

TUCKER - HOLBROOK



Jaime Leigh Tucker and Andrew Ross Holbrook would like to announce their marriage which took place on August 2, 2008 at Paulding United Methodist Church in Paulding, Ohio.

Jaime is the daughter of Kenneth and Marcia Tucker of Richmond, IN. She is a graduate of Richmond, Indiana High School in 2007 and is attending Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, majoring in Nursing. She currently works at Applebee's in Fort Wayne.

Attending the bride at the wedding were Maid of Honor, Chelsea Wagor from Brockport, New York; Bridesmaids - Kate Waters from Richmond, Indiana, Jennifer Pettit from Eldorado, Ohio, Megan Dillon

from Richmond, Indiana, Jessica Ellison from Fountain City, Indiana, and Rachel Shea from Richmond, Indiana; Flower Girls - Jenna Pettit from Eldorado, Ohio and Kayleigh Ellison from Fountain City, Indiana.

Andrew is the son of the late Ralph L. Holbrook, Jr. and Mary Ellen Holbrook of Paulding, Ohio. He is a graduate of Paulding High School in 2004 and Lincoln Technological School, Indianapolis in 2006 with an Associate's Degree in Diesel Mechanics and Management. He currently works at Truck Maintenance, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Attending the groom at the wedding were Best Man Logan Gross from Paulding,

WELCOME FLAT ROCK CREEK FESTIVAL

By: Sue Knapp

That time is here again for the Flat Rock Creek Festival, held this year on September 19, 20 and 21 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The three days provide us with entertainment, great food, shopping, exhibitions and demonstrations. There is something for everyone making camping a big temptation, to be close to the action.

Enjoy Spittin' Image, Famous Williams, Mayberry Revisited, the Brenner and Mingo Show, Mr. Bojangles plus Spike and the Bull Dogs, the Hurdy Gurdy Band, Wesley Linendugal Band, Len Collier Band, Harmonica John and Nancy and the Detroit Fiddlers and more.

Don't miss the Longaberger Basket Auction, the Antique Tractor Pull and of

course the Horse Pull which includes light and heavy-weight.

You can watch apple butter being made, broom making, cider making, pottery making, professional carving and much much more.

You'll have to attend all three days to sample all the good food provided by different churches and organizations.

That is not all that's offered, across the road the John Paulding Historical Museum, in conjunction with the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival, is holding a Vintage Truck Show. This begins with registration at 9:00 and concludes at 4:00 on September 21.

Come, enjoy and celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall with the Flat Rock Creek Festival.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the flowers and cards for Tona Roberts and for the donations to the cancer fund in her name.

—The James Roberts Family

Ohio; Groomsmen - Kyle Kauser from Antwerp, Ohio, Caleb Miller from Ada, Ohio, Jeremy Hanson from Oakwood, Ohio, David Shrider from Paulding, Ohio and Jacob Dye from Paulding, Ohio; and Ring Bearers - Zach Dye from Paulding, Ohio and Braden Ellison from Fountain City, Indiana.

Ushers were Justin Tucker from Fountain City, Indiana and Adam Pfost from Toledo, Ohio.

The couple held a reception at the JEHMMS Reception Hall in Van Wert, Ohio for 250 guests. After they honeymooned in Ormond Beach, Florida, they returned and now reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

THE BLACK SWAMP BOWL, CROSS THE TRACK RIVALRY, TRAVELING TROPHY



The students in the picture presenting the check to Linda Wilhelm from the Paulding Food Pantry are Ivy Mohr-Paulding Elementary, Melinda Porter Oakwood Elementary, Skyler McCullough, Paulding Elementary, Alex Arellano, Oakwood Elementary, Alexis Rue, Paulding Middle School, Steve Strayer, Paulding Middle School, Kelsie Carnahan, Paulding High School, and Estee Arend Paulding High School

By: Sue Knapp

This is the first year for the Traveling Trophy between football rivals Wayne Trace and Paulding.

Assistant Athletic Director for Paulding Football, Jon Snodgrass, talked about the pros of having a traveling trophy. Not only is it an incentive but also helps out with an outreach project.

Paulding High School won the privilege of keeping the trophy this year. It is now in the school's trophy

case where it will stay until they play Wayne Trace next year. Paulding is confident that they will be bringing the trophy back to their trophy case next year.

T-shirts were sold this year at the game. Joe Bidlack (originally from Paulding) made the t-shirts, donating his time and money for the project. Many t-shirts were sold and \$1,000.00 was donated to the Paulding Food Pantry.

V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL MONTHLY MEETING SET

The Antwerp American Legion Post 253, has kindly permitted the Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial committee the use of its post for monthly meetings. The V.E.T.S. will conduct formal business meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with September 18th being the first officially formalized business meeting. The committee plans to allow one hour for completion of report readings and related business issues. The committee openly invites all citizens to attend. Should anyone wish to share extended comments, history, or other information, it is asked they be scheduled in advance to help the committee stay within their time allotment of one hour. Inquiries with regard to scheduling can be made by calling Karen Sanders at 399-5764. Antwerp American Legion Post 253 is located at 518 Erie Street.



The picture taken at half time of the Paulding/LCC game Friday Sept. 5th of the individuals recognized for their contributions and time in putting up the flagpole at the football field are as follows left Jon Snodgrass: Asst Athletic Director, Ron Breedlove: Paulding Eagles, Don Arend, Scoot Arend, Dave Arend :Arend Brothers, George Porter: Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-Op, Marsha Bennett: Paulding VFW, Dr. Mike Mott: Paulding Athletic Boosters



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held at Antwerp United Methodist Church on September 15. Rev. Michael Schneider officiated. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

The family requests donations to PCH Home Health. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Geraldine M. "Gerry" Mullen, of Sylvania Twp., passed away Sunday, September 7, 2008 in Flower Hospital at the age of 77. She was born in Payne, Ohio on August 3, 1931, to Anthony and Florence Schaefer. In 1953 Gerry graduated from Mary Manse College. In that same year she married John J. Mullen. As a devout Catholic, she was a long time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. A member of Sylvania Country Club and Innisbrook Country Club, she enjoyed golfing and luncheons with her many friends. Her other hobbies included gardening, painting, and reading. During winter months Gerry resided in Florida. She was a very loving, caring and generous mother and cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Gerry's husband, John; and son, Patrick preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children: Barbara (Lloyd) Stager, Maureen (Dan) Keller, Diann (Donald) Hack and Kim Mullen; nine grandchildren; and siblings: Charles Schaefer, Roseanne Glass and Jake Schaefer.

The family held a funeral prayer service on September 11, 2008 at Foth-Dorfmeier Mortuary. A funeral mass followed at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial contributions to the church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Ethelinda H. Schliesser, 80, of Hicksville died on Monday, September 8, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

She was born on May 4, 1928 in Huntington, Indiana the daughter of Bernard A. and Susan (Ruppert) Siebenaler. She attended Huntington High School. She married Basil Schliesser on September 25, 1948.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville. She enjoyed music and was a choir member at her church. She was a school bus driver for over 25 years for Hicksville Exempted Village Schools.

She is survived by her husband, Basil; two sons: Bernard (Susan) of Bryan, OH and Raymond (Vicky) of Seattle, WA; a daughter, Marian (Ted) Litzenberg of Woodburn, IN; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters: JoAnn Pranger of MI, Rita Roaloffs of AZ, Sister Bernadine 'Marcella' of IL; a brother: Leonard (Anita) Siebenaler of Hicksville, OH.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Julianna; and three brothers: Richard, Eldon, and infant Bernard.

Funeral Mass was on September 13 at St. Michael's Catholic Church - Hicksville with Fr. Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery - Farmer, Ohio.

Preferred memorials to: Annunciation Monastery Poor Claires or Crippled Children & Adult Society. Condolences may be left at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Ursula C. Hoste, 87, of Paulding, died Monday, September 8, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ursula was born in Forest, Ohio on September 30, 1920, the daughter of the late John and Mary "Molly" (Tuohy) Clark.

She was a homemaker and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; Paulding VFW Auxiliary and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ursula married William Tope December 7, 1946, who died May 30, 1971. She married George Hoste February 12, 1977, who died March 1, 2002.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters: Beverly Bercaw and Leann Moser both of Paulding; son, William (Karen) Tope of Greenfield, IN; step-daughters: Linda (Fran) Rhoad of Cecil and Nancy (Tom) Patterson of Butler, IN; sister, Eleanor Justinger of Paulding; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are two sisters; and four brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 11, 2008 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Rev. G. Allan Fillman celebrated her Mass. She was laid to rest at Saint Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

The family requests donations for masses or Paulding County Hospital Home Health. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY WIFE, MICHELE D. WILLIAMSON 4-11-68-9-19-07

It has been a year now, and you are still missed by those that knew you.

By God taking you home, I have learned, "We sometimes need to walk in the darkness of sorrow to see the light that has always been there."

Love always,
—Your husband,
Jim Williamson

OLYMPIC REFLECTIONS

By: Rich Phelan, Pastor Living Water Ministries

Am I the only one around here who's going through Olympics withdrawal? I sure hope not, I hate to "detox" alone. I would count us all thrilled who witnessed the summer games from China that ended a few weeks ago. What comes to mind when I say these two little words - Michael Phelps? yea, that's what I thought you'd say. "He's got to be half fish!" I think he wore all those space age swim suits because he was covering up a set of gills under there. I don't remember the last time I got so excited to see a man compete for so much gold since Eric Heiden skated in Lake Placid in 1980. I watched every race he was in plus a whole bunch that featured other American swimmers. I saw 41 year old Dara Torres win her medals. Now if that's not inspiring you better check to see if you have a pulse, go ahead I'll wait for you. She was competing against world class swimmers who were young enough to call her mom, and ask if they could borrow the car Friday night. My friends, she is not supposed to be able to do that, to swim that well and fast. Just the fact that she qualified for the Olympics is impressive enough, let alone to be standing on the podium come medal time. I just love it when people who are as old as me win big on that big of a stage. It's like I can live vicariously through them, if only very briefly.

I sat up and watched every beach volleyball match, both men and women. I loved it when Todd Rogers and the "human Skyscrapers" Phil Dalhausser won gold for the US of A. And I am comfortable enough with my masculinity to say that I teared up a little when Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won gold for the women. They are the only team to win the gold medal in two successive Olympic Games in beach volleyball. And not to be outdone in the human drama and overcoming diversity department, how about the US men's indoor volleyball team? Most of you

probably know by now that on the first day of the games the US head coaches' in-laws were viciously attacked by a knife-wielding lunatic. His father-in-law died and his mother-in-law was critically injured. After all that, and a trip home to bury his wife's dad, and to sit vigil at his mother-in-law's hospital bed, he returned to Beijing to lead them to the gold medal. Wow!

How about the gymnastics? Who would have believed that after losing their two best Olympians, that the men would be standing anywhere on the medal platform after team competition? The women did a phenomenal job too, considering they were up against the best in the world. Not to mention the best pre-schoolers that could be found. Sorry, if those kids in question were 16, then Chairman Mao was my great-uncle, and I have some nice ocean front property in Nebraska for sale. Just give me a call; I'll make you a great deal. I hope China pays them well in lollipops and Dora the Explorer videos!

Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson battling it out to a one two finish in the all around was inspiring. It was so inspiring that I immediately ran upstairs and tried to talk my 13 year old daughter into taking gymnastics again. "Come on Rachel, don't you want to take gymnastics again so you can be like them?" I asked her. "Dad," she answered, "it's 2:30 in the morning!" "I know, but

there's no time like the present right?" With a roll of her eyes she laid back down. "Good night dad!" Well, you can't blame a guy for trying.

I even found it interesting when NBC reported on the diets of some of these well tuned world class athletes. They talked of carbs, high protein, supplements, and sports drinks to stoke the "fires" in their furnaces. My favorite was when they talked to one of the American shot putters. Now this guy I could relate to. He was tall and very large, with about a four day growth of beard. He had a rather substantial gut on him, that I'm sure is needed to counter balance the weight of the metal shot or something, right? This guy "put" his shot a country mile. And if the IOC tests his blood I'm sure the only thing they would discover is a few Budweisers and the meatball sub that he ate before the competition. Now there's an athlete with a training regimen I can get behind, a "real man".

What I found most inspiring of all were the opening ceremonies. I watched as the nations paraded in. They all waved and proudly waved the flags of their home countries. Some walked along snapping pictures of themselves and the crowd with their own hand held cameras. Of course, I waited impatiently for the US to be announced, curious to see the response we'd get from the crowd. When they announced our team, and the

"Few of us can easily surrender our belief that society must somehow make sense. The thought that The State has lost its mind and is punishing so many innocent people is intolerable. And so the evidence has to be internally denied."

