

## LAURA WEGMANN WINS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



If you've been in Woodburn Fresh Foods you've probably been helped by a very nice young lady. She doesn't have just a pretty smile, she's smart too. She recently entered an essay writing scholarship contest through her father's NRA magazine. She ended up winning first prize. Winning really isn't the wording to use—she earned it.

Laura Wegmann is 18 years of age and is homeschooled in the Woodburn area. She is a senior in The John Young Preparatory High School. Her parents are Lynn and Elizabeth Wegmann. She has one older and two younger brothers (keep-

ing her on her toes!). Laura is active at Trinity Evangelical Church in Fort Wayne. Woodburn Fresh Foods in downtown Woodburn has been her place of employment for nearly two years. Her many activities include flute choir, speech & debate, art—she loves water colors.

The scholarship competition was sponsored by the Youth Education Summit of which there was a major convention this past summer in Washington DC. Thousands of essays from juniors and seniors around the country were submitted. The reward was a scholarship worth \$2,500 toward furthering ed-

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## OSU EXTENSION TO OFFER MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

Paulding, Ohio—The Paulding County OSU Extension Office will be offering Master Gardener classes every Thursday beginning March 6, 2008 through May 1, 2008. Requirements for the course include 50 hours instruction and an additional 50 hours of volunteer services. A fee covers the cost of training materials and other expenses that the county may incur to conduct training and to help support educational activities. For additional information contact the Extension office at 419-399-8225.

## ANTWERP COUNCIL HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

By: Sue Knapp

Monday, January 28 the Antwerp Council met to discuss the seat vacated by Dan Gordon. In the regular meeting on January 21 they elected Rudie Reeb to fill the position. It was found out that Rudie did not qualify because he hasn't been a resident of Antwerp for a year, thus forcing the Council to elect another.

Larry Ryan was chosen and will fill the seat that will expire at the end of 2009.

## LOCAL ARTISTS EARN 2ND PLACE IN NATIONAL SNOW SCULPTING COMPETITION

Sandy Dobbelaere of Oakwood Ohio and High School Art teacher along with her son, Jesse Dobbelaere and his wife Traci (from Toledo) just returned from the Zehnders Frankenmuth Michigan National Snow Sculpting Competition where they received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the National Division.

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of snow sculpting for Sandy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for Jesse and the 1<sup>st</sup> year for Traci. They are the only team from Ohio that competes.

The competition is from January 23 through January 26. They receive a block of snow is 10'x10'. The Dobbelaere's block ended up being about 15 feet tall with the extra that was cut and added at the top for the trunk. International teams get the 20'x10' blocks.

To compete, a drawing and a photo of the model to be sculpted has to be sent in November, then the organization notifies the competitors of their acceptance into the competition. Many of the carvers travel all winter going



from event to event competing.

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**OBITUARIES**

A. Bruce Moore, 88, of Oakwood died Thursday, January 31, 2008 at his home.

He was born November 2, 1919 in Hicksville, Ohio the son of I.F. (Frosty) and Maude (Platter) Moore. He was a 1938 graduate of Hicksville High School and in 1944 he married M. Imogene (Tracy) Moore, who passed in 1996.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII veteran, serving in Northern Ireland aboard the USS Waukesha also the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and Tokyo Harbor for the occupation of Japan. He was a 32-year employee of General Motors, Defiance, Ohio retiring in 1982. He also delivered ambulances for Braun Industries. He was a former Boy Scout leader of Troop #19 in Oakwood, Ohio. He was a life member and past post commander of V.F.W. Post #3360 of Defiance, Ohio. He was a member of the F & A Masonic Lodge of Continental, Ohio and a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Defiance, Ohio. He was a member of the American Legion Post #541 of Continental, Ohio and a member of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church of Oakwood, Ohio.

Surviving are a son, Robert (Peg) Moore of Oakdale, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Patty (Bill) Vance of Paulding; a sister, Virginia Beltz of Hicksville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Linda Powell; a grandson, Thomas Moore; and a sister, Leila Hannah.

Funeral services were February 5, 2008 at the DenHerder Funeral Home Paulding. Rev. Michael Brown officiated. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery Paulding, Ohio with the Defiance V.F.W. Post #3360 conducting military

honors.

Memorials to the World War II National Memorial in Washington D.C., Twin Oaks United Methodist Church of Oakwood, Ohio or the charity of the donor's choice.

**Donald W. Kagy**, 85, of Paulding, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2008 at the Country Inn, Paulding.

Donald was born in Bloomville, Ohio on January 27, 1923, the son of the late Clyde and Clady (Weaver) Kagy.

Donald graduated from Ohio State University and was the director of the Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District from 1969 to 1978. Previous to that he was the plant manager worked at Page Dairy, Bluffton, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a Sgt. stationed in England during WWII, was a member of the Paulding VFW Post 587 and the Soil Conservation Society of America and enjoyed farming. On October 30, 1948, he married Marie Roth, who survives.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Marie; daughters: Diane (Marshall) Olp of Yuma, AZ and Ann (Steve) Wamberg, Colorado Springs, CO; sons: Roger (Pat) of Houston, TX and James (Jane) of Cincinnati, OH; sisters: Eunice (Junior) Nagle of Willard, Marlene (Boyd) Gurney of Richmond, VA and Lois (Bill) Reichart of Columbus, OH; brothers: Joe (Katie) of Maumee, Steve (Dottie) and Merle (RoseAnne) both of Tiffin; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his sisters: Mildred and Joyce; and brothers: Gilbert (Skip), Berlin, Ken, Carlton and Forest.

You are invited to participate in his service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Thursday, February 7, 2:00 p.m. with Steve Wamberg officiating.

You may call Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest at Saint Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

The family requests donations to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

**RESOLUTION PROVIDES BONUSES FOR OHIO VETERANS**

**Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer**

Whether they are at home or abroad, America's servicemen and women sacrifice a great deal on our behalf. During a time of conflict many are shipped overseas, leaving their homes, jobs, friends and, most importantly, their families in order to defend our freedoms. Even when the conflict ends, they face an almost equally difficult transition from the military back to civilian life, taking back all the responsibilities, financial and otherwise, they left behind.

This week, the Ohio Senate took an important step to help reduce this financial burden. Senate Joint Resolution 5 would place an amendment on the November ballot to give Ohio voters the opportunity to extend a "thank you" to soldiers who are returning, by providing each of them with a cash bonus to honor their service.

Under this proposal, those who served in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq could receive \$100 per month of service, up to \$1,000. Soldiers who served elsewhere during these conflicts could receive \$50 per month of service, up to \$500. In addition, SJR 5 would offer \$5,000 as a death benefit to the families of soldiers

killed in the line of duty.

Ohio has a history of supporting veterans, as voters have overwhelmingly approved similar constitutional amendments in the past. In 1921, Ohioans approved a measure to extend bonuses to those returning home from World War I. Ohioans followed suit over the next several decades, granting bonuses to the soldiers of World War II, Korea and, most recently, Vietnam. While bonuses have been an important way to help veterans transition back into their communities, they also send a strong message that we all appreciate their service and respect the sacrifice they have made.

I am a firm believer that Ohio's soldiers deserve all the support we as civilians can offer. Therefore, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of SJR 5. Come November, I hope that we will have the opportunity to show our appreciation to Ohio's servicemen and women.

After the Senate's vote this past week, SJR 5 now moves to the Ohio House for further consideration. For more information on the amendment, please visit the Ohio General Assembly website: [www.legislature.state.oh.us](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us).

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

**49 CLUB AND OTHERS COLLECT FOR THE SOLDIERS**

The 49 Club and mothers of deployed soldiers of a 12-15 month tour of duty, Lee Holmes and Moses Godoy, are collecting items for care packages for them and their units. Soldiers hardly ever ask for things that we take for granted everyday. Items such as baby wipes, chap stick, lotions, disposable razors, candy, home baked goods, snacks, magazines, DVD movies, socks, etc. A list of items is posted in the 49 Club in Payne, where there are boxes to drop off anything you might want to share with the soldiers. Just a simple letter could bring a smile to a soldier. Do you have five minutes to write to a soldier?

If you would like to just send a letter you can drop it off at the Club 49 or simply mail it to Lee or Moses or just a soldier, 503 Carlyle St. Payne, OH 45880. I'll be sure it gets delivered.

—DiAnne Holmes

**NOW READ THIS: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL MEETING**

By: Stan Jordan

We have had two meetings of the committee on establishing a memorial for all the Antwerp Veterans. It is for all the Antwerp Veterans. It is for all branches of the service plus the Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves and anyone who served their country in war or peace, overseas or stateside, makes no difference, all they need is to be from the Antwerp area

and have an Honorable Discharge.

We have a lot of supporters but we need a lot of volunteers in a big undertaking like this.

We need a person to design or make initial plans for said memorial. We need one or two people to be in charge of this project, we've got helpers but we need a few 'chiefs'.

We would like to get a representative from some of the groups in the area to come and see the basics of the program and to give any suggestions they have.

If you think you will have trouble getting yours or a family member's Service Record, call Randy Brooks, the County Veteran Service Officer, at 419-399-8285, he will be glad to help you.

In a week, or so, we will be having another meeting and we wish you would come and take part.

On these town meetings, Ron Ludderan, from Sherwood, tells us how they went about renovating their Veterans Memorial and shares pictures, facts and figures.

If you will watch the paper, we will tell you when and where the next meeting will be. We thank you for your support.

**REMEMBERING OUR MOTHER/GRANDMOTHER/SISTER - EILEEN DONAT 10-15-21 / 02-10-07**

In tears we saw you sinking  
And watched you pass away,  
Our hearts were really broken  
We wanted you to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping  
So peaceful, free from pain,  
How could we wish you back  
with us  
To suffer that again.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.

If roses grow in heaven

Lord, please pick a bunch for us,

Place them in our Mother's arms  
And tell her they're from us.

Tell her we love her and miss her

And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss on her cheek  
And hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy

We do it every day,  
But there's an ache within our hearts  
That will never go away.

Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
The earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears,  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today,  
Now nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched,  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she is loved so much!

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education of the young person. Laura submitted the essay below. She was called by the organization, who told her she did not win and that they appreciated her submission. Several days later she received another phone call. This time she was told there was nothing wrong with her article, they loved it. The problem was they didn't have a sponsor for Indiana and now they do! Laura won!

More good news (especially for her dad): She was just notified from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, she has earned a half-paid scholarship for four years in addition to the \$2,500 scholarship. She has several fields of study she would like to venture upon: political science, economics and the medical field.

Laura loves her family and is appreciative they took the time to give her the best in life they could. Her prize winning essay is printed below.

Rights."

In this essay we will examine one of the greatest triumphs of individual liberty, the Second Amendment. Does the Second Amendment still hold the same meaning today as it did to our forefathers 250 years ago? Is it still relevant to present day society? In order to answer this twofold question, we must examine the Second Amendment's words and allow them to illuminate the author's intent. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." The very nature of the Bill of Rights and the wording of the Second Amendment presents a dilemma to those who believe it to be irrelevant. When one examines the amendment for its original intent—its sole intent, it becomes apparent that this amendment protects an individual's right to possess arms. This is evident in the words of George Mason: "I ask, who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officers." (Mason 1788)

The claim that the Second Amendment addresses a "collective" right, that it belongs only to a group of people, is neither rational nor historical. Rights, by definition, belong to the individual. To speak of a "collective" right is not to speak of a right at all, but rather a privilege. The assertion that the Second Amendment applies only to the National Guard is also invalid. Historically, the right to keep and bear arms did not denote a military connotation. It must be stated that Pennsylvania's constitution of 1776 was the first to use the phrase: "the right to bear arms" though it, itself did not possess a state militia. The essence of the Second Amendment can be further seen in the words of James Madison when he spoke of the Bill of Rights as: "guards for the private rights."

The effects of the Second Amendment are far reaching, for in 1803, even the English acknowledged its enduring significance. British statesman St George Tucker avowed: "In American we may see reasonable hope that the people will never cease to regard the

right of keeping and bearing arms as the surest pledge of their liberty." Undoubtedly this was the intent of our forefathers. The Second Amendment is most certainly an unchanging fundamental component in our freedom and independence.

