

OBERG – MILLER



Michaela Oberg and Brian Miller would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Michaela is a graduate of Zeeland High School and The Ohio State University and is currently employed by Sprint. Her parents are James and Anita Oberg formerly from Delphos, Ohio, now residing in Grove City, Ohio.

Brian is a graduate of

Antwerp High School and Franklin College of Indiana and is currently Store manager at Sprint. His parents are Michael and Alice Miller formerly from Antwerp, Ohio now residing in New Haven, Indiana.

Their wedding is set to take place on October 25, 2008 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow at The Pinnacle Golf Club.

SLOW ECONOMY FUELS SURGE IN LIBRARY VISITS

With the nation facing tough economic times, Americans are visiting their local public libraries more often and checking out items with greater frequency. Libraries across the United States report that more people are turning to libraries in record numbers to take advantage of the free resources available there.

According to the ALA's 2008 State of America's Libraries Report, Americans visited their libraries nearly 1.3 billion times and checked out more than 2 billion items in the past year, an increase of more than 10 percent in both checked out items and library visits, compared to data from the last economic downturn in 2001.

ALA President Jim Rettig said, "During tough economic times, people turn to libraries for their incredible array of free resources, from computers to books, DVDs and CDs, for help with a job hunt or health information. The average annual cost to the taxpayer for access to this wide range of resources is about \$31, the cost of one hardcover book. In good times or bad, libraries are a great value!"

At the Howard County Library in Columbia, Md., from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, visits to its six branches exceeded 2.6 million – a 26 percent increase compared to past usage. Users borrowed more than 5.6 million items, an increase of 15 percent, and attendance at library classes, seminars, workshops and events set a new record of 140,000 attendees, a 12 percent increase.

Many library users have reported that high gas prices have kept their families off the road and in their homes. Families that cannot afford vacations are turning to their local library for free activities near home. For example, the Palmyra (Pa.) Public Library summer

reading program increased by 163 percent over the past year; Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover, Pa., experienced a 54 percent increase in program attendance; and the Adamstown (Pa.) Library summer reading program increased by 16 percent.

Library users are not only saving money on entertainment, but also finding savings related to Internet access. In South Florida a patron that paid \$60 a month for Internet access canceled his service, so that he could take advantage of the free Internet service offered at the Hollywood (Fla.) Public Library, a savings of more than \$700.

"As the economy slows, libraries continue to be changing and dynamic places that offer our nation's communities free access to information that can better lives and support lifelong learning," Rettig said.

In Paulding County, director Susan Pieper states, "we see more new patrons come in every day. Just this week a new family was checking out DVDs. They said it was the first time they had visited the library. They did not know they could borrow movies for free." Library use in Paulding County has more than doubled over the past decade. "We see it every day," shares Pieper. "Library users are turning to their public library to save money."

Libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers as well. Less than 44 percent of the top 100 U.S. retailers accept in-store paper applications. Libraries continue to report that many patrons are turning to library computers to prepare resumes and cover letters, find work, apply for jobs online and open e-mail accounts.

Such services have given libraries a reputation for offering an excellent return

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST AT WOODLAN



Olympic Men's Volleyball Gold Medalist, Lloy Ball was honored September 5th at Woodlan's Football game. He was signing autographs & volleyballs until half-time. Shown is Stan Gerig (left) and Lloy Ball (right). An upcoming parade in his honor will be Sunday 9/14 at 4:00 pm in Woodburn. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

on investment. In Florida, a study showed that libraries create jobs, raise wages and increase gross regional product. Florida public libraries return \$6.54 for every \$1 invested from all sources. A study in South Carolina showed that every dollar expended on the state's public libraries by state and local governments brought a return on investment of \$4.48 — nearly 350 percent. Studies in Ohio, Seattle and Phoenix echo these findings.

To learn more about America's libraries, please visit the ALA Web site at <http://www.ala.org>. Additional library statistical data is available through ALA's Office for Research and Statistics at <http://www.ala.org/ors>. For information about the Paulding County Carnegie Library, visit www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

90TH ANNIVERSARY AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Payne Church of the Nazarene will celebrate its 90th anniversary of existence on Sunday, September 21. Former Pastor Dr. Phillip Fuller, will be the guest speaker for the 10:00 a.m. celebration service, with special music beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in the fellowship center. An afternoon service with special music will be held at 1:30 p.m.

The Payne Church of the Nazarene is located at 501 E. Orchard St. (SR 500 east) Payne, Ohio. For more information, please call the church office at 419-263-2422.

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OBITUARIES

Audrey M. (Bute) Shaw, 95, of Payne died Monday, September 1, 2008 at the Heartland Health Care Center, Three Rivers, Michigan.

She was born on August 25, 1913 in Payne, Ohio the daughter of Walter and Marilda (Bouley) Bute. In 1951 she married Robert W. Shaw, who preceded her in death in 1951. She was a legal secretary for Fuel Distributors of Jackson, Michigan, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Queen of Miraculous Medal Church, Jackson, Michigan. She was Treasurer of National Council of Catholic Women, a member of King's Daughters Guild, Queen of Miraculous Medal Church Holy Family Circle, Queen of Miraculous Medal Church Prayer Line, Queen of Miraculous Medal Church Perpetual Adoration Chapel adoror, and a RSVP Volunteer.

She is survived by a daughter, Janice (David) Broker of Three Rivers, MI; a son, Douglas (Mary Jane) Simon of Seal Rock, OR; ten grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Shaw; two brothers: Glen and Roy Bute; a sister, Anna Fay Bute; and a grandson, Robbie Williams.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted September 5, 2008 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish (the former St. Joseph Catholic Church), Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman and Deacon David Barrett officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Memphis, TN. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Helen L. Mumma, 94, of Haviland died Tuesday, September 2 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born March 18, 1914 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of John and Susie (Gunderman) Jen-

kins. On June 24, 1937 she married Gerald B. Mumma, who preceded her in death on August 19, 2001. She was a member of Country Chapel United Methodist Church, Haviland, a member of United Methodist Women, served as organist for 81 years, and was the oldest member of the church. She was a 1932 graduate of Haviland High School and played on the girls' basketball team. She was an avid golfer.

She is survived by a son, John (Judy) Mumma of Paulding; two daughters: Brenda (Paul) Ladd of Grover Hill and Marsha (Michael) Miller of Defiance; ten grandchildren: Kathleen, Jeff, Stephanie, Suzanne, and Kevin Mumma, Kyle Ladd, Janine (Ladd) Roder, Scott and Tracy Hahn, and Kelly (Hahn) Erford; ten great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Lucy Egger Partee, and Edith Towe; two brothers: Forest and Roy Jenkins.

Funeral services were conducted September 6 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Donations may be made to Scott EMS or Country Chapel United Methodist Church, Haviland. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Clifford Ronald Beamer, 83, of Paulding died Saturday, September 6, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, Indiana shortly after admission.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio on May 3, 1925 the son of Edward N. and Ethel C. (Brown) Beamer. On November 28, 1948 he married Bonita R. (Lake) Beamer, who survives. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II both in Japan and Germany. He was a 50-year member of First Christian Church, Paulding. He retired in 1990 from the General Portland/LaFarge Corporation where he was a kiln operator. He was also formerly employed by the former Paul Bakle Plumbing Company, and the former Ralph Hanenkratt Plumbing Company, and Paulding Light Plant where he was a meter reader. He was a fireman for the Paulding Fire Department for 23 years and a charter member of Paulding V.F.W. #587. He was a former owner and operator of the Star Lite Café, Paulding.

He is survived by his wife, Bonita R. Beamer of Paulding; a son, R. Allen (Lois) Beamer of Paulding; a daughter, Rhonda (Dietrich Schmidt) Beamer Schmidt of Yonker, NY; a twin brother, Donald (Phyllis) Beamer of Defiance; a sister, Marilyn R. Edwards of Paulding; and a granddaughter, Lexie Beamer of Bowling Green, OH.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edward Beamer; and three sisters: Norma Rae Beamer, Florice Wilhelm, and Marjorie Bordner.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, with military graveside services conducted by V.F.W. #587.

Visitation will be 2:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10 and also 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Paulding Fire Department, or Paulding EMS, or First Christian Church, Paulding. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Dorothy A. Wannemacher, 78, of Payne, passed away Friday, September 5, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Dorothy was born in Payne on June 8, 1930, the daughter of the late John and Sarah (King) Cluts.

She was a nurse's aid in the O.B. Department at Paulding County Hospital.

Dorothy was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne American Legion Post Auxiliary, the Town & Country Club. She liked to crochet, sew and bake.

On October 21, 1950, she married Robert, who survives.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Bob; sons: Lynn (Joanne) of Naples, FL, Dana (Kim) of Roanoke, IN, Rob (Deb) of Payne; brother, Harry (Helen) Cluts of Payne; and granddaughters: Sarah (Toby) Sennebogen, and Amber and Amelia Wannemacher.

Preceding her in death are her sister, Elizabeth Cluts; and brothers: Robert and Roy Cluts.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish (formerly St. John the Baptist), Payne September 8, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. She was laid to rest at St John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

The family requests donations to Divine Mercy School Endowment Fund or Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Sheila K. Crates, 56, of Paulding died Thursday, September 4, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

She was born August 8, 1952 in Bowling Green, Ohio, the daughter of David F. and Alberta E. (Nichols) Cotterman. In 1974 she married Steven Crates, who preceded her in death in 2000.

She is survived by three sons: Mark (Sherry) Cotterman of Marion, OH, Steven M. Crates, and David Crates both of Payne; two daughters: Michelle (Barry) Watson of Paulding, and Maria (Bob) Rivera of Payne; a brother, Ron Cotterman of Cincinnati, OH; two sisters: Sharon

Crampton of Paulding, and Donna Stahl of Grover Hill, OH; and fourteen grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Denny Cotterman.

Burial will be at a later date.

Donations may be sent in memory of Sheila Crates made to Den Herder Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WHEN A PARENT'S HEART ACHES

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

In his outstanding book, *Come Share the Being*, the late Bob Benson writes of sending one of his sons off to college. In his own personable, reflective way, Benson writes:

"Nearly a year ago Peg and I had a very hard week. Sunday night we were home and (our son Mike) was 700 miles away... Now we had been through this before. Bob, Jr. had gone away to college and we had gathered ourselves together until we had gotten over it.

"So we thought we knew how to handle separation pretty well. Yet when we dropped Mike off, we came home lonely and blue.

"Oh, our hearts were filled with pride at a fine young man and our minds were filled with memories from tricycles to commencements, but deep down inside somewhere we just ached with loneliness and pain.

"Somebody said, 'You still have three at home' and they were right—we still had three fine kids and there was still plenty of noise, plenty of ball games to go to, plenty of responsibilities, plenty of laughter.

"In fact, I guess there was pretty near plenty of everything... EXCEPT MIKE. And in parental math, five minus one does not equal plenty."

