

ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK PLANS FINALIZED

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is small, but ambitious. They've made the plans and are just about ready for Day In The Park 2009. This will be the eleventh year for this event that will be held on August 8 in Veterans Memorial Park on the east side of the village. The opening ceremony will be at 10:00 in the morning and activities will continue until 5:00 in the afternoon.

The park will be full this year. "We are expecting a lot of extra people, as this year is the Antwerp Local School Reunion. We know that many folks will be returning for the entire weekend," stated Sandra Wann, chamber president.

Because of the expected larger crowd, the chamber has made an extra effort to be sure there will be enough food available for everyone. Several local organizations will be providing their usual items as well as some new things. The Chamber has teamed-up with the local Rotary Club at their food pavilion and will be offering Hot Chicken and Sloppy Joe sandwiches as well as apple dumplings.

The entertainment schedule is full. Folks have contacted the chamber this year re-

questing a slot in the program that will be in the big pavilion in the center of the park. Between the featured acts will be games for the young people, so as to keep everyone entertained.

New this year will be an apple pie baking contest. The entries may be brought to the entertainment pavilion. The judges (a banker, a police officer and a mortician) will announce their choice at 4:00. There will also be a People's Choice award given. Pies should arrive by early afternoon.

During the opening ceremony the Gem of the Year will be honored. This is the fifth year that the chamber has recognized an outstanding local citizen who has been nominated by the community and selected by a committee of chamber members.

A big attraction again this year will be the Classic Car Cruise-in. These beautiful cars will be on display along the west side of the park. Many of you will remember seeing them when they were new. Anyone wishing to 'show-off' their classic car may come and enter the park from the south end of Island Street, there will be a place for your car.

There will be many artisan crafters returning this year

LONG - CUSSEN



David and Nancy Long of Paulding wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jamie Long to Chad Cussen, son of Rob and Nancy Cussen of Wabash, IN.

Jamie is a 2005 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2009 graduate of Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne majoring in Music Therapy. She is currently employed by Ferraro Behavior Services of Fort Wayne, providing music therapy services

in the Huntington and Mari-on areas.

Her fiance is a 2004 graduate of Northfield High School and a 2008 graduate of Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne majoring in History. He is currently finishing his Master of Arts in History from Eastern Illinois University.

The couple will exchange vows on August 8, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony in Paulding.

as well as some new folks. They will be displaying their items for sale along the east and north sides of the park. "This event is a good time to begin shopping for something special for your holiday gift needs," says Mrs Wann.

Throughout the remainder of the park will be Games and Activities for all ages. The Chamber committee has worked with several community organizations to make these possible. Some of the bigger activities have been sponsored by local businesses.

The Memories of Antwerp ornament number nine will be available for purchase at the Chamber table just south of the entertainment stage. This year it features City Hall as it appeared in the early 1900's. Anyone collecting this limited edition ornament will want to be sure to get theirs early.

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LATTA OPPOSES DEMOCRAT SPENDING GIMMICK

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement after voting against H.R. 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Act of 2009.

Currently, PAYGO rules require spending bills in Congress to have a revenue source that funds the programs the legislation enacts. H.R. 2920 only requires PAYGO rules for 53% of the federal budget, mainly entitlement spending, and most tax law. H.R. 2920 fails to require PAYGO rules for discretionary spending and does not add any limits to the amount that federal debt can grow.

House Republicans introduced substitute legislation that would ensure federal spending cannot grow faster than the economy and a cap on discretionary spending.

"H.R. 2920 is nothing more than a smoke and mirrors trick by the Democrat majority to cover their outrageous spending tracks. Since taking control of Congress in 2007, the Democrat majority has racked up over \$420 billion in spending that violated their own PAYGO rules and subsequently added \$1.678

trillion to the national deficit. If the Democrat majority was serious about reigning in spending, they would include PAYGO rules for all spending, including discretionary spending, and adhere to fiscal responsibility when drafting spending bills to avoid these situations in the first place. Constituents in Ohio's Fifth District, and millions of other Americans, are forced to live within their means each day and frankly it is time that Congress get serious about doing the same. Without serious and meaningful spending reform, we are creating a mountain of debt that our future generations will be forced to deal with," Latta stated after today's vote.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jazlynn Ann Blankenbeckler was born July 22, 2009 at 2:31 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville. She was 7lb. 12oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Rachael Hollinger and Ronald Blankenbeckler of Antwerp, along with sibling, Ashton Blankenbeckler.