Presented by Phillip Piersma —Arthur Miller, playwright

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crowd roared, and our President and First Lady stood and waved their flags, I got chills down my spine. To see all those athletes on our team, who represent so many different sports. Who come from all over the country, from different socio-economic groups, different sizes and colors. The amateur member of the US crew team millionnaire in next to the multi-millionaire NBA star. They both smiled, united by the one thing they all had in common for those two weeks. Regardless of their sport or background, the size of their paychecks, they were all Americans. They were all on the same team, politics put on hold. One thing took center stage. To compete with honor for the United States of America.

Maybe those of you familiar with my articles, you're probably waiting for some spiritual tie in here. There are so many to be found. For now, I don't have one. The only thing I can really say is that I was and I still am proud to live in this country as a free man. I am free - to worship God in spirit and in truth, without fear of reprisal or violent opposition as is the case in many nations around the world. The summer games were a timely reminder of those truths.

MATTHEW 24 LESSON 6

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

I ended our last lesson with Matthew 24:12 and this verse is talking about iniquity or lawlessness, the love of many shall grow cold.

I begin our lesson today with Matthew 24:13. As you and I look at verse 13 Jesus is telling us that those who endure to the end shall be saved. What does Jesus mean by the end? The end of what? It isn't talking about Jesus' second coming, nor to the destruction of the temple, implying once one has survived this event, one's salvation is secured. The word "endures" means to stand firm; so what this verse is saying is that if we, as Christians, stand firm through all the trials, tribulations, satan's temptations etc., till we die (the end of our life) then our salvation is secured. This is what Jesus is saying. Please read Revelations 2:10.

Matthew 24:14 - Jesus said this gospel shall be preached in the entire world. Was the Gospel preached to the entire world before the destruction of the temple? Please read Romans 10:16-18, also Colossians 1:23 and Colossians 1:5-6. Paul is telling us in these scripture verses that the Gospel had been preached in the entire world and this happened before 70 AD, the year the temple was destroyed in Jerusalem. Also in verse 14 the word "end" is used. The verse says, "and then the end shall come." This end that is being talked about here is different than in verse 13. The end that Jesus is talking about here would happen after the Gospel is preached to the entire world. As I said earlier, this happened before 70 AD.

I will continue this study in our next lesson about the end—end of what? Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I. With Bible questions, please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

OF EARS AND HEARTS

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Some preliminary research has been done which indicates that a crease in one or both earlobes may be an early warning sign of heart disease. According to Dr. Lawrence Elliot, the same kind of blood vessels supplying the heart also supply the ear.

His findings seem to point out that when conditions are right for a coronary, these "end arteries" in the ear tend to crinkle up, creating a crease in the ear lobe.

Now, a disclaimer is in order: the study is NOT conclusive and I am not a doctor. Please don't panic if you have a crease in your ear lobes. But the whole business does, however, bring up some interesting insights.

Our "spiritual" ears are good indicators of the health of our spiritual hearts. When we close the Bible, tune out the preacher, ignore the study of the Word, and avoid Sunday School, it is a sign that our hearts have become clogged with the cholesterol of sin.

The condition of our heart definitely DOES affect our ears. I was amazed at the number of times the two ideas were linked throughout the scriptures.

In Isaiah 6:10, God's punishment of rebellious Israel was to make "their ears heavy". Interestingly enough, Jesus told a parable about the condition of our hearts and concluded by saying, "He who has ears, let him hear."

However, in both the medical realm as well as the spiritual realm, the ear is merely a symptom. It is not the source of the real problem.

Elliot warns those who have such a crease that it will not do any good to have plastic surgery on their ears. Instead, he recommends a change of diet, more exercise and quitting smoking.

There are some definite parallels in our spiritual lives as well. If we are having some "ear" problems, we need to look into what we are "feeding" on. What are we putting into our hearts? What type of spiritual exercise we are involved in. What habits and issues in our lives should we turn from?

Oddly enough, the last miracle of Jesus' earthly ministry was to heal a severed ear. Indeed, He is the great Physician. But He desires to do more than heal your ears; He wants to touch your hearts.

Ask Him to do a work in your heart today. To give you a fresh desire for Him, for His word, for His ministries, and for His people. It will not only change your heart on the inside where no one can see, but it can bring about some changes on the outside where folks CAN see.

HATS PROJECT

By: Delna Yoh

For several years I have been wanting to start a service project to help others. I thought about making afghans, but two years ago I found out that I had cancer. So I have changed my plan.

I started treatment in October that year so I needed warm hats for the winter. I had never crocheted a hat before and had no patterns so I went on the internet to find some. Learning something new helped in two ways: it gave me something to do and kept my mind off of the treatments that I was going through.

Last year I took some hats to Hope Cancer Center in Van Wert where I had my treatment. Now I would like

to organize a group to help make hats or any thing else that you would choose to do. Along with yarn hats I would like to sew hats out of cotton knit fabric. These hats are kind of expensive to buy. It is suggested on the sewing pattern I have, to give each person three hats. That way the person has one to wear, one to wash and one spare. I have the patterns for these hats and enough knit fabric to get started.

So if you crochet, knit or sew come join us and help make this service project a success. We will also need help in packaging and delivering hats to different locations.

I have a meeting date set up at the Paulding Library on September 30 at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS - FALL

Who says that Worship Without Walls is only for the summer. If you couldn't get to Worship Without Walls, then now is your chance. On Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. on the east lawn of the First Financial Bank in Payne, we're getting together and doing it again! We're "taking the church to where the people are."

Each time we meet it just gets better and better. We had a great time on August 3rd. One-A-Chord kicked it all off, and rocked the town of Payne with the sounds of praise and worship music. We heard a message about the grace and truth of Jesus, and the goodness of God and the free gift that He's given to all of us in His Son, Jesus. Afterwards we all stuck around and enjoyed

the time of free food and fellowship.

We don't care how you dress, or if you know the words to the songs by heart. Just come as you are, bring your lawn chairs or beach blankets and come hang out with us.

We'd love the chance to meet you for the first time or have the pleasure of seeing you again, and hang out with you for awhile. But, be ready to hear, see and feel how much Jesus Christ loves you. Bring a friend or a loved one, or a co-worker and come on out, we'll see you on the lawn at Worship Without Walls, Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I need some help in understanding our judicial system.

Why are some felons sent to prison and others are not? I can understand to be sent away for a "Lesson to be Learned" or to attend classes to assist them to get off any dependencies or addictions, to learn how to become a law abiding citizen. Sending someone to prison for back child support has never made sense to me. Okay, they are behind in payments, so let's send them away for eight months to a year or longer. Now that will get them up to date on the support payments, won't it? Our state government is currently working on other methods besides prison sentences for those behind on support.

How can a judge, sitting in his courtroom attire, decide if that person has changed or is willing to change without any communication with them. How does the judge know that this sex offender has changed and is remorseful? What makes the judge decide that this child molester can be reformed, but the one for Weapons under Disability cannot be? You see, some fel-

ons are let out early on Judicial Release, while others are not. How is it decided who is granted a Judicial Release and who isn't? Isn't it a conflict of interest to send individuals to a so-called treatment center when they are a member of the board of that center?

My husband was told by the Common Pleas Judge, through our attorney, that he would never give my husband a judicial release, no matter what. There wasn't anything that could be done to change his mind into granting a judicial release. My husband is a better man than that; he chose to take ALL the classes that were offered to him. He took this of his own accord, not because he was forced to take them. He made the commitment to change. Who is this man to say he is undeserving? In my opinion, this judge has issues that go far beyond that of someone with a drug or alcohol problem. The Judge also informed our attorney that he was not going to waste the tax payer's money to bring him back to Paulding County for a hearing. Good call! Keeping him in prison is roughly costing tax payers \$33,000.00 per year.

To my knowledge, the Courthouse houses offices with public records. Those offices, such as Clerk of Courts are open to the public for individuals to look up various documents, filings, recordings, etc. Does the Common Pleas Judge have the right to ban individuals from calling or looking up information? My attorney received a call from this judge instructing her to tell me, as a client, to refrain from calling his office or the Clerk of Courts office because he didn't like it. Has there been a new law established or an old one modified that states a citizen can no longer contact a public office to inquire on public information? The other day, instead of calling the office, I chose to visit the Clerk of Courts. I asked for instructions to look up some information and they were very helpful in showing me how to find it. I started to look up the information and I

was greeted by our Common Pleas Judge. He proceeded to tell me that I was wasting my time. That he had told my attorney that he was not going to grant a judicial release to my husband. Is this common practice to hunt down someone who is looking up public information? It appears to me that a secretary informed the judge that I was in that office asking questions. Is there something in the records he doesn't want seen. I got the impression he didn't want me looking through the court records. Or was it that he was afraid I would find information to support our concerns of prejudice and unprofessional conduct? Is this how all judges act, or just the ones who are afraid the truth will come out which side of the tracks our court really operates on?

My husband has tried to tell me for years that our court is a railway station. Most people unlucky enough to have to deal with it's conductors just accept their fate as a rule. Well not this time, our concerns are real and we intend to prove them. Then maybe we will see whose judgment gets overruled.

I would have to agree with Terry Collins, director of ODRC, statement in an article of THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS on March 16, 2008. "Prison Director Collins recently told legislators that sending the wrong people to prison can actually do more harm than good. In making those choices, Mr. Collins said, "We need to figure out who's bad and who we're just mad at." Prisons need to be for the worst of the worst."

—Julie Proxmire

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the past couple of months, my wife and I have had the privilege of experiencing all of the festivals of our local villages. The commitment, service and pride of the residents truly amazed me. It is very apparent that we are truly proud of the communities in which we live.

The same, I'm afraid, cannot be said for our county. No matter where we went there were some who were very downtrodden about our county. It seems as though the recent events and negative letters in the paper are starting to take their toll on all of us.

I would like to remind everyone of what a great place Paulding County is. We have wonderful schools, wide selection of churches in which to worship and a real sense of security no matter where we are at in this county. Where else would you want to raise your family?

Now I'm not saying that we do not have our problems. We need to learn from our mistakes, to ensure they are not repeated. We need to work hard to stimulate our local economy. We need to get past the negativity that overshadows the county and unite for good of the county.

When we talk about stimulating our local economy I wonder, how can we ask someone outside of our community to invest in it when we do not have the pride to invest in it ourselves? There is a lot of controversy surrounding the levy put on the ballet by the commissioners. In my opinion, we desperately need this levy to ensure that eco-

nomical growth is possible. If the levy fails we will have to lose many of the services we now have. Just one of things we will lose is the 4-H program. We currently live in a county in which we cannot give birth in the local hospital, and with the failure of the levy we will be taking away the good, wholesome, educational experience that 4-H offers. Now I ask you, does this sound like a community you would invest in if you were an outsider? Is this the community you would move into if you were looking to relocate? Our county's future is truly in our own hands!

I encourage everyone to get out and vote this November. Vote for what you feel is right for our county. Not only on the levy, but on the Elected Officials that have experience and integrity to help our county in these difficult times.

Sincerely,
—Tony Zartman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the northeast corner of our county is a newly completed mural. In the sorrows of their son's death in Iraq it was suggested to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ramsey that they have a mural painted. They engaged an artist whose artistic vision is to be admired. It was also decided that this should be a mural For All Who Served.

I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Ramsey, who said that many people had stopped on the road to view the mural in progress but few stopped to talk. He was more than ready to share his son's story. Joshua's is an interesting story for he was following his dream.

We also had the opportunity to speak with the artist. From a picture of Joshua in his Humvee (which is on the southern part of the mural in front of the American flag) he created a mural to be admired. The theme of this mural is A Few Gave Some, Some Gave All.

If you are a Veteran or an American who is proud of the job that our troops perform, you should take a drive to see this wonderful mural. Go east across Five Span Bridge to County Road 201, and turn left you will find the mural on the first farm on the left. I take a weekly drive past this mural because it is a reminder of all that our country's troops do to keep us free.

—Sandy Johanns

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wonder what you're getting for Christmas?! Ask Sarah Palin!

Republicans are so proud of her, touting her expertise on Russia. They say Sarah knows foreign policy because she lives next door to Russia. Palin recently said we might have to "defend" (militarily speaking, of course) the country of Georgia if the Russians invade it "again". News flash, Sarah! The Russians haven't left! In fact, on September 9, 2008 they announced plans to leave 7,600 troops in Georgia's provinces of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. C'mon hockey mom, put down that lipstick and pick up a newspaper, you shouldn't need a National Security briefing to know the Russians are still in Georgia. Are we actually going to turn over the nuclear

codes to someone so inexperienced, so unknowledgeable about national security?

