an empty cup and a straw. They remove the M&M's from one cup to another while sucking on the straw. They then could eat the M&M's.

Round three was another food contest. They had a cup of small hot dogs and what looked like dried prunes, and there was juice in the cup they had to drink. The kids could not explain the taste, one girl told me to try it myself—nah, I'm not that brave. While holding noses and gobbling down as fast as they could the round ended.

The last round was not food related. The kids were given five water balloons. They had to carry a balloon between their legs and deposit it into a bucket. If they were caught using their hands or they dropped the balloon they had to start over with that balloon. By this time the crowd was really encouraging, advising and generally just making noise. Asia Arellano and Andrea Kremer were the two finalists who would vie to be the winner of Fear Factor.

A pan of whipped cream, rice and, yes, dog food were placed in front of each girl. They were to find a key without using their hands and then unlock a lock. This was harder than you would think it to be and both girls worked furiously to find the key. Andrea Kremer found the key first and unlocked the lock making her the winner of the games. The prize was a choice between \$25.00 or \$15.00 and a wrist band. Andrea chose the \$25.00.

It's all over for another year—what a way to wind down the summer!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A few months back an editorial appeared in your paper that virtually defied president Bush by listing his huge volume of accomplishments for "good". The president must have overlooked a few things. For instance, why is it that since 9/11 we have been at a "war on terror" but since then foreigners of all stripes have continued to stream across our southern border? Why is it that the U.S. can spend billions on bombing our supposed enemies back into

the stone age but can't seem to get the border sealed off to prevent "terrorists" from sneaking in? The official story of 9/11 is that a cave dwelling genius, Osama bin Laden, engineered the destruction of the World Trade Center. With this accomplishment in his resumé perhaps the U.S. government could hire Osama to get the border sealed off.

—Phillip Piersma

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I get it. The AEP error hurts the county tax levy.

County elected officials and staff were caught red-handed paying a bill from AEP and not paying enough. Amazing.

Now what? Vote against it? Elect one or even two new Commissioners? Then what will they have to work with to provide services?

And the rumored slush fund? Actually it is called a cash balance. A cash balance is critical to all government units (excepts the feds who own the printing presses) A cash balance provides operating funds at the beginning of the year until new revenue arrives, earns interest and is available for the unexpected such as emergency repairs and un-funded state mandates.

The goal set by the Commissioners for the cash balance is \$1,000,000 just one quarter or three months of the general fund budget. On January 1, 2008 the cash bal-

ance was \$975,865.47. After the ear marked jail levy is depleted, the general fund will pay for jail costs. This fact will greatly reduce the cash balance by the end of 2008.

Use up the cash balance in 2009 and the county will start 2010 with the real possibility of having to borrow money for early costs, meaning paying interest to someone else rather than earning interest. A double hit, less revenue, higher expenses.

Vote against the levy? What will be accomplished? I get it that it would be a way to express anger, a way to show frustration with the AEP issue and a chance to say no to a tax. But what would we be doing to ourselves?

Close the jail? Send the prisoners elsewhere? A holding facility is still necessary and that means staff and meeting state requirements in addition to having cars going all over to transport prisoners. It would also mean neighboring counties rubbing their hands in anticipation of the payments from our taxes.

The unfortunate truth is that our county has been running too tight. Our county general fund income is far less per person than our neighboring counties. The cash balance will help for a year as planned - thank goodness it exists, for now. There just isn't enough revenue in the current budget to accomplish the things we really desire and the requirements of the state.

—Stan Searing

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alltel take Advantage of Deployed Marine

My youngest son, a Marine is currently serving his 2nd tour in Iraq. Before he deployed in March, I took him to the Alltel office in Jacksonville, North Carolina to get his cell phone shut off/suspended for his deployment. This is a common practice for military members and since this was our 4th deployment, we were well aware of the procedures. All went well until July when we received a bill from Alltel for his phone. As my wife pays all his bills, I contacted Alltel to let them know they had made a mistake. They said they were unable to give me any information about his account. I explained that I didn't need any information as I had all his bills in front of me. I asked that they simply checked his account to see that it was shut off/suspended and correct "THEIR" mistake. Their solution was that my son calls them. I told them I would simply send the bill back with a letter explaining that my son's phone was shut off/suspended and they could correct "THEIR" mistake. Their final solution was to send us another bill for \$90 more than the original bill!

I then went to the Defiance Alltel office with all the paperwork, hoping if I spoke with a person face to face, they would correct "THEIR" mistake. Again, they said they were unable to give me any information and the solution was for my son or his Commander to call them. As both my son and his Commander are in Iraq. I explained that this could not occur.

Now, we are in a catch 22. If we don't pay this bill, it can affect my son's credit so we have paid it and are told to expect more in the future. Since my son isn't schedule to

return from Iraq until mid-October, I guess he will be paying Alltel for a service he isn't receiving. I wonder how many other military people they do the same thing to. I'm sure it amounts to a lot of money over the course of these deployments!

So please keep this in mind when you are thinking of purchasing a phone service. If they treat deployed Marines in this manner, think of how they may treat you!

—Terry J. Wilhelm

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stan Searing blames me for NOT discovering that the SWCD District Administrator was taking money from the Ditch Maintenance fund and the Sheriff blames me FOR discovering his inability to write a budget that includes utilities. As soon as Al Gore blames me for Global warming "watch out CNN here I come I've hit the big time."

Stan, why someone betrays another person's trust is something that I can't explain, but unfortunately when you trust people you're often disappointed. While attending board meetings for five years nothing she did made me suspect otherwise and in fact she was good at her job. Stan, some of the current SWCD board members were on the board when I got there and are on the board today, and Stan, if you're trying to blame them (you must be since I wasn't on the board by myself) for what happened I'll say what they won't, "You're full of it."

I was proud to be an "unpaid" member of the SWCD board when I was on it and I'm proud of the job SWCD did for the county. I know that every member of the SWCD board was ashamed of what happened, and if it wasn't for the current Auditor doing her job it still might be happening. How she got past county and state audits for so many years is a mystery, but for you to blame the men that I served with on the SWCD board is wrong. I don't care what you think about me, Stan, but you should stop and think who else you might hurt with your blanket criticisms before you print them in your obvious attempt to hurt me politically.

Stan, the real issue you have with me is that I think you did a lousy job as County Administrator and you can't find a way to intimidate me into shutting up and it bugs you. From your perspective, when I point out facts that prove county government's incompetence I'm being negative. I don't think the county can survive much longer with the quality of leadership that currently comes from the basement of the courthouse. The county needs a commissioner who is willing and able to stand up for what is right. Stan, I don't know why you and the commissioners were either unwilling or unable to stand up to the Sheriff and force him to have a budget. I also can't understand what makes the jail so important that ALL other county agencies have to take a back seat and are expendable.

I don't believe the commissioners supposed concerns with mandates. If the commissioners are truly so worried about mandates why isn't the courthouse handicap accessible? It's been a Federal

Mandated Law since the late 1980's, and Stan I shouldn't have to tell you, the right thing to do. But for all the years that Tony's been commissioner and all the years that you were administrator you both chose to ignore the most vulnerable members of Paulding County, not to mention the Federal law, and instead blindly support a jail the county can't afford to operate.

Stan, as Commissioner I'll have no issue with holding the sheriff accountable instead of ignoring a wheelchair bound grandmother who tries to pay her taxes or a handicapped resident who wants to apply for a county job in the courthouse but can't climb the steps. Stan, I'd say if you want to see what a Hypocrite looks like take a look in the mirror.

Stan, you wonder what I plan to do as commissioner, I've written about it before and I'll do again—pay attention. I think each county agency should run a stand alone levy just like the library is doing this year. With a stand alone levy each agency will know how much money it has to spend. They'll know how much they have coming in each year and they can write their budget freely without any threat from an administrator or commissioner to cut their budget when a general revenue levy doesn't pass. Voters will have the say on which agencies THEY want to support or cut. Stan a fundamental difference between you and me is that I think voters should decide what to spend "their tax money on." Stan, I myself will vote for the library levy and I encourage others to do the same.