Then Benson turns to the reader: "And I was thinking about God. He sure has plenty of children—plenty of artists, plenty of singers and carpenters, and candlestick makers, and preachers, plenty of everybody... EXCEPT YOU. And all of them can never take your place.

And there will always be an empty spot in His heart—and a vacant chair at His table when you're not home. And if once in awhile it seems He's crowding you a bit—try to forgive Him. It may be one of those nights when He misses you so much He can hardly stand it."

MATTHEW 24 LESSON #5

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Matthew 24:11 – before we go into our lesson, in regards to the last lesson, do you remember the subject of how Christians will face persecution and that how truly one can fall away. Please read I Timothy 4:1-3, this is just one of many scripture verses that tell us this.

Now back to Matthew 24:11 – Notice Jesus is telling the disciples that false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Back in Matthew 24:5, Jesus told them that many would come in His name and deceive or mislead many. According to Josephus book antiquities it says that many

did rise up claiming to be the coming one of Christ. Also read in Acts 5:36-37 of one instance of those mentioned in the Bible. When I get to Matthew 24:23-24, Jesus will be warning the disciples again.

Loved ones, even today there are those who take it upon themselves to interpret the signs. Even during the Persian Gulf War, there were those sign interpreters who were telling people the end of the world was here. Loved ones, the sad part of this is, there will always be those who are willing to follow these false prophets.

Matthew 24:12 – Because of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. This is the reason for the destruction of Jerusalem. Also, this will be why God will destroy the world one day. Where there is no love, God cannot dwell. Please read Matthew 22:36-40. God wants you and I to love Him and also to love our neighbor. Where there is love for God and for neighbor, there will be no lawlessness. Jesus loves you, and so do I! If you have any Bible questions please call 419-393-4775 or 419-399-5022.

BAKE SALE AT FIRST FINANCIAL BANK SPONSORED BY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Defiance Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will be selling homemade baked goods on Friday, September 8, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at The First Federal Bank (Main Branch) in Defiance, Ohio. The proceeds for this bake sale will go to support MS research in Northwestern Ohio.

39TH ANNUAL FESTIRAMA AT DIVINE MERCY CHURCH IN PAYNE

Divine Mercy Church (formerly St. John's) located at 203 Townline Street in Payne will be holding its 39th Annual Festirama on Sunday, September 14, 2008. A "Home Style" Ham & Chicken Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned church hall. Carry outs are available.

Things to do from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. include silent auction, games, raffles for all ages, and a Kraft Corner.

If you want a great meal and day of fun, bring the family to Divine Mercy in Payne.

CARAVAN PROGRAM KICK OFF AT PAULDING CHURCH OF NAZARENE

Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be kicking it's Caravan program off on September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the church's family life center.

Caravan is a scouting-type program for children ages 4 through 6th grade. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 during the school year.

We will be having a family night on Wednesday, September 10 to let you get acquainted with us, fill out the registration forms, receive important information and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th.

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FALL FESTIVAL CRAFT BAZAAR
 Zion Lutheran Church, 7616 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn, IN will hold its **3rd Fall Festival Craft Bazaar** on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you are interested in renting a table, please call Carol at 260-632-5328. Tables are \$25.00 for the day.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Madison Kay Rochelle Schmidt was born on August 1, 2008, at 3:20 p.m. at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Michael and Malinda Schmidt of Cecil, Ohio. Madison was 20½ inches long and weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces.

Madison's proud grandparents are Charles and Judy Sawyer, Antwerp, Cork and Leslie Hughes, Antwerp, and Fred and Sheree Schmidt, Archbold.

Great-grandparents are Martha Stumphy, Norma Ruth Rosselet, Ed and Rosa Miller, Gene and Ola (Buddie) Hughes and Mellie Schmidt. Madison is also being watched over by her Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa Sawyer, Great-Grandpa Stumphy, Great-Grandpa Rosselet, and Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa Schmidt from heaven.

"COLD WAR" SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT VANTAGE CAREER CENTER

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC) announces a seminar series on the Cold War to be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH, on October 7, 2008 (part one) and February 24, 2009 (part two) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Teachers of any grade level in Van Wert, Paulding, Mercer, Auglaize, Defiance, Williams, Fulton and Henry Counties are invited to attend this free seminar series. John Moser, Associate Professor of History at Ashland University, will present "The Cold War: From Origins to Apogee". Part one will cover the period from World War II to the Cuban Missile Crisis. Part two, "The Cold War: the Rest of the Story" will cover the period from Vietnam and continuing through the end of the Cold War.

The WBESC and its Teaching American History grant is sponsoring the seminar series. 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 for the teachers attending will be paid through the grant.

Ashland University graduate credit is available at the seminar's part one (must attend both sessions and complete assignment). 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 30, 2008.

PAULDING CUB SCOUT PACK 317 2008 ROUNDUP

Paulding Cub Scout Pack 317 will be holding its annual Roundup to recruit new scouts on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Swamp Nature Center, located on Fairgrounds Drive next to McDonald Pike Rd. (a.k.a.: Reservoir Rd. or Rd. 132). Cub Scouting is a family oriented program designed for boys in 1st through 5th grades. Parents and leaders work together to help the boys achieve good character development, learn new skills, respect, spiritual growth, personal achievement, earn awards, and so much more while having a great time! Come join us for the fun! We hope to see you there!

We are always looking for good people to be leaders and helpers in the organization as well!

For more information, or if you are unable to attend, please contact: Cubmaster Russell Herman at 419-399-5650.

SOYBEAN REPRODUCTION

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

Unlike corn, which only has one opportunity during a short period of time to pollinate, soybeans actually have a relatively long flowering period with reports of this being as long as six weeks, but three to four weeks is considered normal.

The soybean varieties grown in this area are called "indeterminate" which means the plants continue to develop new leaves and grow in height for several weeks after flowering begins. Flowering progresses from the lower to the upper nodes of the plants.

Flower induction is influenced by photoperiod (day length), temperature, and size of plant. Flowering is hastened by shorter photoperiods and delayed by longer photoperiods. For any photoperiod, flowering will be hastened by higher temperature and larger plant size. Also, its life cycle tends to be hastened by the decreasing day lengths after June 21.

The soybean flower is self-pollinated, meaning that pollen produced within a flower fertilizes the ovary of that same flower. The soybean plant does not form a pod for each flower. Up to 75 percent of the flowers or pods on a plant may fail to develop. This tendency to abort flowers has been a concern of soybean scientists, especially when seed number appears to limit yield. The key reason for this loss and its prevention are unknown, but may result in most cases simply from the useful tendency of the soybean plant to initiate more flowers than it has capacity to develop into pods with seeds.

The plant loses more blossoms during periods of hot, dry weather than under more favorable conditions, but even under ideal conditions not all flowers result in pods with seeds. Some varieties commonly produce enough flowers to produce yields as high as 250 bushels per acre if all flowers formed pods and all pods contained full-sized seeds. Rarely do enough flowers survive to produce yields more than approximately 30 percent of that level. This ability to produce more flowers than pods and to do so over an extended period of time makes the soybean less susceptible than some other crops, such as corn, to short periods of adverse weather during flowering.

Pod color is the most practical visual indicator of physiological maturity in addition to percent moisture. Research in Iowa, Kentucky, and Minnesota has shown that when the soybean seed is completely yellow, without any green color, it is physiologically mature. The pod that contains the yellow seed is also generally yellow in color, though in some cases the pod may lose its green color before the seed does. The most practical visual evidence of physiological maturity of a plant is when it has at least one pod on its main stem that has reached its mature color of brown or gray. This stage is called R7 in the commonly-used system of staging. The final stage - R8 - is reached when at least 95 percent of pods have their mature color. This would be 5 to 10 days away from 15% moisture.

VANTAGE BOARD MEETS AT ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL

The Vantage Board of Education held their September meeting at Antwerp High School on Thursday, September 4, 2008. They were welcomed by Superintendent Mark Hartman.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the discussion of employment of personnel. The board granted a request for an additional executive session. No action was taken in either session.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the July 31, 2008 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of July 2008. The board approved permanent appropriations and revenues for FY09.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with a review of administrative goals and plans for drafting a multi-year strategic plan for the school. Peter Prichard, ABLE/GED Coordinator reported to the Board regarding the status of the programs and how the transition of Adult Education Workforce Development to the Ohio Board of Regents will impact this program. Principal Keith Rydell updated the board on the new "Juniors Only" first day of school, new teacher and student orientation, and plans for student activities this year. Adult Director Jim Grant discussed enrollment for full-time classes and reported that several are already filled. He also reported on the positive results of the new direct-mailed adult education catalog and the Paulding 4-H summer youth leadership program.

In new business, the board:

—Approved supplemental contracts for Penny Baucom, Special Cafeteria Events and Richard Arney, Computer Tech support;

—Approved employment of Adult Education employees as needed, as scheduled for 2008-2009 school year: Irvin Tumblin, Tow Motor Operations, Robert Miller, Robert Black, James Haggerty, David Kiel, Dennis Wagonrod, and Virginia Hammons Police Academy, Kimberly Baker, Business/Health Careers, Sandra Dealey, Health Careers, Clarence Beach, Industrial Wiring & Blueprint Reading, Sheila Tempel, Health Careers Coordinator, and Pam Knodel, Evening Library Monitor;

—Approved the revised curriculum for Jr. and Sr. Health Careers;

—Approved a resolution authorizing the school district board to enter in to a resolution of acceptance in the Ohio School Facilities Commission Vocational Facilities Assistance Program;

—Approved a resolution of interest to partner Auglaize Mercer County ABLE program with Vantage Career Center's ABLE program;

—Approved a resolution to amend the Administrative Guidelines - 5830 Student Fundraising and Bylaws & Policies - 6610 Student Activity Fund;

—Approved a resolution to approve the payment of student expenses at career technical skill contest as submitted;

—Approved the resignation of Barbara Showalter,

Health Careers Coordinator effective August 1, 2008 and Cynthia Klinger, cook, effective August 29, 2008;

—Appointed Lori Davis, Treasurer, as the board's designee to receive public records training for the current term of boardsmanship.

The next regular Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne Trace High School.

FICKEL TO COMPETE IN FINALS THIS OCTOBER, IN INDIANAPOLIS

The National FFA Organization (FFA) today announced David Fickel of Oakwood was selected as a national finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Environmental Science and Natural Resources - Entrepreneurship/Placement. Fickel is one of only four people chosen to compete for this award at the national finals to be held this October during the FFA national convention in Indianapolis, IN.

The proficiency awards recognize outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through establishment of a new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience. The Environmental Science and Natural Resources - Entrepreneurship/Placement Award is one of 47 proficiency program areas FFA members can participate in to develop valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state, and national levels. (A description of each proficiency area is attached.)

Fickel, a member of the Paulding FFA Chapter, became eligible for the national award after winning the Ohio state FFA competition earlier this year.