Someone commented, "If living near Russia makes her a foreign policy expert, living near the North Pole must make her an expert on Santa Claus." Sarah, if you don't know what your neighbors the Russians are doing, that's okay, but do please tell us what Santa is up to, won't you?

—Rolland Myers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What an exciting time to live in Paulding County! I would like to take this time to make everyone aware of a new website I have designed. It is something I have been wanting to do for quite awhile now. This website will give you the opportunity to view public documents from various government offices. There seems to be so much disagreement on who is telling the truth and who is twisting the truth.

These documents are available for all to see from any county office. Usually in most cases all you have to do to obtain these documents is fill out a public information request form from the office you are requesting the documents from. I should also point out that you have the right to view and obtain these documents. Ask the office you are requesting from to see their policy for public records request. Some offices have no policy or request forms, therefore it may be more difficult to obtain these documents. The county auditor's office will help as much as they can in a very timely manner to fulfill your request. According to a Ohio General Assembly Brief, "Public records MUST be maintained in such a manner that they can be made available for inspection and copying."

That is the basis for the website, to help others view public records in the leisure of their home or office. I will admit I do not have all public records posted. I will constantly be updating the website. I do have the ones that

have become a topic of conversation as of late. If anyone has a document they think needs to be posted they can contact me and I will post it-(419)796-9464. I will not post any gossip or hearsay. Truth is the key to everyone knowing what is what. The website address is www.paulding-countyohiotruth.com

—Tim Dauten

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I've always wondered how the county commissioners got away with not making the courthouse handicap accessible and personally thought it was insulting that it wasn't, but two stories told to me this summer made me stop and think about just how awful it really is. I hope that by retelling them you might understand just how backward it makes Paulding County and those of us who call Paulding County home look to others, not to mention our county's own handicapped citizens.

The US24 project has brought many workers to our county; one was a man in a wheelchair who worked for the state. His job involved checking records of land parcels the state had to buy, who the owners were, crop history, etc. He had no problem with access to the FSA offices when checking records but when he went to the courthouse to check land deeds we know what he faced. He was forced to get out of his chair, set backwards on the steps on his rear, and then used his hands to pull himself up the steps backwards. This man wasn't the one who complained, it was his partner who worked with him and could walk up the steps, that was upset.

The second story was told to me by an elected county official. One day last month a woman, not in a chair but with an obvious physical problem, stopped in their office after struggling up the steps. She was using a cane and was being helped along

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by a friend. Since the office was the first one they came to, the friend, stopped and explained that the lady with the cane had to attend court and asked where the elevator was. After being told there is no elevator, the handicapped woman said to her friend that she thought she could make it but it would be slow. The next question from the friend was where is the nearest bathroom? The answer was back down the steps in the basement.

It's possible these stories don't bother you. They do me, of course I'm bothered when I see twenty-five women lined up for the ladies restroom at Flat Rock. Not only because how mad it makes them but because how ridiculous it makes our county look to the hundreds out of county Flat Rock visitors. After all, those of us who live in the county are unfortunately used to it, but our visitors could care less how beautiful the new jail building is, they'd just appreciate some place to go.

It's not what the courthouse looks like on the outside, it's what's on the inside and what it says about us as a community that matters. When a visitor comes to our

county does our courthouse say "Paulding County cares's about people and thanks for coming and doing business with us, and tell your friends?" What story do you think the fellow working for the state took back to his county? People talk a lot about what is right, but too many times it's more convenient to do what's easy, but again that's a choice each of us has to make on their own. I'm comfortable with my choice, are you? Possibly the saddest legacy from the new jail is that it's not only bankrupting our county financially, but morally too.

—Brad Dysinger
419-587-3555

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brad, I don't want to burst your bubble but you don't scare anyone. I don't know why you and Mr. Gorman think you do. You are somewhat entertaining but certainly not intimidating.

—Kirk Hopkins

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/17 THROUGH 9/23

Breakfast:
9/17 - Pancakes, sausage, milk
9/18 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
9/19 - Waffles, sausage, milk
9/22 - Pizza, milk
9/23 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
Lunch:
9/17 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, fruit crisp, milk
9/18 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, sherbet, milk
9/19 - Rotini/meat, garlic toast, green beans, peaches, milk
9/22 - Breadstick/cheese, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, milk
9/23 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, pineapple, milk

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/17 THROUGH 9/23

MS/HS - Breakfast
9/17 - Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
9/18 - Waffle sticks, sausage, juice, milk
9/19 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
9/22 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
9/23 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch
9/17 - Idaho nachos, bread stick or grilled chicken on a bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk

9/18 - Pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
9/19 - Fish & shrimp, crosstrax potatoes, dinner roll, assorted fruit, milk
9/22 - Chicken fajita or cheeseburger on a bun, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

9/23 - Chili soup, cheesy bread sticks, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding & Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast
9/17 - Coco-roos, honey graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk
9/18 - Apple zings, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk
9/19 - Assorted cereal, graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk
9/22 - Cinnamon toast-ers, honey graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk
9/23 - Frosted flakes, cinnamon graham crackers, sweetened applesauce, milk

Paulding Elementary - Lunch
9/17 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit cup, milk
9/18 - Ravioli, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, milk
9/19 - Creamed turkey on a bun, oven potatoes, fruit cup, milk
9/22 - Hot dog on a bun, tator tots, fruit cup, milk
9/23 - Toasted cheese, tomato soup w/crackers, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch
9/17 - Chicken nuggets, peas, bread, fruit, milk
9/18 - Ham deli sub, carrots w/dip, chips, fruit, milk
9/19 - Tostilla chips w/cheese sauce, vegetable, fruit, milk
9/22 - Ravioli, lettuce salad, bread, fruit, milk
9/23 - Bar-b-que pork on a bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/17 THROUGH 9/23

9/17 - Goulash or scalloped potatoes w/ham, cheese jammer, corn, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or oranges

9/18 - French toast & sausage or beef-n-bacon on bun, hash browns, orange juice, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fresh fruit

9/19 - Pepperoni pizza or chicken salad sandwich, carrots w/dip, chips, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or peanut butter bar

9/22 - Chicken patty or pizzaburger on bun, baked beans, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pickled eggs & beets

9/23 - Turkey manhattan or pork fritter on bun, mashed potatoes, peaches, string cheese, milk; PLUS: salad bar or melons

MASONS PLAN FISH FRY

Jim Kline opened the Lodge and the Pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Randy Brooks Sr. and Ron Gump. Get well cards were sent to the Bob Rettig family, Jim Moore and Wayne Carr. The members paid the final tribute to member Russell Myers who has sought admission into the celestial Lodge above.

The fifty-year members present included Derrill Kline, Estell Cottrell, Doyle Johnson, and Elmer Woodcox. The guests seated were Bruce McKibben, Shad Zulch, and Leonard Johnson from Edon Lodge #474 plus James Coleman and Bernie Rorick from Summit City Lodge in Fort Wayne. Others on the sidelines were Jim Kline, Joe Stotler, Ron Farnsworth, Tim Betts, Bill Metz, Scott Ruppert, Dick Wann, Dick Savage, Lee Kallsen, Russell St. John, Byron Rasey, George Underwood, Jimmie J. Volkert, Walter Schilb, and Terry Derck.

A thank you card was read from the family of Donn Snell. Tim Betts reported on the repairs to the east wall and the roof and a "Pillars" report was given on the expectations for the coming Masonic year.

Edon Lodge #474 representatives presented the Traveling Lantern to Jim Kline. This Lantern will travel to Montpelier Lodge #547 at their stated meeting on September 16. It was confirmed that there will be a statewide one day Grand Master's Class for new members on June 13 2009. There will also be a statewide "Open House" of all Lodges in Ohio on March 21, 2009.

The annual Hicksville Masonic "Fish Fry" is scheduled for September 24. All members are encouraged to stop at the Tim Betts residence for all-you-can eat bluegill. Ron Farnsworth, Dick Savage, Carl Clark, and Walter Schilb will have the deep fryers going with food being served at 6:30 p.m. With no further business the Lodge was closed. The next meeting will be Wednesday September 24.

ANTWERP COMPUTER REPAIR & SERVICE OPENS IN ANTWERP



By: Sue Knapp
Bill Langmeyer has opened a computer and repair service shop in Antwerp. His shop, Antwerp Computer Repair & Service, is at his remodeled garage on 307 W. Washington. The shop will provide all kinds of computer accessories including, key boards, mouses, memory, hard drives, CD roms, lap tops and rebuilt computers. He will also custom build your computer. Bill is on call and will work around your schedule for your convenience and will do on-site repair or pick up and deliver. He offers free diagnosis and charges by the service not by the hour.

Bill has been working

on computers for 14 years and went to Ohio State University in Lima and James Rhodes State College to receive A+ Certification and Networking +.

Bill and his partner, Nancy, are raising four children: Jarrod 10, Natalie 6, Juliana 3 and Nathaniel 2. They have lived in Antwerp for a year. Bill was raised in Lima while Nancy is from the area.

His hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You may call at 419-258-4310.

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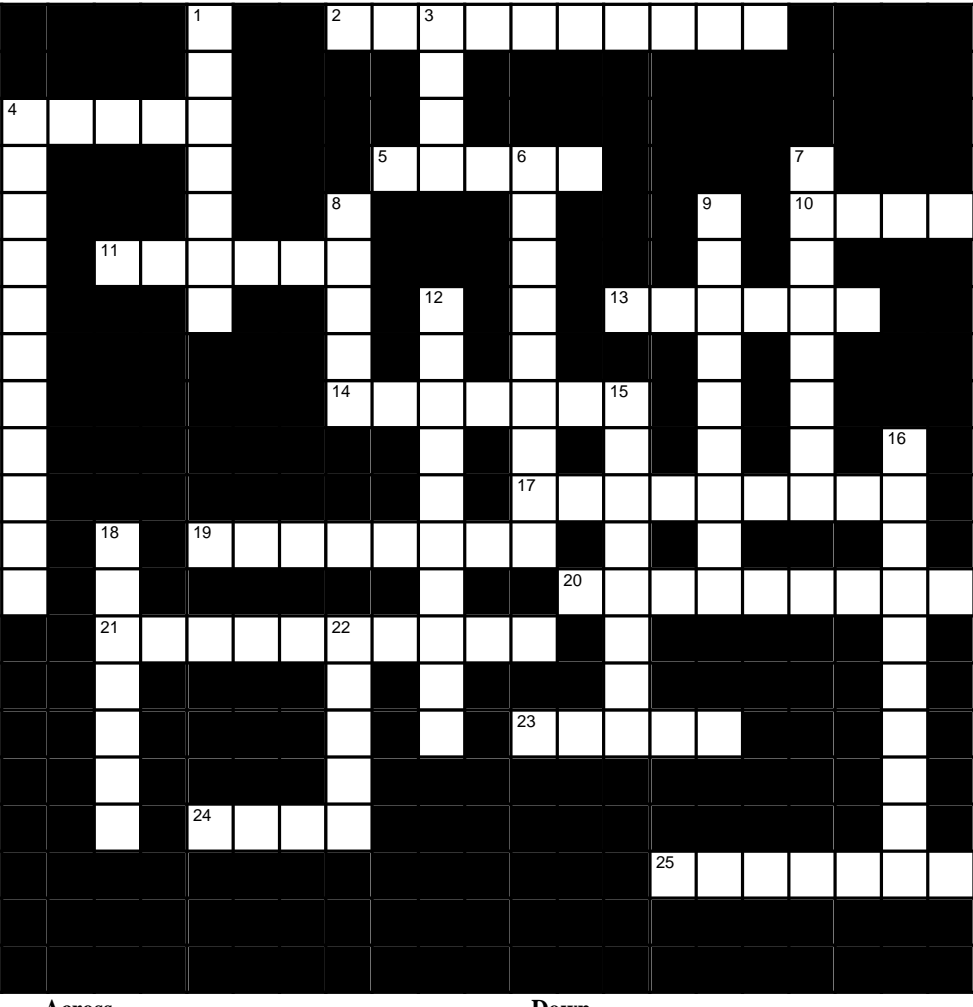
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Crossword Puzzle



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2. The first political party in the USA.
4. "Well, there's _____ in every American heart and it's time to stand and say..."
5. This state is known for its potatoes, but is also called the Gem State.
10. This branch of the armed services is the oldest.
11. This person founded the colony of Connecticut. (last name)
13. The state song of this state is "Home on the Range".
14. "From _____ down to Houston and New York to LA..."
17. Veteran's Day is also known as THIS day.
19. "And I had to start again with just my _____ and my wife..."
20. The last name of the man who sang the song, "God Bless the USA".
21. "I'd thank my _____ to be living here today..." (2 words)
23. One of the first games played by the English colonists.
24. "'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this _____, God bless the USA..."
25. This is the 14th state of the USA.