As Commissioner I'll do all I can to see to it that our courthouse and all other county agency buildings become handicap accessible. It will take money but it's an

embarrassment to all of us who live in Paulding County that we know "no bounds" in funding a jail but we could "care less" about Federal Law and our handicap citizens. I'll support this even if the other commissioners won't, not because it's the law, but because its the right thing to do, and it's embarrassing for our county to have a "first rate jail" for the bad guys and a second rate courthouse for the taxpayers, but also when any company or person comes to Paulding County thinking about moving here they go to the courthouse, not the jail. If we want economic growth it's a must for us to show that Paulding County Cares. The Courthouse is either our showcase or our embarrassment.

I understand why I scare the ruling elite of Paulding County, I won't stand for the same type of failed leadership and government that Paulding County has had, and business as usual won't cut it if I'm commissioner. Honest county workers trying to do their job have nothing to fear from me. I won't judge a county employee by what his last name is or who he's related to. I won't threaten to fire whistle blowers. I'll expect honesty all the time not just when it's convenient. And until we in Paulding County get our own house in order, Al Gore, global warming, and CNN are just going to have to wait.

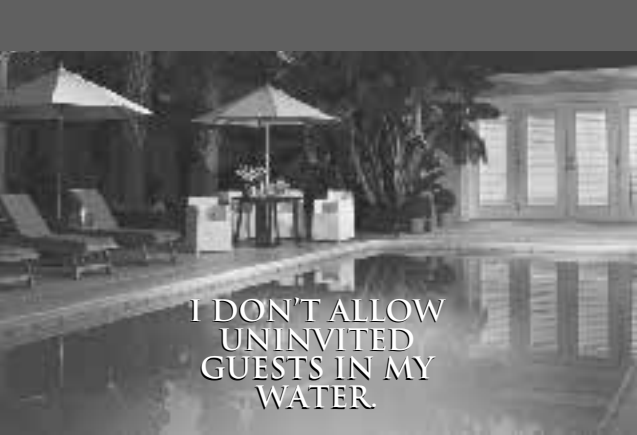
—Brad Dysinger



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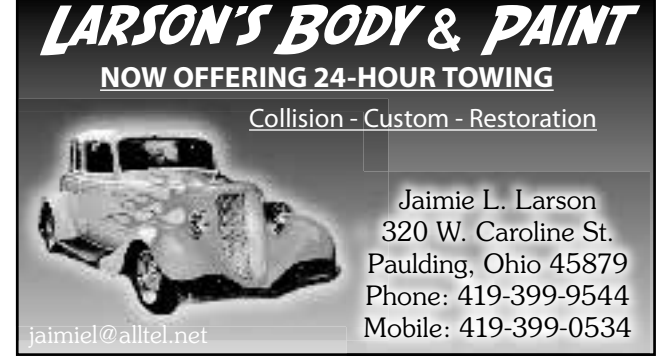


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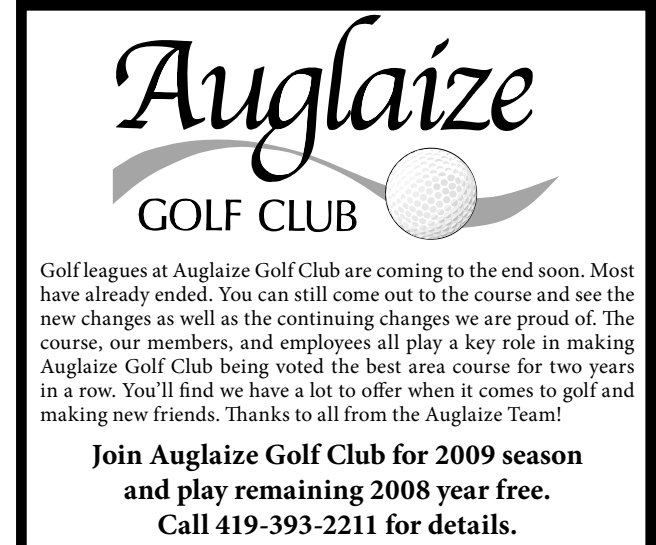
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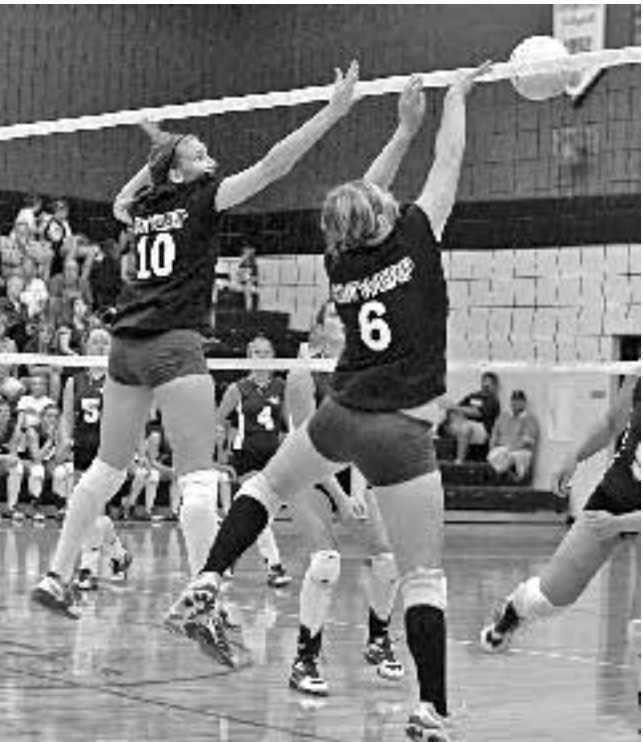


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ARCHERS & RAIDERS BOTH WIN IN VOLLEYBALL



The Archers opposed Edon at home on August 28. Antwerp won 25-23, 25-14, 20-25, 25-15? Junior Kelsey Bashore and Senior Mickae Schlatter work here to tap the ball over the net. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Raiders played Spencerville High School August 28 at home. The JV team won the first match 25-14 and the second 25-21. The varsity played right after and defeated Spencerville 25-23, 25-13, 25-20. Shown here is Senior Sara Priest making a block while Senior Krista Germann waits as back-up. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

WT COME IN FOR THE KILL IN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raiders' volleyball team played host to the Lady Bearcats on August 28.

It was Wayne Trace over Spencerville 25-23, 25-13, 25-20. Wayne Trace is now 1-0 on the year.

Leading Players:

Janelle Davis (55-57 setting, 27 assists); Kristi Weninger (12-12 passing, 16-17 serving, 7 aces); Maria Schaefer (14-17 passing, 10-10 serving, 4 aces); Natalie Snyder (19-23 hitting, 15 kills); Sara Priest (14-16 hitting, 8 kills)

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Spencerville 25-14, 25-21

WT, FV, & DEF GIRLS GOLF AT KETTENRING COUNTRY CLUB

High School Girls Golf held a match at the Kettenring Country Club in Defiance with Wayne Trace, Fairview and Defiance vying for lowest par.