This award is sponsored by Ford Trucks, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. IN recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and \$500. The national winner of the Environmental Science and Natural Resources - Entrepreneurship/Placement Award will receive an additional \$500 during a special ceremony at the national

FFA convention.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 500,823 student members—all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture—as part of 7,358 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

LEARN ABOUT MAKING PIE CRUSTS & SCRAPBOOKING AT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER'S PROGRAMS

Learn more about making pie crusts and scrapbooking the third week of September at the Hicksville Community Service Center's educational programs.

On September 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, the Hicksville Community Service Center will be sponsoring a Pie Crust Class. Struggling to get that flaky crust or to get it in the pan without holes, then come watch several demonstrations from different expert pie makers including Alice Vetter and others. There is a registration fee for materials.

On September 19 from 1:00 p.m., stop by Linda Owen's home, 110 North Bryan St., for an Open Scrapbooking and Stamping Day. Bring your own supplies, and the space and help are free. If you don't have scrapbooking supplies, Linda will have some available at a minimum cost. Please RSVP to Linda at 419-542-7560.

For more information on the Pie Crust Class or on the scrapbooking class or to register for them, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Much discussion has appeared in the West Bend as to the different opinions of the former County Administrator and Brad Dysinger, candidate for commissioner in the November 4th election. Although I do not wish to address those issues, I do wish to let the readers of this column know that there are two "Tony's" running for the two open seats in the Commissioners' Office.

Tony Burkley is the Republican incumbent (already in office), and he is running for another term. Tony Burkley's opponent is Brad Dysinger, who has written several "letters" in this publication.

Tony Zartman (the other Tony!) is the Republican running for the vacated seat of Marty Harmon, who is not seeking re-election. Tony Zartman's opponent is Ray (Nick) Johanns. Neither Tony Zartman nor Ray Johanns has held this office before.

While I do not have the authority to state Tony Burkley's goals for office, I can let you know why you should vote for the OTHER Tony - Tony Zartman. In his February 27th advertisement in this newspaper, Tony Zartman stated his goals: 1. Overcome the financial problems our county faces; 2. Increase county employment opportunities; 3. Increase communication between the Public and the Commissioners' Office; and 4. Perform the duties of Commissioner with the utmost integrity.

When you go to the polls in November, please remember that each candidate is a separate individual - no matter what his first name.

My husband and I will be voting for our son-in-law: TONY ZARTMAN - the "other" Tony!

—Cara Lou (Hyman) Strahley

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The past several months, or should I say years, the local newspapers have been over-indulged with insults, accusations and a variety of other words that have to do with our governing body of Paulding County.

I don't know about the rest of you who live in this county, but I am full up to my chin with all of this.

For those of you who know me, you know that I am slow to anger. I am a peace-maker and I loathe to see people throwing rocks at each other.

The gentlemen who are our commissioners are fine Christian men. They pay the same taxes that we do. Every decision that is made affects them and their families. In the same respect those who are running for election are also family men, pay the same taxes, send their children and grandchildren to the local schools, shop at the

same stores and care about our county.

As a resident of Paulding County and a tax payer for 46-plus years I respect anyone who takes on a position within the government and opens up their life and the life of their families to scrutiny. It is so easy to tell someone how to do a job but walk in that man's shoes for a while and then tell me what you think of the position. No decision within the government is a personal decision, it is decided on the welfare of all within Paulding County.

My heart cried when I read about the recent AEP fiasco. What a shock to everyone! But I congratulate the person who found the error. What if it had gone even longer and the amount would have been even more. I experienced something very similar to this just recently with our son who had moved back to Fort Wayne. He thought he was paying his AEP bill through an electric company in Grand Rapids, MI. He had done all of the right things but the buck stopped at the AEP office in Wooster who had not been billing him. He was telling me about receiving the bill from the electric company in Grand Rapids. I told him that was not possible. Looking into the situation as a bystander, I immediately called the AEP office in Wooster and they had not been charging him for any electric at all and his power would have been cut off within the next few days.

It happens, residents of Paulding County, to the best of us. Jesus told the Sadducees and Pharisees when they were going to stone the woman caught in adultery that those who were without sin should cast the first stone. When she looked up the accusers were gone (John 8: 1-12).

My parents had a good saying. "What goes around comes around" so we must be very careful of what we do and say. Would you be willing to pay the consequences should you get caught up in your own problems?

It's a known fact that when you run for office your life is an open book. How well we know this, as we have watched those running for the presidential election this year.

I have always lived with the philosophy that when you get caught in a lie admit it. Don't add to the problem by denying it and then ending up with egg on your face.

It's time that we begin a healing process. We have a big problem and if we don't start to heal and begin to work out these problems within the government and OURSELVES, we are going to destroy all that has been put in place by our forefathers.

Granted, there have been mistakes made, but before we throw stones and or accusations why not look at our own faults first. None of us are perfect and we all make mistakes.

We are adults and should be able to look at the workings of our government in an adult manner.

Stop and evaluate all that we have to lose IF the levy does not pass.

How does a county run without monies that we must have according to state mandates?

We are suffering enough with job losses, local food pantries are empty, medicaid is overloaded, churches are

being asked to help on a daily basis with gas vouchers. There is so much need within our county—what will happen when the levy fails and more dedicated people within our county are put on the unemployment line.

Pastors, I ask that you put at the top of your prayer concerns for the healing of our county. I ask that you pray for those who are in office and those who are vying for their position. I would ask you to go even farther and pray for this great country that we live in. We are in BIG trouble throughout the U.S. and we need to turn to God and remember the phrase that our country was built on "In God We Trust".

I support the commissioners of Paulding County and I WILL be voting for the levy. I hope that each of you will seriously consider the right thing to do and VOTE for the levy also.

Sincerely,

—Eileen Kochensparger

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hey, little buddy, remember me? It's been awhile and I feel we should get up to date. I apologize for not being there for you lately. I've been a little busy. It seems that through my latest absence you've managed to get in over your head again. Let's regroup.

For years now you've been looking for corruption in local government, you've searched far and wide, but sadly missed the true crime being perpetrated right under your own nose, with your signature on the payment voucher. However, I must applaud you for the sheer audacity to deflect your responsibility as fiscal officer on the other members of the SWCD board when being called to task, you're definitely political material there, Sparky.

The true testament to your hypocrisy is when you write in your latest letter, and I quote, "... 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." Holy Crap! Are you kidding me? This is EXACTLY TO THE LETTER what you have been complaining about in the paper concerning the AEP bill. You demand accountability from others while dodging it yourself.

Another gem of yours, and once again I quote, "... when you trust people you're often disappointed." I don't believe this county can afford to be disappointed in you, Brad. Trust is something earned over time through service and personal character, Tony Burkley has earned the county's trust. On the other hand there's you, Brad, promising to lead our county by adding ramps, gutting the sheriff's department, putting every individual agency on their own levy (hopefully they decide to fund the auditor, hey, Brad), saving the whales and curing cancer. It is increasingly hard to tell fact from fiction with you anymore, Brad. The true insanity is having to constantly dig you out of your own mess, if you can't manage to run an intelligent and respectful campaign, how can the public possibly trust you with oversight of its funds once again?

The lack of any real political platform has led you to personal attacks and imaginary monsters, but that's why I'm here little buddy. Don't worry, I won't leave you alone again, you keep stepping in it and I'll keep cleaning it up. You're welcome.

—Jon McCreery

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Dysinger agrees that his errors are easier to see in hindsight. But he clearly missed my main point by dragging his fellow SWCD board members into the question. They didn't write a letter to the editor criticizing the Commissioner and claiming superior judgment. Mr. Dysinger did that all by himself. That action is what labels him a hypocrite and open to public scrutiny.

I did not, and do not today, criticize or blame the board members or Mr. Dysinger for the problem. Part of my letter was to make the point that when one accepts responsibility for decisions there is always the risk of a problem. I criticize only Mr. Dysinger for refusing to give the same understanding to others while implying that he would foresee all problems.

As has been his practice, Mr. Dysinger then goes off in a new direction, complaining that our 1886 Courthouse is not accessible. It is unfortunate that Mr. Dysinger considers the Courthouse an embarrassment.

Mr. Dysinger sidestepped answering my question about what would be cut from the county budget. Recall his statement, "you and I know the place to cut (the budget)." He has instead proposed that "each county agency should run a stand alone levy like the library is doing this year." Mr. Dys-

inger may not be aware that MRDD, the County Health Department and 911 already do this. It would be quite the ballot issue to have separate levies for Veterans Services, the Auditor, the Coroner and so on. Actually, however, he has a good idea—put on a ballot issue for SWCD, OSU Extension, the County Fair and Economic Development. Oh, I forgot, that's why the Commissioners put the county tax levy on the ballot. Maybe since it is his idea he will vote for it after voting against it.

The character of our political candidates is as important as their positions. Mr. Dysinger continues to show his character, and how he would perform as a Commissioner, by using a new round of personal attacks on me and sly hints about unnamed individuals. In his most recent letter he states that I can't find a way in intimidate him and that I did a lousy job for the County. Best of all was saying in print, Stan, "you're full of it." Very mature. He then presumes he scares what he calls the ruling elite. He resorts to more innuendo by stating that he will not judge a county employee by his last name and won't threaten whistle blowers. No names, just the sly suggestion that he alone will root out suspected evil of which he alone must have some special insight.

—Stan Searing

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A couple weeks ago an editorial told us of all the cuts that would be made if the jail levy doesn't pass. The next week Stan Searing told us not to vote down the levy to get back at AEP. Country singer, Lorrie Morgan had the perfect song for this attitude, "What part of 'no' don't you understand?"

We are not voting against this to 'get back at AEP' or because we are against our law enforcement! All of these utility companies are crooks and we know it, but we need their services.

We just can't afford anymore levys or blank checks to support an over budget building!

As far as the cuts they threaten; I can just say—join the crowd. We are all making changes to try to survive eight years of 'King George Bush's' poor government.

You people need to go out on the street and talk to the everyday person to find what they have cut back on.

It's easy to set in an office and say things are all rosy and good, but reality and truth hurts and you don't want to face the fact that a lot of us are struggling to survive.

And now with winter approaching, we are really holding our breath. I can see why Brad Dysinger scares you. He wears normal clothes, not suits; and realizes that Paulding has a very big problem and that the answer is not to bleed us for more money that we don't have.

I would be glad to vote for a levy if:

1. The gas prices go back to where they should be, \$1.50 - \$1.60 per gallon—before 'King George' took office.

2. The economy was where it should be and was also before 'King George' ruined it by lies and his illegal invasion of Iraq!

Until these things happen I vote 'no' on all levys. You need to join the rest of us and cut back!

—Gregg Gorman



CANDIDATE CAROL TEMPLE FOR PAULDING COUNTY RECORDER

By: Sue Knapp

On January 1, 2008 Carol Temple's life changed. After serving as Chief Deputy Recorder for Sue Thrasher for 20 years Carol was appointed to the position of Paulding County Recorder after Mrs. Thrasher's retirement. Carol was very glad for the experience she had as it made the transition to her new job easier.