Having addressed the meaning of the Second Amendment, we may now turn our attention to its present-day role in our society. Sir William Blackstone once stated: "[Self-defense is] justly called the primary law of nature, so it is not, neither can it be in fact, taken away by the laws of society." The stubborn reality is this: firearms are the simplest and most effective means of individual protection. In his book, Stopping Power, J. Neil Schulman points out that "American women use handguns 416 times a day in defense against rapists." The women of America cannot suffer this liberty to be denied. Not only do millions of Americans enjoy the right to keep and bear arms, but they have exercised this right to save countless lives. According to the National Rifle Association, "Each year in the U.S. gun owners use firearms for protection as frequently as 2.5 million times." America's first patriots recognized that in order to secure the rights for posterity, free citizens must be able to arm themselves. In the words of Noah Webster, "Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed..."

The Second Amendment is freedom's legacy. It is through the Second Amendment that we are guaranteed the ability to protect our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If we do not safeguard this cornerstone of independence we will certainly lose it. Over two centuries ago John Adams cautioned: "A Constitution of Government once changed from freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever." Let us see to it, that it is never so!

**WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM COMMITTEE CHICKEN DINNER**

On February 9, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. the Wayne Trace High School After Prom Committee has planned to host a Port-a-Pit Chicken Dinner and a Silent Auction. This will be located in the high school cafeteria prior to the last home boys basketball game against Vanlue.

Dinner will include: 1/2 of a chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, cookie and drink.

For the auction, several local businesses have donated some really nice items.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Paulding County EMA director, Randy Shaffer reviewed with Commissioners various grant fund balances used by his office. Requests for reimbursement for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter of FY2007 under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) were submitted and received totaling \$21,770.98. Current expenses for grant dollars in the amount of \$3,321.02 will be submitted to the State for reimbursement within the next week.

County Recorder Carol Temple updated the Commissioners on the number of mortgage filings her office has processed last month compared to last year at this time. In December 2006 there were 113 mortgages processed and in December 2007 there were 67. Carol indicated that there should be a spike in the coming months now that the interest rates are falling. Many will be homeowners refinancing at a lower interest rate.

County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher was present for the opening of bids on a combined note for the CSEA Annex and the Eagle Creek-Wilson ditch. The note totaled \$80,053.04 and the successful bidder was the Antwerp Exchange Bank at a 3.43% interest rate.

Commissioners traveled to Bryan for the quarterly meeting of the Four County Solid Waste meeting. Paulding County along with Fulton, Williams, and Defiance comprise this district. Funding for our recycling programs are supported by funds made available from this district. An Ohio Recycling Market Development Grant is in the process of application from Kohart's Surplus & Salvage. The District will submit a letter of support with this grant application. Becky Suvar, Paulding County district coordinator gave a report to the district on her activities for the quarter. Some of those included recycling tires left along County roads. Becky presented a program to fourth graders about recycling and the importance of our environment. May 31, 2008, has been set as the date the TV recycling day. The recycling trailer continues to be provided at various locations throughout the county. Contact Becky at 419-399-3630 for the time and location of the recycling trailer in your area.

Commissioners attended the Paulding Planning Commission meeting. Harrison Township presented a change in the zoning of several lots at the request of the Dooley Funeral Home. The change was from agricultural to business/commercial. Harrison Township proposed to add language to



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ed like celebrities because that is the draw for the tourists throughout the week.

In addition to the National snow sculpting event there is the International event with teams that come from Finland, Mexico, Canada, Eng-

land, France, and the Netherlands. There is also the state of Michigan competition, high school and elementary divisions. The State and National Ice carving competitions are held that week also.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> place the Dobbelaere's received a plaque and \$500 in cash.

their zoning regulations regarding mobile homes. Both items met with approval.

MR/DD director Doug McVey updated commissioners on their program. The MR/DD board reorganized with Bill Priest serving as President, Jim Henriott Vice-President, and Shirley Cramer as Secretary. This board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 at the Parc Lane Training Center.

Brent Tow and Pam Baynes from Community Health Professionals/Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice gave a presentation to the Commissioners on what they offer to the citizens of Paulding County. It was mentioned that they provide services whether the patient has the ability to pay or not. No one is turned away from the Hospice program. Fundraisers help defray the cost of some of these expenses.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners' Office is available for assistance in helping you determine which county office to contact with questions.

**ANTWERP ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Antwerp Elementary will hold its Kindergarten Round Up on March 25 and 26 here at the school. At Antwerp Elementary, kindergarten is open to students who will be 5 years of age before August 1, 2008. We have already begun scheduling appointments for the kindergarten entrance screenings and registration.

Are you unsure about whether your child is ready for school? The screening will help you make that important decision. If your child's birthdate makes him/her eligible, call us at 258-5421, ext. 2200 to schedule your appointment. This will be the only screening we do before next school year, so don't miss out; call today. According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade.

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# FORGE AND FARRIER SERVICE ALIVE AND WELL IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Sue Knapp

Brett Shepherd wanted to do something different with his life. He decided to take a buy-out from GM and he enrolled into the Kentucky Horseshoeing School. His wife, Lori, works at Hawthorne Court and their two children, Amanda 11, and Zoe 7 go to school in Paulding. The girls like to go with him to shoe and trim horses feet. When he works on Belgian horses it can be quite a work out with each leg weighing 40-60 pounds.

He made a special back end for his truck that contains what he needs to do horseshoeing. He carries a gas forge, anvil, grinders to sharpen his knives, a plasma cutter plus everything he needs to shoe a horse.

Brett has learned a lot and considers Melvin Hoch, the Auglaze Village Blacksmith his mentor.

Brett uses bar steel that he purchases from Kohart's. He'll take a piece of bar steel, make slits in it and out of that comes a very pretty cross. He makes other decorative items such as brackets for shelves and details a lot of his items with leaves

and vines that he forges out of metal. He also makes candle holders. One that he has reproduced is called a courting candle. Back in the day, before electricity, the dad had this special candle holder. He was able to raise and lower the candle. When his daughter's beau came the dad would raise the candle and say you have her back by the time the candle burns down to there. Well, how are they supposed to know how long it will take for the candle to burn down to there?

I guess that's the point. He's taken a loop off of an old coil spring and made a pair of tongs to work with. He does make a lot of his tools. He has made a tripod for camping and hot dog forks.

All the food items he makes are coated with vegetable oil and all others are coated with bees-wax and mineral oil.

Brett is just one of a talented group of people around Paulding County who want to keep the history and the preservation of old ways alive.

# CONFESSIONS OF A PACK RAT

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I'm a professional pack rat. I am one of millions of well-meaning Americans who has the disease so bad that it just about kills me to throw something away.

I always figure that some day I'll need it and then I'll always have it. In fact, "DeSelm's Law" states that when I finally do get around to pitching something, invariably I'll need it within two weeks.

I have clothes I'll never wear, books I'll never read, cans of varnish I'll never use (even if I could manage to pry the lids off).

My garage is beginning to look like a warehouse for an auctioneer. Do you know how many Christmas boxes I've saved up through the years that I keep hanging on to? I'll bet I could supply the catalog department at J.C. Penney's with shirt boxes for the next decade. But throw those babies away? Never.

Something else I never throw out is old gym shoes. I tell my wife that I can use them when I mow the lawn or wash the car. "But," she says, "do you really think you need five pairs of lawn mowing shoes?"

I'm trying to shake the habit, but it's hard. Some of you understand completely.

It's even harder to throw away old stuff in the spiritual realm. In Roman 13:12, Paul talks about the need to "throw away the deeds of darkness and to put on the armor of light."

There are a lot of old habits, thought patterns, and impulses that I still have sitting around in my spiritual "garage" that I find awfully difficult to throw away.

I've gotten used to them, and occasionally my carnal nature blows the dust off of them and I sin. God wants me to rid myself of that junk in my life. It takes discipline, effort, and pain. But it sure helps to clean up my act.

I haven't got the problem licked; but with the conviction and encouragement of the Holy Spirit, I'm making progress, not only in my spiritual life, but also in my garage. And that's a mighty good feeling.

By the way... interested in a pair of beat up old sneakers? I've got a few that have got to go.

# ANNUAL LENTEN SERVICES IN OAKWOOD

The Annual Lenten Services will be held at The Twin Oaks U.M. Church in Oakwood each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

February 12 - Robert Merriman, Associate Pastor of AuGlaize Chapel Church of God

February 19 - Beth Armstrong, former Associate Pastor of Twin Oaks U.M. Church

February 26 - Jim Nathan, Pastor of Twin Oaks U.M. Church

March 4 - Ben Lowell, Pastor of Paulding U.M. Church

March 11 - Jim Wright, former Associate Pastor of Junction Bible Church

The theme will be "Valentine of God (the cross)". Everyone is welcome.

# LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE AT BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It's hard to believe that the Lenten season is upon us already. Today, however is Ash Wednesday and that means the beginning of a very busy time at Bethel United Methodist Church. Along with our regular Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school following, we will have a special service every Sunday evening during lent. There are several things planned for these Sunday evenings this year. This week will be a prayer and healing night. Most of us carry some kind of hurt, whether its physical or emotional, this is a night to bring it to God and let the healing begin.

The next week will be our contemporary service. This is relatively new to Bethel. Once a month we get together with our friends from the Antwerp Community Church and sing praises to God, usually accompanied by a guitar or two and sometimes a whole band. Both of these services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Many more interesting things are in the works for these evenings including a missions night and a praise night.

These are just a few of the things planned at this time. More details will be coming in the next couple weeks. You are, of course, always invited to join us for Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, we have Pioneer Club at 6:45 for the children four years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior MYF for those kids in Jr. High and High School at 7:00 p.m. These both last until 8:00 p.m. The men have breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of every month and the women meet the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If you would like more information about any of these events you can contact Pastor Charles Schmunk at 419-899-4135. Bethel is located at the corners of Rd. 73 and 192, just off US 24.

Keep the news coming. News is always free. Let your friends, neighbors and community know what's going on!

# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT WINTER ANIMALS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers are learning about winter animals and what they do to keep warm during the long, cold days and nights. We have talked about owls, snow hares, penguins and polar bears. Shown here with our polar

bears in their fluffy, white coats are from left: Wyatt Beckman, Zachary Gorrrell and Brooke Ankney. These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Ann Miller and Mrs. Carrie Myers.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

As I was reading your paper on page 14, January 30<sup>th</sup> issue on ODOT directs Federal Transportation.

The ODOT is talking about how our young go to school and back home by using cars and not walking or riding their bikes like we did a long time ago. How our young are getting lazy and turning into a glob of unused muscle. This reminds me of when I was young and going to school in Antwerp. The way I got to school was walking when I lived in town. It was not that far to my Mom and Dad, but to me it was a long way from West Washington to the school behind the Shell station. It made no difference if it snowed or if it was warm, I walked most of the time or rode my bike. Oh yeah, and back then most bikes had only one gear, big tires and hard to ride—not like the ones you have now with 25 speeds and only weigh 16 oz. I did get a break when it rained or when Mr. Slone would come over and offer to take me to school

(It was one way to make sure I went to school).

Well, most of us kids in town walked everywhere or rode our bikes and had fun doing it because it was the only way we knew. We played ball in neighbors' empty lots. Most of the time it was only a three or four man team, but we played outside and had fun. In the summer we would leave the house in the morning and would come home late that afternoon or after dark. It's not that our parents were bad or did not care about us—we didn't have crime or anything like that to worry about. Nobody locked the doors to their home or cars. Kids played outside after dark, walked all over town and, most of the time, we did nothing. Let me tell you in the late fifties and early sixties, for young kids there was nothing to do. We had no games on the computer to play, or cell phones, or Play stations to play with—we had to make our entertainment.

Later on when I was 13 we moved to the country out on West River Road about a mile from 49 North. I rode the bus to school and it was fun—I talk with friends and played games on the bus. The bus went past our house two times as it made its rounds, so if I got up late I rode the second time it passed.

In the summer when school was out, and it was warm I would hitch a ride to town with someone and hang out in town with some of my friends. I washed a lot of cars at the Shell station back then. I also washed and waxed house trailers at Varner's. I found a lot of things to keep me busy and a way to make money.

Well, back to the walking part. When I went to town I was told if you go to town you find your own way home—nobody was coming to town to pick me up. I tell you what, the River bridge and the River Road can get real spooky and

dark at ten or eleven o'clock at night with no moon out. You learn how to keep your eyes open and walk without making noise. You know back then, there were not that many cars on the road. Many times I walked home at night without seeing one car (I know it is hard to believe but it is true).