Team scores: Wayne Trace 211, Fairview 251, Defiance 295

Wayne Trace (211) - Gabrielle Hook 46, Shelby Critten 53, Elyse Myers 54, Jordin Jackson 58, Kacee Hockenberry 60, Courtney Hicks 60

Fairview (251) - Alex Keesbury 57, Elyn Wirick 62, Heaven Holtsberry 65, Sarah Wells 67

Defiance (295) - Elizabeth Crowe 70, Alexandra Lipp 75, Alyssa Adkins 76, Katie Gerken 78

Wayne Trace Junior Varsity (235) - Ashley Saylor 54, Aryn Denny 55, Olivia Hook 63, Brittany Wilcox 63, Katelyn Hughes 72

WAYNE TRACE VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Boys' Team Scores - Van Wert 70, Ottoville 98, Lincolnview 106, Antwerp 107, Fairview 117, Stryker 127, Hicksville 179, Delphos St. John's 207, Wayne Trace 209, Ayersville 228, Edgerton 298, Paulding 310

Boys Top Individuals: Jacob Bagley (Van Wert) 17:08

Kenny Graber (Stryker) 17:45

Hayden Krick (Antwerp) 18:00

Jay Planson (Stryker) 18:02

Josh Hilton (Antwerp) 18:04

Dakota Reid (Hicksville) 18:10

Brian Easley (Van Wert) 18:19

Jordan Simpson (Lincolnview) 18:24

Martin Singer (Fairview) 18:24

Sebastian Rue (Ayersville) 18:31

Girls' Team Scores - Liberty Benton 43, Ottoville 55, Van Wert 63, Lincolnview 107, Antwerp 168, Ayersville 169, Edgerton 193, Stryker 193, Fairview 220, Wayne Trace 246, Hicksville 320, Paulding 360

Top Individuals: Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) 19:59

Lauren Taylor (Van Wert) 20:15

Halle Frey (Liberty Benton) 20:23

Molly Maag (Ottoville) 20:47

Brooke Larsen (Liberty Benton) 20:55

Taylor Greve (Van Wert)

21:07

Alexis Godeke (Antwerp)

21:12

Taylor Fries (Lincolnview)

21:21

Casey Patterson (Lincolnview) 21:40

Audra Schroeder (Liberty Benton) 21:42

BRAVES OUTDO WARRIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON OPENING GAME

By: Jeff Abbott

Bellmont running backs chewed up 384 yards on the ground and the Braves opened the 2008 football season with a convincing 28-12 win over the Woodlan Warriors. Trent Busse led the ground attack for the Braves with 186 yards, Braves quarterback Joel Bone added 97 yards, Nick Hall had 54 yards, and Daniel Meyer ran for 46 yards in the win. The Braves went to the air just 3 times in the game and completed 2 passes. Belmont put touchdowns on the scoreboard in each of the 4 quarters of the game. Each touchdown scored by a different player. Woodlan got a pair of touchdowns from Chris Malfait, one on a pass reception and one after recovering a Woodlan fumble and taking the ball into the endzone.

Score by the quarter:

Woodlan - 0 0 6 6 = 12

Bellmont - 7 7 7 7 = 28

B - Joel Bone - 63yd run (Sam Meyer kick)

B - Nick Hall - 54yd run (Sam Meyer kick)

W - Chris Malfait - 12yd pass from Cade Hetrick (kick failed)

B - Daniel Meyer - 23yd run (Sam Meyer kick)

B - Trent Busse - 15yd run (Sam Meyer kick)

W - Chris Malfait - 3yd fumble recovery (pass failed)

GIRLS GOLF AT DELPHOS COUNTRY CLUB

Lady Raiders and Lady Blue Jays teed off at the Delphos Country Club in HS girls golf.

Wayne Trace (189) - Kacee Hockenberry 45, Gabrielle Hook 45, Elyse Myers 49, Shelby Critten 50, Courtney Hicks 52, Jordin Jackson 51, Ashley Saylor 60, Aryn Denny 61

Delphos St. John's (203) - Morgan Wells 49, Abby Mark 49, Danni Hale 51, Kelsey Recker 54, Molly Kaiser 57

WOODLAN FOOTBALL TOPPLES NEW HAVEN



Woodlan played at New Haven on Friday night. Aury Keller scored six of Woodlan's points in a 28-8 victory over New Haven Friday night. Photo by jlsphotoservices.com



The Archer Football team took on Hilltop in Friday night action at home. Both team's defense could have been stronger, but the offense worked well. Shown above is Senior Josh Smith being tackled by a host of Cadets. Following this play he scored a touchdown. Final score was 28-34 with Hilltop... on top. In other county action Paulding lost to Delphos Jefferson 28-7 and Wayne Trace fell to Parkway 33-0. More Archer pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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Fri. Sept. 12th Spencerville at Paulding

Fri. Sept. 19th Wayne Trace at Hicksville

Fri. Sept. 26th Jefferson at Crestview

Fri. Oct. 3rd Antwerp at Wayne Trace

Fri. Oct. 10th Columbus Grove at Paulding

Fri. Oct. 17th Holgate at Antwerp

Fri. Oct. 24th Crestview at Paulding



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GIRLS GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Team scores - Wayne Trace 171, Fairview 221, Defiance 281

Wayne Trace is now 6-2 on the season.

Wayne Trace - Gabrielle Hook 37, Kacee Hockenberry 43, Courtney Hicks 45, Shelby Critten 46, Jordin Jackson 46

Fairview - Alex Keesbury 44, Megan Groves 53, Sarah Wells 61, Eva Holtsberry 63

Defiance - Katie Gerken 66, Elizabeth Crowe 69, Sarah DeLeon 74, Alyssa Adkins 79

Wayne Trace Junior Varsity - Ashley Saylor 54, Brittany Wilcox 49, Lynn Bidlack 59, Olivia Hook 51, Aryn Denny 62, Katelyn Hughes 56



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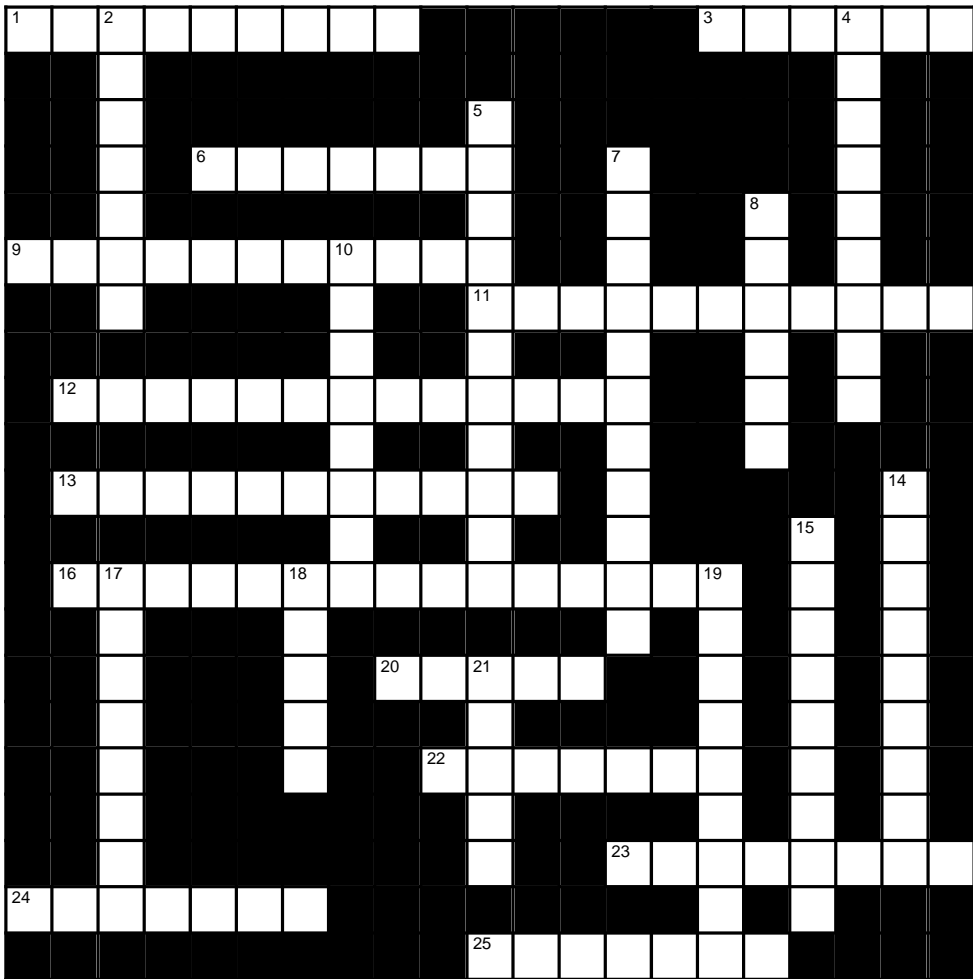
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1. Carrot totin' rabbit with the phrase, "What's up, doc?" (2 words)
3. "I tawt I taw a puddy tat!"
6. This man was a myopic trouble maker. (2 words)
9. He chased the Roadrunner. (3 words)
11. This rodent had a nephew named Morty. (2 words)
12. This man's catch phrase is "Yabba Dabba Do!" (2 words)
13. This character had the catch phrase, "Heavens to Murgatroyd."
16. This cartoon character donned a mask and cape as El KaBong. (3 words)
20. This cat had "a bag of tricks."
22. This cartoon was the side kick of Dick Dastardly.
23. Popeye and Brutus fought over this dame. (2 words)
24. Heckle and Jeckle were this animal.
25. What was the cat's name who was after Pixie and Dixie. "I hate those meeses to pieces." (2 words)