Proud grandparents are Beth Ann Banks, of Antwerp.

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The Chamber is again selling 50/50 tickets. The drawing will be at 4:00 p.m. Last years winner took home over \$700. Tickets may be purchased at local Chamber businesses and from Chamber members.

The Chamber made it a project last year to improve the parking along the east side of the park. There will be attendants at the festival to aid in maximizing the use of this area. The United Methodist Church, just west of the park, has also agreed to let us use their parking facility. The Chamber asks that the public please respect their property as well as the park. The Chamber is very grateful to the church, for without their parking lot there would not be adequate room for the festival.

Also last year, the Chamber and City Council working together, had the cement in the big pavilion resurfaced. This year a new side walk has been installed from that pavilion to the east parking area. This will make it a lot easier for the entertainers to get into the building.

The planning is complete all we need now is great weather and lots of people to enjoy the games, food, crafts and visiting with their friend and neighbors. There will be some seating provided at the park, but one may be more comfortable if they would bring their own folding chair for the day. This is recommended.

Anyone wanting additional information may contact The Chamber president Sandra Wann at 419-258-4065 or leave a message on the chamber phone line at 419-258-1722. We do look forward to another great festival day!

For more information or to register call 419-399-1133 or 800-741-1743 and ask for respiratory therapy.



OBITUARIES

Ralph K. "Jack" Williams, 80, of Payne died July 24, 2009 at the Paulding County Hospital.

He was born on June 21, 1929 in Paulding County the son of Lawrence and Ollie (Sharp) Williams. On July 22, 1961 he married Gloria Harlow who preceded him in death in 2007. He was employed by Sims Manufacturing, Payne for 15 years retiring in 1996. He was a member of St. Jacob's Church of Christ, Payne.

He is survived by three sons: Robert (Karen) Williams and Benjamin Williams both of Payne, Barry (Sandi) Williams of Atoka, TN; four daughters: Barbara Mattson and Diana (Steve) Garrod both of Payne; Jean (Jerry) Mobley and Linda (Tom) Carlisle both of Paulding; two sisters: Ida Mae Fraught of Lima, Ohio and Florence (Richard) Fisher of Payne; 26 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gloria; two sons: Brian Williams and Ralph Williams Jr.; three sisters: Nellie Williams, Grace Byers and Doris Snyder; two brothers: Glen and Leslie "Bud" Williams; two grandsons: Joey and Christopher Williams.

Graveside services were July 27, 2009 at Lehman Cemetery with Rev. Jim Langham officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jacob's Church of Christ.

Arrangements by Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

Carolyn S. Swann, 58, of Antwerp died Friday, July 24, 2009 at her residence.

She was born April 14, 1951 in Garretts, Indiana the daughter of Robert and Virginia (Settle) Woodring. On March 21, 1998 she married Robert A. Swann who survives. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Antwerp and was an apartment manager for the DPM Corporation of Corunna, Indiana.

She is survived by her husband, Robert of Antwerp; her mother, Virginia Woodring of Byesville, Ohio; two daughters: Lynette (Randy) De Long of Delphos, OH and Amy (Greg) Johnson of Sherwood, OH; one son, Matthew Harvey of Antwerp; three sisters: Pearl (John) Lee of Byesville, OH; Jeannette (Ralph) Haven of Daytona Beach, FL; Barbara Chapman of Fort Wayne; one brother, Bobby (Joe) Woodring of Silver Springs, FL; seven grandchildren: Cody and Alyssa De Long, Tyler, Cassie, and Jennessa Johnson, and Cade and Justis Harvey.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Woodring; a daughter, Stephanie Dawn Bender; and a brother, Jimmy Woodring.

Funeral services were July 28, 2009 at the First Baptist Church, Antwerp with Rev. James Edwards officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil, Ohio.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Paulding County Hospital Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

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Jacob Peter Schaefer, 73 of Dickinson TX, formerly of Payne died on July 14, 2009 in a Clear Lake, Texas hospital.