Now, thinking back to when I was young and the way things were then and the way things are now. I did not want my kids walking the streets of Paulding (This is where they went to school ) or walking to school like I had to. No, my kids were going to have it better than I did. My wife and I took our kids to school or they rode the bus. Crime is all around us now—you have to lock everything and be careful where you walk day or night. You can't trust anyone like when I was a kid. So I can see why not many kids walk to school now. No side walks in some places; too many cars; and large trucks on the road. Cars go faster now and more people drive. You can't sling a dead cat without hitting a semi truck. People are rude—they don't have any consideration for other people. Some people don't know what turn signals are for. They drive like they own the road so it is not safe to walk or ride a bike. So what are we to do?

People, when you are driving, turn on your head lights when it is raining or snowing it is not for you to see, it's so you can be seen. Use turn signals—we all can't guess where you're going and use them before you make the turn not after, and most importantly, don't tail gate me—do that at the football game.

—Gerry Shidler

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

After reading all the letters back and forth on the jail and other county issues, I think that enough is enough! Part dead issues, past old news and balance of he said/they said needs to be retired! Our county has a lot of other new issues that needs attention, like economic development and jobs to create a tax base to operate on. Understand I believe that everybody needs to be able to view their opinions, but it's time to move up and on to help our county offices—no more kicking them. There are plenty of conservatives and liberals who like nothing more than to snip at each other, but there's a lot more moderates, like me, who want government to do their job effectively and efficiently.

One of the regular writers told me that paying taxes is what he hates most, and he feels that eliminating taxes totally is his goal! He said he didn't care about roads, bridges, schools and other infrastructures, he doesn't want to pay taxes—it's the largest problem with this country. Now I don't like taxes either, there's been a lot more of them I voted against than for, but a tax base takes care of fire protection, without, the insurance would really be insane. I'm a product of public schools, we would not have a good education at our house without it. I don't know of anyone who remembers a time our hospitals were paid for by taxes before being taken over by multinational for profit corporations, and if you think our county doesn't do a good job with the resources they have, just go to any county in the country with little or no tax base, drive down their roads and try to dodge the holes and closed bridges. Look at their schools, see if there's excellence in their teachers and children; look at the stores closed up and gone, then see their deaths in birth rate and elderly. I do support taxes for all the above as long as they're used properly and we can see results.

There's got to be some belt tightening in government just like at home or in a business, balance is the thing most moderates look for. The biggest issue that we need to look at is how to keep our graduates from leaving the county. 70 years ago Walter Reuther said that, "The best social program is a good paying job! We really need to see to it that every effort is made to create more good paying jobs in our county which will in turn make our county not just the 'most affordable', but a great place for everyone to raise a family."

Thank you,  
—Mike Porter

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

*Raise the flag... for a Soldier*

The "war"—right or wrong—is not the point I am trying to make with this letter. The soldiers somehow have been put on the back burner of the media. There are several military service men and women in my small community of Payne, whom we are proud of and I thank them when I see them. Some have been on 2-5 tours, and some are on their first tour, as my son is. When this war began every body had their flags flying proudly. There is a misunderstanding with some, that the flag is a seasonal decoration; this is not true. When you look at the flag it should remind you of freedom and that we are the United States of America. It should be flying at all times, especially now.

I found this letter in an article from an officer, before the surge, that I thought should be shared.

"I am stationed in Baghdad, Iraq, and as I walk around camp, not one American flag is seen. Sadly this is not a joke. Out of curiosity, I asked why no flags were flown and was told that we don't want to appear an occupying force, nor do we want to offend someone in the name of political correctness. With 155,000 troops in a country that has neither a fully func-

tioning military nor government, I'd venture to say we are an occupying force.

"While it is painful enough to accept political correctness or bureaucratic dictated rules of engagement when dealing with terrorists, the failure to proudly fly Old Glory for fear of offending someone or appearing to be an occupying force is shameful. Our flag has always flown proudly during all of America's wars, until now. Is it too much to ask for Old Glory to once again fly above her soldiers in battle and stand as a beacon of hope for the oppressed?" —Chief Warrant Officer 3, Baghdad, Iraq.

As I watch our flag blowing in the hard winds, maybe it is starting to show wear, but it will stand there, and I will replace it when needed. Could you raise your flag for a soldier or because we are Americans?

We also have our own duty to elect a President to pull our country together and change the negatives into positives. Please support your troops and remember them when it is time to vote. God Bless you and America.

—DiAnne Holmes,  
resident of Payne

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

For those of you who might read this article, my name is Ron Boyd. I have heard all kinds of mention about this Squad 41 incident and, quite frankly, am really disappointed in the counties involved. Let's all remember those who, in the line of their work, lost their lives. But, so what, there were two other people in the accident that have lost their lives as well. I, myself, feel very sorry for the crew of that EMS, but they all knew the risks when they signed on to do that job.

I don't mean to take away any of the remembrance of them, but it really gets me going that since the accident, no one even cares to mention the grandparents that were taking care of their grandchildren the night they died in that crash—as well as those

doing their job.

Paulding County has paid for their funerals and these grandparents got nothing. Squad 41 gets a plaque with their names on it in their community. So what do the Wells family get out of the ordeal?

I hope someone will send in an answer to print that tells me. They deserve to be recognized, in my book, as well. They didn't cause the accident, they were innocent bystanders.

—Ron Boyd

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

This is a response to Mr. Bailey's recent editorial in the West Bend News concerning "hr 2640". Mr. Bailey, your editorial states that: "as a practical matter, the mental health disability is the only firearm disqualifier that can never be removed." This is the problem. According to Gun Owners of America, (www.gunowners.org) 2640 brings in a whole new class of law abiding Americans who will now be denied their constitutional rights. Your editorial also alludes to the possibility that these people can gain their rights back by court action, etc. Who is going to pay for this? Can a veteran depend on a government agency to pay his way through the court system? I didn't see anything in your editorial that suggested that.

In addition, as a self described "proud member of the NRA" you seem to mention the name of Oliver North as the chairman of the NRA's Military Affairs Committee as if that is a good thing. I plugged "Rex 84" and "Oliver North internment camps" into the Google search engine and in five minutes found enough to renew my doubts as to the agenda of Oliver North and the NRA.

Finally, at one time I was told by a "pro se litigant" that bureaucrats will violate your rights at their convenience because they know that out of a thousand only five will take legal action against them. Out

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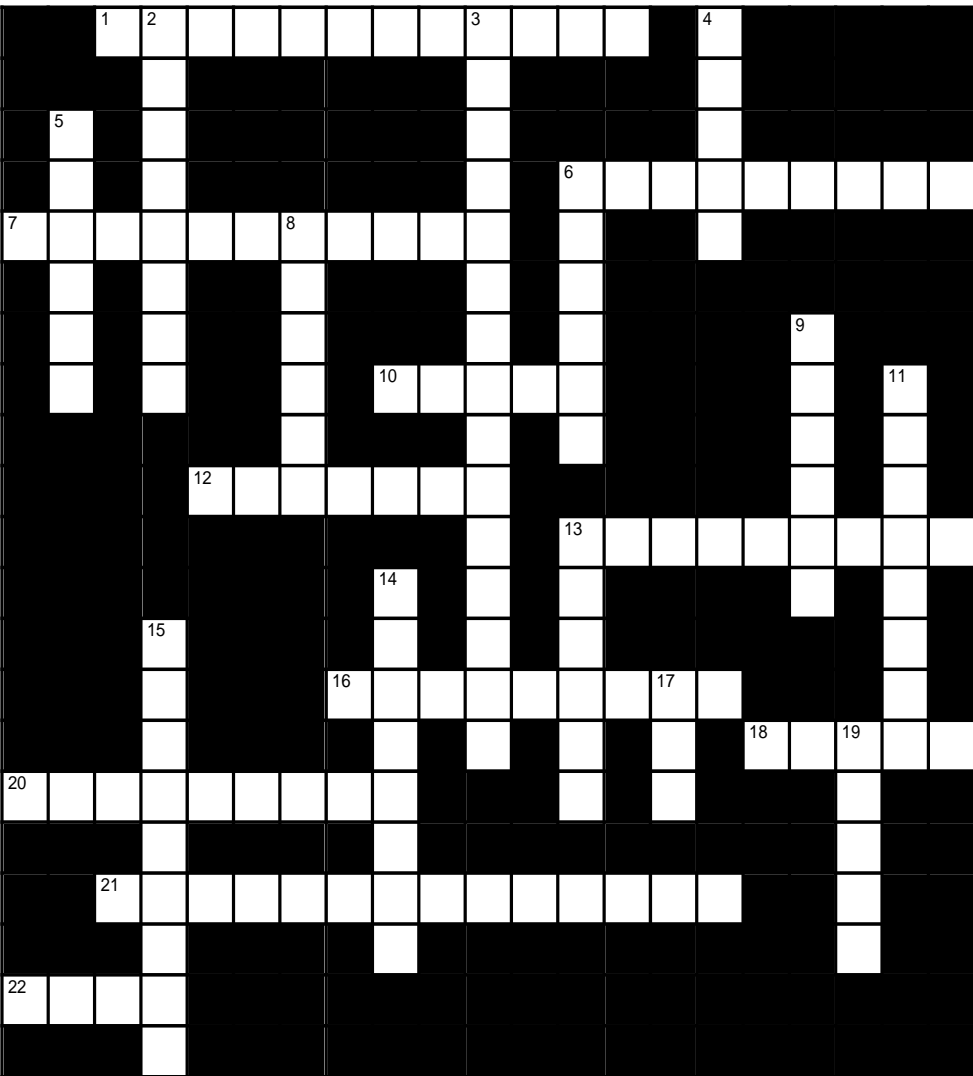
This fantastic musical will be presented in the Huber Opera House on February 22nd & 23rd at 7:30 pm and on Sunday afternoon at 2 pm

Director Keith Countryman has chosen a terrific and diverse cast and is presenting this show as a Benefit to the Huber.

This show was produced on the Huber stage 30 years ago when the venue was available for rent. You loved it then (perhaps were even in it!) and we know it will be memorable to everyone attending.

Admissions will be \$10 (\$8 for seniors & students and pre-sold groups of 10 or more).

# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

**Down**

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| <p>1. Linus waits for him every year at Halloween.</p> <p>6. The Peanuts kids insult Charlie Brown with this name.</p> <p>7. Snoopy tried to read this book "one word at a time."</p> <p>10. This Peanuts character lives in the desert near Needles, California.</p> <p>12. Lucy and Linus's last name.</p> <p>13. Lucy is in love with this person.</p> <p>16. Schroeder's favorite classical composer.</p> <p>18. Charlie Brown's little sister.</p> <p>20. Snoopy's yellow bird friend.</p> <p>21. The sport Lucy competed in against the Masked Marvel.</p> <p>22. The color of Linus' security blanket.</p> | <p>2. Famous WWI person Snoopy pretends to battle with. (2 words)</p> <p>3. Marcie calls this person "Sir".</p> <p>4. Peppermint Patty calls Charlie Brown this.</p> <p>5. Snoopy is this breed of dog.</p> <p>6. Charlie Brown's father's occupation.</p> <p>8. He's filthy all the time.</p> <p>9. Lucy charges this at her psychiatric booth.</p> <p>11. The sport that the Peanuts gang most frequently play.</p> <p>13. Charlie Brown caddies for who.</p> <p>14. Lucy beat Charlie Brown in this game.</p> <p>15. Charlie Brown's catch phrase.</p> <p>17. The strange creature Linus found in Woodstock's nest.</p> <p>19. This character wants to be a country doctor and wants to write a syndicated medical column.</p> |
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By: Chelsea Vail

*Pictures of you, pictures of me, hung upon your wall for the world to see... Yep, it's that time again. Spring pictures by Lifetouch are scheduled for this Thursday, so have your youngsters put their glad rags on and remind them that one is never fully dressed without a smile.*

*Are you ready? Hey, are you ready for this? Are you hangin' on the edge of your seat?* Nathanael Hawley and Jessica McCreery kept on fighting 'til the end. They are the C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N-S, my friends. Of spelling, that is. Hawley and McCreery will represent Antwerp at the Paulding County Spelling Bee next Monday. The contest among Paulding County elementary and junior high school students will commence at 7:00 p.m. at Oakwood Elementary School. All are invited to watch as they compete under pressure for a spot in the Journal Gazette Area Spelling Bee to be held in March.