Down

1. "'Cause the flag still stands for _____ and they can't take that away..."
3. "And I won't forget the men who _____ to give that right to me..."
4. "God Bless the USA" was heard widely during this war to boost morale. (2 words)
6. This professional wrestler used "God Bless the USA" during his entrance. (2 words)
7. The Yankee Doodle called the feather in hat THIS.
8. "And I'm _____ to be an American where at least I know I'm free..."
9. "From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of _____ across the plains of Texas from the sea to shining sea..."
12. New York used to be known as New _____.
15. "If _____ all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life..."
16. Another name for Memorial Day.
18. This person wrote the Pledge of Allegiance. (last name)
22. "And I'd gladly _____ up next to you and defend her still today..."



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I am Lou Ann Wannemacher, Republican candidate for Re-Election to the office of Paulding County Treasurer.

Due to the retirement of the past County Treasurer, Betty Layman, whose term was not yet over, I was elected in November, 2006, to fulfill the rest of her term. This November 4th, I will be on the ballot for a 4-year term for Paulding County Treasurer.

Prior to being elected in 2006 to finish out Mrs. Layman's term, I had been a deputy in her office and was able to observe and learn all aspects of the Treasurer's Office. Since 2006, I have assumed the position of County Treasurer and enjoy the job immensely.

As the county's Chief Investment Officer and custodian/keeper of the tax dollars collected, I have established a strong working relationship with the local banking institutions. My duties include collecting and depositing tax dollars and investing inactive funds to earn the most interest, for various periods of time, which interest is then deposited in the County's General Fund. Some of my time is spent studying the market in order to find the most lucrative interest-earning funds or accounts available to better serve Paulding County. I pride my office staff and myself in the areas of fiscal management and accountability.

All monies collected by other departments are received by the Treasurer's Office, and it is my duty to provide a daily financial statement to the Auditor, as well as redeeming all county warrants issued by the Auditor's Office.

Even though, by state law, the Treasurer must serve on numerous boards, such as the investment advisory board, board of revision and budget Commission, I have taken my concern about the foreclosure problems, in not only our county but also our state, to heart and have established the "Save Our Homes" Task Force here in Paulding County. The mission of this task force is to "Keep People in their Homes," by talking with and aiding them in facing the reality of a foreclosure and/or stopping a foreclosure.

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 9/10/08"

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

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture today is one of Antwerp's middle pioneers and probably carries more of Antwerp's History than anything that I have done so far.

This is the Lewis Smith family that was associated with the L. Smith and Son Hardware.

Let me start with Lewis Smith's father. His name was Phillip and was born in Ger-



many in 1800. He came to the Defiance area in 1826. He loved the land and went back over to Germany and brought his family to Defiance. He was a hard working farmer. He done a lot towards getting a Lutheran Church in Defiance. He lived to be 103 and passed away in 1903.

His son, Lewis, traded some acreage for a hardware in Antwerp. This was in 1913. The whole family helped out and the new L. Smith and Son building was built in 1927. In the early 1930's C. A. Quisno built that beautiful house just south of The Bear's Den where the John Chilcote family lives, that's where the Smith family resided.

The first lady on the left is Abigail, called Abby. She worked in the hardware but never married. She lived to be 93 and is buried in Defiance.

That is Lewis Smith and his wife Eliza in the first row. I think they had eight children. A boy named Arthur passed away before the picture was taken.

The last lady in the front row is Minnie Smith. She

never married and is buried in Defiance.

The first lady in the last row is Ollie. She married a man named Harry Cravens. Later on in life he was active in Defiance politics.

The next man is Henry Smith. He was a farmer and lived in the Ney, OH area. He had a son named Harry who was Donna Snyder's grandfather. He was a fine fellow and had a business in Antwerp for years.

The lady in the middle is Phoebe and she married Thomas Carr. He was a salesman for L. Smith and Son. Tom and Phoebe had three children. Lyle, a doctor, Maxine, a school teacher and musician. Another son, Richard, was a professor at a Fort Wayne College.

The next man is Carl, who was the main stay at the hardware. He married Norma Filley and they had three children, Max, Budd and Dorothy. Carl lived to be 95 and Norma lived to be 93. Norma was born in 1892 and died in 1985. Did you notice that some of these people lived to a ripe old age. Carl was born in 1889 and died in 1984.

The last lady is Clara and she married a M. Birkhold. They lived most of the time around Logansport, IN. She, too, lived to be 95 years old.

The son, Arthur, who died before this picture was taken had married a lady named Tillie Cromley.

Arthur died of a heart condition and died in his brother's, Carl's, arms at the

store. That bothered Carl all his life.

I am really pleased to bring you this part of Antwerp History.

See Ya!

NOW HUSK THIS

By: Stan Jordan

In the 1960's in the Masonic Lodge in Antwerp we had a number of Father and Son Banquets. As a rule, Lawrence Sidenbender was the M.C. Lawrence came to Antwerp from Rockford in the 1930's. He was the bookkeeper of the East Elevator. He became an insurance agent, married Janette Adcock and had one son, Jim. When WWII started, Lawrence served in the Navy as a Corpsman.

Once in awhile he and I would put on a little skit. I was his fall guy as a rule.

At one banquet he said, "Stan, didn't you used to be an old Indian fighter?" I said, "Yes, I was." He said, "How come you stopped?" I said, "I ran out of old Indians!"

At another banquet, the meal was over and the ladies had removed all the china and silverware, and Lawrence had started his share of the meeting by three or four lines.

I stood up and pushed my chair back and started for the door.

Lawrence said, "Where are you going, Stan?" I said, "I'm going home and rock my mother-in-law to sleep." Lawrence said, "Stan, that is a very noble gesture, I'm proud of you." It was then that he noticed that I had a brown paper sack under my are. The kind that you got at the grocery store.

It was then he said, "What have you got in that sack?" I said, "Rocks!"

There were some boys there from the Payne Lodge. One of the Old Timers got a good buzz out of that skit. Because every time after that when he would see me he wouldn't say, "Hi, Stan!", he would say, "What have you got in the sack?"

Well, anyway...

See Ya!

BIPOLAR DISORDER TO BE FOCUS OF SEPTEMBER NAMI MEETING

Bipolar Disorder (manic depression) is a very common health problem in our society today which affects an estimated 3% of the population. In the U.S. there are over 10 million people affected by the disorder. Most scientists believe that it is caused by multiple factors that interact with each other to produce a chemical imbalance affecting certain parts of the brain. It usually runs in families and studies suggest a genetic component to the disorder the same as with many, many other health problems.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) works to educate the public about mental disorders thereby eliminating the stigma which keeps many families from admitting the problem and seeking help. Each year Thursday of Mental Illness Awareness Week is designated as Bipolar Awareness Day and will occur on October 9 this year.

Therefore, the topic VOICES OF BIPOLAR DISORDER will be presented at the local NAMI meeting on Monday, September 15. Meetings, which are always open to the public, are held at 7:00 p.m. at

ANTWERP HISTORY TOO



By: Stan Jordan

This picture today, I think, was taken in the middle 1950's. It is a special dinner meeting of the Antwerp Cheese Factory at Ray's Restaurant.

I don't know what the correct name of this business was. It was located on East Wilcox Street. At that time it was called Creamery Street. I think at one time it was locally owned and then later by Bordens and by Wayne Co-op.

I think this dinner was for all the employees, milk truck drivers and their wives.

I only know a few of them, maybe you know more of them than I do.

Challenged Higher Consumer Support Group's Drop-In Center at 407 N. Franklin, Van Wert which is several blocks South of Vantage Career Center.

Support/educational meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for people to learn from other's experiences, share coping strategies, and offer each other encouragement and understanding.

The local NAMI affiliate which covers Mercer, Paulding and Van Wert Counties may be reached by calling 419-238-2413 or 800-541-NAMI (6264). The new e-mail address is namivw@roadrunner.com.

The national website, www.nami.org, provides a wealth of information on the many mental health issues and keeps the public updated on the latest in research and treatment.

At the very first table in front here is Mr. Matson, next to his right is Bob and Martha Stumphy. After the Stumphy's is Dale Matthews, to his right is Bob Hart. The man with the calendar is Moxie Pollock, the manager.

The couple on the far side of the first table is Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong. The lady in the black dress under the wall picture is Evelyn Murphy and her husband, Robert.

I'm sorry, but this is all I know of these folks.

I think this business was started in the first part of the twentieth century.

The first I can remember is that the Lewis Schoenike family came from Wisconsin to be the manager. He brought with him a man named Walt Knorr. Walt settled here in Antwerp, married and raised a family.

About the middle of the century Moxie Pollock became the C.E.O. He was a fine fellow, a good businessman and ran the operation until it was swallowed up by a big outfit.

I'm sorry that I can't name more of these folks.

I want to thank Rex Shaner for the use of this picture.

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DIVINE MERCY, PAYNE HOLDS ITS FALL FESTIVAL



Judy Wannemacher, Ann Shuherk, and Lucille Schmidt at the craft table

Divine Mercy Parish in Payne held their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 14. The tents were full of bingo players, silent auctions, things for

kids and much, much more. In spite of the rain, the people were having a good time and were enjoying being together.

WAYNE TRACE STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSOR CAR SHOW

The Wayne Trace Student Council is hosting its first annual Car Show on September 28, 2008. The Car Show will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m. All types of cars, trucks, and motorcycles are welcomed. Food and drinks

will be provided and there will be a bake sale and a raffle.

The Car Show is to benefit the Student Council. For more information, please contact the Wayne Trace High School at 419-399-4100 and ask for Annette Sinn. Please come out and support the Student Council!

STAR QUILTERS OF FORT WAYNE INDIANA HOLD ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE

The 'Star Quilters' of Fort Wayne, IN had their annual quilt raffle drawing on Thursday, September 11, 2008. We are proud to say out of 13 prizes, six prizes came to Antwerp and surrounding areas.

The Grand Prize, an Autumn Quilt was won by Beth Hammond. A twin size quilt was won by Lorsey's sister, Debbie Buuck. A Christmas wall hanging was won by Bob Smalley. A table runner was won by Janet Trentman

of Delphos, OH (a camper of Coldwater, MI). Two pillows were won by Leslie Adang of ITT and two pillows were won by Kim Gibson of Hicksville.

These tickets were sold by member Iris Woodcox and she appreciates everyone who bought tickets.

A check was sent to the Lockhart family to help with their expenses.

All monies go to support our charity's for the year.



Lorsey Ritch, Bob Smalley and Beth Hammond

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COUNTRY INN ENHANCED LIVING CENTER WELCOMES KATHYN HAVER FISHER

Country Inn Enhanced Living Center wishes to welcome a new resident - Kathryn Haver Fisher. Kathryn was born in her grandparent's home in Defiance, Ohio. As the oldest of 12 children, she kept very busy helping her mother with the laundry, cooking and taking care of her siblings. Kathryn graduated as Valedictorian of her Mark Center high school class. Kathryn was married to William Cline for 13 years when he passed away suddenly leaving her widowed with four children: Norman, Jerry, William and Marcia Pressler. Kathryn began working at Bryan at Holiburg measuring table and chair tops. There, her boss introduced her to Raymond Fisher who became her second husband. Raymond was a WWII veteran and Montpelier Chief of Police for 25 years. They had two children, Pat Duane and David. Raymond has passed on. Kathryn hobbies include flowers, sewing, crocheting and she worked for many years with her church youth fellowship program. We are so happy to have Kathryn at Country Inn!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:
9/8 - Alice Pacitti, Paulding
9/9 - Phyllis Hayner, Oakwood
9/12 - Richard Gunderman, Paulding; Jesus Moreno, Paulding
Dismissals:
9/8 - Donna Miller, Latty

ANTWERP PTO FUND RAISER KICKS OFF



Chloe Franklin and Gene Garrett

By: Sue Knapp

On the afternoon of September 21 the Auxiliary Gym at Antwerp Local School contained the excitement of Antwerp's elementary kids as the PTO Fund Raiser officially began. The fund raiser includes the kids from preschool up to and including 6th grade.

Don Hughes from Club's Choice explained the program and prizes to the kids. The orders are due back to school on September 23.

This year's grand prize is a Wii, the kids were quite ex-

cited over that.

The PTO bought computers for the computer labs last year. Besides helping with a school supplies for the classrooms the PTO also hosts family events during the year.

This year's PTO President is co-chaired by Michelle Dooley and Heather Barnhouse, Vice-President is Tianne Pendergrast, Secretary is co-chaired by Mary Jane Miller and Robin McKibben and Treasurer is co-chaired by Deanna Wann and Traci O'Donnell.