He was born March 23, 1936 in Payne, the son of Anthony J. and Florence M. (Wetli) Schaefer. Jake was a farmer for many years in Antwerp, and had a carpet and decorating business in Antwerp and Paulding for 12 years. Jake attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp and Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church in Dickinson, Texas. He was a devout Catholic. Jake graduated from Payne High School in 1954. He attended college at St. Joe, Rensselaer, IN.

He will be sadly missed by his four children: Steve (Leslie) Schaefer of Houston, TX; Laura Boldman of Murphy, TX; Joan Cross of Phoenix, AZ and Judi (Craig) Cherry of Richardson, TX; seven grandchildren: Kendra, Jacob, Alexandria, Jami, Nicholette, Spencer and Dylan; brother, Charles (Christine) Schaefer; sister, Rose Ann Glass; sister-in-law, Lorraine (Schaefer) Pellagini all of Payne. Preceding him in death were his parents: Anthony J. and Florence M. Schaefer; a brother, Norman Schaefer; and a sister, Geraldine Mullen.

Spending time with family and friends remained Jake's favorite pastime his entire life. In his retirement years, he developed a love for cooking, reading, wood-working as well as exploring many diverse subjects on the internet from hydrogen powered cars to a new appetizer recipe. Jake volunteered with Galveston County Hospice for the past five years. He did a wonderful job bringing comfort to terminal patients and their families. He was also an 'inventor', creating and distributing items he designed to make his hospice patients lives more comfortable and productive. Jake had a special gift for helping people, giving back to his community and he truly never knew a stranger.

Visitation is Thursday, July 30, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne with the Rosary at 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in his Mass of Christian Burial Friday, July 31, at 10:00 am at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne.

Burial in St. John's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Paulding County Hospice, 250 Dooley Drive, Suite A, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Constance Champion, 60, of Paulding, passed away on Wednesday July 22, 2009 at the Paulding Hospital.

She was born in Wayne, Michigan on November 29, 1948, the daughter of Harold and Doris (Helsel, Fanning) Williams.

Constance was previously employed by Trident in Hicksville and was a member of First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

On September 15, 1990, she married DeWayne Champion who survives.

Constance will be sadly missed by her son, John L. Phillips; sisters: Bonnie (Ken) Smith of Birchrun, MI, Nancy Williams and Sandy (Jeff) Buffington both of Antwerp, Shirley (Art) Ames of Garden City, MI, Roberta (Al) Fenech of Brighton, MI, Pam (Ron) Sherman of Phoenix, AZ, Susan (Brian) Godek of Fenton, MI; brothers: Matt Williams of Whitmore Lake, MI, Tim (Kathy) Fannin of Antwerp, OH; and nieces and nephews as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; stepfather, Joseph Fannin; and nephew Eric Johnston.

Graveside services will be Friday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Maumee Cemetery with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Elizabeth C. Parr, 90, of Paulding died Sunday, July 19, 2009 at the Gardens of Paulding, Paulding, Ohio.

She was born in Jackson Township on July 28, 1918 the daughter of Albert H. and Alma (Harris) Conley. On July 17, 1938 she married Raymond P. Parr, who preceded her in death on February 2, 1975. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and was previously employed by the former Key Corp/Society Bank of Paulding retiring in 1998.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Steel of Paulding; a brother, Robert (Mary Ann) Conley of Little Rock, AR; two sisters: Lowanda (Matthew) Schulte, and Luella (Orville) Mullins both of Van Wert, OH; three grandchildren: Jamie, Cindy, and Michael; and seven great-grandchildren: Eric, Elizabeth, Lindsay, Bryant, Jason, Paul, and Jacqueline.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Albert Cletus and John Conley; and two sisters: Mildred Deane Maher and Mary Ann Williamson.

A Mass of Christian Burial

was conducted July 23, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to The Gardens of Paulding; Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; or donor's choice.



Janelle E. Bradley, 18, of Defiance passed away Saturday, July 25, 2009 at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Paulding, Ohio on November 8, 1990. She was the daughter of John Bradley of Cleveland and Martha K. Miles of Defiance.