Carol was appointed interim by the Commissioners until the Democratic Party voted her in to fill the position as another person was wanting the position also.

Maureen Grubaugh, full time, and Carolyn Ross, part time, help Carol keep things running smooth at the Recorder's Office.

Carol expresses, "I've dedicated my working career to the Recorder's Office. I have worked with attorneys, surveyors and title companies in the tri-state area. I would like to continue to work with and serve the public by utilizing my 20 years experience and knowledge of working in the Recorder's Office to make sure the vital records pertaining to ownership in real estate and to all encumbrances or liens upon it are maintained and preserved."

"At this time, I am not looking at changing the way we organize or index the documents but preserving and restoring the volumes of documents we have. "I have already replaced deed binders and plan on repairing and or replacing more when the budget allows. I have researched restoration methods and their costs.

"Since I took over on January 1, 2008, I have proven that I am capable of meeting the demands and challenges of an elected official and I know, if elected on November 4, 2008, I will continue to serve with the quality of service and leadership the citizens of Paulding County deserve. I wouldn't be running for Recorder if I didn't feel I am the

best person with the experience for the job."

Carol was born and raised in Jackson Township on a farm and has lived in Paulding County all of her life. She has a strong sense of loyalty for her county. Carol and her husband, Ed, have been married 35 years and have two sons and one grandson. Carol likes to read, spend time with her 90-year-old father and grandson and she loves people and her job. She adds, "Since Paulding County is a farming community, working with the real estate records helps keep me close to my farm roots which I am so proud of."

PAULDING VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2008

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on August 18, 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.

Jeffery motioned to approve the minutes of the August 4th meeting, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1224-08 re: A Resolution Adopting a Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for Employees of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the first time.

Resolution 1225-08 re: A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Paulding, Ohio to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Sierer motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea.

Rife noted the Committee of the Whole had met on August 13th with Greg Otey of URS Corporation and Julie Ward of RCap to discuss potential financing of the new water treatment plant. The Committee had decided to proceed with approving Resolution 1225-08 allowing the Village to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission as one outlet for funding.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court had collected \$944 in July. He also noted school is scheduled to resume Wednesday, August 20th, and requested the public use extra caution when driving during school hours.

Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. A resident has submitted a request to drill a well for geothermal purposes. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Pam Beck, a resident, was present requesting truck traffic be prohibited from traveling Flatrock Drive. She noted within the last month telephone, electrical lines, and tree limbs have been taken down by large trucks passing through the area. Daeger requested a Street Committee

meeting be scheduled to discuss the issue. Ms. Beck also inquired when yard and/or street repair work is scheduled for the Flatrock Drive area. Wiebe noted a few items need to be discussed with the contractor and engineer before proceeding with yard repair, and that he will look into potential street issues on Flatrock Drive.

Members of the Paulding Youth Ball Association were present to update Council on the status of the new ball complex. Susan Farr noted the Ball Association is currently considering two potential properties. The owner of the originally agreed upon property owner has agreed to delete the lift station clause from the purchase agreement, and has also lowered the price. The Ball Association is currently waiting to hear back from the second owner. Ms. Farr was happy to report that they have received a \$10,000 donation from Defiance Metal Products for the project. The Ball Association is also planning a few fund raisers including a golf outing scheduled for September 14th, and will be serving apple dumplings at the Flatrock Festival. Ms. Farr encouraged the public to contact the Ball Association to discuss the project and/or fundraisers. Officer information may be obtained from the organization's website at www.pauldinglittleleague.com. Mayor White requested the Ball Association keep Sutton and Solicitor Jones apprised of the status of the project.

Rife motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session.

Solicitor Jones noted the Village should be receiving a check shortly from Paulding County Court from Jeff Hunt's noise ordinance violation.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

Utility Committee - Tuesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Street Committee - Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

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

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WOMEN'S DAY OUT

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Through this event, women from all walks of life will be given the chance to experience the thrill of outdoor activities such as camping, recreational shooting, fishing, canoeing, hiking, boating, bird watching, and much more. It will allow women to develop a greater understanding of wildlife conservation and meet others who share their enthusiasm.

The Women in the Outdoors program's mission is to provide hands-on, educational outdoor opportunities for women.

"These events give women the chance to participate in outdoor activities in a non-competitive environment, so it's not intimidating to try something new," said Rob Keck, CEO of the NWTF. "Plus, this program allows women of all ages to spend time with friends and family while having fun in the outdoors."

The events are held across the country and provide participants with proper equipment and expert instruction. The combination of sponsorship and local chapter support allows the NWTF to offer these programs at a low cost to participants. The cost of attending each event includes a membership in the Women in the Outdoors program and a subscription to Women in

the Outdoors magazine, the Federation's full-color, quarterly publication with articles and information on a variety of outdoor adventures and activities.

For more information, contact the Van Wert YMCA at 419-238-0043 or call (800) THE-NWTF or visit the Women in the Outdoors Web Site at www.womenintheoutdoors.org.

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The NWTF is a nonprofit organization with 584,000 members in 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and 14 other foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

For more information on the National Wild Turkey Federation, call (800) THE-NWTF or visit our website at www.nwtf.org.

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9/11 - Apple zings, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

9/12 - Assorted cereal, graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

9/15 - Cinnamon toast-ers, honey graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

9/16 - Frosted flakes, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch

9/10 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

9/11 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, assorted fruit, milk

9/12 - Breaded chicken on a bun, broccoli w/cheese, fruit cup, milk

9/15 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit cup, milk

9/16 - French toast, hash-brown, sausage, fruit juice, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

9/10 - Ham & cheese wrap w/lettuce & cheese, chips, fruit, milk

9/11 - Breaded chicken on a bun, corn, fruit, milk

9/12 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit, milk

9/15 - Pepperoni & cheese bread stick w/sauce, corn, fruit, milk

9/16 - Pizzaburger on a bun, green beans, fruit, milk

LUNCH MENUS FOR ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK OF 9/10 THROUGH 9/16

9/10 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk

9/11 - Hot dog/bun, carrot sticks w/dip, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: BBQ pork

9/12 - Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, milk

9/15 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk

9/16 - Nacho chips/meat/cheese, green beans, pears, milk

9/10 - Spaghetti & meat sauce or hot dog on bun, string cheese, peas, mixed fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pasta salad

9/11 - Chicken nuggets or italian dippers, baked beans, gogurts, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or veggie basket

9/12 - Quesadilla or egg salad sandwich, salad, chocolate chip cookie, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

9/15 - Meatball sub or pork fritter on bun, mixed vegetables, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese

9/16 - Corn dog or walking taco, peach crisp, green beans, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/10 THROUGH 9/16

Breakfast:
9/10 - Pancakes, sausage, milk

9/11 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

9/12 - Waffles, sausage, milk

9/15 - Pizza, milk

9/16 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:
9/10 - Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk

9/11 - Hot dog/bun, carrot sticks w/dip, mandarin oranges, milk; WT: BBQ pork

9/12 - Pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, milk

9/15 - Cheeseburger sandwich, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk

9/16 - Nacho chips/meat/cheese, green beans, pears, milk

WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Information provided by: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Eugene Nahrwald

Written By: Sue Knapp
In 1894 Woodburn Methodist Church was held in an old school north of town on the Bull Rapids Road.

Those attending the first services were Mr. and Mrs. John Small, (grandparents of Mrs. Harry Westerlin Doctor and Mrs. A. P. Betts and Mr. and Mrs. Isom Dollarhite (parents of Mrs. Harley Thompson).

A new charge consisted four points: Embury Church, Peoples Chapel, Devaux Chapel and Edgerton in 1897 with W. L. Singer as Pastor.

When the school was moved into town it was still used as a meeting place. Later on, services were also conducted on the upper level of the J. A. Eby Store (later known as the L & L Department Store), and over the Rosener Store, directly east of Gomp's Hardware.

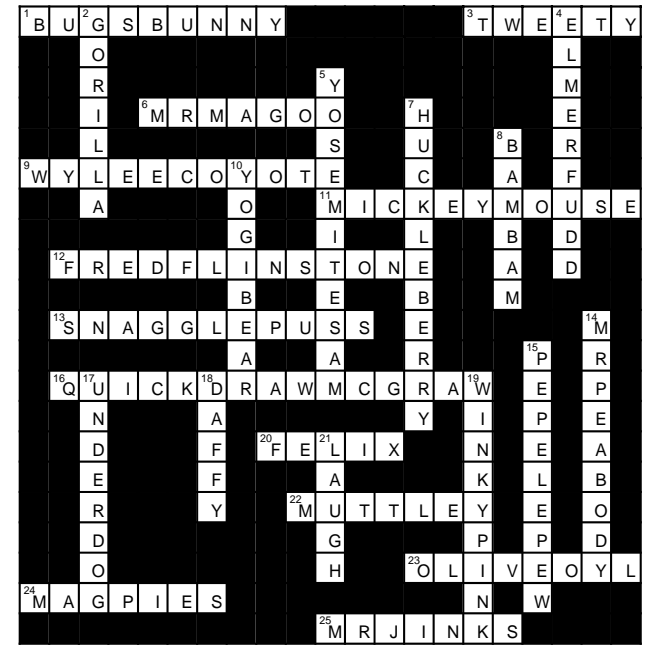
The fall of 1909 construction of the new building started. It was completed and dedicated on January 16, 1910. In 1955 a full basement and kitchen was added.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edgerton (son and daughter-in-law of the city's founder) were members of this church.

The Woodburn Methodist Church became an independent charge in June of 1958.

The Christ Lutheran Church was organized on November 28, 1898. Pastor

Last Week's answers to "Cartoon Characters of the '50's and '60's"



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9/16 - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch
9/10 - Chicken tender

wrap or corn dog, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

9/11 - Loco bread taco, lettuce, salsa & sour cream, cinnamon ships, assorted fruit, milk

9/12 - Breaded chicken on a bun, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

In today's picture it is another photo of the Antwerp Official Board at a supper meeting in Ray's Restaurant. Some of the men served a number of terms in a row. I feel fairly certain that this picture was taken in the mid or late 1950's because the last man on the left side is Ted Weatherhead and he came from Cleveland with the Weatherhead plant. That was after 1952, so it would take a few years for him to get on the Council.

and very knowledgeable in protocol and civic, county and state rules and regulations.

He and his father, Otto, worked for many, many days in compiling the book called "One Hundred Years of Progress from 1841 to 1941", it is about the only book of that kind about Antwerp and those two men did 99% of the it. I know I am really indebted to them.

The next man is Fred Major, actually a brother-in-law to Dale Ehrhart, as he married Dale's sister, Hazel. Fred retired from Weatherhead

etery. Melvin Billman is the next fellow. I imagine that he was Fire Chief at that time. He was chief for many years. He also was a Fire inspector for the State of Ohio for many years. He served in the C.B.1 in WWII. He also had his own upholstery business. The last man on the left side is Ted Weatherhead. He came to Antwerp from Cleveland. He was a nephew to A.J. Ted also worked for the cement plant for years. He raised a larger family and I think they moved to Michigan.