**JH Boys Basketball:** February 9, TBA, @ Holgate (GMC Tournament)

**Freshman Boys Basketball:** February 7, 5:00, @ Holgate; February 9, TBA, @ Tinora (GMC Tournament); February 11, TBA, @ Tinora (GMC Tournament)

**Varsity Girls Basketball:** February 7, 6:00, Holgate; February 13, 6:15, @ Wayne Trace (Sectional Tournament)

**Varsity Boys Basketball:** February 8, 6:30, @ Holgate; February 9, 6:00, Hilltop

**Word of the Week:**  
Apodictic \ap-uh-DIK-tik\ adjective

1. Expressing or of the nature of necessary truth or absolute certainty  
Example: "The spelling bee contestant answered in such an apodictic tone that the audience was thoroughly taken aback upon the judges' rejection of the response."

Hopefully, this will not be the case for our local word whizzes. Until next time, A-D-I-O-S!

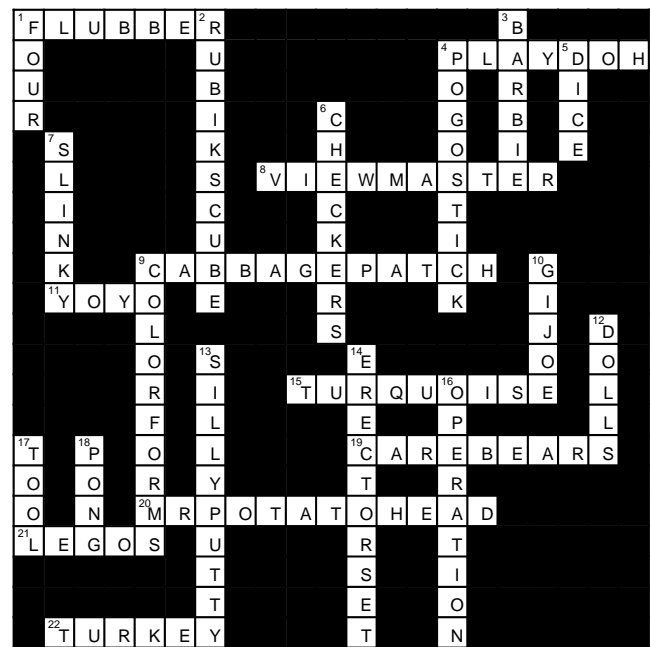
**HOMEMADE PAPER VALENTINE MAKING AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—Want to make something extra special for your Valentine this year? Want to learn how to create your own special valentines? Then plan on attending the Valentine Making Workshop on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Linda Owens will show you how to and will help you to make one of kind homemade paper valentines. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Hicksville Library. The Friends will provide the materials for the program, but registration is required by February 4.

For more information on the Valentine Making Workshop or to register for it, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

Last Week's answers to "Toy Trivia"



**WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL EARNS IHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Woodlan High School was honored by the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) with the IHSAA Sportsmanship Award for 2006-2007. Woodlan was one of just 104 Indiana High Schools to be honored and now joins an elite group of only 72 high schools in the state to receive the annual Sportsmanship Award multiple times. The commemorative banner serves as a tribute to the good sportsmanship, citizenship, and character displayed by the players, coaches, and fans of Woodlan High School. The banner was presented to the Woodlan cheerleaders and Woodlan Athletic Director Dennis Miesle.

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1/29 - Ruth Rekeweg, Antwerp  
1/30 - Georgiale Young, Paulding  
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1/28 - Georgiale Young, Paulding; Jalyn Klopfenstein, Paulding  
1/29 - Rita Lambert, Grover Hill, transferred to Lutheran  
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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

We interviewed Chuck and Ann Wiedman the other day and actually this story should be in the column called Stan and Sue on the Road, but Sue and I think that Chuck and Ann are part of Antwerp's History because they go back over 50 years.

Chuck was born in Ft. Wayne in 1937. There were three boys and one girl in the family. He went to Adams Center School for awhile and then graduated from Central High School in 1958.

He traveled to Antwerp and stopped at the A & W Root Beer Drive Inn and he met a very pretty car hop named Ann Derck and about a year later they got married.

Now, you can tell right now that this is going to be a good story after a starting like that.



They had a son, Tom, in 1960, Dan in 1963 and Lori came along in 1964.

Chuck worked at Carl and Wilbur Langham's Chrysler and Plymouth Dealership from 1955-1961, down in the body shop. Then he had about 10 years down at Antwerp Sales for Keith Davis. Then in 1972, Dale Adams was School Superintendent and he influenced Chuck to be Transportation Manager and School Bus Mechanic for Antwerp High School.

He did an excellent job with the school buses and retired in 1998, but he could not completely walk away from the bus garage, so he drove the Vantage Bus on the morning trip. He drove the bus over to Vantage about

7:45 a.m. and then drove the school's little green compact car on the return trip. He did this for eight years until his accident in 2007. That route now is handled by Mrs. Nancy Derck.

Ann Derck was born in 1938 here in Antwerp. There was six sisters and four brothers in her family. She graduated from Antwerp High in 1955. She worked for over 15 years at Stokley's in Paulding.

Her son, Thomas, has two children, Lori had two children and live over by Farmer. Ann is very proud of her children and grandchildren. She also has four great-grandchildren.

Chuck's hobby is remodeling and restoring old classic cars and trucks. At first he had a 1955 Thunderbird. He was very proud of that T-Bird and he put it in the Antwerp Day Parade and sometimes carried the Queen of the parade in his T-Bird.

Then he sold the T-Bird to a friend and started on a bigger venture, a 1936 Dodge Pick-Up Truck.

The pick-up truck is a beauty. It has won a lot of First Place Awards and was featured in The Classic Truck Magazine and the Rolling Thunder Magazines. A little while later in the Heming Motor Sport Calendar.

Yes, Chuck is well known in the classic car circles. Not long ago he and Ann drove it out to Oklahoma to see his old friend, Jerry Davis. Along somewhere in there he remodeled and then sold a 1949 Ford. He and Ann attend a lot of car shows and Cruise-Ins. His whole south wall of his living room is trophy's and awards that he has won.

Chuck's big accident happened on May 10, 2007. He doesn't remember any of it, not even getting on the tractor. Ann said that she heard the tractor running and then it stopped running and she went back to the ravine behind the garage and saw that the tractor had upset and was lying on top of him. She tore over to the neighbors

house and got the two boys. The three of them could lift the tractor but couldn't pull Chuck out, as he was pushed down in the mud.

Right about then, a truck driver going by on US 24 could see the predicament that they were in so he pulled his rig over to the side of the road and ran down the hill to help out. So now they could lift the tractor off of Chuck and carefully lifted him from the mud and from under the tractor. His eyes and nose and mouth were full of mud and he was almost a black color all over. Antwerp EMS was there by now.

Ann says the truck driver was a big help. She says she never saw him before or since. He was not of American extraction and couldn't understand him very well, but he knew he helped out a lot and he was appreciated.

By now, the Life Flight Helicopter from Parkview Hospital came and the people worked hard and fast to clean out his airway and that took some time because now they are in the air and headed for Ft. Wayne.

Chuck chuckled to Sue and I and said that was a \$6800 plane ride and he didn't see anything. He said, "Golly, I can ride with Oley McMichael for free and see lots of things!"

He said the accident collapsed both lungs and his liver was damaged. There was no oxygen going to his brain as all his breathing parts were chock full of mud. He had been lying in the bottom of a drainage ditch with the tractor sitting on him. It took many hours and many doctors and nurses to get him to breathing right. He was in a coma for weeks. Then they drained a liter and a half of fluid from his lungs and he slowly started to improve.

Then he was moved to St. Joe Hospital because, I understand, they have a therapy unit there that can work around all of the tubes and electric wires that a patient has attached to him. He said all those people at St. Joe were super. They make you work, but that was what he was there for. He said learning to walk all over again was agonizing, painful and time-consuming. But he said the staff at St. Joe bent over backwards for him. He has since returned to St. Joe and thanked them all for their help and kindness.

Chuck said the flight crew that took him to Ft. Wayne in the chopper called on him a number of times while he was at Parkview. I think they realized that they witnessed a miracle because Chuck pulled through.

Chuck has received a plaque from the school for 35 years of dedicated service to the school and community.

I leaned back and asked Chuck, "How are you doing now and what percent have you recovered." He said he feels good and his faculties are fine. He said, "I think I'm about 90% normal." He giggled and said carrying a battery out to the garage now, they seem heavier than they used to be.

Chuck and Ann both want to thank the people who helped out and attended the Chuck Wiedman Benefit back on June 29, 2007. They said all the money was a big help. They want to again thank all their cruise-in friends and over the next few months they will be able to thank them

personally.

Chuck and Ann we thank you for this fine interview.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention that Chuck was a race car driver for years. He doesn't race anymore, but he still attends the stock car races.

His son, Tom, is a first-class mechanic at the Chrysler Dealer in Auburn. Tom has been in the race business from go-carts on up.

Dan, who is the low pressure engineer at the Antwerp High School, is very much in car racing on Saturday nights at the Angola track. Dan races his own racer.

These three Wiedman boys are well known in Southern Michigan and Northeast Indiana and some other race tracks.

That was pretty much in evidence when all those car drivers showed up at Chuck's benefit last June.

See, ya!

**STAN & SUE ON THE ROAD**

By: Stan Jordan & Sue Knapp

We went over to the Manor House and interviewed Ruth Smith. She was born in Emerald Township in July of 1919. She attended the Emmett School for about three years. In 1925 they moved on Road 83 on the Glenn Yager farm, that is right up against the rail road on the west side of the road.



She then attended the Knoxdale School. That was a mile away if she walked the railroad track and she did most of the time because it was three miles if she walked around on the road.

Then Antwerp School had a new school bus and it picked up three Smiths and three Chesters and took them to Antwerp school.

When she was in the sixth grade they moved two miles north over on US 24. She graduated from AHS in 1937.

In September, 1937, she enrolled in Lucas County Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo. When she did get home she rode the Greyhound Bus. She graduated in September of 1940, this was a three year course and she only missed two days in that time to attend her father's funeral in 1939.

She took the State Board in November of 1940. It was very hard and it took two days. Then she worked at the Defiance Hospital for about five years. She then went to Ft. Wayne and worked for Dr. Berghoff for about 5 years.

She started to work for the Weatherhead Corp. in 1951. She was the plant nurse, but she did a lot of other chores also. She retired from there in 1984 after 32 years.

After she retired she helped with the Meals on Wheels Program. She likes to sew and she made some of her own clothes, so you could say she was pretty good at sewing.

Then she added that her fa-

ther had a pair of white mules years ago and they came in handy on the farm.

She added she is fond of her great-nephew who plays basketball at Antwerp High School.

She says she feels pretty good now. You see, she fell and broke a hip at the school auditeria. She spent three months in rehabilitation over in Hicksville, she had three pins put in. After all the rehab she feels pretty good but has trouble remembering names and faces.

She has been at the Manor House a couple weeks now and really likes the food, staff and surroundings.

Thanks, Ruth, for the interview.



Arthur and Matilda Beltz had a daughter on February 2, 1918, they named her Dortha. They then went on to have four more children. They lived in Defiance where Arthur worked in a factory. They then moved to Hicksville and farmed for Ben Edgerton. Their last move was to Mark Center to live in Matilda's family home.

Dortha graduated from Mark Township High School. She helped out with the farm and animals which included horses, cows, pigs and chickens. They butchered and cured their own meat. They truly lived off the farm.

While in high school, Dortha met Berlin Kline and they married after graduation. Berlin worked at Harvester and farmed, they also had animals and canned and smoked their meat before they had a refrigerator or freezer. Dortha stayed home

with the children, and after they had grown she worked in the school cafeteria for five years. They had four children, Nancy, Jerry, Max and Karen. There is 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Dortha likes to play bingo, crochet, knit and sew.

Dortha and Berlin lived on her grandfather's farm all their married life. Now one of their sons have taken over the farming. Dortha continued to live on the homestead for 14 years after Berlin passed away.

Dortha came to the Manor House a week or two before last Christmas. She is very happy that she has good meals and doesn't have to do the dishes. She also is involved in some of the activities and is appreciative of the staff. She is looking forward to warmer weather when she can get outside.