Janelle had worked at McDonald's.

Besides her parents surviving is a daughter, Aubriana C. Bradley; brother, James Miles of Indiana; half-sister, Brandy Austin; half-brother, Christopher Austin of Indiana; grandmother, Alean Miles of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by grandfather, James Miles; and grandmother, Janice Salter.

Services are at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Friends are invited to call Thursday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, to assist in paying for services, please send donations to her mother Martha Miles at 2095 Royal Oak Ave., Defiance, OH 43512.

Condolences may be left at www.defiancefuneralhome.com

GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS AND DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

On Saturday, July 25, at the corner of 49 and 24, the parking lot was a collage of... well the only word appropriate is stuff! We had so many generous donations from Antwerp area residents to benefit Antwerp Church of Christ's Garage Sale School Supply Fundraiser. It was a great day, even with the few little threats of rain.

Plans are now being brought together for purchasing the school supplies needed for all Antwerp students who can't afford to buy school supplies this school year.

Parents, all you need to do is call the church building at 419-258-3895 and leave a message on the answering machine containing: YOUR name, your child/children's name(s), the grade they are going into this school year, and also your phone number. Phone numbers are needed so that we can give everyone a call to remind them when and where to pick up their supplies.

And where will you be picking up your supplies? Well, on Saturday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. they will be available for pick up at the West Bend News parking lot. Also, if you can't make it up on Saturday, then on Sunday, August 16 they will be available for pick up from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Riverside Park in Antwerp. This is our "Church in the Park" day, so come early enjoy some worship, good food, play in the park, and then take home your supplies for school.

If you would like to make a donation to this fundraising effort, you may do so by sending your monetary donations to Antwerp Church of Christ, PO Box 1150, Antwerp, OH

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Take a romp through the swamp! This bayou VBS is a 'ragin' celebration! Edgerton Wesleyan Church is sponsoring "Crocodile Dock" August 3-7. Each night, children in grades K-6 will learn a rock solid God-centered lesson from the book of Exodus. Exciting Bible stories, energetic music, and recreation will help kids know more about the great love God has for all His children.

This year, Edgerton Wesleyan Church will be holding VBS at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church Hall located at 203 West Townline Street in Payne, Ohio. Activities will be held on Monday through Friday, August 3-7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for VBS. Children are asked to donate canned goods for the Payne Ministerial Association's food bank.

You may register by calling the church (260-632-4008) for a form. You may also complete registration online at www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/edgertonvbs2009.

MIRACLE ZONE VBS AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Miracle Zone is open August 3-7 at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene. This VBS is for children ages 4 to 10 and will be filled with fun.

Come from 6:00-8:30 p.m. to learn about the miracles of God. Friday, August 7 there will be a family fun night with Christian Illusionist and WBCL staffer, Jim Barron followed by carnival games and food. Everyone is welcome! The children will try to collect enough school supplies during the week for a chance to soak the VBS staff. Don't miss out on this great week! To register call the church office at 399-3932.

The school supplies collected by the children at the VBS will be given away to families in the community, Saturday August 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Supplies are limited, first come first served.

JESUS BORN OF A VIRGIN

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

In our last study we finished with Daniel 9:24-27 and Jesus being anointed the most holy. Today let us look at the Scripture verses of Jesus being born of a virgin.

Going back into the Old Testament and the book of Isaiah 7:14 and what Isaiah is saying. This could be the most controversial verse in Isaiah as some Bible scholars show their ignorance in trying to say this verse means something other than what is being said. Because of Isaiah using the Hebrew word 'Almah' and this word could mean a young woman of marriageable age or virgin. As you study this word, you will soon find that out of all the other words Isaiah could have used for virgin, 'almah' was the best word he could have used. To clear up all the argument about this verse, what does Matthew 1:23 say about Isaiah 7:14? Matthew used the Greek word 'parthenos' for virgin. In the New Testament 'parthenos' stresses the one who has never engaged in sexual intercourse. Mary, the mother of Jesus is described as 'parthenos'; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:27. Mary remained a virgin until Jesus was born, even though she was married to Joseph. Read Matthew 13:53-58, and notice what is being said in verses 55-56. So we see the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 in Matthew 1:23 and Luke 1:26-35. Once again the Bible proves that those who teach that Mary remained a virgin after Jesus birth are wrong again, because she had other children that Joseph was the father of.