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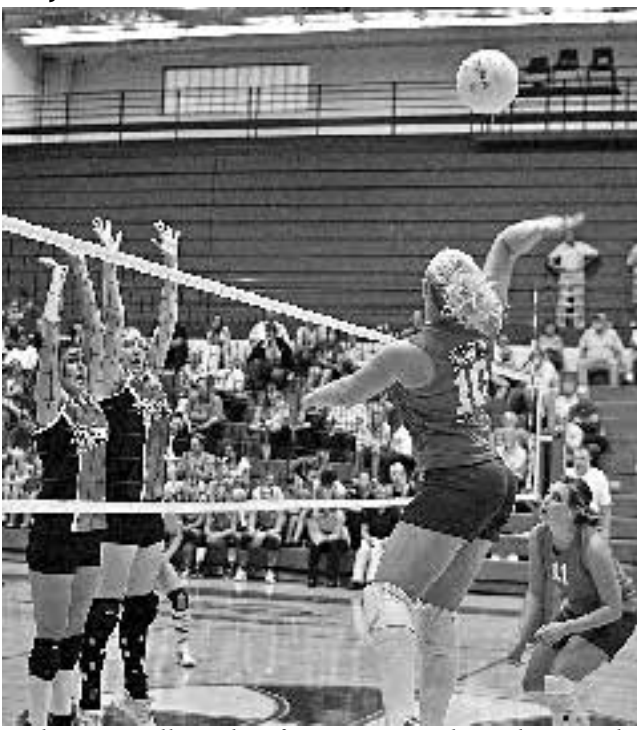
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WT, HICKSVILLE BATTLE TO THE END!

Sophomore Kelly Janka of Wayne Trace shown here on the attack against the Aces. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

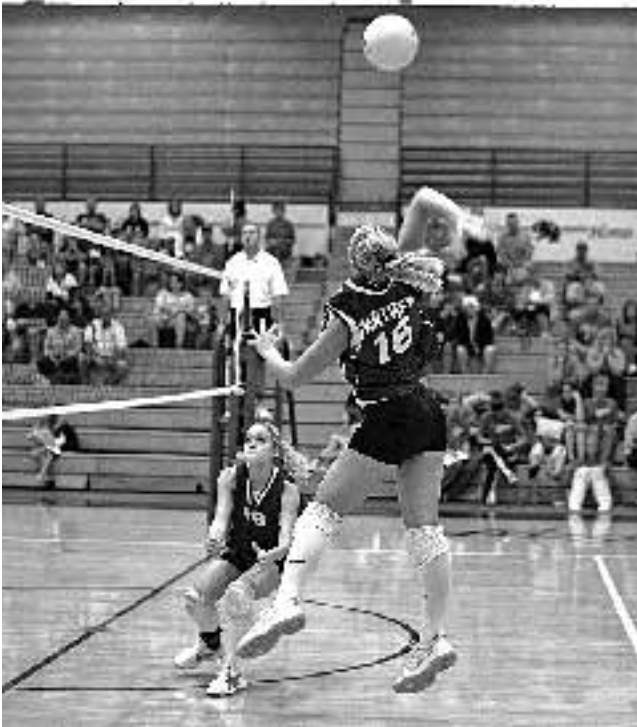
Volleyball is a sport for the fierce! Wayne Trace took on Hicksville in a match that lasted until nearly 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday night, September 9. The girls on both sides of the net gave it their all. The Raiders eventually defeated the Aces after five full rounds with scores of 25-21, 23-25, 25-18, 19-25, 15-8. Coach Doug Coplin stated, "This is a satisfying victory for us tonight. It was a fun match to watch and both teams battled hard all night. It's a good win for us."

Leading for Wayne Trace: Janelle Davis - 30-31 serving, seven aces, 124-125 setting, 48

assists, Krista Germann - 13-14 serving, three aces, seven digs, Sara Priest - 28-30 passing, five blocks, 40-46 hitting, 18 kills, Kristi Wenninger - 10-10 passing, eight digs, Natalie Snyder - six blocks, 49-55 hitting, 27 kills (school record, old record was 24 by Natalie Snyder), Kelly Janka - 20-24 hitting, seven kills.

After this game the Raiders stand at 3-2 overall with 1-1 GMC.

The Junior Varsity game put Hicksville on top after three rounds of 25-19, 17-25, 25-18. Their record is 2-3 overall, and 0-2 GMC.



Saturday, Paulding Varsity Volleyball played Van Wert Cougars and the Panthers worked hard, but couldn't pull off a win. 16-25, 16-25, 18-25. Paulding also played Crestview Thursday and more pictures are at www.westbendnews.net of both.



Woodlan prepares to kick off in their ACAC contest against Bluffton on Friday night. The Warriors came away with a 34-21 victory on a damp, drizzly night. Woodlan is now 4-1 on the season and 2-0 in the ACAC. Photo by JLSPhotoServices.com

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. AYERSVILLE

Junior High volleyball action took place on September 11.

Seventh Grade - Ayersville over Wayne Trace 27-25, 18-25, 26-24

Wayne Trace falls to 2-4 on the year.

Leading Players:

Libby Stabler (7-8 setting)
Lauren Speice (14-17 serving, four aces, 13-17 hitting, two kills)

Madi Poling (20-21 serving, two aces)

Eighth Grade - Ayersville over Wayne Trace 25-16, 25-14

Wayne Trace falls to 3-3 on the year.

RAIDERS VOLLEYBALL DIG HARD FOR VICTORY WITH OTTOVILLE

Varsity - Wayne Trace over Ottoville 25-21, 29-27, 27-25

Wayne Trace is now 4-2 on the year.

Top Players for WT:
Maria Schaefer - 12-12 serving, four aces, six digs
Natalie Snyder - 13-13 serving, two aces, six blocks, six digs

Janelle Davis - 73-75 setting, 33 assists

Kelly Janka - 20-26 hitting, ten kills

Sara Priest - 17-21 hitting, ten kills, five blocks

Krista Germann - 12-12 passing

Kristi Wenninger - 13-14 passing

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Ottoville 25-15, 25-19

Wayne Trace is now 3-3 on the year.

ARCHER VOLLEYBALL AT DELPHOS JEFFERSON

The Antwerp volleyball team traveled to Delphos Jefferson on Monday, September 8 for net action.

The Archers fought hard through four sets, but the Wildcats scratched out a victory for the evening.

Scores: 22-25, 22-25, 25-19, 20-25.

Records:
Antwerp - 3-3; Delphos Jefferson - 6-0

Archer individual statistics:

Kole Schlatter - serving 7/7; hitting 36/40; kills 11; aces 2; digs 11; blocks 8

Mickae Schlatter - serving 11/11; hitting 40/42; kills 11; digs 12; blocks 11

Darcie Reinhart - serving 12/13; passing 25/27; aces 2; digs 23

RAIDERS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL AT MILLER CITY

On Saturday, September 13 in varsity volleyball action it was Wayne Trace over Miller City 12-25, 25-14, 25-17 and Wayne Trace over McComb 25-15, 25-22.

Wayne Trace is now 6-2 on the season.

Leading Players for the day:

Sara Priest (18-20 serving, three aces, 23-30 hitting, 14 kills, 25-26 passing, nine blocks)

Maria Schaefer (17-20 serving, three aces, nine digs)

Janelle Davis (17-18 serving, one ace, 113-117 setting, 42 assists)

Natalie Snyder (13-13 serving, one ace, 39-43 hitting, 23 kills, 14-14 passing, three blocks)

Krista Germann (16-21 passing)

Kristi Wenninger (seven digs)

ARCHER VOLLEYBALL HOST TINORA RAMS

The Antwerp Archers played host to the Tinora Rams on Tuesday, September 9 in high school volleyball.

The Archers dug and aced to victory in three sets: 25-18, 25-16, 25-19. Archer overall record stands at 4-3 with a league record of 1-1.

Archer individual statistics:

Mickae Schlatter - serving 7/8; passing 13/15; hitting 21/25; kills 12; aces 1; digs 7; blocks 2

Kole Schlatter - passing 9/10; hitting 13/15; kills 3; aces 4; blocks 8

Kelsey Bashore - setting 26/26 = 12 assists; kills 7; aces 2; blocks 3

Loni Walk - serving 13/15; setting 32/33 = 18 assists; passing 4/4; aces 3

Megan Koppenhofer - serving 10/11; passing 9/13; aces 1; digs 6

8TH GRADE RAIDERS FOOTBALL DEFEATS PILOTS

The Wayne Trace 8th grade football team defeated a very good Ayersville Pilot team by a score of 12-6 Tuesday evening, September 9. The game was close all the way. Jake Gerber scored the winning touchdown with one tenth of a second left in the game to give the Raiders a narrow 12-6 victory. Cade Harvey scored the first touchdown on a 15 yard run and ended the night with 75 yards rushing. Caleb Mead, Jorddan Childs, and Nick McClain also had positive rushing yardage. Jared Elkund and Devin Wenzlick were on the receiving end of Gerber's passing for 60 yards. Big offensive blocks were by Ryan Wannemacher, Dalton Sinn, Victor Williams, Sawyer Temple, Zach Hermiller, Jacob Roop, and Marcus Mc-Vay.

The Pilots led at half time by a score of 6-0. The Raider defense shut out the Pilots in the second half. Ryan Wannemacher, Sawyer Temple and Victor Williams had three critical tackles for a loss in the backfield. Colby Speice intercepted a Pilot pass with 40 seconds remaining in the game that set up the winning score. Devin Wenzlick caught a 35 yard pass with nine seconds to go to set up the Raiders on the two yard line. With no time outs remaining, Jake Gerber ran a QB sneak with one tenth of a second remaining on the clock to give the Raiders a hard fought victory. The offensive line gets all the credit for the winning drive.

BOYS VARSITY GOLF AT PLEASANT VALLEY GOLF COURSE

The Raiders used Pleasant Valley Golf Course to host the Aces in varsity golf on September 9.

Team scores: Wayne Trace 167, Hicksville 174

Wayne Trace (3-5) - Nick Germann 37, Andrew Horner 40, Henk Akkerman 43, Devon Snyder 47, Cody Feasby 52, Joe Morehead 54

Hicksville (7-10) - Josh Vandemark 42, Nick Mickelson 43, Levi Guilford 44, Matt Applegate 45, Brett Mickelson 53, Jon Kobee 53

ARCHERS CAN'T SHUTDOWN ACES DEFENSE

Hicksville played Antwerp at the Archer field. The Aces made their revenge successful from last year with a 27-7 victory. Hicksville is now 4-0. Hicksville 14 0 7 6 = 27, Antwerp 0 7 0 0 = 7 More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



Paulding played Spencerville at home Friday night. Paulding lost 8-13 in a tough game for the Panthers. The Panthers are now 2-2 and 1-2 in conference. Shown here is Gage Crittendon hold on tight to the ball. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net



The Raiders hosted Edgerton in Friday night Football action. The Raiders won their first home game 23-14. Junior Derrick Baksa shown being taken down after a good run. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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(l-r) VETS committee member Joyce West, Bank Chairman George Rhonhouse, VETS committee member Nancy Lichty, and Bank President Ron Eschbach shown transferring the check for the new memorial.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank has made a pledge to help the V.E.T.S. Memorial Fund. Wednesday, September 10. Bank President, Ron Eschbach, and Bank Chairman of the Board, George Rhonhouse, happily threw their support behind the new veteran's memorial being planned at Riverside Park on the east end of Antwerp. The bank has pledged monies enough to cover one of the large, engraved, memorial stones.

A representative from Homier Monumental was on

hand to help mark out the location and which trees would need to be removed for the new monument.

The total pledged to V.E.T.S. for the new structure is now over \$15,000. The committee is still seeking funds and may now be sent to PO Box 742, Antwerp. A regular meeting schedule has also been set up as the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate at the American Legion in Antwerp.

TOMATOES NOT RIPENING

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

If your garden tomatoes are showing signs of delayed ripening, you're not alone! Now it may sound like an easy excuse when horticulturists blame such things on the weather, but weather conditions and delayed planting this growing season might be the culprit.

To better understand the ripening process of tomatoes, we need to look at the stages of development of the fruit during maturation process. During the early stages, the fruit continues to grow in size and remains green, typically requiring 40-50 days. Once the fruit has reached full size, called "mature green", changes in pigment begin to take place. This change causes the green to fade to light green then to the appropriate pigments for that particular cultivar, be it red, pink, yellow or orange.

There are two primary factors that cause your tomatoes to turn the appropriate color. Those two primary factors that govern the ripening and color development of tomatoes are temperature and the presence of a naturally occurring hormone called "ethylene." The optimum temperature range for ripening mature green tomatoes is 68-77 deg. F. The further temperatures stray from the optimum, the slower the ripening process will be. And, when temperatures are outside the optimum range for extended periods, conditions may become so stressful that the ripening process virtually halts.