She has seen a lot of changes in her lifetime and sometimes thinks things were better "back in the day".

**LOVE IS IN THE AIR WITH ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS AT THE LIBRARY**

HICKSVILLE—Enjoy love, laughs, and mischief with Alvin & the Chipmunks' Valentine Movie Night at the Johnson Memorial Library on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Valentine Movie Night is free and is open to everyone, both the young and the young at heart.

"Popcorn and pop provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library will round out the movie," shared Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "So if you're looking for love and laughs, come on out and celebrate Valentine's Day early with Alvin & the Chipmunks' A Chipmunk Valentine."

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Antwerp had nothing short of a phenomenal week. Senior Anthony Smith scores against the Tinora Rams. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Woodlan hosted South Adam Saturday night. The Warriors won 67-60. Junior Taylor Gorrell scores against the Starfires. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)

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of the five, only two will have the wherewithal to see this action to its conclusion. Who pays these two litigants, even if they win millions? Not the bureaucrats—their insurance

company. I must ask, how many Americans that fall under 2640 will be able to win their rights back if wrongly subjugated?  
—Phillip Piersma

**BOYS BASKETBALL: ANTWERP VS. TINORA**

On Friday, the Archers played host to the Tinora Rams. Archer JV lost, 42-12; Record 5-10 and 1-5 in the GMC. Scoring for Archers – Justin Johnson 4; Isaac Yenser 1; Travis Woodard 2; John Rindahl 5. The Archer Varsity won, 45-36. Record 12-3 and 4-2 in the GMC. Scoring for Archers – TJ Short 1; Boston Hormann 10 (6 for 6 from the foul line); Tim Ryan 10; Adam Taylor 9; Anthony Smith 8; Bob Bragg 7.

**WAYNE TRACE SWEEP AWAY HOLGATE IN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Boys basketball was on fire Friday night at the Raider gymnasium. The Raiders took on the Holgate Tigers. The score was a close shave for the Raiders but put them over the top anyway, 39-34. Records – Wayne Trace (14-2 overall, 5-1 GMC); Holgate (11-6 overall, 3-3 GMC). Top Players: Wayne Trace – Aaron Hockenberry 10 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists; Riley Linder 10 points 4 rebounds. Holgate – Corey Yaklin 9 points.

**AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS**

January 30 – Girls, Woodlan vs. Northside. Northside won, 60-40. January 31 – Girls, Paulding vs. Spencerville. Paulding won, 57-42; Girls, Antwerp vs. Tinora. Tinora won, 45-30. February 1 – Boys, Paulding vs. Spencerville. Paulding won, 61-55; Girls, Woodlan vs. New Haven, cancelled.

**STATISTICS FOR ANTWERP ARCHERS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL**

Win/Loss: regular season – 9 wins, 1 loss; Conference – 4 wins, 2 losses. Total points and rebounds: Bob Bragg 153 pts, 37 reb; TJ Short 147 pts, 62 reb; Boston Hormann 138 pts, 89 reb; Adam Taylor 130 pts, 37 reb; Tim Ryan 102 pts, 58 reb; Anthony Smith 85 pts, 53 reb; Nate Ganger 47 pts, 26 reb; Jared DeLong 33 pts, 15 reb; John Rindahl 5 pts, 1 reb; Travis Woodard 3 pts, 2 reb.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. HOLGATE**

On Thursday, January 31, Wayne Trace traveled to Holgate for some basketball. Final score was a Raider victory – Wayne Trace 47, Holgate 38. The win clinches a share of the Green Meadows Conference championship for Wayne Trace. This is the first GMC title in Wayne Trace school history in girls basketball. Records – Wayne Trace (13-4 overall, 6-0 GMC); Holgate (10-9 overall, 3-3 GMC). Top Players: Wayne Trace – Elyse Myers 16 points, 6 rebounds; Sara Priest 13 points, 4 assists; Kacey Hockenberry 11 points. Holgate – Beth Giesige 20 points.

**PARKWAY VS. WAYNE TRACE IN BOYS BASKETBALL**

On Saturday, February 2, Wayne Trace and Parkway battled for dominance on the gym floor. The Panthers attacked and came out on top against the Raiders – 56-43. Records – Parkway 10-7, Wayne Trace 14-3. Top Players: Parkway – Joshua Fisher 15 points; Jordan Thompson 15 points, 14 rebounds; Zach Bates 11 points, 5 rebounds. Wayne Trace – Riley Linder 15 points, 8 rebounds.

**PAULDING JR PANTHERS SPLIT WITH DEFIANCE**

Paulding was host to Defiance on Thursday, January 31. The Paulding 7th grade came from behind in the 4th quarter to defeat the Bulldogs 36-31. Neil Roehrig led the Panthers with 16 points and 7 rebounds and 4 assists, Vince Reinhart added 8 points and Steven Strayer 6 points. Record is now 7-8. In the 8th grade game, Paulding couldn't convert their free throws, losing 42-35. Defiance played a full court pressure defense causing the Panthers to make too many mistakes. Anthony Arellano led the way with 12 points and 9 rebounds, Jason Koenn added 8 points. Record now stands at 2-13.

**LIONS EDGE OVER WOODLAN**

By: Jeff Abbott  
Woodlan stayed close to Leo throughout their ACAC boys' basketball game, but couldn't get over the hump to get a win and the Lions edged the Warriors 56-51. Leo led 12-10 after the first period and stretched the lead to 7 points a the half, 28-21. Jason Spindler was the games high scorer with 21 points. Woodlan – Spindler 21, J Gorrell 14, Hines 9, Bell 5, T Gorrell 2. Leo – Branscomb 12, Sauder 11, Gullett 11, Pufahl 9, Bowerman 7, Thieme 4, Carey 2.

**HARDING PULLS FAR AHEAD AGAINST WARRIORS**

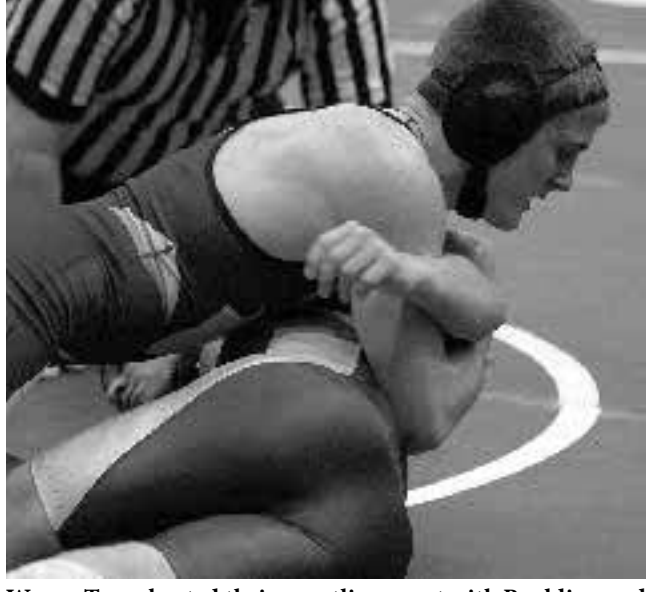
By: Jeff Abbott  
Woodlan led once at 8-7 before the Harding Hawks went on a 10-2 run to close out the first period and the Hawks steadily pulled away to take an 81-46 win over the Warriors in boys basketball play at Woodlan. Pryce Underwood led the Hawks with 18 points including 4 three-pointers. Josh Gorrell led Woodlan scoring with 12 points. Harding – Underwood 18, White 14, Warren 12, Suel 8, Smith 8, Collins 7, Carr 6, Hopson 6, Coleman 2. Woodlan – J Gorrell 12, Spindler 10, Malfait 6, Evans 4, Kayser 4, Rydell 4, Bell 2, Hines 2, Lortie 2. Harding won the reserve game 44-25 over Woodlan with Cameron Kinsey leading Woodlan scoring with 9 points.



Wayne Trace Senior Riley Linder shoots a 3 pointer from the cheap seats against Holgate. The Raiders won in a great recovery. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Senior Tiffany Razo got fouled while shooting. The Paulding Lady Panthers played Spencerville and won their final home game. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net)



Wayne Trace hosted their wrestling event with Paulding and Edgerton on January 29. Kevin Mumma of Paulding shown here, pins his Edgerton opponent.

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This past week the Varsity "A" Club of Antwerp competed with the Varsity "H" Club of Hicksville to raise much needed items for local food banks. The Aces won the competition by collecting 847 items compared to Antwerp's 613 items. The Hicksville Varsity "H" Club donated their items to Christ's Cupboard and the Antwerp Varsity "A" Club donated their items to Antwerp United Methodist Church Food Bank. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful and worthwhile service project.

## FAREWELL SENIORS—YOU WILL BE MISSED



The Paulding Lady Panthers celebrated their senior night with tears and smiles as they said goodbye to their fellow teammates before the game against Spencer-ville on January 31st. More pictures at [www.westbendnews.net](http://www.westbendnews.net) Jessica Carnahan, Tiffany Razo, Abby Gross and Julie Koenn stated their future plans at the event.

### PAULDING JR. PANTHERS DROP PAIR TO SPENCERVILLE

Paulding was host to Spencer-ville on Tuesday, January 29 in a NWC game. The Paulding 7<sup>th</sup> grade played a hard fought game but came up a little short in losing 30-28. The Panthers were led by Neil Roehrig with 11 points and Vince Reinhart had 6 points, Logan Doster 5 points. Record now stands 6-8.

Paulding 8<sup>th</sup> grade had a cold night shooting and fell short to the Bearcats 38-30. The Panthers were led by Kyle Mohr with 10 points and 5 rebounds. Record now stands at 2-12.

### ARCHER BASKETBALL AT EDON

Saturday, February 2 the Archers traveled to Edon. Archer JV lost, 36-29. Record 5-11 and 1-5 in the GMC. Scoring for Archers - Bryson North 3; Justin Johnson 2; Isaac Yenser 5; Hayden Krick 4; Travis Woodard 10; Jordan Koppenhofer 3; John Rindahl 2. Archer Varsity won, 59-38. Record 13-3 and 4-2 in the GMC. Scoring for the Archers

- TJ Short 20 (TJ had a awesome dunk off an "alley oop" pass from Boston that they have been dying to run all season!!!); Boston Hormann 8; Tim Ryan 2; Adam Taylor 6; Nate Ganger 7; Anthony Smith 9; Bob Bragg 7. Next up, the Archers go to Holgate Friday, February 8.

### SOUTHERN WELLS PULL OUT A VICTORY OVER WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott Woodlan fell behind early against Southern Wells and fought hard to comeback, but the Raiders pulled it out in the final period to take a 58-54 win over the Warriors in the home finale for girls' basketball. Southern Wells took the early lead and built a 16-9 cushion after the first period. Woodlan trimmed the Raider lead to just a single point, 27-26, at half-time. Danae Lengacher had 11 of her game high 21 points in the quarter, including 3 three-pointers, to help the Warriors carve into the lead. Both teams played even in the third quarter and Southern Wells was up 38-37 heading into the final 8 minutes. Woodlan caught Southern Wells at 47-47 for the first of 3 ties and 4 lead changes in the final period. Southern Wells sank 8 free throws and

Nikki Bunch scored 3 field goals for the Raiders to regain the lead over Woodlan and finish with the ACAC win.