Another scripture verse we need to look at is Micah 5:3, but I would encourage you to read Micah 5:1-5, to get the context. These are some very interesting verses, and looking at verse 2 it tells us where Jesus is going to be born. Also notice what it says at the end of verse 2, whose going forth has been from old, from everlasting. This states that the little king would be one who has always been alive. When Jesus said to the Jewish people before Abraham, I am, the Jews became very upset. Micah is talking about the ten tribes which made up the northern kingdom, even though his message was for the northern kingdom, which is Israel, and the southern Kingdom which is Judah. Micah prophesied about judgment coming to Israel and Judah. Matthew 2:6 quotes Micah 5:2. Micah whose name means who is like Jehovah and his prophesying was around 725 B.C. Just to close with this thought from Denny Petrillo. God's requirements are reasonable, His demands unchangeable and His love is tender and changeless. Also a believer's life must match his confession.

Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood Church of Christ. Bible questions please call (419) 399-5022 or (419) 393-4775.

BENEFIT FOR ANDY WELLS

Andy Wells, who married Sarah Hudson on October 10, 2008, underwent aortic valve replacement on April 15. Following surgery, Andy suffered many complications throughout his seven-week hospital stay: pulmonary shunt, infections, and left leg amputation. Andy faces future procedures and an extensive rehab stay.

A fund-raiser benefit has been organized to help Andy and Sarah with medical expenses. The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at Hamilton Life Center, 4001 Terry Lake Estates, Hamilton, IN 46742.

A 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament, silent auction and dinner is all planned throughout the day.

For more information or to help with the fund-raiser, please contact: Sarah Hudson at 419-769-0461 or fairies_21@hotmail.com, Jennifer O'Keefe 260-615-8969 or jenoakeefe@hotmail.com

Please visit Andy's website to read his story: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/andywells>

THANK YOU

The family of John Henschen would like to thank the doctors and staff at Lutheran Hospital, the nurses, staff and Paulding County Hospital, Dr. Joseph Kuhn, Payne EMS, Rev. Joseph Allen, Rev. Julia Ronngren, Flat Rock Masonic Lodge #580, American Legion Post 297 and the St. James Lutheran ladies for the lovely meal.

A heartfelt thank you to all our family, friends, and neighbors, for their prayers, calls, visits, cards, and food during this difficult time.

A special thank you to Shawn R. Dooley and staff for going above and beyond.

—Jane Henschen & family

WOODBURN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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MONTHLY PERI MEETING DATE SET FOR AUGUST

PERI Chapter 10 Paulding County meeting is August 5 at the Paulding Senior Center. Lunch is at 11:00 a.m. with the meeting at 12:00 noon. A representative from Human & Medical Mutual Insurance will be there to inform everyone of some recent changes.

Call 419-399-3650 to make lunch reservations.



MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING WELCOMES REGINA HERMAN MEYER

The Manor House welcomes Regina Herman Meyer. Regina was born in Florence Twp. in Edgerton, OH to Mx and Lamoil Herman. Regina had five brothers and two sisters. Along with her siblings Regina attended St. Mary's Catholic School and Edgerton High School.

Regina met her future husband Paul Meyer at a dance. They married and began their family. They had five children: Tim, Chris, Linda, Cindy, and Frank. all five children attended and graduated from Antwerp High School.

While raising their family on Road 45 between Antwerp and Hicksville, the family farmed. They raised cows as well as soybeans, wheat and corn.

Along with keeping busy on the farm, Regina spent a great deal of time sewing. She sewed clothing for her five children.

Since Regina's arrival at the Manor House she has met a lot of new friends. She enjoys the food, playing Uno, and getting together with others from activities.

The Manor House welcomes Regina and we are happy to have you with us.