Down

2. Magilla was this animated character.
4. He was one of Bugs Bunny's rival. (2 words)
5. This Bugs adversary had a small body and donned an 11-gallon hat. (2 words)
7. This hound dog's favorite song was "My Darlin' Clementine."
8. The son of Barney and Betty Rubble. (2 words)
10. This cartoon made Ranger John Smith's life difficult. (2 words)
14. This dog traveled through time with a boy named Sherman. (2 words)
15. This skunk thought he smelled good. (3 words)
17. This "dog" always rescued Polly Purebred.
18. This duck was "quacky."
19. You had to write the name of the cartoon on the TV to save the character. (2 words)
21. Woody Woodpecker's trade mark is this characteristic.

By: Rose Kever

1. It's not trying to keep up with the Jones's that causes so much trouble—it's trying to pass them.
2. Economics make no sense: no matter how much it rains, you always get a water bill!
3. The wisest mind has something 'yet' to learn.
4. Someone has to be first! It might as well be you!
5. People who wonder where the younger generation is headed should keep in mind where it came from.
6. Every once in a while some person without a single bad habit gets caught.
7. Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease.
8. Experience is a medicine of endless doses which you keep on taking all your life.
9. Even the richest people fart.
10. Laughter is the best medicine
11. When in doubt - don't.
12. It's better to have half, than none at all!

MS. RICKENBERG =)

By: Tommi Stahl

My math teacher, Ms. Rickenberg, was jealous of me for writing about how Mr. Parrett rocks last week and not how cool her and her smart board are. So this week I am going to write about Ms. Rickenberg. I think that Ms. Rickenberg and her smart board are awesome. Her smart board is like a big touch screen computer. She puts all of our math problems on the smart board. She is so smart when it comes to her smart board!

Last week when I wrote about how cool Mr. Parrett was and Ms. Rickenberg got jealous, I told Mr. Parrett and in Social Studies, he called her and told her to be quiet because she was just jealous, and she came angrily out of her room slamming her door and she threw chocolate at Mr. Parrett's head! So, Ms. Rickenberg and Mr. Parrett—you both rock!! I love both of you—and your shirt, Ms. Rickenberg =)

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 8/28 - Gary Bowers, Paulding
 8/29 - Helen Yenser, Oakwood
 8/30 - Joseph Lyvers, Payne
 8/31 - Dorothy Wannemacher, Payne, transferred to Lutheran

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NEW VOLLEYBALL COACH FOR LADY WARRIORS PROVES A SUCCESS WITH SEASON OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan opened their 2008 volleyball season under new coach Kiley Knoblauch at Woodlan against Elmhurst and the Warriors fought hard, taking the match over the Trojans in a five-game match 25-23, 20-25, 22-25, 25-21, and 20-18. Haley Emehiser put down 27 kills for the Warriors in the match and Amy Potter had 5 serve aces to help

Woodlan against the tough SAC opponent. Woodlan took the reserve match over Elmhurst 25-24, 24-25, and 15-12.

The defending 3A State volleyball champion Belmont Squaws took on Woodlan in the Warriors' gym and the champs, after losing their season opener to SAC power Bishop Dwenger, took out the Warriors in four games, Alex Fuelling had 23 kills and 8 serve aces for the Squaws in the match. Haley Emehiser had 8 kills for Woodlan. Belmont beat Woodlan 25-19, 22-25, and 15-14 in the reserve match.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Again this week we are indebted to Rex Shaner. A Navy Veteran, for this picture. I assume it was taken in the mid-1950's.

This picture was taken of all the Antwerp Officials at a supper meeting in Ray's Restaurant. Again, I say that I had the privilege of knowing all of them.

The first man on the left is Fred Major. He married an Ehrhart girl and they had one daughter, Janice. Fred retired out of Weatherhead and served on a lot of Antwerp Boards. He passed away in 1981.

The next man is Amos Bickhard. He was born in Markle, IN and came to Antwerp with his father, D.C. Bickhard. Amos had two boys, Jack and Lynn. Jack lives in Oklahoma. Amos passed away in 1971.

The next man is Otto Ehrhart. He was a fine fellow too. He was a commercial photographer, taxidermist and collector of wild species. We are indebted to him and his son, Dale, for most of our old history about Antwerp. He had three boys and

one girl and passed away in 1963.

The man behind Otto is Ed Bickhard, a WWI veteran of the Medical Corps. He helped publish The Bee-Argus for many years and served on about every committee there was. They raised two girls and he passed away in 1964.

The next fellow is Roy Miller. He worked for many years at the B.A. Smith Lumber Yard. He served many years on the City Council. Roy and Rose raised five children. Roy was laid to rest in Forder's Cemetery.

The next fellow is Frank Boland. He served many terms on the Council. He and son, Kenneth, had a blacksmith shop where the car parts is now. Frank passed away in 1958.

The next man is Ed Carr. He was at the table as he was the Water Superintendent. But in the early years, he was one of the boys at the Carr Grist Mill before it was consumed by fire about 1925. He and Mable had two boys and one girl. Ed passed away in 1968.

Charles Van Horn is next. He served a number of terms as Mayor and on other

boards also. He was also a businessman and barber. I think he came to Antwerp from Bryan.

The man at the head of the table is Frank Seslar. This picture might have been taken around 1950 or as early as the 1940's. Frank was Mayor when the war in Japan ended. It was bitter sweet for Frank and Alta as they lost their son, Captain Max Seslar, in the Battle of Manila. Frank lived from 1893 to 1958.

The next man is Ralph Carr. He served on many



committees and replaced H.K. Harris as bank president in the early 1940's. Ralph had a number of boys. He lived in the big house at the northwest corner of the east red light. One of his boys, William, was an accomplished pianist on Broadway in NYC. Ralph passed away in 1961.

Frank Smith is the next man. He was a WWI veteran. He was a druggist and the father of two children. He passed away in 1966.

The man this side of Frank Smith is Lee Fett, also a WWI veteran. Lee was an Antwerp native and served on the Town Council a number of times. He and his brothers built a lot of new houses in the Antwerp area. He passed away in 1971.

The first man here on the right side is Pete Mumy. He was a WWI veteran. He lived on US 24 West about where the Frank Leinard Parkway is. I remember Pete helped out getting the lights put up for the softball field. I don't think he and Clara had any children. He lived from 1896 to 1965.

The young man right behind Pete Mumy is Mike Hertle, a WWI veteran. He served a number of terms as City Clerk. Later he was Postmaster for many years. He was a fine fellow to work with.