Southern Wells - Killingbeck 15, Penrod 14, M Prible 12, Bunch 8, K Prible 7, Lewellen 2

Woodlan - Lengacher 21, H Koeneman 11, Carver 9, Hogue 5, Emehiser 2

In Reserve, Woodlan out-scored Southern Wells 28-15 in the second half to pull away from the Raiders for a 44-24 win. Megan Kirkwood had 12 points and Amy Numbers added 10 points for the Warriors.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. CONTINENTAL

On Tuesday, January 29 the girls of Wayne Trace and Continental went head to head in high school basketball action. The final score for the evening was a close one: Wayne Trace 70, Continental 67. Records - Wayne Trace 12-4, Continental 12-6

Top Players: Wayne Trace - Renee Bidlack 24 points, 9 rebounds; Elyse Myers 14 points; Sara Priest 12 points, 5 rebounds

Continental - Sarah Spitnale 23 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists; Brooke Tegenkamp 17 points; Jessica Brown 13 points; Rachele Ford 10 points, 13 rebounds

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### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/6 THROUGH 2/12

*MS/HS - Breakfast*  
 2/6 - Bacon, egg & cheese muffin, juice, milk  
 2/7 - Cinnamon twist or coffee cake, juice, milk  
 2/8 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice, milk  
 2/11 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
 2/12 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

*MS/HS - Lunch*  
 2/6 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad or teriyaki chicken stir fry over rice, sherbet, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/7 - Ham & cheese, stromboli, broccoli cheese soup, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/8 - Footlong chili dog, crossstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/11 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/country gravy or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk  
 2/12 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

### Paulding Elementary - Lunch

2/6 - Nachos w/cheese, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk  
 2/7 - Hot dog on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
 2/8 - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk  
 2/11 - Hamburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk  
 2/12 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk

### Oakwood Elementary - Lunch

2/6 - Cheese pizza, lettuce, fruit, milk  
 2/7 - Ham & cheese on a bun, corn, fruit, milk  
 2/8 - Vegetable soup w/crackers, peanut butter & jelly pocket, fruit, milk  
 2/11 - Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, bread, mini carrots w/dip, fruit, milk  
 2/12 - Bar-B-Que pork on a bun, corn on the cob, fruit, milk

### ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/6 THROUGH 2/12

2/6 - Chicken burger or salisbury steak on bun, broccoli rice, celery sticks, jello w/fruit, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pie  
 2/7 - Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes or pizza burger, apple crisp, bread stick, snack, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie  
 2/8 - Chicken quesadilla or tuna salad sandwich, cole slaw, mixed fruit & marshmallows, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice

2/11 - Mini corn dogs or tacos, green bean casserole, applesauce, pretzels, milk; PLUS: salad bar or veggie basket  
 2/12 - Toasted cheese or meatball sub, noodle soup w/crackers, celery & carrots, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or celery w/PB

### WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/6 THROUGH 2/12

#### Breakfast:

2/6 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk  
 2/7 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk  
 2/8 - Turnover, milk  
 2/11 - Pizza, milk  
 2/12 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

#### Lunch:

2/6 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese/salsa/sour cream, peaches, milk  
 2/7 - Taco quesadilla, corn, sherbet, milk  
 2/8 - French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage, 100% orange juice, milk  
 2/11 - Sloppy joe sandwich, smashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, milk  
 2/12 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato wedges, fruit crisp, milk



### PETS

By: Tommy Stahl

What is your favorite pet? Do you have a pet? If you do, what is its name? I have three ducks, two dogs and about six cats. Well, not really six cats. I have had two cats die and I ran away, now I have three cats. I have two males and one female. The female, Traveler, is my baby. We named her Traveler because one day my dad was on his way home and he saw her laying along side the road and he picked her up, like you would a 'traveler'.

One of the male cats is named Midnight, because he is pitch black. The other male cat is named Avalanche because he is white like snow.

Both of our dogs are female. There names are Matilda and Jackie.

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tions. Don't feel like cooking? The Vantage Scholarship Dinner will also be held that same night. Enjoy with a chicken dinner from Romer's Catering from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup>[www.givelife2.org/about-bloodtypes.asp](http://www.givelife2.org/about-bloodtypes.asp)

**OAKWOOD'S STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**

A new year, a new beginning in the village, with hopes and plans to improve our community! A special "thank you" to those that worked hard with integrity last year.

As for the Council, we say "good bye" to Bill Baker, Tammy AuFrance, and long time member LeAnn Booher, who deserves many thanks, for her dedication in making things better in the Village.

Bill Baker assumed the duties of EMS Coordinator after Ron Eakins, who is responsible for many positive changes in the EMS, decided he needed more time with his regular business.

We welcome Jake Meeker and Adam Baker on the new Council, and look for their leadership to help forge ahead in the Village.

After working behind the scenes for a long time in the operation of the Fire Department, Ken Thomas, became the new Fire Chief. He continues now to lead the firemen as they work to help keep our department and equipment in shape.

The Fire and EMS were both recipients of a large amount of funding from the Estate of Walter Andrews, which will be instrumental in putting the finishing touches on the new EMS and Fire building, while assisting in our payment for the construction.

The Park Board is also a recipient of funding from the Estate of Walter Andrews, and they're looking to build new rest rooms for the park.

The year 2007 brought us to the opening of our new Cooper Community Library. It is a great tribute to a lot of hard work, many hours in fund raising and planning by many individuals.

Many thanks need to be given to our Utility/Water Department for the dedicated work they do. Most of the time you never really see the work they do in keeping our sewer, water and streets in top shape unless they are moving snow or your water has been

shut off. They are planning to make another improvement this year for new Aeration Units at the water plant, to continue to improve our water quality.

Our own Oakwood Development Company has been very active in looking for ways to bring new business to our community. They recently purchased property from the Paul Reynolds Estate, and are seeking ways to bring new businesses here.

Our police department deserves many more "thank you's" than they usually receive. They handle over 311 calls each year. The majority of the service and incidents are evening and night, and like the Utility/Water Department, unless the officers are at your door they are seldom seen. The paper work, reports, court hearings, filing and other by products to every incident, keep getting larger each year.

We have had growth and loss in 2007, but our desires and goals still are there to provide for a better, cleaner, neater and prosperous community! There are very few communities, our size, that have a doctor and medical center, eye doctor—optometrist, chiropractic center, new school, new library, new EMS and Fire Building, planned new church from the merger at Twin Oaks, major park improvements and looking forward to redesign and construction of the boat launch facility after receiving a \$465,000.00 grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

Yes, we know we can do better, and we will because of the support, encouragement, and drive from the best citizens in Ohio. The support of our community and members has made these things all possible before, and in the future.

Looking forward in 2008,  
—Bud Henke,  
Mayor, Village of Oakwood

**LATTA VOTES FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE**

WASHINGTON—Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in support of the House bipartisan economic growth package today, which in its current provisions will provide a \$145.9 billion boost to the economy through a tax rebate expected in May or June of 2008.

"This package is important because it provides an immediate boost to the economy, and returns money to the taxpayer's wallets—where it belongs. While this is not a perfect or permanent solution, this will provide our economy the boost it needs in order to fight the short-term problems it is facing. After this economic stimulus package is passed, Congress must continue to work on making previous tax cuts permanent to help keep our economy strong in the long run and again return money to the taxpayers. If previous tax cuts are not made permanent, over 116 million American taxpayers will be paying \$1800 more in taxes per year on average," Latta said.

Latta added, "The package also includes important tax relief for businesses, specifically small businesses, for capital investments. Lastly, and per-

haps most importantly, there is no extraneous spending or tax hikes included in this package. This will ensure that the stimulus package will truly stimulate the economy while also reducing government spending."

**WOODLAN RECOGNIZES SENIOR BASKETBALL GIRLS**

Woodlan recognized the senior players and managers on the girls basketball team before the home finale against Southern Wells. The Class of 2008 are:

#10 - Olivia Yoder, daughter of Debbie & Jason Yoder. Olivia played 4 seasons of basketball, is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and the National Honor Roll. She plans to attend either Ball State or Indiana University and is undecided on a major.

#14 - Danae Lengacher, daughter of Norm & Linda Lengacher. Danae played 4 seasons of basketball for Woodlan, 4 years of volleyball, and 4 years of softball. She is a National Honor Society member and is a Junior Achievement economics teacher at Woodburn Lutheran School. She plans to attend Indiana University and study law.

#30 - Caity Neal, daughter of Craig & Rhonda Neal. Caity played 4 years of basketball, 2 years of volleyball, and 4 years of softball. She is a member of the Woodlan Service Club and plans to attend Ivy Tech and major in Physical Therapy.

#40 - Hannah Koeneman, daughter of Mike & Linda Koeneman. Hannah played basketball for 4 seasons and volleyball for 4 seasons. She has been a member of Student Council for 3 years and the Honor Society for 2 years. She is active in the St Paul Lutheran youth group. She would like to study physical therapy or biology in college.

Manager - Brooke Jackson, daughter of Linda & Patrick Swann and Tim Jackson. This was Brooke's first year as manager. She participated in cheerleading for 1 year, ran cross-country for 3 years, and run track for 4 years. She has been a member of the Woodlan Service Club for 3 years and a member of the Spirit of Woodlan Marching Band for 4 years. Brooke would like to study physical therapy in college and run cross-country and track.

Manager - Langleigh Wentz, daughter of Mark & Renee Wentz. Langleigh played basketball for 2 seasons before becoming a manager for 2 years. She played 3 years of volleyball, 1 year of club soccer, and 4 years of softball. She has been in Show Choir for 4 years, been secretary of her class for 4 years and on Student Council for 4 years. She is a National Honor Society member, serving as vice-president her junior year and president this year. She has had major roles in the school musical all 4 years and was the Homecoming Queen for 2007. She is a Sterling Sentinel nominee in vocal music and plans to attend IPFW to major in Elementary Education with a minor in music.

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**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER RUNS FOR RE-ELECTION**



Zach, Krystal, and Hollie. Lou Ann is very active in her community. She has been an advisor for the Payne Polies and Flyers 4-H Club for the past 21 years. "I feel our youth is one of the most valuable assets our community has," stated Wannemacher. For the past two years she has been the Team Captain of the "Cancer Crashers" Relay for Life Team. Lou Ann is also very active in the Republican Party.

Lou Ann served as a clerk to the Paulding County Treasurer for one and one-half years prior to being elected Paulding County Treasurer in November 2006. Since taking office 15 months ago, many changes have taken place in the Treasurer's Office to increase service and efficiency. "One of my biggest concerns as Treasurer is the number of foreclosures and delinquencies," stated Wannemacher. Because of my concern, I presented a challenge to the community of creating a "Save Our Homes" Task Force. The Task Force was formed in Novem-

ber 2007 with approximately 23 interested citizens. "I am very proud to be at the forefront of this task force; and, I am extremely excited that so many of our community leaders share this concern and are willing to become involved in the task force." "The first result of the Task Force will be a brochure to aid local citizens in danger of home foreclosures", Wannemacher said. We estimate the brochure will be ready for distribution in mid-February!

I would be very proud and honored to continue to serve the people of Paulding County as Treasurer.

**RAY JOHANN'S CANDIDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER**



Ray N. Johanns of Paulding is running for Paulding County Commissioners in the 2008 election. Mr. Johanns has been married to his wife, Sharon, for 38 years. They have two children. Daughter, Nicole and Lance Estle have two children—Katelyn and Joseph; son, Thomas and Erin Johanns have two children, Preston and Nolan.

Ray graduated from Paulding High School in 1965 and went one year to Purdue IU University in Fort Wayne. He was a past Democrat Committeeman for Jackson Twp.; member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and served in Viet Nam in 1968.

He is a past President of the Ohio Flying Farmers, and served as President of the International Flying Farmers Organization in 2005-2006. He retired from B.F. Goodrich

Tire Plant in 2004 after 35 years, and has been involved in farming in various ways.

Included in Ray's objectives and goals are that he wants to encourage citizens of the county to have an input into the way the county is run; bring new industry and jobs to the Paulding County area. He also wants to work on trying to get more State and Federal grants for our county.

Mr. Johanns says, "I have worked with people in the Union, Salary, and Farming environment all my life, and I feel I have a wide perspective of how people want issues handled. I also want to work to recognize and complete projects that have been started and as of yet not been finished.

**LOCAL MEN HONORED BY AMERICAN LEGION**



Mike Hertel, Joe Ross (pictured above), Dick Schilb, and Gene Handy were honored recently by the American Legion in Antwerp for 60 years of continued service. They were honored with a dinner, a plaque, and a WWI throw blanket.

The American Legion in Antwerp has been chartered since the early 1920's.

**DO IT & DIET Morning Indulgence Without The Guilt**

(NAPSA)—By making the decision to start the day right with a balanced breakfast, weight managers are taking an important first step in maintaining a healthy weight. A review published in the Nutrition Bulletin (June 2007) confirms that people who eat cereal for breakfast daily maintain a healthier weight.



"When you can have great-tasting foods that you feel are an indulgence without the guilt, it makes sticking to a weight-management plan easier," said Dr. Christine Dumas, author, reporter and weight-management expert.

For example, Special K has developed a new cereal with cinnamon and pecans to help weight managers satisfy their taste buds and stick to their weight-management goals—new Special K Cinnamon Pecan cereal.