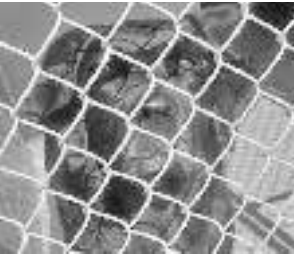
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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Chief Dog Warden, Paulding County

This week's featured pet is Bullet. Bullet is a 5 year old male black lab. He has already been neutered, is up to date on all his shots, and is house-trained. Due to unfortunate circumstances his owner had to suddenly move away and was not able to take Bullet with him. Bullet will make a great addition to any family. Come out and visit him and the other dogs on Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

There have been several dog bites in the county lately, most involving children. We all teach our children how to handle strangers but I think it is also very important to teach them how to handle strange dogs. Most dogs children come into contact with are happy-friendly dogs, but you must always remember all dogs have natural instincts that can make them very unpredictable especially under stress or in a strange environment. Here are some points you can talk to your kids about and hopefully avoid a potentially dangerous situation:

—Never approach an unfamiliar dog, especially one chained or tied up.

—Use caution with strange dogs. Always assume that a strange dog may see you as an intruder or threat.

—Do not pet a dog without first getting the owner's permission and letting the dog see and sniff you first.

—Do not bother a dog that is SLEEPING, EATING, or caring for a litter of puppies.

—Do not scream at or run past a dog or run away from a dog. A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch fleeing prey.

—If you are approached by a strange dog, be "still like a tree" try to remain motionless until the dog has left the area and then back away slowly.

—Avoid direct eye contact with a dog. It is perceived by the dog as an act of aggression.

—Do not raise your hand or object towards the dog as if you are going to hit the dog.

—If a dog should try to attack, "feed" the dog your purse, jacket, book bag or anything that can come between you and the dog.

Next week we will learn some tips to reduce the chance of your dog possibly causing a bite.

LATTA ANNOUNCES U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION TIME-LINE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is pleased to announce he is accepting applications for nominations to the United States Military Service Academies. Applications for the 2010 academic year will be accepted for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Candidates residing in Ohio's 5th Congressional District who are interested in seeking a nomination to one of the four military service academies must meet the following basic requirements:

—Must be at least 17, but not yet 23 years-of-age by July 1st of year of admission to the academy

—Must be a citizen of the United States

—Must be unmarried

—Cannot be pregnant or have legal obligation to support a child or other dependents

—Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy

Interested candidates may obtain an application from Congressman Latta's website at [viceAcademyNominations.htm or by calling 800-541-6446.](http://latta.house.gov/ConstituentServices/Ser-</p>
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Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2009. Individuals with questions can visit Congressman Latta's website <http://latta.house.gov> or call 1-800-541-6446.

THOMAS GUSKEY TO SPEAK TO EDUCATORS ON AUGUST 20

Educators from Northwest Ohio are invited to attend a one-day workshop presented by Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. Dr. Thomas Guskey will present "Grading & Reporting Student Learning: Policies & Practices That Work" on August 20, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio.

Dr. Guskey's presentation will include how to move students to a higher level of achievement through a better understanding of best practices in grading and reporting systems. Educators from outside Van Wert or Paulding Counties may register for a fee which will include a box lunch, juice and snack, and all handouts. Check payable to WBESC should be mailed to Chris Feichter, Western Buckeye ESC, P.O. Box 176, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Dr. Guskey is a professor at the University of Kentucky where he teaches courses in research and evaluation design, quantitative analysis techniques, and educational reform and change. Dr. Guskey has served as a consultant to educators in every state, as well as in Europe and Asia, and has been a frequent speaker at national conferences. Dr. Guskey is the author/editor of 12 books and over 100 journal articles, and is the only person to have won twice the National Staff Development Council's prestigious "Book of the Year Award" and to have won three times the "Article of the Year Award".

For more information, contact Curriculum Director, Chris Feichter, at cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org or call 419-399-4711.

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FOLTZ INSURANCE TEAM WINS SHELLY LITZENBERG MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



1st Place Foltz Insurance Team: Front L-R: Ashely King, Becca Wolford, Jesse Moreno, Shawna Litzenberg, Lisa Poe, Melanie Forrer, April Litzenberg. Back: Ivan Maples, Nate Elston, Mark Winkeljohn, Bill Poe, Nathan Metger. Absent: Mark Medford. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Shelly Litzenberg died six years ago next Monday, August 3. Her memory has been kept alive by many of her friends and her wonderful family. Shelly was a person big into all kinds of sports. She still holds the record of the most points for basketball in one game for Wayne Trace. She graduated in 1990.