The next man past Mike is Bob Lichty. He worked in Tiny's Lunch and everyone knew him. Later on he was a plastering contractor. He served on lots of boards for Antwerp. He and Thelma had Cara Lou and Myron 'Budd'.

The last man in that row is Ken Johnson, the Police Chief. He was everyone's friend and looked after his fellow townspeople. He was a WWII veteran of the Military Police Corps. Ken and Violet had two children and he passed away in 1965.

See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

To all the Athletic Boosters and anyone who backs the Antwerp Archers:

Down the road Stan Jordan and Tim Copsey are working on a history of old football and basketball here in Antwerp, prior to being called "The Archers".

If you have any old photos or clippings, with names and dates of either sport we would like to use them. We will see that you get them back un-

hurt.

You see, we had basketball as far back as 1910, 1920's. Yes, we didn't have a gym until 1936, but they played on Saturdays above The Antwerp Ford Sales and what is now Hunt's Engine Repair and on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

Please make a diligent search of all of Grandma's old trunks and shelves and loan it to us.

See, Ya!

NOW READ THIS TOO

By: Stan Jordan

A man, his wife and son operated a big cattle ranch out west in the Big Sky Country. It was a successful operation and the father was out in the hills with the fall round up.

Mom and the six year old son went out to the barn to do the chores. They had just started when the mother complained of bad pains as she was looking for a new baby at anytime.

She told the boy to go to the house and call the doctor. He knew she was due and would come to the ranch if she could not get to the hospital.

Mom put some new straw in the stall and covered it up with a clean horse blanket and laid down until the doctor arrived.

He did come and the baby arrived pretty quick and everything went well. The doctor held the baby up in the air by the ankles and gave it a sharp rap on the bottom to start the breathing procedure, as has been done for ages.

In all the excitement and goings on, they forgot about the six year old boy. He just stood by, out of the road, and observed everything that went on.

When the doctor held the baby up and gave it a sharp rap, the boy grabbed the doc by the pants leg and said, "you know, Doc, for as far as that kid crawled back in there, I would hit him again!"

LLOY BALL COMING BACK TO WOODBURN

Lloy Ball is back and you can meet him and help welcome him home from Beijing. Lloy will be at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn on Sunday, September 14 at 4:00, and a parade will be held in Lloy's honor. The parade will begin at the fire station in Woodburn and end at Bob's Restaurant.

Everyone is welcome to join us from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and help celebrate our own Gold Medal Winner's return. So join us to get his autograph and enjoy some of our home town hero's favorite foods.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

The Farmer's Market, Herb Class, Gardening Program, Teen Movie Night, and Video Game Days highlight the week of September 8-13 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Defiance County Extension Office and the Hicksville Beautification Committee will be hosting their weekly Farmer's Market on Tuesday, September 9 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. in the Johnson Memorial Library parking lot. Come on out for fresh produce, baked goods fresh from the oven, and handmade craft items.

Also on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., the Hicksville Community Service Center will sponsor a free Parsley & Chervil-Grow, Cook, and Enjoy It Program at the Johnson Memorial Library. The program will be led by Master Gardener Susan Mack.

Rather than sitting around

after school bored, come on out and enjoy the Johnson Memorial Library's free Teen Movie Night and Video Game Days on September 11-13.

To hold onto summer just a little longer, the library will host an Ernest Goes to Camp Movie Night on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. The movie night is free and is open to all fourth through twelfth graders. The movie night is a part of the library's monthly Teen Night programs. There will be food, fun, and fellowship.

On Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m., Master Gardener Marlene Purdy will share Creative Dried Flower Arranging. The class is free but is limited to 10, so register early. Plan to bring with you your own flower or plant materials, scissors, and a knife.

On Friday, September 12 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 13 from 9:00 a.m.-noon, the library will host Nintendo Wii Days. The Wii Days are free and are open to everyone.

"The library recently got a Nintendo Wii, and Wii are wanting to have some fun," explained Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. "Wii will be having video game days with our Gamecubes and our new Wii. Anyone wanting to bring in games from home must have them approved by me prior to the event. Games cannot be rated higher than T for Teen."

For more information on any of the library's programs, please call 419-542-6200. To register for the Parsley and Chervil Program or the Dried Flower Arranging Program, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

We have had a great start to the school year and appreciate the community support. Thank you for taking the time to visit the buildings and meet the teachers during Open House. The District Report Card was released from the Ohio Department of Education. We are pleased that the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District is rated Effective, but will continue to work hard to reach the Excellent level. Both Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School were also rated Effective. Oakwood Elementary and Paulding High School earned the rating of Excellent. Our success is a partnership between the school, families, and the communities and we will continue working hard to improve the education that each child receives.

You may have noticed the new construction on the north end of Paulding Elementary. We are in the midst of building a new fitness facility for our physical education classes and athletes and are very thankful to the Athletic Boosters for coordinating this project. They have been raising funds with the Football Parent's Club for several years. Many community members have donated to the project and the school district is very appreciative of the support. This is an example of one of the "extras" that we would not be able to provide without our booster organizations.

The district will be asking voters to pass a renewal levy in November to continue supporting the operational costs of providing a quality education. This levy was first passed in 1981 and has been renewed six times. The original levy in 1981 was called an "emergency levy", so we are required to use the same language on the ballot in order to renew this important part of our operating budget. Please consider this issue carefully and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

The theme for this year at Paulding Elementary is "Building Character One Day at a Time". The character trait word for the first week of September is PRIDE. During the following three weeks, the character trait words of SINCERITY, LOYALTY and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP will be featured.

During the month of September, students will be entertained during an assembly by Louie the Lightning Bug. The program is sponsored by American Electric Power. Students and staff will also participate in PTO sponsored events during Spirit Week September 29-October 3.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary where fantastic things are happening!!

I am so proud of the staff and students here at Oakwood Elementary! We have gotten off to a great start. The building looks beautiful, rooms are brightly decorated and arranged so optimal learning can take place, and students have been coming in each morning with positive attitudes. I want to give a special thanks to the parents of our students for the encouragement and support you give your children to make this the best educational opportunity possible. When we all have high expectations and work together to promote education, our children will be successful!

The first few days of school are always filled with so many NEW things - learning new routines, new rules, and new expectations; making new friends; remembering locker and lunch numbers; and putting on new tennis shoes for the first time in three months! A lot of forms and letters are sent home requiring information and signatures from parents - homework for Mom and Dad, I guess. I appreciate the timely return of those papers. I can assure you they are important. If you have questions about anything you are reading and/or filling out, please call us. We will

be happy to go over them with you.

As you may have seen in the news, Oakwood Elementary was given the rating of an "Excellent School" by the State of Ohio - Congratulations, staff and students! This rating is determined by many factors, including Ohio Achievement Test scores. Last month, I reported we were rated an effective school; but when the Department of Education released further data, our rating improved. We will continue to make adjustments and improvements to our lessons to meet the needs of all of our students, always working to maintain this rating.

We will be reviewing our safety drills during the week of September 15. We will practice all drills at some point during the week. We take this practice very seriously; at the same time, we hope there is never a need to actually implement them. This would be a great time to review or create those same safety procedures at home.

We are looking forward to a great school year! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to make it happen - thank you for being there for us!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

A big THANK YOU to everyone for the fantastic start to school year 2008-2009. The first few days have gone very well. As Colonel Potter on MASH would say, "there aren't enough ooooo's in smooth" to classify how the first few days went. Hopefully, this will continue throughout the entire school year.

The crowd at OPEN HOUSE was fantastic. It was a real pleasure seeing all the new faces, as well as those returning, and meeting many, many parents. The staff at Paulding Middle School hope everyone has a tremendous school year.

We welcome student teacher, Ashley Brown to Paulding Middle School. Ashley comes to us from Defiance College and will be splitting her 16 weeks between Mrs. Monnier's 6th grade math classes and Mr. Wunderle's 6th grade science classes. Good luck, Ashley.