The new, satisfying and delicious combination of light and crunchy cinnamon flakes with real pecans help weight managers stick to their goals without sacrificing great taste. As part of the Special K Breakfast—a serving of Special K Cinnamon Pecan cereal with skim milk, fruit and black coffee—weight managers can enjoy a great-tasting breakfast that's less than 250 calories.

The Special K Breakfast is low in fat and fortified with vitamins and minerals. It's a great way to indulge your taste buds in the morning and still stay on track for your weight-management goals. Learn more about new Special K Cinnamon Pecan cereal by searching "Special K" at Yahoo!

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**8th Grade:**  
All A's - Rachel Long, Peter Sinn, Reuben Stoller, Kelly Zartman  
A/B's - Tyler Arnett, Kim Bickford, Rebecca Eberly, Sarah Feasby, Lindsey Gibson, Ryan Jewell, Gary Klopfenstein, Emily Molitor, Kari Myers, Megan Pierce, Christian Raab, Ashley Saylor, John Stoller, Sadie Wassermann

**9th grade:**  
All A's - Huong Nguyen, Jessica Wenninger  
A/B's - Taylor Baumle, Janelle Davis, Jalyn Egnor, Jacob Eklund, Haley Fisher, Kelsey Heck, Kacey Hockenberry, Ryne Jerome, Katie King, Colin Klopfenstein, Nicholas La Bounty, Erika Langmeyer, Abbey Linder, Anna Morehead, Nathan Tumblin

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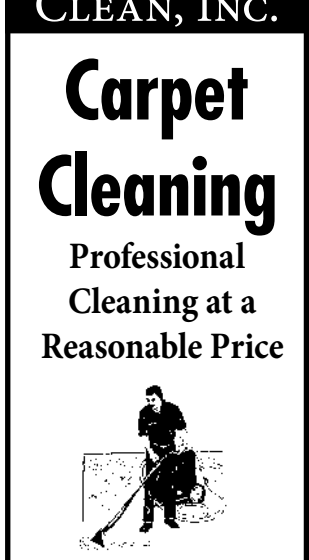
A/B's - Hendrik Akkerman, Vivian Baker, Derrick Baksa, Erin Bowersox, Caleb Davis, Dylan Flint, Russel

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**11th Grade:**  
All A's - Angelo Harris, Elyse Myers, Sara Priest, Marla Sinn  
A/B's - Megan Adkins, Akke Akkerman, Shelby Critten, Cody Feasby, Jenna Gordon, Kristy House, Karl Klopfenstein, Meghan Kuhn, Whitney Mullins, Arthur Stoller, Kristi Wenninger, Jeremy Zartman

**12th Grade:**  
All A's - Rachael Arnett, Bryant Gerber, Andrew Klopfenstein, Levi Kurtz, Nickole Lay, Kendra Liggett, Robert Pond  
A/B's - Tabitha Binkley, Ryan Davis, Zachary Gerber, Kelsey Hughes, Katlin Humrickhouse, Nathan Jewell, Riley Linder, Casey Lotz, Christopher Rozier, Rebecca Ruble, Angela Young

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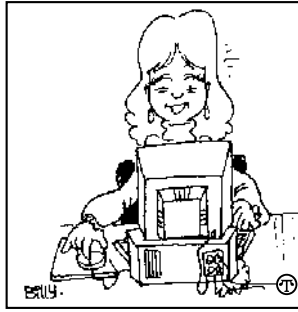
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## Did You Know?

(NAPSA)—According to the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), a group of insects referred to as “pantry pests” can infest common kitchen pantry items such as flour, dry cereal, spices, candies and chocolate. To learn more about pantry pests, or to find a pest professional in your area, visit [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org).



From patient bedbugs to tenacious dust mites to irritating earwigs, a new book brings readers face to face with the creatures around us that we often pretend don't exist. Each chapter of the book, “A Field Guide to Household Bugs” (Plume), features graphics and microphotography.

Grand prize in the Fill Your Closet Sweepstakes is a closet makeover by ClosetMaid, a \$2,500 Lane Bryant wardrobe and a personal shopper. To enter, visit a Lane Bryant store. The contest runs from March 10 to April 1. Visit [www.lanebryant.com](http://www.lanebryant.com) for area store locations.

If you're looking for an affordable and convenient way to rent and play thousands of video games, an online video game rental service such as GameFly can be a great option. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.gamefly.com/easy](http://www.gamefly.com/easy).

The latest scam to hit the Internet involves con artists “selling” puppies that don't actually exist to unsuspecting consumers. To learn more, contact the American Kennel Club parent clubs or visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

The annually updated “Grand Facts: State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children” are designed to help relative caregivers find out about resources in their states. They can be downloaded and printed in PDF format at [www.grandfactsheets.org](http://www.grandfactsheets.org).

A company called Stampin' Up!—a leading manufacturer and distributor of an exclusive line of decorative rubber-stamp sets and accessories for home decor, greeting cards, craft projects and scrapbooking—offers wonderful work-at-home opportunities. Visit [www.stampinup.com/workathome](http://www.stampinup.com/workathome) or call (800) STAMP-UP, code Homebiz108.

## TOE TAPPIN' AND KNEE SLAPPIN' ON THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE DOGHOUSE DINER



By: Sue Knapp

Antwerp is alive and well on Thursday nights. The Doghouse Diner hosts country and bluegrass music by area musicians from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tom and Yvonne comes from a musical background. Tom's mother hosts country music bands in Melrose each week. Tom and Yvonne had a band, but had to back out of performing because of other commitments. Ten years ago they had a restaurant in Hicksville that featured a Thursday Night Ramble, which included live country and western music. They had to close down in Hicksville because of family health issues.

On “stage” Thursday night was Dave (Tony) Beard, from Spencerville, who sings and plays guitar. Oscar Peters, from Payne, who sings and plays guitar, J. R. Thatcher, from Convoy, plays guitar and sings and Kenny Keating, from Antwerp, who plays the fiddle.

The Stahl's are busy as they also operate the Ice Cream Depot. They are also going to provide the food for Baker Auction and as well as other projects that are in the works.

Also performing was Elmina Taylor from the area. She saw the ad in the West Bend News and decided to come up and join in. She has sung all her life and has performed at different functions.

On Thursday nights, if you're bored and want something to do, go up to The Dog House Diner, have a Frost Top Root Beer, eat a hot dog (or choose something off the menu), listen to a little country and be back at home in time to watch *Lost*.

The Thursday night entertainment usually draws a packed house and Tom and Yvonne Stahl (owners) are glad to provide this for the community and surrounding areas. There was also one couple from Harlan, IN.

## BUEHRER'S ADULT GUARDIAN BILL HEADS TO GOVERNOR

COLUMBUS—The Ohio Senate today voted unanimously to concur on House changes to Senate Bill 157, legislation sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-Delta) that would make needed changes to state law to give the parents of a developmentally disabled child greater authority in selecting a guardian for that child once they reach adulthood. The bill, which is Buehrer's first to pass the General Assembly as a member of the Senate, now heads to the Governor for his signature.

## Paulding County Hospital Specialty Clinic Spotlight

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*\*Robert Moore, D.O., Orthopedics*

**Tuesday**  
Richard G. Smith, M.D., Ear, Nose and Throat  
The Medical Group of Ft Wayne, Cardiology/  
Echocardiograms, (The Heart Center)  
Kim Molitor, Audiologist

**Wednesday**  
Andrew O'Shaughnessy, M.D., Nephrology  
(every other Wed.) (see spotlight on left)  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology, Cardiology/Echocardiograms  
(every other Wed.)  
Sleep Clinic, James Gray, D.O. (every other Wed.)  
Craig Hanson, M.D., OB/Gynecology (every Wed.)  
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

**Thursday**  
The Medical Group of Ft. Wayne, Cardiology/  
Echocardiograms (The Heart Center)  
Ft. Wayne Neurological Center, Neurosurgery  
Samuel Neuschwanger, D.P.M., Podiatry  
Kim Molitor, Audiologist  
William Strawter, M.D., General Surgeon/Wound-Care

**Friday**  
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**Campaign Wives Influence Political Careers** ☺

by Jeffrey Lewis (NAPSA)—Throughout the years, wives have contributed to their husbands' presidential campaigns in many ways—with their opinions and their actions—and this election is no different. Here are a few highlights:

**Then:** During the 1916 campaign of President Woodrow Wilson, the fundraising and public service efforts and keen insights contributed by his second wife, the determined and intelligent Edith Bolling Galt, helped to reelect him. Galt, who had experience managing her family's jewelry business, was happy to play an active role.

In the 1960 presidential campaign, Jacqueline Kennedy did more than earn attention for her style. Her charm and ability to connect with people and her fluency in languages made her a great campaign asset.

In the 1980 primaries, Nancy Reagan helped her husband during several televised debates, consulting with his advisers on how to best present him. Her suggestions helped improve his ratings.

As women have assumed a larger role in public life, candidates' wives have become more comfortable expressing their opinions publicly, although these have not always been met with respect.

In 2004, Teresa Heinz Kerry, already a director of foundations with more than \$1 billion in assets and an active environmentalist, campaigned with her husband for the presidential run of John Kerry. While she had spent a decade studying issues related to women's health and fighting for change in public and private sector pension systems, she was labeled an "opinionated woman" in this campaign, as if it were some sort of character fault.

Today, America is fortunate to have more women—and one man—who have spent time as strategists, creative policy advisers, parents and groundbreakers. Regardless of party and age, they have staked out a distinctive path, and have with real ideas, real vision and real sense.

**Now:** Not only are candidates' wives expressing opinions that reflect their own personal, professional and academic accomplishments, one of the candidates, for the first time in history, formerly a campaigner for her husband's presidential campaign, is now campaigning in her own right.

For more information on spouses during presidential campaigns in the past, visit [www.firstladies.org](http://www.firstladies.org).

• *Mr. Lewis is chief of staff for Teresa Heinz Kerry. He can be contacted at [jlewis@heinzoffice.org](mailto:jlewis@heinzoffice.org).*

**PRESERVING PAULDING COUNTY HISTORY ONE STAKE AT A TIME**



By: Sue Knapp

Many people have stopped and asked Jerry Price (as he mows his in-law's lawn) where the canal is. "It's right there," he replies. Right there it is, you can follow it. Right now it looks like a big ditch but if you go on CR 163 and go over the 6-Mile Bridge you can see the culvert the Irish immigrants built to go under the Canal around 150 years ago. They had to square each stone by hand. If you travel along the canal you will see the beauty of the terrain and you can just imagine the boats and mules and all the activity that went along with it. The small towns in Paulding County weren't so small back then. They were commerce centers full of businesses and warehouses. Junction alone had six grocery stores at one time. Have you traveled through Charloe lately? The river, ravines and trees that run through there are gorgeous.

We have so much history in Paulding County we really need to preserve it and the beauty of the county.

The canals have always fascinated me. I think about my husband's grandfather riding down the canal on one of the boats. Paulding County being all Black Swamp in the beginning fascinates me also. I can't imagine what the first settlers went through to make

homes and businesses here.

Jerry Price, his wife, Mary and her parents, whose homestead has been in the family 150 years and is across from the canal, also love Paulding County history, especially the canals. Jerry started the ball rolling to have a marker put up at the place where the two canals met. He has enlisted the help of the John Paulding Historical Society and they have sent a letter to Lynn Watchman endorsing the project. The Historical Society received a reply that it should be no problem and out of pocket should only be \$1,500. The Historical Society would like to buy some land to have a place to park to be able to get to the marker.

The Buckeye Trail, which is in the process of being built, will follow the tow paths of the canal among other things. In Ohio it will cover 40 counties and will form a circle around the state. You may camp while hiking the trail. It's a great way to see part of Ohio's history.

If you wish to help with the canal marker you may send donations to the John Paulding Historical Society at P. O. Box 93, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Make sure you put a note on the check that the donation is to go for the canal marker.

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A regular council meeting was held on 1/14/08. After the pledge, roll call was taken, all council member were present. Also attending were Mark Figert, Jim Varner, Toby Plotts, Kenny Thomas, and Ron Eakins.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes as previously mailed, Phil seconded, all in favor.

Bud made a motion to accept the payment of bills and all financial reports from the finance committee, Don seconded, all in favor.