What better way to honor her than to have a softball tournament. This tournament is well-received in the area. The purpose of the tournament is not only to bring memory to Shelly's name, but also to give scholarships to local school kids in her name. The tournament raises funds for this. Many young people on their way to college or university have been supported

in her honor. Many including Ellen Wetli, Becky Rubble, Kelsea Adams, and Bryn, Mickae, and Cole Schlatter have received scholarships also played in the tournament this year.

Kathy Litzenberg, mom of Shelly, was there for much of the tournament and handed out the winners' plaque on Sunday. She recalled what a wonderful person her daughter was. Shawna Litzenberg, sister, and April Litzenberg was there organizing the event. You can tell by speaking with them how much they loved Shelly. They're exuberance flows out into caring for others' education. Many people have given to make this happen including the Litzenberg family. The Payne

Park Association donated the use of the park from Friday until Sunday when the tournament wrapped up. Pam & Robin Eberle donated the trophies, umpires donated their time. The Litzenberg family is thankful for all of the surrounding area for their support. "Shelly has touched so many lives. Many have given back," said Kathy.

\$14,000 in scholarships has been given out to area school students. This year the most number of teams ever has signed up at 14.

The final game on Sunday came down to two very good teams, On The Edge Construction and Foltz Insurance. The winner ended up being Foltz Insurance.

STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR 3C PASSENGER RAIL PLAN STRENGTHENS OHIO'S STIMULUS APPLICATION

To strengthen the state's push for federal stimulus funds to provide passenger rail service to more Ohioans, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are calling upon citizens across the state to proclaim, "3C is Me!"

ORDC and ODOT have launched 3CisME.ohio.gov, an online portal to find the latest news and share public comments on Ohio's 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan.

Ohio's 3C Corridor will connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati as part of President Barack Obama's nationally-prioritized Chicago Hub Network—which connects with Toledo, Louisville, Indianapolis and Chicago to the west.

With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Ohio's "Quick Start" plan would have initial conventional-speed service running by 2011, utilizing the safest, most efficient and cost-effective route, and putting travel choice in reach of more than 60 percent of Ohio's population.

Ohio faces intense competition in securing its share of \$8 billion in stimulus funds made available for passenger rail under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Earlier this month, ORDC and ODOT took an important step in that competition by filing a "pre-application" with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) outlining

Ohio's 3C "Quick Start" Plan.

As of July 17, the FRA had received 278 pre-applications, covering 40 states and the District of Columbia, seeking \$102 billion in funding. The U.S. Department of Transportation will make its funding decision this fall. Ohio is seeking at least \$250 million and up to \$400 million for the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan.

As a part of the formal application for stimulus funding due by October 1, ORDC and ODOT will use some of the public comments collected on the new 3CisME.ohio.gov. Some of the comments already recorded.

"I have lived in Ohio for seven years, but due to the lack of having a reliable vehicle (and currently without a vehicle at all) I haven't had much opportunity to visit other areas of the state, but this rail service may very well change all of that!"

"The possibility of the 3C is easily the most exciting, positive thing going on in Ohio today. It will add enor-

mously to the state's quality of life and will better connect me to my family and friends across the state."

"Several times per year, I have to travel to Columbus for meetings and training. Whenever I go now, I lose at least five hours of productivity per trip. On the train, I could use a laptop to keep up with my email, tend to paperwork, have telephone conferences, and sometimes even meetings with coworkers. These things can't be done in a car."

Strong coalitions from every region of the state have expressed in support for Ohio's passenger rail plans, ranging from city leaders, sports teams, students, contractors, environmental organizations, labor, developers, chambers of commerce, and private businesses.

A March 2009 Quinnipiac University Poll showed 64 percent of Ohioans statewide favored re-establishing passenger rail in the 3C Corridor, with particularly strong support among men and women under the age of 25.