Our annual middle school FUND RAISER will begin on Tuesday, August 26 and will end on Wednesday, September 10. Profit raised from this sale will help allow me to do some extra things for the students. (i.e.: assemblies, rewards, honor roll T-shirts etc.) This will be the ONLY entire student body fund raiser this year, so please do what you can to help us out. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our middle school athletic teams are in full swing. The 7th and 8th grade volleyball and football teams are working very hard every day in preparation for their matches. Please come out and watch these kids play as they represent Paulding in a very positive way.

The week of September 8-12 we see our 7th graders taking the Iowa Tests for Cognitive Ability. These tests are very beneficial in helping us identify students for certain programs. Please make sure students get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and come to school that week ready to take these tests. These tests are spread out over 5 days, so the most test time spent testing in any one day will only be 75 minutes. That should help.

September 19 will mark the first nine weeks mid term day. Mid terms will be sent home with the students on Tuesday, September 23. Please look these over carefully to make sure all the students are going down the right path for their academic success. Please contact the school if there are ever any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Schools.

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like to thank the custodial staff for all the hard work they put into getting the building ready for students. We welcome the teachers back and appreciate their positive determination to help students once again. What a great start to the year with the golf team 7-0 and the football team fresh from a positive Antwerp scrimmage, and able to win the "Quest for the Cup" against our rival and friends, the Wayne Trace Raiders. The shirts sold for the event raised over \$1,000 for the local food

bank. Thanks to all who bought shirts as you rooted for your prospective teams. The marching band sounded great after putting in such a long week at the school getting their performance up to their standards. We look forward to the start of the volleyball season this week with many new coaches. We wish them well.

I would like to thank our guidance staff and secretaries for their efforts to work with parents and students this last week. We ironed out schedules to help students be successful this year. Please be reminded that those who have children in our extra-curricular activities need to have fees paid or a payment schedule in place no later than September 22 to be able to continue participation in their activity. Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend our open house this last week. We encourage you to stop in for parent/teacher conferences in November or any time we can be of service to you and your child. We have a lot to look forward to and appreciate the community support. We would also like to welcome our students from Germany - Franzie, Felix, and Mareike. We are anticipating being rated as an EXCELLENT high school by the State and still set our sights on STRIVING for ways to continue this standard and challenge our students to reach higher.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We welcome the following personnel to the school district: Katie Williams-1/2 time Intervention Specialist and 1/2 time Title I Reading, Jandra Kilgore-bus driver.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Residents of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools who are 65 or older continue to be eligible for the Panther Pass. This pass allows the holder free entrance for all athletic events. It may be obtained by calling or visiting the superintendent's office.

EXTRA YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

There are extra yearbooks from the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Anyone interested in purchasing one of these books, please contact Karen Schlatter at 419-399-4656 ext. 1131. This is a one time sale and the books will be sold as is for \$10.00 each.

NONDISCRIMINATION/ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, age, national origin, military status, ancestry, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District.

POLICY ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Board designates as student "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major

field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; or scholarships.

The Board will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the School in writing within five (5) days from the date of this notification that s/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information. Directory information will not be provided to any organization for any profit making purpose.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

7th Grade Football

Sept. 9	Crestview-T	5:00
Sept. 18	Fairview-H	4:30
Sept. 23	Bluffton-H	5:00

8th Grade Football

Sept. 16	Spencerville-H	5:00
Sept. 25	Crestview-T	5:00

Freshman Football

Sept. 8	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Sept. 15	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Sept. 29	Archbold-T	4:30

JV Football

Sept. 6	LCC-T	10:00
Sept. 13	Spencerville-T	10:00
Sept. 20	Delta-H	11:00

Varsity Football

Sept. 5	LCC-H	7:30
Sept. 12	Spencerville-H	7:30
Sept. 19	Delta-T	7:30
Sept. 26	Ada-T	7:30

Cross Country

Sept. 6	Spencerville Invitational-T	9:00
Sept. 9	Ayersville-T	4:30
Sept. 20	Van Wert Invitational-T	9:00
Sept. 23	Defiance@Ottawa Glandorf	4:30
Sept. 25	Bryan-H	4:30

Golf

Sept. 4	Crestview@LCC	4:00
Sept. 6	Antwerp Invitational-T	8:30
Sept. 8	Fairview/Hicksville-H	4:00
Sept. 9	Fort Jennings/Ottoville-H	4:00
Sept. 11	Crestview@Spencerville	4:00
Sept. 15	Spencerville/Allen East-H	4:00
Sept. 16	Bluffton@Delphos Jefferson	4:00
Sept. 18	Lincolnvew/Jefferson-H	4:00
Sept. 19	NWC Invitational-T	TBA

JH Volleyball

Sept. 4	Antwerp-H	4:30
Sept. 8	Crestview-H	5:00
Sept. 9	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
Sept. 11	Spencerville-T	5:00
Sept. 16	Columbus Grove-H	4:30
Sept. 18	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Sept. 22	Lincolnvew-H	5:00
Sept. 25	Crestview-T	5:00
Sept. 29	Spencerville-H	5:00

Freshman Volleyball

Sept. 4	Bryan-T	4:30
Sept. 9	Columbus Grove-T	4:30
Sept. 13	Van Wert-H	12:00
Sept. 18	Edgerton-T	4:30
Sept. 22	Bryan-H	4:30
Sept. 30	Spencerville-H	5:00

Varsity Volleyball

Sept. 4	Bryan-T	6:00
Sept. 6	Wayne Trace/Antwerp-H	10:00
Sept. 9	Columbus Grove-T	6:00
Sept. 11	Crestview-H	6:00
Sept. 13	Van Wert-H	10:00
Sept. 16	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Sept. 18	LCC-H	6:00
Sept. 23	Lincolnvew-T	6:00
Sept. 25	Ada-T	6:00
Sept. 27	Archbold Invitational-T	9:00
Sept. 29	Hicksville-H	6:00
Sept. 30	Spencerville-H	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Sept. 4	Oak. El. Fall Picture Day	
Sept. 8	7th Grade IOWA Testing Begins	
Sept. 10	MS Fund Raiser Ends	
Sept. 10	Bluffton College Rep Visit	1:00
Sept. 11	Oak El. Beginning Band Night	6:30
Sept. 17	Defiance College Rep Visit	9:00
Sept. 19	P.E. Electricity Assembly	1:30
Sept. 22	Gr. 9-12 Picture Day-Auditeria Stage	
Sept. 22	Band Booster Mtg-Band Room	7:00
Sept. 23	Mid-Terms Sent Home	
Sept. 23	Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room	7:00
Sept. 25	University of Findlay Rep Visit	1:30
Sept. 26	OakEl. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00
Sept. 30	Owens Community College Rep	8:00

The switchboard and administrative offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every weekday when school is not in session.



WE LIKE THE PIE

By: Sue Knapp
I had the privilege of meeting two very interesting people while I was in Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn, IN on Wednesday afternoon.

baby sister. Alvada told her it might be a boy, the daughter then replied, "They have orphanages for children like that." The sibling was a boy and they did not send him to the orphanage. He and his sister are very close.

Tiera called attention and announced a woman there who was celebrating her 90th birthday. Now, all of us are special no matter what age, but what was different about this woman was that she rode to Bob's from her home in Fort Wayne on a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

She walked five to six miles a day until she had back problems last winter. Now she walks one to two miles a day. She will walk to the store with her walker which has a bag attached and buy what she needs, using the bag to hold her items.

Alvada Snyder has climbed on Lowell Shearer's Harley for the past six years on her birthday to eat pie and lunch at Bob's Restaurant. Why Bob's? Because they like the pie.

The Lowell Shearer family used to live close to Alvada and they would take her to church sometimes, and they have remained friends. Lowell has brought Alvada on his Harley Ultra-Classic Motor Cycle to Bob's on her birthday for the last six years, that was the first time she was ever on a motorcycle.