EMS and Fire Departments presented a presentation of misc. items that needed in order to complete the new fire and EMS hall. The total expense of this project is \$39,500.00 to be split 50/50 fire and EMS. Phil made a motion to approve the completion of project, Don seconded, all in favor.

Phil made a motion for the fire department to purchase a skid unit, Bud seconded, all in favor.

The balance of the Oakwood EMS and Fire presentation will be discussed at next meeting of February 25.

Kenny Thomas presented council with the fire monthly report, it is on file.

The police report was presented by Mark Figert. Mark discussed some of the summary for the year of 2007. The police report is on file.

Village administrator presented council with his monthly report. He also mentioned that EPA would be here this week for the annual inspection of operation of the water department. He will keep council informed of conclusions.

Jake stated that the tax payers money shouldn't be used for pick up of school children. After a brief discussion, John stated that this would not be continued, regardless of the reasoning.

The litter list was discussed. The mayor mentioned that this is the job of all council members. A list would

be presented to council for the February meeting. If any council member has any to be added, please see the mayor.

The old Fire building was brought up. The mayor will be discussing with the development committee on Thursday and will report back to council.

There will be a meeting February 5 at 4:00 p.m. with Poggemeyer design concerning the rest rooms. The park board will be present along with the mayor.

Bud made a motion to pay the assistant Fire Chief \$112.50 quarterly, Don seconded, all in favor.

The mayor mentioned that the boat ramp project is on track and will see some changes in near future to the park.

The old tornado siren will be put up at the park with new boat ramp. This will allow the village to have one on the east side of town and one on the west side to better alert our residents.

Mayor Bud Henke handed out his village address, it is on file at the Clerk's office.

In new business, council voted on new president of council—nominees were Carolyn Evans, she rejected, so Bud Adkins was nominated. Council handed in votes and the clerk read as follows: Bud Adkins 5 votes and Jake Meeker 1 vote. Bud Adkins will be council president for the year of 2008.

The following committees were appointed by the mayor:

Finance - Don Adams, chair; Bud Adkins; and Phil Stucky

Street - Jake Meeker, chair; Adam Baker; and Bud Adkins

Zoning - Carolyn Evans, chair; Harold Williams, and other to be named at next meeting

Sidewalk - Jake Meeker, chair; Adam Baker, and Phil Stucky

Park Board member is Judy Densmore.

The next council meeting will be held February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return THE TAX PICTURE**

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- 1. Ensure the name and Social Security Number (SSN) match your Social Security card.** Ask the payroll department for a corrected W-2 if they don't match.
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  - Box 3 total shouldn't exceed \$97,500—the Social Security wage base.
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- 4. Give yourself an instant raise.** Adjust your tax withholding by filling out a new W-4 form after you get married, have a baby



or get a big tax refund (more than \$1,000). If you get a big tax refund, it means you are overpaying your taxes and giving the government an interest-free loan.

Making an adjustment could give you more money each payday. The W-4 calculator at [www.nationalpayrollweek.com/W4](http://www.nationalpayrollweek.com/W4) can help determine the proper withholding allowances to claim on Form W-4.

- 5. Verify you've received a W-2 from every company that paid you during the year.** Contact the payroll department of any company that has not sent you a W-2 by mid-February. Have your full name, SSN, employee number and address ready.
- 6. Expect Form 1099-MISC for any freelance work.** If you earned more than \$600 in a year for contract work from any company, expect a Form 1099-MISC.
- 7. Search for lost W-2s before getting replacements.** Many companies charge a reissue fee to replace a lost W-2. Request a "reissued statement" from your payroll department to replace a lost W-2 if you can't find it after searching for it.

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**STEVIA HERBS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING KICK OFF THE 2008 GARDENING CLASSES FOR THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**

HICKSVILLE—Do you enjoy growing and cooking with herbs? Want to learn more about Stevia, nature's sugar? Or are you considering joining Hicksville's Community Garden? Or want to learn more about it? The Hicksville Community Service Center will kick off its 2008 monthly gardening programs on February 12 with Stevia, Nature's Sugar, and February 14 with Community Gardening at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Both programs are free and are open to both children and adults. Master Gardener Sharon Greutman will share how to grow, cook, and enjoy the Stevia herb on February 12. She will have sample goodies made to compare recipes made with Stevia versus sugar substitutes currently on the market.

On February 14, spend Valentines Day sharing your love of gardening. Local Master Gardeners, including Mark Bok, will be sharing their passion for community gardening. They will share in-

formation about Hicksville's Community Garden (located behind the Community Memorial Hospital), offer opportunities for the public to join the community garden, and share some of their future plans for it.

Monthly herb and gardening classes are scheduled at the Johnson Memorial Library on the second Tuesday and second Thursday of each month respectively. For more information on the Stevia Program, the Community Gardening Class, or any of the other upcoming gardening programs, or to register for any of them, call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

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Please note for tax year 2007,90% of your tax due must be paid by January 31, 2008 to avoid penalty and interest. The Village contracts with the Central Collection Agency (CCA) 1701 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1179 to administer the tax.

All residents over the age of 18 years, are required to file the Village tax form or file an exemption certificate.

Municipal tax forms have been sent from CCA to Oakwood village residents. If you do not receive a form by the end of January, tax forms may be obtained at the Village of Oakwood's office at 228 N. First St. Oakwood Monday -Friday from 10:30 am to 2 pm.

A representative of the CCA will be at the clerks office on monday march 3rd from 9 am to 11:30 am for tax payer assistance. These individuals will assist residents in completing their 2007 village tax return. This is a free service. No appointments necessary.

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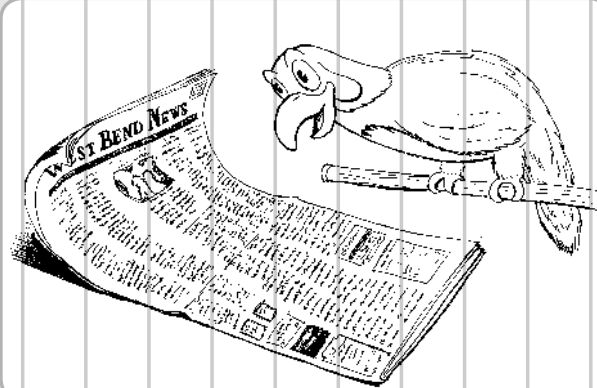
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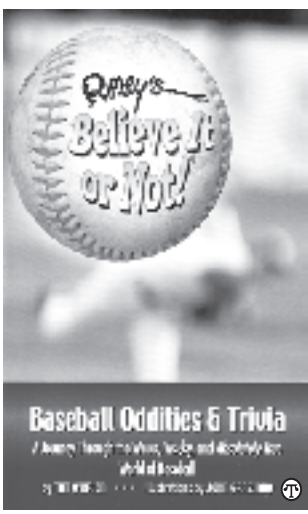
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# BOOK NEWS & NOTES

### Fun Facts & Oddities Featured In Two New Books



Two new books let you enjoy baseball and amusement parks from the comfort of home.

(NAPSA)—Two new Ripley's Believe It or Not! books on two of America's favorite pastimes—baseball and amusement parks—are now available in time for summer enjoyment!

The release of Ripley's Believe It or Not! Amusement Park Oddities & Trivia and Ripley's Believe It or Not! Baseball Oddities & Trivia, marks the first time in its 79-year publishing history, that Ripley has dedicated entire books to these two popular activities.

Both however, are natural subjects for the company to feature. Robert Ripley not only loved baseball, but was a great player! In 1914, he made the New York Giants roster but in his first game, a hit ball struck him, fracturing his pitching arm, ending his professional sports career. But he continued to love the subject, as witnessed by the more than 2,000 baseball cartoons, facts and artifacts that can be found today in Ripley's extensive archives.

In addition to its publishing dynasty, Ripley's operates more than 60-attractions throughout the world in 11 countries, including 30 Believe It or Not! Odditoriums. With their knowledge and passion of the attractions industry, it was only time before "an uncanny journey through the weird, wacky and absolutely true world of parks, rides and attractions" would be written!

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amusement parks and attractions. The other half features chapters on the Disney parks, Ferris wheels, roller coasters, carousels, entertainers and food! More than 100 different parks, zoos, aquariums, attractions, and countless rides are featured and a comprehensive index allows readers to quickly discover the oddities listed for their favorite park or ride.

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Each book contains more than 350 new Believe It or Not! facts and 50-plus original drawings, as well as several "Ripley Classics," cartoons drawn by Ripley himself in the 1920s and 1930s.

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## BOB LATTA VISITS THE ANTWERP ROTARY MEETING



By: Sue Knapp

Congressman Bob Latta visited the Antwerp Rotary at their regular meeting on January 31 at the Essen House. Indiana News Center's, Jeff Neumeyer and camera man Brian Gillett were also there.

Don Oberlin introduced Congressman Latta who then spoke on some of the bills that are being considered now.

He talked about the need to cut taxes and to get things in order. The rebate checks to stimulate the economy was also brought up. He said we need to purchase in "our own backyard" to help the businesses surrounding where we live. He mentioned that the U.S. has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest corporate tax in the world and that is one of the reasons cooperations are sending job overseas. "We need to control our own destiny and not let foreign countries do it. If the foreign countries would

pull out we (U.S.) would collapse," Congressman Latta commented.

The FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) will give our foreign intelligence agents the right to wire tap terrorists (such as Osama Bid Laden) without getting a court order. This pertains to foreign soil only.

The House and Senate need to get control over the Earmark (Airdrop) Bills. To much money is going out for unnecessary personal projects.

The Farm Bill was mentioned and Congressman Latta mentioned that by the time money for other projects is taken out there is not much left for the farmers.

The United States needs to come up with alternative energy sources and soon. Congressman Latta also stated that the illegal aliens need to go back home if they are not here legally. They are a drain on the economy.

On Iraq, he mentioned that we need to give everything that our troops need while over there. The concentration needs to be put on getting Iraqis trained and set up police protection for each town.

Questions were then asked and the meeting was then closed.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paulding County EMA director, Randy Shaffer reviewed with Commissioners various grant fund balances used by his office. Requests for reimbursement for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY2007 under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) were submitted and received totaling \$21,770.98. Current expenses for grant dollars in the amount of \$3,321.02 will be submitted to the State for reimbursement within the next week.

County Recorder Carol Temple updated the Commissioners on the number of mortgage filings her office has processed last month compared to last year at this time. In December 2006 there were 113 mortgages processed and in December 2007 there were 67. Carol indicated that there should be a spike in the coming months now that the interest rates are falling. Many will be homeowners refinancing at a lower interest rate.

County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher was present for the opening of bids on a combined note for the CSEA Annex and the Eagle Creek-Wilson ditch. The note totaled \$80,053.04 and the successful bidder was the Antwerp Exchange Bank at a 3.43% interest rate.

Commissioners traveled to Bryan for the quarterly meeting of the Four County Solid Waste meeting. Paulding County along with Fulton, Williams, and Defiance comprise this district. Funding for our recycling programs are supported by funds made available from this district. An Ohio Recycling Market Development Grant is in the process of application from Kohart's Surplus & Salvage. The District will submit a letter of support with this grant application. Becky Suvar, Paulding County district coordinator gave a report to the district on her activities for the quarter. Some of those included recycling tires left along County roads. Becky presented a pro-

gram to fourth graders about recycling and the importance of our environment. May 31, 2008, has been set as the date the TV recycling day. The recycling trailer continues to be provided at various locations throughout the county. Contact Becky at 419-399-3630 for the time and location of the recycling trailer in your area.

Commissioners attended the Paulding Planning Commission meeting. Harrison Township presented a change in the zoning of several lots at the request of the Dooley Funeral Home. The change was from agricultural to business/commercial. Harrison Township proposed to add language to their zoning regulations regarding mobile homes. Both items met with approval.

MR/DD director Doug McVey updated commissioners on their program. The MR/DD board reorganized with Bill Priest serving as President, Jim Henriott Vice-President, and Shirley Cramer as Secretary. This board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 at the Parc Lane Training Center.

Brent Tow and Pam Baynes from Community Health Professionals/Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice gave a presentation to the Commissioners on what they offer to the citizens of Paulding County. It was mentioned that they provide services whether the patient has the ability to pay or not. No one is turned away from the Hospice program. Fund-raisers help defray the cost of some of these expenses.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners' Office is available for assistance in helping you determine which county office to contact with questions.

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