Sitting right here in front is Charles Van Horn. I imagine that he was Mayor at that time. He was civic-minded and served on many official boards. I think he came from Bryan to Antwerp just before WWII. He operated a service station and also was a barber.

Ralph Carr is the next fellow. He was the bank president. He took over for H.K. Pat Harris. Ralph was one of the Carr Boys and they were all good ball players in their

The farthest away on the right is Ed Carr. I know he represented the Water Board. He was Superintendent of the Water Board, there was probably two more on that board. Ed passed away in 1968.

See Ya!

NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

A mother mouse and her eleven little mice were run over by a 30 foot combine and ended up at the Pearly Gates.

Saint Peter met them and apologized that they weren't ready for them, even though they knew they were coming.

Pete told them that he would fix them up temporary because he was running 30 days late. Well, that was alright with Mrs. Mouse.

Pete said, "Go down to the main mess hall and keep the place clean. Eat up all the crumbs after each meal and just live there also until he found something better for them to do." He said he would be back in a month.

Well, he was back in about a month and asked if everybody was alright. They answered, "My goodness, yes, we are really happy here and enjoying our job, but if we had roller skates we could cover a lot more territory and do a faster, cleaner job." That satisfied St. Pete and he gave them an order of roller skates from the supply room.

Along about this time, a tom cat, the Don Juan type, he sleeps all day and runs around all night. Well, Old Tom used up all nine of his lives one night while trying to cross US 24. He ended up at the Pearly Gates and St. Peter met him there. He told him that they were running about a month behind, just like he told the mice. But he told Tom just to lay around the mess hall, be friendly and stay out of the road of people where they had to walk. He said he would be back in about 30 days and get him something more permanent.

Well, about a month, St. Pete came back to see Old Tom and see how things were going. Tom said everything is great, top shelf, he was really enjoying his stay here. "Well, would you want to change anything," asked St. Peter. Tom said, "Oh, my goodness, no, everything is just great."

St. Pete asked Tom what he enjoyed the most here and Tom replied, "those meals on wheels."

See Ya!

ONLY THE STRONG WILL SURVIVE ON CURVES OF HICKSVILLE'S 'FIT ISLAND'

It's survival of the fittest at Curves of Hicksville. The local women's fitness franchise is on a quest to find Hicksville women that are up for a fitness challenge—the Curves Quest Challenge.

The rules of the Quest are simple: members who commit to taking the Quest are placed on "Fit Island". Each week, members have fitness requirements that they must meet in order to stay on the "island": eat healthy, work out three times a week and complete fitness challenges. If they fail to meet the goals, they will be kicked off Fit Island. Those women who are still standing on Fit Island at the end of the Quest are the winners and will be entered into a drawing to win prizes.

"We are challenging women in Hicksville to try and survive Fit Island! But it is our mission at Curves in Hicksville to help them stay on the island. This is a unique, fun way to motivate our members to attain their fitness goals," said Jerrica Steffens, owner of Curves of Hicksville, located at 143 E. High St. "It adds excitement and a little bit of healthy competition to working out!"

The Curves Quest Challenge starts on September 2 and ends September 27.

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 Hicksville 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 precision designed 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 on Curves of Hicksville and their Curves Quest Challenge, please contact Jerrica Steffens at 419-542-7400.

A DAY AT THE ZOO

By: Rose Kever

We made our annual pilgrimage to a zoo, again, on

Tuesday afternoon. We were supposed to meet with our son and his family at 1:30, (needless to say, as it seems, we are always late to everything) so we got there at around 2:30.

We traveled all around the place looking for them and checking out a few animals that we ran across. The place has more trees and plants than animals, (very disappointing) and everything is uphill! I couldn't get to the Australian Outback. I was too pooped to go that far, so we sat on a bench and watched the geese and ducks.

Logan and Alex are here for the summer and they enjoyed it, except for the Sky-ride. Why they have it running now is beyond me. All you can see is the construction their doing. There weren't any animals in that area, but the boys said they saw some neat machinery!

We finally found Jeff, Kate and Seth at about 4:00. They were coming from the opposite direction that we were coming from.

All in all, we saw a buzzard, a komodo dragon, a red panda, a lemur, some African parrots, and two peacocks. Where they keep the rest of the animals, I don't know. Even the petting area is disappointing. The baby chicks are behind glass, so the kids can't touch them—the two rabbits are caged up, and the goats all hide in the corners.

There is a lot of changes being made at the zoo. Why? Because in this day and age nobody is happy with the way things are. They need to change it to their own ideas—that way they can say, "Look at what I did!" Well, as a citizen from Antwerp said in a letter to the editor, "Who cares who the brilliant person is that made the changes, just put it back the way it was!"

Anyway, I suppose it's time to go with the flow and not be old and dusty.



We are indebted to Rex Shaner for this picture. Rex served on the Franklin D. Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier in the Korean War.

The first man on the left is Dale Ehrhart. He was probably the City Clerk as he served that position many times. He was also Clerk of the School Board for many years. He was an accountant

and passed away in 1981. He served on a number of boards and committees.

The next fellow is Walter "Joe" Ross. He came to Antwerp from Cecil and around operated a service station west on US 24. He was very civic-minded and served on several official boards. He served in Europe in WWII and passed away in 2007 and is buried in Rochester Cem-

time. There was Ed, Fred, Joe, Tom, Ralph and Frank. They were all business men and Antwerp Boosters. He passed away in 1961.

That next fellow is Otto Ehrhart. He was a photographer, taxidermist, wild life expert and lots of other jobs. He served on lots of boards and left behind him a book called "100 Years of Progress in Antwerp." That was compiled by him and his son, Dale.

I guess you might say that, in my growing up, he was a role model and had every trait that was needed to make a nice old fellow. He passed away in 1963.

The next fellow is Ed Bickhard, a WWI veteran of the Medical Corps. He published the local Bee-Argus for many years and was also a fireman and acting post-master for awhile. He passed away in 1964.

Frank Smith is the next fellow. I suppose he was on the Council. He was WWI veteran and also a druggist. In the early years before WWII he had a drug store and soda fountain on the corner of South Main and Railroad Street. He passed away in 1966.

Lee Fett is next. He was on the City Council. Lee was a WWI veteran. He and his brothers were in the construction business. I remember he was a blue gill fisherman and made a couple good fishing boats. He passed away in 1971.

Friends, the next man with the bow tie is a stranger to me. I sure don't remember him. Maybe he was with the Weatherhead Corp.

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GIRLS GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Girl golfers from Wayne Trace and Hicksville teed off the green at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Payne.

Scores:
Wayne Trace (187) - Shelby Critten 42, Kacee Hockenberry 44, Gabrielle Hook 50, Elyse Myers 51, Courtney Hicks 52
Hicksville (264) - Kendra Katschke 58, Jenna Hook 65, Kara Johns 68, Jo Bosnick 73, Whitney Holt 81
Wayne Trace Junior Varsity (218) - Ashley Saylor 49, Lynn Bidlack 54, Olivia Hook 57, Aryn Denny 58, Kaitlyn Hughes 58, Jordyn Jackson 65
Wayne Trace is now 7-2

WT, FV and Holgate in Boys Golf
Team scores:
Wayne Trace 187, Fairview 199, Holgate 191
WT - Dalton Coburn 43, Henk Akkerman 54, Nick Germann 43, Andrew Horner 51, Devon Snyder 50, Ryan Jewell 65
Fairview - Quinton Yoder 45, Shawn Berry 48, Brandon Conkey 51, Eric Sims 55, Zach Rosebrock 62, Joel Breining 59
Holgate - Tyler Thomas 44, Colin Niese 59, Kyle Keeterle 49, Steve Peterson 46, Jake Peterson 52, Josh Wiederman 53
Records - WT 2-4, Fairview 0-4, Holgate 4-7

ANTWERP BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL AT POND-A-RIVER GOLF COURSE

Saturday, September 6, 2008 saw a heated golf match between 13 area boys golf teams.

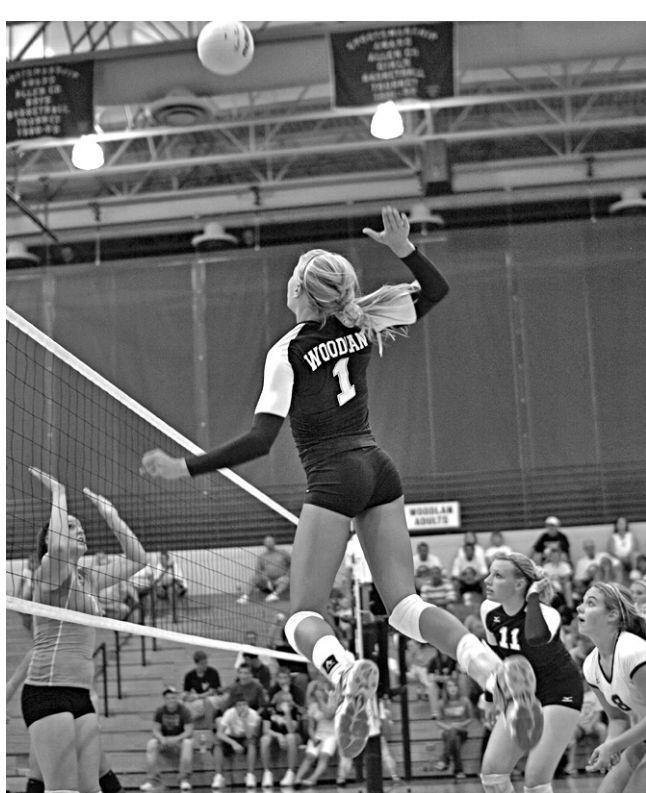
TEAM RESULTS:
1. Van Wert 310
2. Edgerton 323
3. Paulding 326
4. Lincolnview 337
5. Antwerp 342
6. St. Henry 345
7. Parkway 348
8. Crestview 353
9. Fairview 358
10. New Knoxville 375
11. Miller City 384
12. Allen East 385

13. Wayne Trace 391
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:
1. Jeremy Morris, 74, Lincolnview
2. Jamin Rager, 74, Crestview
3. Andrew Bashore, 75, Van Wert
4. Austin Doidge, 77, Van Wert
5. Brady Schroeder, 77, Paulding
6. Brock Thatcher, 77, Van Wert
7. Doug Bruns, 78, St. Henry
8. Tyler Clark, 78, Edgerton
9. Zach Dysinger, 79, Paulding
10. Trent Feltz, 80, Edgerton



Antwerp hosted their golf invitational at the Pond-a-River Golf Course. 13 schools participated in this annual event. Shown above is Adam Smazenko putting the ball. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