Alvada was born in a log cabin in West Virginia on the side of a mountain. She has four children: a boy, a girl, a boy and six years later found herself with child again. Her daughter, eight years old at the time, kept telling people what fun she would have with her

What a blessing these two people are. It's all about caring for each other and keeping on, keeping on, no matter what.

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES 8/4/08

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on August 4, 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, Ronnie Breedlove, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were present.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the July 21 meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Daeger, yea; Jeffery, yea; Breedlove, yea; Sutton, abstain.

Resolution 1221-08 re: Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. The money generated by the Recreation levy is used to finance the operation and maintenance of the pool. Mayor White noted that without this funding the pool would not be able to operate. Sutton motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1222-08 re: Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. The money generated by the Fire levy is used to pay the Village's share of the fire budget for the Paulding Commu-

nity Fire Association (PCFA); therefore, providing the Village with fire service. Breedlove motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1223-08 re: Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. The money generated by the Current Expense levy is used primarily to finance the Village's street lighting. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Sierer motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Ordinance 1382-08 re: An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Advertise for and Enter into Contracts for the Farming of Farm Ground owned by the Village of Paulding, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Dawn Smith was present seeking public support this November as she runs for Paulding County Recorder.

Sutton presented the Recreation Committee's minutes from their July 24th meeting with the Paulding Ball Association. The following items were discussed:

—Dennis Combs reported the Ball Association has raised \$50,000 to date for the new ball complex with an additional \$50,000 in commitments, and are awaiting notification of a potential grant award of \$50,000.

—Daeger informed the Ball Association that the Village will not sign the purchase agreement as currently written due to a stipulation by the Seller requesting a lift station be installed on his property adjacent to the ball complex. Daeger noted a new lift station would cost the Village approximately \$150,000, and due to financial constraints the Village will not be able to honor this request.

—Sutton agreed to contact the Solicitor to request he send a letter to the Seller's attorney informing them of the Village's intentions not to sign the purchase agreement as it is currently written. Solicitor Jones noted the letter has been sent.

Tope relayed Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) has informed her they are in need of approximately more 100 income surveys before they can finalize their results. Survey results to date reflect a Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) ratio of 54% which would make the Village eligible for grant monies to fund the new water plant, but without the proper number of responses the results will be deemed invalid and additional grant monies may not be applied for. Tope noted MVPO will be sending out a new mailing, and urged the public to please respond as soon as possible.

Wiebe presented Council with the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda consisted of two well drilling

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FIELD OF DREAMS



The State Bank & Trust Company has committed to being a \$2,500 Silver sponsor to the Paulding Ball Association. Shown above is Dianne Jones, District Manager, Brian Miller, Ball Association Treasurer, Steve Grube, Retail Manager.

The Paulding Ball Association would like to thank the following contributors for their donations for the new ball complex:

Defiance Metal Products, Wal-Mart of Van Wert and Defiance, Paulding County Independent Insurance Agents Association Inc, Schwan's, Animal Clinic, Philipot Photo, Gorrell, Eagles, Shishler Insurance Agency, VFW, Samaritan Foundation, Birdstone Inc, Ken & Jan Hahn, Joe & Monte Hoover, Bob & Dori Vogel, The State Bank & Trust Company.

The Paulding Ball Association is committed to raising the funds to purchase land to build the new ball complex. There are many ways for individual and business to get in-

involved in making this dream a reality for Paulding. We will be having a Field of Dreams Golf Scramble on September 14, at Auglaize Golf Club contact Jill or Chad Adams at 419-399-2241. Bricks are available to purchase the forms are available at local banks or contact Ted Stallbaum at 419-399-9268. If you would like additional information please contact Shawn Brewer 419-399-5289, Dennis Combs 419-399-4965, Susan Farr 419-399-4689, Brett Kauser 419-399-9144, Kendra Kauser 419-399-2190, Travis McGarvey 419-399-9264, Brian Miller 419-399-5630, or Shannon Schilt 419-399-5921 or visit our website at www.pauldinglittleleague.com.

CITY OF WOODBURN POLICE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2008

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tery, 1-special assignment, 1-theft from vehicle, 2-attempted burglaries, 3-assists, 1-attempt to contact, 3-VIN checks, 2-traffic assist for fire, 3-thefts, 1-disabled vehicle, 2-fireworks complaints, 6-suspicious persons, 4-alarms, 1-missing person, 1-domestic disturbance, 1-open door, 1-lost/stolen plate, 1-suicide attempt, 1-vandalism to vehicle. Total incidents: 94

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Pictured left to right: Sarah Shultz, Carla Morris, Richie Britt, Becky Verfaillie, Maria Wann (nail tech), Holly Rupp LMT, Angie Coak, and Shannon Foltz.

PCAF TAKING APPLICATIONS

Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) is taking applications from Paulding County non-profit organizations for grants. Grant instructions and application forms are available by contacting the PCAF office at 101 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879; telephone 419-399-8282 or by email at pcedcar@bright.net. Funds are limited and applications will be received until 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2008. Grants will be awarded in December 2008.

NORTHWEST OHIO AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE VIEWERS TO TUNE IN TO FIGHT CANCER

The Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure encourages television viewers to tune into a very special event to help in the fight against all types of cancer. An unprecedented hour long live broadcast, "Stand Up 2 Cancer," will air simultaneously on all three major networks on Friday September 5, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. to raise awareness and money to fight this disease. Hosted by network anchors Katie Couric, Charlie Gibson, and Brian Williams, this primetime fundraising event will include a multitude of celebrities including Mariah Carey, Miley Cyrus, Beyonce, Sheryl Crow, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Aniston, Meryl Streep, and Lance Armstrong, just to name a few.

The goal of the program is to underscore the urgency of raising money to fight cancer. Funds raised will be directed to top medical researchers from universities across the country who will collaborate rather than compete to find a cure for this disease. Innovative ideas will receive rapid funding without bureaucratic delays, and new therapies will be targeted to patients who need them as quickly as possible. With the theme of "This is where the end of cancer be-

gins," this televised fundraising program will highlight the importance of stopping cancer in its tracks. Cancer kills 550,000 Americans per year with one person dying every minute. Worldwide, 6,000,000 die every year from cancer and 1 out of 2 men and 1 out of 3 women will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime.

For more information about this program, visit www.standup2cancer.org. For more information about breast cancer or the upcoming Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 28, visit www.komennwohio.org.

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requests and one delinquent utility bill assessment. Daeger motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: Rife, no; Sierer, yea; Daeger, yea; Jeffery, no; Breedlove, no; Sutton, yea - Mayor White broke the tie by voting "yea". The Administrator's Agenda was passed.

Wiebe presented Council with three pieces of correspondence from URS to the Ohio EPA regarding the new water plant, including: 1) a cover letter to Justin Bowerman (re: the Detailed Process Plans), 2) a cover letter to Judy Stottsberry (re: Final Revised Pilot Protocol), and 3) the final pilot study results.

Wiebe noted he has been in communication with Julie Ward of RCap and Greg Otey of URS regarding the financing of the water plant. He noted Ms. Ward has provided him with revised material. He requested a meeting be scheduled with Ms. Ward and Mr. Otey to discuss the information further.

Wiebe noted he has been contacted by AEP regarding tree trimming. He noted he and the Mayor visited several areas AEP is recommending need trimmed, and they are not in total agreement with AEP's opinion. Solicitor Jones noted property owners not agreement with AEP's decision to cut or trim a tree on their property may petition Common Pleas for an injunction.

Wiebe noted the US-24 Corridor grant application has been placed on hold.

Wiebe relayed he and Mayor White attended the July 11th Emerald Ash Bore seminar hosted by the Village.

A concerned citizen was present requesting a junk notice be issued to two properties located near the intersection of W. Jackson and Summit Streets.