There's not much the gardener can do but wait out

the weather. As temperatures become more favorable, the ripening process should improve, assuming other stresses have not taken their toll!

We generally have several more weeks of good growing weather before killing frost; but it's hard to say for sure. Even if frost comes early, tomatoes that have reached the mature green stage can be ripened off the vine. Look for a color change to at least a lighter green -- and a little bit of blush is even better. Those tomatoes that are still immature green will never ripen, so save those for the compost pile.

The more green the fruit, the more sensitive it is to chilling injury. Store mature green to slightly blushed fruits at 60-65 deg. F, or warmer if faster ripening is desired. Ripe fruits can be stored at cooler temperatures, as low as 45 deg. F. The typical home refrigerator is too chilly for storing ripe tomatoes. Instead, pack fruits in shallow layers and keep in a well-aerated location where temperatures can be maintained and progress monitored.

More than likely, our cooler night temperatures and delayed planting due to the wet spring are responsible for tomatoes not ripening. When night time temperatures are in the high 50s and low 60s, ripening slows. Advice for gardeners is to be patient and eventually you'll be picking those garden-fresh tomatoes.

WAYNE TRACE 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL SHUT OUT FAIRVIEW

The Wayne Trace 7th grade football team shut out Fairview last night by a score of 14-0. Korbin Showalter had 125 yards rushing and a touchdown. Colby Speice had 65 yards rushing and a 2 point conversion. Jared Sherry had a 45 yard touchdown run. Jake Gerber had 35 yards rushing. Big offensive blocks were given by Aaron Stoller, Marcus McVay, Brock Worden, TJ Blackmore, Matt Klopfenstein, Broc Forrer, and Arlen Stoller.

The Defense recorded a shutout. Great defensive plays were by Korbin Showalter, Wesley Goings, Marcus McVay, Jared Sherry, Colby Speice, Eric Hicks, Cole Bennett, Adam Stahlsberg, Jake Gerber, Devin Wenzlick, Andrew Ludwig, and Aaron Miller had a interception that led to the first touchdown.

BOYS GOLF AT ST. MIKE'S GOLF COURSE IN DEFIANCE

Boys Golf teed off at St. Mike's Golf Course in Defiance with Tinora Rams and Wayne Trace Raiders vying for lowest par.

Final score for the evening: Tinora 189, Wayne Trace 201

Tinora (3-4) - Trey Meyer 42, Charles O'Donnell 46, Brett Wonders 49, Brok Coburn 52, Tyler Seibel 52, Logan Kahle 58

Wayne Trace (2-5) - Nick Germann 46, Andrew Horner 51, Ryan Jewell 51, Devon Snyder 53, Henk Akkerman 55, Joe Morehead 64, Logan Wannemacher 65, Russell Fulk 67, Cody Feasby 70

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE PRESCHOOL OPENS!



Cayden and Jacob work on perfecting their carpentry skills on the first day of preschool while senior Amanda Stuckey from Van Wert watches.



Vantage Early Childhood Education senior Erica Whitt from Van Wert is surrounded by preschoolers Tatum, Madison and Paiten and their baby dolls on the first day of preschool.

The youngest students are back in the building as the Vantage Preschool opened for the 2008-2009 school year on September 9. High school juniors and seniors, who are preparing for a career in early childhood education, work directly with the preschoolers by planning and conducting the lessons. The children participate in hands on activities in language arts, science, math, kindergarten readiness, and literature. A major benefit for the children who attend the Vantage Preschool is the very low staff-child ratio. There is usually one teacher to every one or two preschoolers. The high school students also receive additional training in first aid, CPR and common childhood illnesses.

The Early Childhood Education program uses the Early Learning Content Standards to meet the guidelines for preschool education as determined by the Ohio Department of Education. These early learning standards serve as a framework for designing and implementing meaningful curricula and intentional learning experiences within the preschool.

The Vantage Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities for children ages three through five years old. There are still a few openings available for half-day sessions. For more information about the Vantage preschool, please contact Marcia Osenga or Linda Morris at 419-238-5411 ext. 137.

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LLOY BALL COMES HOME

By: Sue Knapp
 Sunday afternoon, September 14 brought a celebration to Woodburn for Lloy Ball. Lloy was born and raised around Woodburn, worked in Bob's Restaurant and graduated from Woodlan. As we all know, the U.S. Volleyball Team won gold in the Olympics.

There was to be a parade, but because of the rain it was canceled. They held the judging for the 'best dressed' bicycle in Woodburn's Community Center. First place winner (receiving \$50.00) was Dallas Reichhart; second place (winning \$25.00 and gift basket) was Alan TerMelon and the third place winner (of \$15.00)

was Autumn Keller. Down at Bob's Restaurant a tent was set up where Lloy Ball signed autographs, had pictures taken, gave hugs and chatted with the crowd. Magic 95.1, Channel 21 and 15 were there, also, a gentlemen from Journal Gazette brought copies of a special edition of the News Sentinel about Lloy Ball for people to take. Copper Top gave out water and bottle kozies, and miniature volleyballs were handed out by 95.1. Bob's were providing Lloy's favorite meals for those who wanted to eat or you could order off the menu. The rain did not dampen anything.

Lloy's dad was there organizing and keeping things under control. He said that they would be going to Russia for six months where Lloy will play volleyball.

Lloy was accommodating, funny and showed he was there for the people. He commented that at 36 years old he still had to mind his dad.

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Online Registration is open through September 21 at www.komennwohio.org. Any online registrants up until that date can pick up their packets at Brondes Ford Maumee, located at 1511 Reynolds

Rd. near the Dussel Rd. intersection, on Thursday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC GOVERNING BOARD ACTS ON PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Governing Board held their regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 in the Paulding ESC Board Office. Board President Mr. William Poe II welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting.

The Board members approved the agenda for the evening and reviewed and approved the August bills and expenditures. Treasurer Kristine Stuart review 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 Governing Board members with copies of the recently approved Bylaws and Policies manuals. The Board members also reviewed a Vantage Career Center Levy Fact Sheet that outlined the need for the replacement of their .8 mill operating levy and the approval of their 1.2 mill bond levy for an OSFC assisted renovation and expansion project.

In other business, the Board:
 **Approved the minutes from the regular August 12, 2008 meeting.
 **Approved the current financial reports as presented by Treasurer Mrs. Kristine Stuart.
 **Accepted the resignation of Ryan Strickler from his position with the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center.
 **Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Shelly Walters as a Paraprofessional for Antwerp Local Schools, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, per the approved salary schedule.
 **Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Cora Flynn as a Paraprofessional for Wayne Trace Local Schools, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, per the approved salary schedule.
 **Extended a one (1) year contract to Angie Zartman as a School Health Coordinator for Wayne Trace Local Schools, effective September 23, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Heather Matthews as a Physical Therapy Assistant, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Extended a one (1) year (187 day) contract to Lisa Knoch as a Physical Therapy Assistant, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Extended a one (1) year (144 day) contract to Janine Warnecke as an Occupational Therapist, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Extended a one (1) year (144 day) contract to Brenda Ward as an Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Approved FY09 OT/COTA & PT contracts as follows:
 A. Two (2) year (936 hrs./144 days/yr.) agreement with Laura Priest as a COTA/L, beginning August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010.
 B. Two (2) year (702 hrs./108 days/yr.) agreement with Kristina Figgins as a COTA/L, beginning August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010.
 C. One (1) year (350 hrs.) agreement with Paula Luginbuhl as a PT, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
 **Increased the contract days for Matt Krites to 227 days per year for the 2008-2009 school year.
 **Approved extended hours for Cathy Bonifas on an as-needed basis for the summer of 2008.
 **Moved Becky Macki to the Masters + 15 step, effective August 18, 2008.
 **Approved a repayment of an advance from the FY08 Parent Mentor Grant to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,410.66.
 **Approved ASCD annual membership for Chris Feichter, Jody Dunham and Laura DeLong.
 **Approved a supplemental contract for Mark Holsberry for the position of Cleaning Services at ACE Academy to

WAYNE TRACE CLASS OF 1973 HOLD 35 YEAR REUNION



Pictured, front to back, left to right are: Vicki (Hershberger) Bidlack, Betty (Goins) Cornner, Cindy (Kohn) Good, Carol (Foust) Young, Jewell (Bass) Kurtz, Nancy (Thompson) Burkley, Karen (Krug) Adams, Mike Pastor. Second row (l-r): Dale Elston, Sharon (Denning) Burk, Mike Linder, Robin (Lilliedahl) James, Deb (Plescher) Mielke, Tony Burkley, Mark Adams, Larry Sulfridge third row (l-r): Dan Bidlack, Kathy (Lee) Koenn, Phil Farris, Sandy (Clark) Burk, Ron Treece, Sue (Thomas) Moorman, Sandy (Ashbaugh) Hartman, Bill Turner, Randy Noggle. Pictures on the table include Vanessa (Craft) Barrett, Sally Lee, Rich Mason, Janet (Tracey) Miller, Janet Tope, and Brian Williams.

Wayne Trace Class of 1973 held its 35 year class reunion on July 26, 2008 at Jehmm's Banquet Center in Van Wert. 26 classmates and spouses or guests met for a time of remembrances, fine food, great company, and a whole lot of laughter. The six photos on the table are of the six classmates who have died since 1973. Memorial candles

were lit at the beginning of the reunion and stayed lit for the entire event to honor our classmates' memories. The next reunion for this class will be 2013, the big 4-0. Hope to have a good turnout for that one! A big thank you to the staff of Jehmm's for a very relaxing evening and wonderful service and food.

be paid by timesheet.

**Accepted the FY09 Child Outcomes Support Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00, and approved the appropriations of the grant.

**Approved the FY09 CIP checklist and also the FY09 CIP Narrative for the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NO-ACSC) and approved the submission to ODE.

**Approved a price quote for NOACSC in the amount of \$9,450.00 from Gass Masonry for Dutchman repair, Chard repair, Corner repair, Caulking, Spot Pointing, Water and Chemical cleaning, and Waterproofing on the NOACSC building.

**Approved an agreement with NOACSC and the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge in the amount of \$4,500 to provide legal assistance if necessary for ERate issues that may come up.

**Approved the final FY09 budget for NOACSC as submitted.

mitted.

**Approved a funds transfer for NOACSC of \$180,000 from the general fund to the EMIS fund to cover decreased state funding and expenses for FY09.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. with no additional Board action. The next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center is on October 14, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Wert ESC Office.



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WOODBURN: SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITY IN INDIANA

Information provided by: Gaylen Goff Stetler and Eugene Nahrwold

Written by: Sue Knapp
The first schools in Woodburn were like private schools now (back then it was called subscription) until 1853 after which they were made free (public) schools. There were 181 enrolled in seven schools in the township in 1881.

A log house located south of the State Line Bridge was built and Eliza Curtis was the first teacher in the township. In 1857 a frame school building was built and was later moved across the river.

In 1895, the Woodburn School stood close to the bend of the road, north of town, on the Bull Rapids Road. The building was also used for controversial political meetings, church and other public meetings. Lizzie Lechner was the teacher and Robert Shirley was the trustee.

Where the Fort Wayne National Bank building stood (now National City Bank) was where a brick schoolhouse was built in 1895. Robert R. Shirley's name was on the cornerstone with the words "Woodburn School District #5. A.C. Gorrell, 1895-'96 was the first teacher in the new building followed by Jesse Rupp from 1896-'97, John R. Yaggy was teacher from 1897-'99. In 1901 Glen Henderson taught all the grades in the one room school. If you wanted to go to high school you attended Harlan High School.

The school grew and some classes were held above the Ritz Grill.

The upper level of The Rosene Store, just east of Gompf's Hardware, was used to teach two grades of high school in 1911.

A new school was built in 1913 to hold the grade school and high school. A new addition was built in 1926 and in 1955 the Maumee-Milan Consolidated Schools were established. In 1956-'57 land was purchased at the Milan location and the school was remodeled. Additions were made at the Woodburn School and 45 acres were purchased near the intersection of US 24 and Woodburn Rd. A new high school was built in 1959-'60 with a cost of one and a quarter million dollars. The first school board for the new school included: Chris Roemke, Herbert Roemer, Mervin Ehle, George Bowers and Thomas Krutz. Jack

Lee was the principal and Harry Henney was the assistant principal. The name of the new school is Woodlan combining Wood (Woodburn) and lan (Milan). Ann Ehle and Larry Grundy, two students, suggested the name. Scott Smith was the principal of the elementary school in Woodburn.

In 1964, Woodlan along with other schools in the eastern part of Allen County became the East Allen County School System.

Woodlan won it's first county basketball championship in Woodburn's Centennial year in 1965.