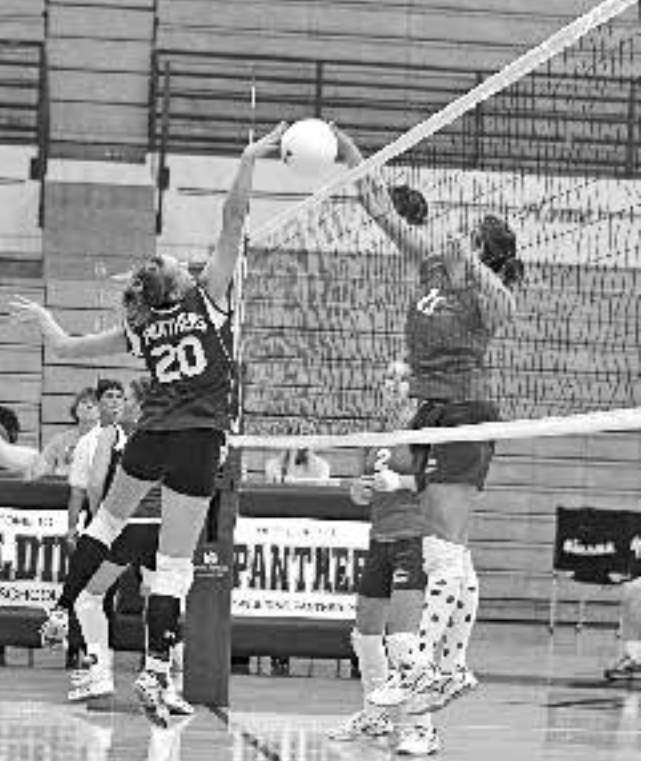
WOODLAN VB WINS AGAINST WAYNE



Senior Haley Emehiser can jump! She goes for the spike while others look on. The Lady Warriors took on the Lady Generals at home on Tuesday and Woodlan gave no mercy. The score was 25-13, 25-18, 25-21. JV won both of their games. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Antwerp hosted Crestview Tuesday, Sept 2 and lost. Senior Mickae Schlatter taps the ball back to Cresview. They just didn't have a great night. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Saturday, Sept 6 Paulding hosted Wayne Trace and Antwerp to a county volleyball tournament. The first game Wayne Trace won 25-17 25-22 12-25. The second game Antwerp and Wayne Trace played with Antwerp on top 26-28, 25-27. Antwerp & Paulding then competed with Antwerp winning both 25-14. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

FOUR-WAY JH/HS CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Fairview, Edgerton, Tinora, and Wayne Trace ran in cross country action on September 4. High School boys and girls, and Junior High boys and girls were involved.

HS Girls Team Scores - Fairview 27, Edgerton 59, Tinora 63, Wayne Trace 72
Top Individuals:
Ashley Meyer (Tinora) 22:40, Kathleen Walsh (Fairview) 22:47, Tierney Czartoski (Fairview) 22:54, Morella

Roehrig (Fairview) 23:29, Shana Daniels (Edgerton) 23:31, Alex Sandys (Tinora) 23:32, Alexis Fritch (Edgerton) 23:54, Lindsey Matthews (Wayne Trace) 24:19, Olivia Breining (Fairview) 24:22, Alecia Daniels (Edgerton) 24:37
Other WT runners:
12. Amanda Hill 24:50
14. Akke Akkerman 25:01
17. Cassie McDougle 25:09
21. Jenna Gordon 26:10
23. Chelsea Klewer 28:00
27. Whitney Mullens

29:18
28. Kristi House 29:23
HS Boys Team Scores - Tinora 32, Fairview 39, Wayne Trace 70, Edgerton 94
Top Individuals:
Gregg Gerken (Tinora) 18:06, Josh Harpest (Tinora) 18:08, Karl Klopfenstein (Wayne Trace) 18:18, Nathan Singer (Fairview) 18:21, Treg Lymanstall (Tinora) 18:35, Martin Singer (Fairview) 18:52, Cody Bigger (Edgerton) 18:58, Jay Karnes (Fairview) 18:59, Colin Klopfenstein (Wayne Trace) 19:20
JH Girls (no full teams)
Top Five Runners:
1. Alicia Meyer TN 14:18
2. Leigh Nickels ED 14:19
3. Emily Linder WT 14:28
4. Allison Cole ED 15:41
5. Summer Orick ED 15:42
Other WT Runners:
8. Mackenzie Campbell 17:49
9. Marcy Doan 18:12
11. Michala Elliott 19:06
JH Boys - Tinora 24, Fairview 41, Edgerton 73, Wayne Trace 95
Top Five Runners:
1. Sam Lehman TN 12:10
2. Kyle Thomas FV 12:23
3. Alec Lymanstall TN 13:18
4. Cameron Harris TN 13:39
5. Brad Sanderson FV 14:03
Other WT Runners:
7. Andre' Burkey 14:18
19. Eric Maassel 17:02
22. Logan Fast 18:30
23. Brandon Zartman 19:45
24. Anthony House 24:35
25. Michael Davis 24:39

EDGERTON & WAYNE TRACE AT WINDWOOD HOLLOW GOLF COURSE

The boys golf teams of Edgerton and Wayne Trace met up recently at Windwood Hollow Golf Course for HS boys golf.

Varsity - Edgerton 163, Wayne Trace 182
Records - Edgerton 11-1, Wayne Trace 0-4
Individual scores:
Edgerton - Trent Feltz 36, Tyler Clark 42, Spencer Hastett 42, Lance Smith 43, Cory Jenkins 43, Caleb Stark 44
Wayne Trace - Dalton Coburn 43, Nick Germann 42, Andrew Horner 45, Devon Snyder 52, Henk Akkerman 52, Cody Feasby 67
Junior Varsity - Edgerton 192, Wayne Trace 236
Edgerton - Hunter McDonald 46, Josh Day 44, Dominique Stark 55, Matt Brown 48, Ben Armstrong 54, Jordan Mason 64
Wayne Trace - Russell Fulk 65, Joe Morehead 71, Logan Wannemacher 60, Ryan Jewell 59

FALL DECORATING CLASS AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Connie Gruenhagen of For All Seasons will be giving a fall decorating class at the Cooper Community Library Community Room on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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Woodlan took the Heritage Patriots on Friday night at home. Woodlan won 34-16. Shown here is Cade Hetrick's field goal attempt is disrupted immediately after Woodlan scored. Freshman Football fought Adams Central on Tuesday night with a loss of 22-18. More varsity pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Vince Ross finally is taken down by an LCC player. Paulding played LCC on Friday night and ended up winning 21-14. Paulding makes their final TD at 4:12 left in game. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

**PAULDING VS. DELPHOS
JEFFERSON AT STADIUM
PARK, DELPHOS**

Delphos Jefferson dominated the night at their recent match up against Paulding in High School football action. Final score was Delphos Jefferson 31, Paulding 7.
Score by Quarters:
Paulding 0 7 0 0 = 7
Delphos Jefferson 0 0 28 3 = 31
Individual stats:
P - Corbin Rhonehouse 3 yd run (Derek Schlatter kick), 7:52 2nd.
DJ - Derek Shivley 10 yd run (Matthew Antalis kick), 8:45 3rd.
DJ - Tim Sanders 5 yd run (Matthew Antalis kick), 6:16 3rd.
DJ - Tim Sanders 15 yd run (Matthew Antalis kick), 1:36 3rd
DJ - Eric Short 37 yd run (Matthew Antalis kick), :00 3rd
DJ - Matthew Antalis 29

yd field goal, 4:30 4th
Paulding - First Downs 16, Rushing Attempts 29, Rushing Yards 96, Passing Yards 166, Total Offense 262, Pass Attempts 28, Pass Completions 14, Had Intercepted 0, Fumbles-Lost 1-1, Punts-Average 6-38, Penalties-Yards 7-47
Delphos Jefferson - First Downs 13, Rushing Attempts 43, Rushing Yards 386, Passing Yards 37, Total Offense 423, Pass Attempts 8, Pass Completions 3, Had Intercepted 0, Fumbles-Lost 1-0, Punts-Average 3-39, Penalties-Yards 8-85
Individual Rushing:
Paulding - Corbin Rhonehouse 14-40, Haden Sholl 2-9, Vince Ross 3-7, Chris Rohrs 6-33, Wade Bissell 4-7
Delphos Jefferson - Andrew Wiltsie 1-29, Michael Belanger 2-13, Mitchell Antalis 1-2, Jordan Jettinghoff 1-(-3), Derek Shivley 15-64, Tim Sanders 14-175, Aaron Schuerman 2-19, Josh Miller

2-24, Tyree DeWitt 3-26, Eric Short 2-37
Individual Passing:
Paulding - Haden Sholl 14-28-166
Delphos Jefferson - Josh Miller 3-8-37
Individual Receiving:
Paulding - Andrew Mott 5-38, Garrett Stoller 5-57, Wade Bissell 2-38, Justin Riley 2-33
Delphos Jefferson - Matthew Antalis 1-21, Aaron Schuerman 1-13, Tim Sanders 1-3

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT
COOPER COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**

Friday, September 12 in the Community Room of the Cooper Community Library, a branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be Family Movie Night. A PG rated movie will be showed. Curtain time is 6:00 p.m. and the movie is 76 minutes long. Free popcorn for everyone. Water and pop will be available to purchase. Bring your pillows and blankets and watch the movie on our big screen! You do not need to register for this event.

Monday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room we invite all students in 3rd through 5th grades, along with a parent to join our newest club at the library, Parent/Child Book Club. We will meet the fourth Monday of every month. This is a wonderful opportunity for a parent to spend time with their children reading. Refreshments will be provided.

Toddler Story Time will begin Wednesday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. This is for all children two and three years old. The program will last 30 minutes. Toddler Story Time will meet every Wednesday.

Pre-School Story Time will begin Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00. This is for all children four and five years old. The program will last 30 minutes and will meet every Wednesday.

Journaling Club will meet the second Monday of every month at 4:30 in the Community Room. This is for students in 6th through 8th grades. Call the library for more details.

Please call Sue at the library 419-594-3337 to register for these programs.

**JOHNSON MEMORIAL
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN
HICKSVILLE**

The Farmer's Market, Curious George Story Time, adult book discussion group, and the Role Playing Group highlight the week of September 15-19 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 hand-made craft items.

Also on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m., the library will host Curious George Days. The Curious George Story Times are free and are open to children three and over. There will be Curious George stories, videos, letter and color activities, and a monkey craft.
The library's monthly book

**Paulding County's
Students of the Month
AUGUST 2008**

Paulding County has great students and we want to recognize them and their achievements. Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. has teamed up with the West Bend News to bring you this information. We will be delivering different schools' students each month from OUR county. Congratulations to these young people!