Jill Adams, a representative of the Paulding Ball Association, was present to discuss the new ball complex. She noted the Ball Association is currently waiting to hear back from the seller's attorney, and are continuing fund raising efforts.

Daeger requested Council move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Committee of the Whole - Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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



A 4TH GRADE VISITOR AT ANTWERP ELEMENTARY

The 4th grade students of Antwerp Elementary received a special visitor on Tuesday, August 26. Al and Jen Manella, parents of 4th grader, Klayre Manella, brought their newest family member into the classrooms of Emily Tempel and Rebecca Geyer. Sheba, a five month old chocolate lab, was the center of the children's attention. The pup enjoyed all the pats and petting that the students gave.

Since the children were studying kingdoms, class, order, family, characteristics, genus and species in the science class, Mrs. Manella explained these factors about Sheba. Although the students were interested in this scientific information, Sheba was only interested in the children!

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in the different categories. Kalya Strahley was 1st runner up in the speech contest, 2nd runner up in the talent portion of the contest and 1st runner up in the Overall Junior Division. She also won \$400.00 in scholarship money participating in the different categories. Ashlyn is in the 6th grade at Paulding Middle School and Kalya is a 2nd grader at Paulding Elementary. Both girls are the daughters of Jeff and Connie Strahley of Paulding.

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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.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday September 13, 2008 at 10:00 am
Location: 11767 Rd. 132 Paulding, Ohio. 43556
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Officers not pictured are Jane Hibbard, Secretary; Tony

Langham, V.P. of Public Relations; and Pamela Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms.

This organization meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Community Room at the Northtowne Mall in Defiance. Guests are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ron at 419-467-5303.

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By: Paulding County Extension Office

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While this kind of service—to homeowners and farmers, to families and local businesses—goes to the heart of what Extension is all about, we believe that it's our partnerships with other agencies that provide the community with the most bang for its tax buck. Those partnerships often go sight-unseen by most people. But, with the tight economy, we think that our collaborations with others offer extremely valuable services in an exceptionally cost-effective way. Here are a few details on just some of that teamwork:

- We offer nutrition classes at the Paulding County WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program, which provides for supplemental foods and health-care referrals for low-income pregnant women and new mothers, and to infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk. In the programs, we focus on information such as selecting healthy foods and maintaining a healthy weight. Participants say that because of the classes, they eat more fruits and vegetables and provide healthier meals and snacks to their children and families.

- Through the Family Nutrition Program we offer, we've partnered with the P.C. Workshop to present sessions on healthy eating and using the MyPyramid dietary guidelines, as well as the importance of physical activity. Participants said they've learned new information they can use on a daily basis.

- We collaborate with the Department of Job and Family Services and the Welcome Home Program at Paulding Hospital to provide the Parenting the First Year newsletter. Since the fall of 2000, more than 750 new parents have received this timely information regarding development of their newborn throughout their child's very important first year.

- Since 2006, the Vantage Career Center in Paulding and Paulding County Ex-

ension's 4-H Youth Development Program have partnered in providing resources for youth who are economically disadvantaged to participate in a structured and safe environment working with caring adults. Recently, youth practiced civic responsibility by meeting with Congressman Bob Latta and discussing current energy issues. In addition, they met with Judge Tiffany Reighter Beckman of the Paulding County Court and learned about the court system. They also visited several local companies and learned about entrepreneurial and leadership skills required in operating a business.

- We join forces with the Paulding County Juvenile Court to offer the CarTeens program, a traffic safety program for first-time teen traffic offenders. The goal is to decrease the number of repeat traffic offenses among juveniles in Paulding County and to increase awareness of vehicular safety among teens. Taking the class allows the teens to avoid getting points on their license (avoiding higher car insurance costs), for which many parents have voiced their gratitude. The program also develops leadership and presentation skills among young people, because it is led by a group of teens, ages 15 to 19, who serve as the instructors and curriculum planners along with an adult advisor.

- We partner with the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District and the Farm Service Agency on numerous programs, such as Agronomy Day and Paulding County Ag Day. This kind of collaboration offers local farmers the newest information on the widest variety of topics in an efficient, time-effective way.

- Working under Ohio Department of Agriculture guidelines, we offer Pesticide Re-Certification Training sessions annually. Individuals licensed as private pesticide applicators need to be recertified once every three years. The program provides information on pesticide safety and covers updates in several different pesticide categories. During a three-year period, more than 100 private applicators attended these programs.

These are just a few of the partnerships we've formed over the years with local agencies and organizations. By working together, we offer premium services at a bargain-basement cost. Please vote for the general fund levy in November to keep Paulding County Extension operating and help Keep Paulding County Growing and Strong.

JPHS ON THE GO



By: Sue Knapp

It seems the older you get the faster time flies. The older you get, you look back and think about all the changes that have occurred in the world.

The John Paulding Historical Society has done just that with their Dinner Theater. Entitled "On the Go" the Society provided an excellent meal catered by Kathy's Catering. There was no reason to go away hungry after the sumptuous meal of chicken breast, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread and butter and a choice of cake. After the meal, Les Weidenhamer, President of the Society, introduced MC Mike Farmer who introduced each scene with a little history of Paulding County.

The descendants of the first families were on tap to talk about how it was for their ancestors. The first families were honored and we were informed that some came here before 1880. Ray Keck, head of Paulding County Genealogy talked about the different branches of his family who came to this territory in the 1800's. His ancestors helped build the first roads, etc. and he has family members who have served in all the wars starting with the Revolutionary War.

Ruth Alice Buehler talked about one of her great-grandfather's who went to California during the Gold Rush. Out of 13 men, three made it. It was a rough bunch with a man's nose being bit off and watching a lady being hung. Ruth showed us a cane with a dagger inside that was carried on the trip plus two revolvers was also carried. Her great-grandfather did make some money in California which he spent some on acreage in Paulding County.

Paul Klinger talked about the 1881 church built along Flat Rock Creek. There was a pew from the church and commented on the stories the "pew" had to tell. The community would come to worship as one big family.

There was a Singing School with ten lessons for one dollar, with Helen Parrish on the piano, Rhonda Smalley and Mary Bussing held a sing lesson for us. It was humorous matching songs and hymns to different occupations.

Dick Parrish and John Baumle talked about the first

Henry Ford cars and even tried to sell us one.

We have all taken our children on road trips. Now days they have all kinds of different electronics and games for the car to keep the child occupied. What did they do back 'in the day'? Eileen Kochensparger, Max Kochensparger, Kathy Denny and Aryn Denny took a road trip, traveling at 45 miles an hour and staying all night eating meals in the car. They had to actually talk to each other and played games such as honking every time an out of state license plate was seen. It does bring back memories, although we traveled over 45 miles an hour, it was before electronics.

We watched Susie and Denny Thrasher take an airplane from Paulding to Dayton at the unheard of 2500 feet in the air.

The everyday things were not forgotten as Louella Thomas, Romaine Boundy, Dianne Stouffer, Rhonda Smalley, Pam Fast, Angie Pollock, Suzy Strayer, Barb Searing and Martha Straley participated in an old fashioned Church Rummage Sale held during the Depression. 'Bargains' galore were offered as the 'ladies' wrangled over the goods.

The evening ended with early America being honored with the descendants of the first families carrying flags and while MC Mike Farmer gave the tribute. Les Weidenhamer read from the Declaration of Independence and talked about our Flag and all sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Door prizes of gift baskets full of Paulding County memorabilia were handed out. Lucile Shealy and Laura Pease each won a door prize.

What an evening! If you've never been to one the Museum's events or never been to the museum, you are missing out. Take your children and grandchildren and point out how things were 'in your day'. There is a small town Main Street plus a school room, music room, kitchen, bedroom, parlor, library, etc. and plenty of memorabilia plus a gift shop that sells 'Mary Janes' (old fashioned candy) and rugs made off the looms right there in the museum.

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