The Zion Lutheran School began in a log building along the Maumee River at Bull Rapids in 1888. The building was used for church and school.

Christ Lutheran School began the first year of the congregations existence. The home of Otto Knoblauch held the first classroom. In 1900 plans were made for a building to be built between the church and parsonage on the corner of Main and Park Streets. The Pastor was the school teacher until Mr. Louis Wegmann became the first full time teacher in 1912. In 1915 the building was moved to Elm Street and enlarged a basement and remodeling done in 1940. Increased enrollment demanded a second and third teacher.

Christ Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church consolidated their schools and Woodburn Lutheran School was formed. In 1954 the organization bought the Gregg Implement Company property on the corner of State Road 101 and the Woodburn Road.

It was planned from the beginning to build a new school. Plans were drawn for an eight room school.

Some of the past teachers were: Wilbert Zimmerschied, Principal, Raymond Bergdolt, Roy Meister, Norman Schmaltz, Walter Classen, Hermaltz, Mrs. LaVerne Cohrs, Mrs. Dortha Winkler, Miss Catherine Stoeltling, Miss Janice Craig, Mrs. Jean Schmidt, Miss Agnes Schmidt, Miss Adela Norden, Mrs. Dorothy Senff, Miss Sandra Buffington, Orvin Huebner, Principal, Raymond Schlegel, David Bade, Miss Helen Selbefg, Wilbert Zimmerschied and Miss Janis Bach.

Information taken from "Bringing Back the Good Old Days" Woodburn Centennial 1865-1965.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF AT COUNTRY ACRES GOLF COURSE

The Lady Raiders traveled to Ottawa to tee up with Fairview and Ayersville in high school girls golf on September 11.

Results are as follows:
Wayne Trace (179) - Gabrielle Hook 45, Kacee Hockenberry 46, Shelby Critten 45, Courtney Hicks 43, Ashley Courtly 49, Elyse Myers (56)

Fairview (245) - Alex Keesbury 48, Megan Groves 65, Sarah Wells 65, Tyler Starry 68, Morgan Wirick 67

Ayersville (299) - Allison Harrows 79, Maria Weber 66, Sarah Vogel 78, Mandy Pontius 81

Wayne Trace is now 9-4
The Wayne Trace boys went against Ayersville on the green at Ottawa.

Team results: Wayne Trace 184, Ayersville 195

Wayne Trace is now 4-5 on the year, Ayersville falls to 5-10

Wayne Trace - Nick Germann 39, Andrew Horner 47, Devon Snyder 50, Henk Akerman 48, Ryan Jewell 69, Russell Fulk 66

Ayersville - Zach Bauman 47, Mark Schroeder 53, Sam Ewers 43, J.J. Erickson 52, Robbie Schweibert 53

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

Dora the Explorer Movie Night, the Farmer's Market, teen book discussion group, the Water Conservation Program, and the Book Brunch Discussion Group highlight the week of September 22-27 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Celebrate back-to-school and Hispanic Awareness Month with a Dora the Explorer Movie Day at the Johnson Memorial Library on Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Dora the Explorer Movie Day is free and is open to everyone. The movie will be Musical School Days with the Friends of the Hicksville Library providing popcorn and drinks to round out the evening.

"Dora is a favorite with preschoolers. She offers them a fun way to learn. Between the adventures of Dora, Diego, Boots, and Backpack, the children get a fun, educational, bilingual experience," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy.

The Defiance County Extension Office and the Hicksville Beautification Committee will be hosting their weekly Farmer's Market on Tuesday, September 23 from 7-11:00 a.m. in the Johnson Memorial Library parking lot. Come on out for fresh produce, baked goods fresh from the oven, and handmade craft items.

Discover what it takes to thrive, not just survive, at the Johnson Memorial Library's September Upper Elementary Book Brunch and Teen Book Discussion Groups. On Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m., the library will host its monthly teen book discussion group while the upper elementary Book Brunch Discussion Group is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. Both book discussion groups are free, and refreshments will be



DAWN L. SMITH ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PAULDING COUNTY RECORDER

Dawn L. Smith is announcing her candidacy for Paulding County Recorder. Being the daughter of Richard and Gert (Klein) Carnahan, Smith has been a life long resident of Paulding County. Dawn, along with her husband, Robert have raised two children, Aaron who is married and lives near Dallas, Texas and Anna who is attending Northwest State Community College.

Being a graduate of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute, holding the Treasurers position in the Simply Speaking Toastmasters Club, currently in her second year as President of the Paulding County Republican Women, and recently gaining the vote as a chairman of the Paulding County Central Committee, Smith has been busy these past several years. Smith stating, "This sounds like a lot of boasting, not true, but merely a path to personal and professional growth that hopefully will convey a sense of trust, trust in the actions taken by a candidate that is willing to become the most qualified candidate to best fill the position of County Recorder."

Dawn has over 18 years experience in Real Estate Title Research. This in itself is a great attribute to the office of Recorder. Not only is Dawn familiar to Paulding County she has become versed in the use of filing systems used in most of Northwest Ohio County Recorder Offices. This knowledge of options to what will serve Paulding County best is invaluable. Dawn also has a history as a "watch dog" to the preservation of the integrity of the office of Recorder. Smith, along with our Prosecuting Attorney Joe Burkard, took action against specific unjust fees that was previously passed through a House Bill. The end result was a favorable opinion by the Ohio Attorney General that changed the fee policies of all Ohio Recorders.

With Dawn's perspective of "actually using" the office and her years of "on hands" experience of various systems coupled with being an advocate for the individual citizens of our county, Paulding County residents will be served to the fullest. Dawn has stated, "It would be my honor to serve Paulding County in the capacity that would draw from my greatest attributes."

REPUBLICAN BANQUET SPARKS INTEREST FROM PALIN-MCCAIN CAMPAIGN



(r-l) Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor standing beside Republican Representative Kay Langham.



Emergency personnel throughout the county: (l-r) Dan Workman, Robert Herber, Jason Landers, Susie Crossland, David Harrow, Con Shuherk, Gregg Bollenbacher, Keith Wannemacher, Steve Buehrer, Fred Pieper

The Paulding County Republican Banquet was held September 11, annually, in honor of the emergency personnel who serve here and at the 9/11 incident of 2001. The dinner was enjoyed by all who were there.

The main speaker for the evening was Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor. Justice O'Connor spoke on the differences between Justices and how that affects the future of a state or country. The main differences being judicial restraint vs. activism. There were other people from around the state

and national Republican Party who participated also. Dave Smith being the NW Ohio representative spoke on the importance of voting for McCain.

The Paulding County Republican party is working diligently to get McCain & Palin to this county before the fall election. Senator Mike DeWine was there also representing the McCain/Palin 2008 Victory Campaign.

Fred Pieper said that McCain signs are available and should contact him at 419-399-9021 if one is wanted.

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Fri. Oct. 10th Columbus Grove at Paulding
Fri. Oct. 17th Holgate at Antwerp
Fri. Oct. 24th Crestview at Paulding

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OAKWOOD ARBOR #759 MEETING MINUTES



The Oakwood Arbor #759 of the Gleaners Life started their new year by gleaning downtown Oakwood and Memorial Park after the Labor Day weekend. Thank you to all Arbor members who came to help. Vice President John Pier called the September meeting to order by asking Chaplain Dick Parrish for prayer, followed by our Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of last month's meeting, activities and events were read and approved as read. Our activity for tonight was "Learning as an Arbor."

Guest speaker was Wildlife Officer Duane Bailey from Natural Resources of Paul-

ding County, was very informative to our fourteen present. Questions and answers were also very interesting.

Our "People to People" student ambassador to Alaska Denise Smith of Payne was present. Showing us her many pictures and telling of their trip, new friends made and her many thanks for helping with her cost.

Most end of year reports were being finished up and 2008-2009 calendar of events were okay.

October 2 meeting will be at Curves with guest night, 7:00 p.m. Serving refreshments tonight were Dick and Helen Parrish.

LEVY PASSAGE WOULD SAVE PAULDING COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

By: Paulding County Extension Office

Believe it or not, some people in some areas of the state say they've never heard of Extension. But when that happens, all we have to do is ask one question, and the light bulb goes on: "Have you ever heard of 4-H?"

In Paulding County, as everywhere else, 4-H Youth Development claims the highest profile among Extension programs. It's no wonder: Nationally, 4-H is the largest out-of-school youth program, with more than seven million members and 500,000 teen and adult volunteers. Locally, more than 300 youths actively participate in Paulding County 4-H under the guidance of 45 adult volunteers. We offer more than 200 different 4-H projects, from the traditional cooking, sewing and animal-raising projects to those that focus on leadership, fitness and electronics. (Contact us if you're interested in learning more. Our project year starts in October.)

As readers know by now, the 4-H program in Paulding County is at risk. If voters reject the county's general fund levy in November, commissioners will not be able to fund any non-mandated budget lines, including the Paulding County Extension Office. If there is no local funding, there is no Paulding County 4-H program and youth will not be able to cross the county line to participate in a 4-H program in a neighboring county. The current policy is based on the fact that cross county line membership is a reciprocal arrangement. The 4-H program must be available in County A as well as County B for the cross county line membership to even be an opportunity.

As you weigh your options for the November ballot, please be aware that 4-H is much more than project books and fair entries. As the 4-H pledge states, the organization helps members develop their Head to clearer thinking; their Heart to greater loyalty; their Hands to larger service; and their Health to better living.

The Paulding County Junior Leaders put that philosophy into practice by providing community service to many of the county's organizations. In 2007, 18 teens planned, organized and delivered services to several daycare programs by leading the children in songs, crafts, games and snacks. The Junior Leaders annually adopt a family for Christmas, making certain that each child in the family gets a toy, and focusing the rest of their purchases on items most needed by the family, such as clothes and food. The teens also deliver boxes for senior shut-ins who may not have family in the area. In addition to all the community service, these teens also work on their leadership skills by becoming camp counselors, Junior Fair members, Cloverbud judges, and officers in 4-H clubs.

In addition, this summer, 24 Paulding County teenagers served as 4-H Camp Counselors. As one of their adult advisors said, these teens put in countless hours of planning, training and preparation to provide a fun,

exciting and safe experience for all of the children that attended camp. With more than 100 camp participants over a five-day camping experience, these teens took on roles and responsibilities greater than many adults encounter in their daily jobs, without complaint or any monetary reward. Being responsible for children 24 hours a day, nonstop for almost a week requires great amounts of energy, teamwork and leadership skills. Their positive attitudes, support for each other, and enthusiasm for camp itself made a lasting impression on many of the adults involved in the program, and undoubtedly on numerous children fortunate enough to spend a week with these positive role models.

Paulding County 4-H is very proud of its leadership development and community pride. The following are just a few examples of the many community service activities performed by the Paulding County 4-H clubs:

—Club members made 21 fleece tie blankets for children battling cancer or recovering from cancer in the Fort Wayne Lutheran Pediatric Oncology Unit.

—Several clubs helped spruce up the fairgrounds for the 2008 fair. They raked the sheep/goat barn and planted the flowers at the main gate and at the OSU Extension Building. In addition, some members walked in the Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

—Club members' monetary donations to the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood helped purchase books for children, and donated to the John Paulding Historical Society to help purchase a historical marker to mark the spot where the two canals meet in Junction.

—Club members cleaned the Youth Leadership Building inside and out. They pulled weeds, planted flowers, trimmed bushes and refreshed the mulch. In addition, the club visited residents at the Country Inn Assisted Living Home in Latty, Ohio, where they put on skits, did magic tricks and played piano for the residents.

—Club members assembled Easter baskets to give to residents of the Manor House, the assisted living facility in Antwerp.

—In addition, Junior Fair Board members begin meeting in August for next year's fair. They continue to meet regularly throughout the year in planning and organizing fair activities. They put in several hundred hours each in donated time for this activity.

The National 4-H Council describes 4-H as "a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills." Please vote for the general fund levy in November to keep Paulding County youth connected with this community, and to help Keep Paulding County Growing and Strong.

VINTAGE TRUCK SHOW AT JPHS



The 8th annual AHS Vintage Truck Show will be held Sunday, September 21 at the John Paulding Historical Museum, 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and show concludes at 4:00 p.m. There is no entry fee for the truck show. This show is being held in conjunction with the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival.

In 2007 there were 89 antique trucks registered and this year we are hoping for even more. They will be coming from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Rain or shine we are anticipating a great show. We are expecting a rare truck built in Defiance, Ohio. This truck show and festival is a great family event.

NOW HERE IS A TOY



By: Sue Knapp

Yea, I could get into this truck real quick. I had never heard of a SSR Chevy Truck until I talked to Marty and Dee Sherry of Sherry's Sales and Service. They bought their truck in 2004 after which they decided to "spruce it up" a little bit. They had Delbert Dinsmore from Ayresville do the painting.