Melinda Porter is a model student in Mrs. Thornell's and Mrs. Bockrath's sixth grade classrooms at Oakwood Elementary. Melinda is the daughter of Randy Porter and Patty Porter. She has an older sister, Mikayla (7th grade), and a younger sister, Haley (5th grade). Melinda lives in rural Oakwood with her family: her cat, Heidi; her dog, Snowflake; and her new gecko, Friendly. Melinda works very hard at school, regardless of the difficulty of the task at hand. Currently, her favorite subject is math. This is her second year in the Oakwood Elementary band where she plays the flute. And, Melinda intends to sing in the 5th/6th grade choir. Outside of school, Melinda is involved in cheerleading, a special hobby of hers. This year, she is on the Paulding White team's cheerleading squad for Little League Football. Melinda also plays softball in the summer. She always displays the character traits that make us proud to say Melinda is an Oakwood Elementary student!

Suzy Manz is selected as Paulding Elementary's Student of the Month for August. She is a 4th grader in Mrs. Jones's classroom. Suzy is ten years old this year.

Her mother is Virginia Manz. She has two brothers and one sister. Suzy likes to play with her two cats, a dog, and a caterpillar. Her favorite food is Watermelon and cherries. Her favorite vacation spot is Kalahari Water Park. Her favorite class is math. Keep up the good work Suzy!



Jenna Wilson is Antwerp Elementary's student of the month. She is a fifth grader and has had a great start this new school year! She has already read 13 books and earned of 50 AR (Accelerated Reader) points

When Jenna is not reading she enjoys her favorite subject of science. Her favorite hobbies include drawing, volleyball, and music in addition to reading. What does she enjoy most about school? Spending time with her friends! And she loves the Archers! Her favorite show is Suite Life of Zach & Cody and her favorite book is Witch Catcher. Later, Jenna plans to be a musician or a designer.



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discussion group will explore dramatic moments in history through the book *I Wish I'd Been There: Twenty Historians Bring to Life Dramatic Events that Changed America* by Byron Hollinshead. The book discussion is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. The discussion is free and is open to everyone. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. According to the book jacket, "What is the scene or incident in American history that you would like to have witnessed-and why?" This is the thought-provoking questions that editor Byron Hollinshead posed to 20 of our finest interpreters of America history with the invitation to write a personal essay answering it. The result is *I Wish I'd Been There...*

The library has ordered copies of the book for the discussion, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today.

On Friday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m., the Johnson Memorial Library will host its twice monthly Role Playing Game Group. The group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

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WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON LAST MINUTE PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 in the Van Wert ESC Board Office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening and reviewed and approved the July bills and expenditures. Treasurer Kristine Stuart reviewed current investments and other financial reports with the Board. Superintendent John Basinger reported on recent WBESC activities and personnel issues that were on the night's agenda. He also presented the new and revised Governing Board Bylaws and Policies for final approval. The Board had been reviewing these Bylaws and Policies for the last several months. Board member Mr. Jerry Zelke reviewed OSBA legislative information with the Board.

In other business, the Board:

- **Approved the minutes from the regular July 8, 2008 meeting.
- **Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.
- **Accepted the resignation of Rhonda Burroughs, Speech Therapist, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- **Accepted the resignation of Kara Whitman, Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

**Accepted the resignation of Wendy Baumle, Health Coordinator, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

**Accepted the resignation of Valerie Johnson, LPN/Special Needs Assistant, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

**Accepted the resignation of Brett Hammons, Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

**Reduce the position of Deaf Interpreter for Hearing Impaired at Lincolnview Local, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year as per Board Policy No. 4412 (Layoffs of Non-certified Employees) and O.R.C. 3319.17, due to a reduction in the level of service requested by the local school district.

**Reduced Karla Treece's employment contract to 30 day per her request and re-assigned her to Paulding County Family and Children First Coordinator.

**Extended a one (1) year (192 day) contract to Laura DeLong as Director of Student Services for Wayne Trace Local Schools, effective beginning August 12, 2008, salary as per the salary schedule (M + 15/ 20 years experience).

**Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Laurel Lehman as an Elementary Library Assistant for Antwerp Local Schools, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, prorated to 6 hours per day, per salary schedule.

**Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Jama Cline as Health Coordinator for Antwerp Local Schools, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, 20 hours per week.

**Extended extend a one

(1) year contract to Amanda Vance as an LPN/Special Needs Assistant, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, 25 hours per week by timesheet.

**Adjusted Jeff Tomlinson's 2008-2009 employment contract from part time to full time per a request from Antwerp Local Schools.

**Approved FY08 OT-ESCA (Ohio Treasurers' ESC Association) memberships for the treasurer and assistant treasurers.

**Appointed John Basinger and Gary Ginter to serve on the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG) Board for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Accepted accept the following FY09 Grant Awards and approve their appropriations.

1. FY09 Alternative Education Grant, \$73,454.00
2. 21st Century Grant (year 2 of 3), \$200,000.00
3. Learn & Serve America Grant, \$15,000.00
4. FY09 Preschool Grant, \$45,219.01
5. FY09 Title VI-B Grant, \$349,474.21
6. Oho CORE Math Grant (year 2 of 2), \$168,750.00
7. Dual Credit Grant (year 2 of 2), \$225,000.00
8. Teaching American History Grant (year 3 of 3), \$327,793.00
9. Black Swamp History Grant (year 2 of 3), \$333,183.00
10. Northwest PEERS History Grant (year 1 of 3), \$332,224.00
11. Parent Mentor Grant, \$25,000.00
12. FY09 ETech Professional Development Grant, \$2,070.00 = \$2,097,167.22

**Approved a 2% salary increase for the Superintendent.

**Approved repayment of an advance from the FY08 Dual Credit Grant to the General Fund in the amount of \$202,500.00.

**Approved the 2008-2009 bus driver list for certification and also authorize the Superintendent to approve future drivers if all requirements are met.

**Approved the 2008-2009 substitute list and also authorize the Superintendent to approve future additions if all requirements are met.

**Approve the following substitute rates, effective for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Substitute Teacher: \$75.00 per day
- Substitute Teacher @ SLC and ACE Academy: \$85.00 per day
- Substitute Health Coordinator: \$15.50 per hour
- Substitute Secretary/Clerical: \$70.00 per day
- Substitute Paraprofessional: \$65.00 per day

**Approved a contract with the Paulding County Hospi-

tal for services related to the Help Me Grow program.

**Approved an agreement with Midwest Rehab, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year, to provide a licensed speech therapist.

**Approved the new and revised Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board Bylaws and Policies as presented.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with no additional Board action.

HARTZOG AND AREND BROTHERS FARMS DONATE TO PAULDING BALL ASSOCIATION

The Paulding Ball Association continues to strive to raise funds needed to purchase the land to build new ball complex. The ball association is proud to announce that with less than 30 days left we have successfully raised 70% of the funds needed to purchase the land. 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 and the forms are available at local banks or contact Ted Stallbaum at 419-399-9268. If you are interested in making a contribution to this piece of Paulding County history 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.



Doyle Hartzog, has contributed \$10,000 to Paulding Ball Association to purchase the land (which needs to be purchased prior to September 30.)



Arend Brother Farms has contributed \$2,500 to the Paulding Ball Association to purchase land.



WHAT WORDS MEAN TO ME!

By: Tommi Stahl

There are two uses of words. There are nice ways and mean ways. The ones people hear the most, these days, are the mean words. Well, those are the words that hurt people, and the people that say them get away with it. Maybe it happens more in school than in the world. The people that mean words get told to do not want to be the one that gets picked on more for being a tattletale. Mean words are only told to people because the person or people that say them are just down about themselves.

My friends at school and I get mean words told to us, because we're different, or just because the other person is upset that day. There are more kids in school that are bullies. The teachers at the schools try as hard as they can to prevent bullying, but sometimes it just does not work.

There are many types of bullying: cyber, mental, and physical. All three of these types of bullying are used all the time. So, I guess what I am saying is "I HATE BULLYING!" So, if you are a person that gets bullied, let somebody know so that you do not get hurt in any way.

PAULDING RESERVOIR COED LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 9/4

- Tuesday Night League**
- 1) Northwest R.E./Red Owl 5-1
 - 2) Blackies/Red Owl 5-1
 - 3) Bruce Kunesh Auto 5-1
 - 4) Wildcat Popcorn 3-3
 - 5) Eagles 3-3
 - 6) Tri County Roofing 2-4
 - 7) Sinners Bar & Grill 1-5
 - 8) Solid Ground 0-6
- Thursday Night League**
- 1) Ed's Car Care 5-0
 - 2) Carpet Wholesalers 5-0
 - 3) Hoffman Builders 4-1
 - 4) Red Owl 3-2
 - 5) Haviland Tile 2-2
 - 6) Great Clips 2-3
 - 7) Lafarge 2-3
 - 8) Padrones Pizza 1-4
 - 9) D&M Grill 0-5
 - 10) Concrete Guys 0-4

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Audrey of the Paulding FFA Chapter has been selected to play the flute in the National FFA Band. She submitted an audition tape and was one of 95 FFA members selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band.

The band will perform several times at the 81st National FFA Convention, adding excitement and motivation to the sessions through their music. National FFA

Band members are chosen from a pool of more than 150 applications. The young musicians arrive in Indianapolis three days before convention begins to rehearse.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 500,823 student members—all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture—as part of 7,358 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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CONSIGNMENT AUCTION at the Christian Day School. 3 mi. north of Hicksville on Sept. 13, 9:30. New quilts, wood working tools, misc. etc. 36-37p

CRAFTERS NEEDED - Tables are now available for the Woodburn United Methodist Women's Annual Craft Bazaar. To be held on November 1, 2008 at the Woodburn Community Center. For information call the church at 260-632-5313 or Lisa dial @ 260-632-4014. 37-38p

YARD SALE - Sept 11 & 12, 10-5. 101 W. Canal, Helen Majors. New Bushnell telescope 6.75 by 4.5, baby bassinet & clothes, new men's & women's coats, boots, sweaters & apparel, Avon Christmas & new products, lg. capacity air conditioner, & much more.

FIVE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 2 miles W of Paulding Hospital to Co. Rd. 87 turn left, 7th house on the right, Kelly Evans home. Infant, girls 6-10, boys 5-16, some husky boys jeans, women & men clothes, a lot are brand name, winter coats, shoes, decor items, strollers, exersaucer, dresser & toys-toys-toys. Sept 11 & 12th, 9am-5pm. p

HUGE 5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Sept. 11,12,13, 9-5. New items: brand name clothing, infant thru adult, Vera Bradley, razor, stereo, clocks, frames, flip flops and much more. Used items: dryer, computer desk, scanner, printer, books, clothing, play pen, toys and much more. 302 S. Main St., Grover Hill, (in the rear). p

YARD SALE - Wed. ONLY. Sept. 10th, 9-5. 716 Flat Rock Dr., Paulding. Motorcycle leathers, jackets & chaps & helmets. Harley items - helmets, rain gear, wind deflectors. 36" snow blower, tractor cab, 44" mower deck for Simplicity Broadmower fits '93 to '01. Computer hutch, matching entertainment center & 9 drawer antique desk, misc, men's & women's clothing, watch for signs and balloons. p

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: 13456 County Road 27B, west of Antwerp. September 12th, 9-6 and September 13th, 9-? Canoe, toddler bed with new mattress, entertainment center, computer, tent, sleeping bags, air mattress, books, puzzles, games, clothes, kitchen stuff and lots of miscellaneous. 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

MOVING SALE - During neighborhood garage sales. Hundreds of books, great opportunity for dealer, baby items, toys, clothes—all sizes, 16515 Venison Trail, Havenwood Forest, Woodburn. p

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BUEHRER RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATION TO GUN RIGHTS

State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) was recently presented the 2008 Tony Gordon Memorial Award by Ohioans for Concealed Carry in recognition of his tireless efforts in the General Assembly to pass much-needed reforms to Ohio's gun laws.

The Tony Gordon Memorial Award was established in honor of Ohio resident, Tony Gordon, who gave his life to protect his nephew during an attempted car jacking in August 2003. Despite suffering severe wounds, Tony got his nephew home safely before succumbing to his injuries. After his death, Tony's family worked to pass concealed carry legislation in Ohio, so future victims would have the ability to defend themselves from harm.

"Over the years, my quest to strengthen gun rights in Ohio has not only been about protecting our Second Amendment freedoms, but giving law-abiding Ohioans the ability to protect themselves and their families from harm," said Buehrer. "I am honored to receive the Tony Gordon Memorial Award and will continue to fight for sensible gun laws in this state, so we can prevent future tragedies like the Gordon family experienced."

In May, the General Assembly approved Senate Bill

184, legislation sponsored by Sen. Buehrer, which establishes Ohio's Castle Doctrine, a law built around the age-old belief that "a man's home is his castle" and he has the right to defend it and the people inside from harm. The bill shifts the "rebuttable presumption" from the victim to the criminal in a self-defense case, meaning if an intruder forcibly enters into a person's home and that person chooses to use force to protect themselves from harm, they would be legally presumed to be acting in self-defense. In addition, the proposal included several amendments that help ease enforcement and strengthen the effectiveness of Ohio's concealed carry laws.

BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND HALLOWEEN HAVOC AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK

Paulding Reservoir Park will host a benefit tournament for the Critten family on October 11, 2008. This is a one pitch, coed (three women min.), hit your own ball tournament.

There will also be a Halloween Havoc Pumpkin Ball Softball Tournament on October 25, 2008 at Paulding Reservoir Park. This will be a special rules coed (three women min.), nine players tournament. DJ, contests and more. For information or to register call 419-399-2981.

NOTICE

The Paulding County unaudited annual financial report is now complete and is available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor.

—Susan K. Simpson
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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:

9/1 - Bonnie Keeran, Paulding
 9/3 - Roma Frey, Paulding
 9/4 - Barbara Wappes, Antwerp
 9/6 - Donna Miller, Latty
Dismissals:
 9/2 - Bonnie Keeran, Paulding (transferred to Parkview in Fort Wayne)
 9/6 - Roma Frey, Paulding
 9/7 - Barbara Wappes, Antwerp

PAYNE FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 9/5

- 1) 49 Club 6-0
- 2) Good Times/BW3's 5-1
- 3) Chico's 4-2
- 4) Antwerp Pharmacy/Mad Anthony 3-3
- 5) Paulding Eagles 3-3
- 6) Custom Curb Appeal 1-5
- 7) Denning's Drive Inn 1-5
- 8) Grace Home Improvement 1-5

ESSEN HOUSE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

By: Sue Knapp
 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you're young" (I Timothy 4:12a). This young lady takes this scripture true to heart and has a maturity and willingness to learn that would make

any parent proud.

Anna Lengacher has taken the position of new manager of the Essen House Restaurant in Antwerp, Ohio. Under the tutelage of Sharon McLaughlin, Anna is learning the ins and outs of the restaurant business, she has worked at the Essen House since January. Anna used to work for her father, Louis Lengacher, at his main office in Harlan.

Anna has a comfortable way about her and is more than ready to serve and make dining at the Essen House a pleasurable experience.

New happenings at the Essen House include a Wednesday evening Family Night. It is all-you-can-eat from 4:00-8:00 p.m., and each week a different meal is offered.

Besides Wednesday nights, the buffet is an option on Friday nights, Saturday breakfast, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Try the pleasing atmosphere of the Essen House, the great food and meet Anna and the capable waitress staff, they are ready for you.

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Heading off on an international trip? Good for you! Just remember to start preparing for your trip early, and make your local Post Office™ your first port-of-call to get everything you need to obtain or renew your U.S. Passport Book or Passport Card.

Here's how you can start your international trip on the right foot.

Get an application

This part is easy. You can pick up a Form DS-11, Application for Passport, at your local Post Office, or download the form off the Internet by going to www.usps.com/passport. The form and instructions tell you everything you need to get a Passport Book or Passport Card.

In addition to Form DS-11, you will need to do the following:

Present proof of identity

For most people, a valid permanent state driver's license is all you need. If you don't have one, a Government ID, Military ID, or previous passport will suffice. A Social Security card is not proof of identity. You must present a document showing your signature and photo or physical description.

Present proof of U.S. citizenship

You can use a previous passport, a certified birth certificate (with a raised, embossed, impressed or multi-colored seal, the registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed, which must have been within one year of your birth—photocopies are unacceptable), a Certificate of Citizenship, a Naturalization Certificate or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth.

Passport photos

We can take your passport photo for you, or you can go to a photographer's studio or camera shop. Make sure you get two 2-inch-by-2-inch identical color photos (Note: it takes a special camera to take twin photos). The pictures must have been taken within the last six months and show your current appearance, full face looking directly at the camera, in front of a white or off-white background. In the photo, your face must measure between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of your chin to the top of your head. Wear normal street attire, without a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline. If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they should be worn in the photos. Photos of you wearing dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses will not be accepted.

Provide a Social Security number

If you do not provide your Social Security number, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may impose a \$500 penalty. If you have questions about this, please call your nearest IRS office.

Pay the fees

Passport Book

Adults (age 16 and older) a new Passport Book will be valid for 10 years from the date of issue except when limited by the Secretary of State.

Minors (under age 16) Passport Book is valid for five years, except where limited.

Passport Card

The U.S. Passport Card may only be used for international travel by land or sea between the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

Although customers may apply for a U.S. Passport Card effective February 1, 2008, Passport Card issuance to customers is not expected until late Spring 2008.

You may pay the passport fee by check, bank draft, cashier's check or money order made payable to the U.S. Department of State. You can pay the application fee in cash or by debit or credit card, money order or check made payable to the Postal Service™. Additional fees may also apply under special circumstances involving citizenship documentation.

Two-parent consent change effective February 1, 2008 for U.S. Passport applications for minors under age 16—now require both parents' or legal guardians' consent (previously, this was required for minors under age 14.)

One more time...

DON'T SIGN THE APPLICATION FORM until the passport clerk you to do so! The passport clerk must witness you signing the form.

For more information or to find the closest Post Office where you can apply, go to www.usps.com/passport or visit the Department of State web site travel.state.gov.

There you have it—everything you need to know and have in hand to apply for a passport or passport renewal. And remember: If you start now, you'll be that much closer to having a wonderful trip!

Did You Know?

You probably know that the Postal Service™ delivers a lot of mail. Each day, we sort, transport and deliver more than 700 million pieces of mail.

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—According to a study by the Envelope Manufacturers Association, 82 percent of Americans prefer to receive their bills by mail so they have copies to keep.

—For the third year in a row, Americans rated the Postal Service the number one government agency they trust to protect their privacy. The Postal Service retained the top spot with a privacy trust score of 83 percent. It also is one of the few federal agencies able to increase its customer satisfaction and trust scores. The average trust score among the 60 agencies surveyed was 47 percent.

—Mail not only helps businesses bring customers into their retail stores, it helps them boost online sales, too. According to market research company comScore, people who receive direct mail are nearly twice as likely to purchase from a retail website as those who only receive an internet communication. And when the mail piece is a catalog, the results are even better—more than two-thirds of shoppers visit the site.

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All of us here at the Post Office™ appreciates your business and your trust. We look forward to serving your mailing needs!

LISTENING TO CITIZENS' OPINIONS IS VITAL

Captiol Letter Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

For the past year, I have included a survey with my monthly newsletter to give constituents an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns about a variety of issues in state government, including property rights, gambling, taxes, education, and gun control. Over that period, my office received more than 400 responses from citizens throughout the 1st Senate District.

While I appreciate the opportunities to visit many local communities and talk face-to-face with constituents, unfortunately, I cannot reach everyone personally. These surveys provide an important forum for people to comment on the work of the General Assembly and my office. Furthermore, I will use this feedback to help guide my future policy decisions and strengthen my service to the region. This week, I'd like to share some of the results with you.

Throughout my legislative career, I have supported policies that work to protect the sanctity of human life. In May 2007, I introduced Senate Bill 174, which would ban human cloning in Ohio. The bill is currently under consideration in the Senate Civil Justice Committee. Then, in June, I fought to include an amendment to block money in a comprehensive economic stimulus package from going to fund human cloning research. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed this provision.

A majority of the respondents to the newsletter survey disagreed with the Governor's decision. When asked if they would support legislation that would ban human cloning in Ohio, more than 75 percent said yes.

Survey respondents were also asked if they would support legislation restricting eminent domain, or the ability of government to take private property for public use. Nearly 85 percent of constituents said they would support such a proposal. In June of last year, the Legislature approved Senate Bill 7, legislation I cosponsored, which makes several changes to the law to further protect the rights of private property owners.

In recent years, the General Assembly has taken up

a myriad of bills designed to boost jail time for sex offenders and keep dangerous predators away from our homes, schools and communities, including a proposal to require convicted sex criminals to pay for and wear a GPS monitoring device if they are released from prison. More than 70 percent of the survey respondents supported this idea.

In June of this year, the General Assembly approved a \$1.57 billion economic stimulus plan, which will support expansion and job creation in growing areas of our economy, while making key investments in the state's infrastructure. Nearly 88 percent of respondents said they would support a bond package to create jobs.

In May, I won approval in the House and Senate for Senate Bill 184, legislation that establishes Ohio's Castle Doctrine and makes needed changes to the state's self-defense law. Sixty-four percent of survey respondents said they support the proposal.

There was also overwhelming opposition in the survey results to an expansion of gambling in the state. More than 73 percent of those surveyed said "no" when asked if they would support the Governor's proposal to install Keno in bars and restaurants to help plug a shortfall in the state budget. Unfortunately, the Governor has gone ahead with this plan with out the public or the General Assembly's approval.

While many of the above questions returned large majorities "for" or "against" a proposal, there were other issues that received a mixed response. For instance, when asked if they would support lowering taxes even if it meant decreasing the number of state programs and services available, only 52 percent of the people said yes. Twenty-five percent were opposed, while 23 percent were undecided. Respondents were also split on the issue of school vouchers, with 51 percent in favor, 31 percent in opposition and 18 percent undecided.

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

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