They take their truck all over the U.S. and into Canada for rallies and get-togethers. They have been on the Hot Rod Power Tour three times, won 3rd place Best of Show in Maggie Valley, NC and have won other numerous awards

around the country and Canada. Usually these trucks are stored in the winter but Marty does get his out once and awhile when it's dry.

Marty and Dee love to travel and see their friends from all over. It's a great way to use their 'investment' while doing something they enjoy.

The SSR Chevy Roadster Trucks were built from 2003-2006. A total of 25,000 were built. Marty and Dee's is built on a Trail Blazer frame and it gets 20 miles per gallon. The hard top comes down to rest behind the seat making it into a convertible.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Molly. Molly is a three or four year old beagle mix. She is a very easy-going dog and knows how to sit and is housetrained.

If you take your dog out in a tall grassy area or out in the woods be sure to check them over for ticks. Ticks like to attach themselves in hard to reach areas like between the toes and behind the ears.

Some of the monthly flea prevention medications also prevent ticks. Check the label or call your veterinarian if you are unsure of your dogs level of protection.

Remember, if your dog becomes lost be sure to notify the Dog Warden's Office right away at 419-399-9728.

The office is open for adoptions on Fridays from 2:00-5:00 or call to make an appointment.

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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

GARAGE SALE - Wed. Sept. 17th, 12327 Buckeye Dr., Paulding. Lots of misc. 8:30-5:00. p

GARAGE SALE: x-box and games, jr. clothes, sporting equipment, kerosene heater, short wave radio, household items and decor, much more! Sat. the 20th, 9am-? 6394 Rd. 47, Payne. p

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PAULDING STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Ashlyn Strahley, a student at Paulding Middle School, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Strahley will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., October 6-12, 2008 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments

and institutions. From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Strahley will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Strahley was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information please visit www.wlfleaders.org.

Hickory Creek at Hicksville, a Charitable Non-Profit Nursing Facility, is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions: RN - Twelve hour third shift position. We offer a positive working environment in a small town setting. "Come Home to Hickory Creek"



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SOCIAL WORKER POSITION
 Social Worker: Children Services - Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services. Responsibilities include: Working with abused/neglected/dependent children and their families. Is required to be on-call to investigate reports of abuse and neglect. Works with foster homes, court systems and other professionals; must comply with federal/state laws, policies and procedures. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in human services-related field. This position is classified under state civil service and testing will be required. Equal Opportunity Employer.
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JOB OPENING
 Paulding County USDA Farm Service Agency has an immediate opening for a permanent part-time office position (20 hours/week). Duties include basic clerical work. Successful applicant must be reliable, have a professional attitude and enjoy working with the public. Knowledge of local agricultural practices is helpful but not required.
Apply online:
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Or respond to:
 260A Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879; Phone: 419-399-3841; Fax: 419-399-2919
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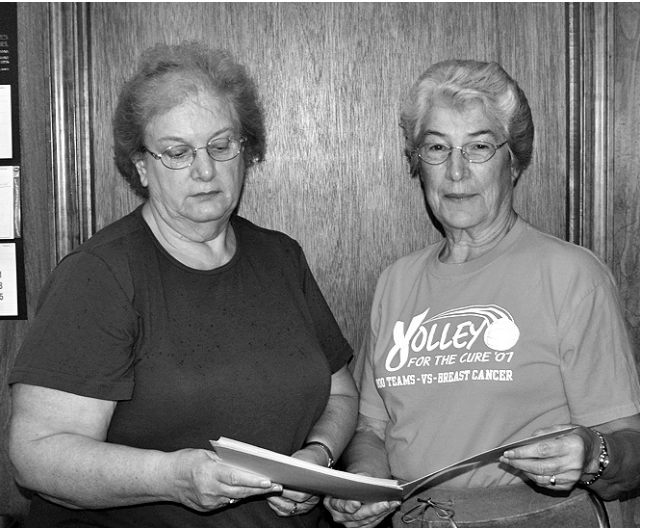
HOUSE FOR SALE - 469/27 LOCATION. 10 acres - 2 ponds executive ranch. 2700 sq ft 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Raised panel doors, ceramic flooring, landscaped w/2 extra garages. Must sell - relocation. 4634 Monroeville Road, \$219,900. 260-639-6924 or 260-750-4205. 38-41

ANTWERP

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS! Country living in one of Ohio's best school districts and still only a few minutes from everything Fort Wayne has to offer. This 3 bedroom ranch sits on approximately 2 acres with 1900 sq ft of living space and a 1/2 acre fully stocked pond. Very large living room, 1 and 1/2 baths, separate laundry room, large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room which could possibly be used for an extra bedroom, and breezeway with sliding glass door leading out to the pond and fire pit. Newer roof shingles and gutters. C/A, RO water system in kitchen. **\$139,000.** County Road 204, northwest of Antwerp. 419-258-2514. tf

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Ann Snider and Darlene Billman finalizing the plans for the UMC Health Fair.

ANTWERP UMC HOST COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

It is Antwerp United Methodist Church Community Health Fair time. Plans are almost finalized. The date is Saturday, October 4, and runs from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. This leaves you most of the day for your usual activities. For those of you who are fasting, sign in will be as before. Other medically affiliated personnel will be in the multipurpose room. They are: Durable Medical Products with all sorts of devices that for one reason or another we may all need at some time. Home Health Care will also have an instrument that will show any sun damage to our face. Sun damage is a precursor to skin cancer. They will also have a number of other items of interest. A Dental Hygienist will also be there compliments of Dr. Bricker. Paulding Area Visiting Nurs-

es will be there giving Flu shots. A representative from the Senior Center is coming and also one from the Manor House. Audiologist, Kim Molitor will check your hearing. Joyce Svoboda, Nutritional Specialist at Paulding Hospital will be there to advise anyone on specialty diets. The new Hospice Hospital "The Caring Way" of Defiance will be represented by Mary Ellen Rittenhouse, she will also do Blood Pressure checks. Marsha Cross will be back again to give people a sample of her massage therapy. Dr. Krouse was invited back this year. Paulding Hospital will have a representative from their Physical Therapy department. We all know that proper exercise improves our health. Look for our posters around town. There is a minimal cost for the lab work and the flu vaccine. Hope to see you all there.

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provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. On Thursday, September 25, the teen book discussion group will follow Ellie, in *Playing Solitaire* by Nancy Antle, as she survives the loss of her mother, trauma from her father, and rebuilding her life with her grandparents. According to the book cover, "Nancy Antle's soul-stirring tale of what it takes to not only survive but thrive in the aftermath of tough times will leave readers with much to think about, recognize, and savor." The teen book discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer and Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman. On Saturday, September 27, the Book Brunch Discussion Group, for upper elementary to middle school children, will follow that same theme of thriving, not just surviving. In *The Year of Miss Agnes* by Kirkpatrick Hill, "No other teacher throws away old textbooks and reads Greek myths and Robin Hood... And no other teacher ever, ever told the kids they were each good at something... This is a story about Alaska, about the old ways and the new, about pride. And it's a story about a great teacher who opens a door to the world-where, once you go through, nothing is ever the same again." The other book the Book Brunch Discussion Group will be reviewing is *Gentle's Holler* by Kerry Madden. "Twelve-year-old Livy Two Weems knows there's a whole world to see beyond the North Carolina hills... But she also knows family is more important than daydreams... Her

family has learned to make do with what they have, and when a doctor says little Gentle won't ever see, Livy Two quickly comes up with a plan to help her sister. But when more tragedy strikes, can she continue to stay strong for her family?" This book discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood. The library has ordered copies of the books for the discussions, so each group member may have a copy. Please stop by the library and pick up your copy today. Are you looking for ways to lower your water bills? Do you want to become more energy conscious and lower your water usage? Then plan on attending the Water Conservation at Home Program on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The program is free, and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. Hicksville Village employees will provide insights and ideas that could help you lower your water usage and therefore cut costs on your bills. Defiance Soil & Water Conservation will be present to show you how water filters through layers of soil in our area. Group participants are also encouraged to share their thoughts, questions, and ideas on water conservation. For more information on the Water Conservation at Home Program or to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173. For more information on any of the other library programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

SPECIAL ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp
Antwerp Village held a special Council Meeting on September 8 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting started off with a public hearing to rezone Maumee Landing from Agriculture to Residential. Darlene Fillmore brought to the Council information about unpaid EMS bills. It was decided that Solicitor, Melanie Farr, would send them letters with her office heading to try and get responses for the unpaid bills. Ordinance # 2008-51: An Ordinance accepting the final plat of the Colony Villa Subdivision, phase 1, referencing Lots 20 through 22 as being vacated, and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted. Ordinance #2008-49: An Ordinance establishing policies and procedures for the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement and maintenance of sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp, OH. 1st reading. Ordinance #2008-48: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance # 94-12 to establish a policy for the installation and replacement of sidewalks in the village of Antwerp, Ohio. 1st reading. Ordinance #2008-47: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance #94-07 clarifying certain conditions of the zoning code regarding sidewalks in the Village of Antwerp, OH.

1st reading. Ordinance #2008-46: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note in anticipation of the issuance of bond for the purpose of water repairs and capital improvements and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted. Ordinance #2008 45: An Ordinance establishing rules and guidelines for the confinement of animals within the Village of Antwerp, OH. 1st reading. Ordinance #2008-44: An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio specifically, an Ordinance amending the zoning classification of the lots within the Maumee Landing Subdivision located in the Village of Antwerp, OH from A-1, Agricultural district, to R-1 single family district or R-2, multi-family residential district and declaring the same an emergency. Accepted. R 2008-07: Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, by emergency. Accepted. Ordinance #2008-42: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the Water Fund to the Shaffer Road waterline fund in the amount of \$5,498.93 and declaring the same to be an emergency. Accepted.

MISSIE BOWMAN TENDS ANIMALS AT ANIMAL CLINIC OF PAULDING



By: Sue Knapp
Missie Bowman decided in junior high that she wanted to be a veterinarian. When she was in the 6th grade her family moved from Convoy to Paulding and got their first dog. During the veterinarian visits she became interested in the profession and because she's always loved animals it made her decision easy on what profession she wanted to go into. She graduated from Paulding in 1988. She went to undergrad school for four years and a Veterinarian School for four years, ending with a Bachelor's Degree. When Dr. Harold Wilkin retired in 2004 he sold his veterinarian practice (Animal

Clinic of Paulding) to Missie and his son, Tom Wilkin. Missie specializes in small animals and is able to perform all types of surgeries from dental to simple orthopedics. She also donates time and efforts to animals picked up by the Dog Warden that need medical attention. Missie is dedicated to her growing practice and in helping with community projects, such as fund raisers for the Dog Shelter. Missie and her husband, Martin, live in Convoy and have two boys. Your pet can see Missie at Animal Clinic of Paulding, 308 E. Jackson, Paulding, Oh 419-399-2871.

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SATURDAY: 9 a.m. Gates open to the public and activities continue all day. 7-11 a.m. County Firefighters Ass'n. PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 10 a.m.-6 p.m. WESLEY LINENKUGAL BAND providing the finest dulcimer entertainment in the Midwest! Outdoor, live performance. 10 a.m. "LONGBERGER" BASKET AUCTION - Extension Building 10 a.m. ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL (weigh-in 8 a.m.) 12 p.m.-5 p.m. K of C CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE 5 p.m. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOG ROAST 6 p.m. - 7:30 pm FROM BRANSON & VEGAS: The Brenner & Mingo Show: Live, On-Stage 7-11 p.m. LEN COLLIER BAND, 'Ioc tappin' tunes for polka & square dancing.

SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Gates open to the public and activities continue all day at Flat Rock Creek. 7-11 a.m. PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 9 a.m. VINTAGE & CLASSIC TRUCK SHOW - 419-399-5462 or 419-594-2287 10 a.m. NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES - Extension building 11:30-2 p.m. BEEF & NOODLE DINNER by DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH Flat Rock Creek presents WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 3300 LB. LIGHTWEIGHT HORSEPULL, SPECTACULAR HEAVYWEIGHT FOLLOWS. Some of the top draft horses in the world will appear. Michigan Dynamometer Ass'n's largest purse. 12 noon FLAT ROCK CREEK Presents "The Detroit Fiddlers" 1-5 p.m. FREE PARKING • PRIMITIVE CAMPING • CAMPING AREA WITH ELECTRIC HOOK-UPS FESTIVAL OPENS FRIDAY 10 A.M. • SATURDAY 9 A.M. • SUNDAY 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. EXHIBITOR PLAQUES AND RIBBONS, LONG DISTANCE AWARDS

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