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Steve Baumle for letting us use your power - without you, Block Party would've been pretty quiet!

Kent Meeks @ Payne Super Valu for keeping us in ice and sandwich buns on such short notice.

Brad Wobler for roasting up some of the best hog we've ever eaten.

To One - A - Chord, it wouldn't be an event without you guys and your awesome music.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is to the person who thought it was necessary to send a Sheriff to my home, on Thursday evening, regarding the care of my horse. The sheriff told me that he was responding to the complaint that there was an emaciated horse on my property. If I knew who you were I would confront you personally.

Before contacting authorities it would have been more appropriate to know some of the history of the animal in question. This horse is 24 years old. I am fortunate that he is still alive. The average age of a living horse is 24. I count myself fortunate that he is still living.

He has a history of Equine Protozoa Mylo-encephalitis (EPM) and West Nile while he was boarded at another facility prior to bringing him to my current residence approximately six years ago. Both of these conditions require veterinary care. West Nile, as you know, if not treated can be fatal. My horses are trimmed by a farrier, wormed, and vaccinated on a regular basis.

If you are not knowledge-

able of horses, it would have been wise to do some research regarding the aging process of a horse and talked to me regarding the care of my horse. He is part of my family and is fed and cared for like I care for my daughter.

I find it very disturbing for a sheriff to come to my home because of such an accusation. As a Certified Horseback Riding Instructor it is very important to me that my horse(s) is in the best physical condition for their appropriate age. If you have any questions please contact me first, not the sheriff.

—Cynthia Hickok

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrations Decorators! Do not go there!

We recently went to a wedding reception that Celebrations decorated. At first we thought they did a nice job until we found out that they did not do all the work! They only put up three table backdrops and rolled out table cloths, the wedding party family did the rest including putting out the (rented) floating candles and making sure they were dry at the end of the reception! This young couple paid up to an amount of \$750.00—overpaid, if you ask me! Yes, the candles were rented and if any got broke the couple had to pay for them. This family went through Lima but there is one in Defiance also and I've heard that they are all the same way!

I was really disappointed when the lady showed up at 11:00 p.m. to tear her things down and made the guests feel like they were being pushed out of the party. We were just getting started! The kids were having fun until she came back and pushed them off the dance floor to get to her things and that's when the guests started leaving. I will NOT recommend this company to anyone having a party of any kind! Unless you want to decorate it yourself!

—Jane Keil

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Believe it or not... even in these terribly frustrating times of economic and political upheaval and confusion, there are some good and positive things occurring on the local, state, and national levels. Even as we are seeing government expanding power and authority at an alarming and unprecedented rate, we are seeing more Americans becoming interested and knowledgeable of government in general. We are beginning to understand that what happens in Washington does indeed affect us here in rural America. In the past, working Americans have simply sat back and enjoyed the benefits of a system of government that we well knew little about. Well, today, the very foundations and principles of the government that allowed and fostered the lifestyles we enjoy, are being destroyed on a daily basis. As we contemplate the changes now happening and coming down the pike, we feel overwhelmed and confused. Join the crowd, because most of the people that I encounter feel the same frustration.

The good news is that people are beginning to get interested and involved to the extent of wanting to do something to stop the landslide, and alternatively provide workable solutions. There are Freedom Groups, Meet-Up Groups, Tea Party Groups, 9-12 Groups, meeting regularly all over the country. There are over 75 such groups in Ohio alone, and they are gaining recognition and membership at a regular rate. I believe that such groups constitute the only real hope for the future that our Nation has left. Both political parties are almost equally responsible for the serious financial predicament we are in; the massive economic problems we have, and the ethical crisis we see around us daily. The only solutions they offer are more of the same, with no real initiatives to solve the problems. More national debt; more government welfare programs; more regulatory intervention; will not solve the problems. I am pleading with the readers of this editorial to get involved with one of these groups, and at least take part in one of the rallies that are held periodically at our court houses, state houses, or Federal Capitol. Make some calls, get in touch with someone in your area group, and find out what is going on. See if you can be a factor in any way.

There are two up-coming events in a few weeks. The first event is a rally at the State House in Columbus on August 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. When more information is available, I will write another letter to pass it along. In the mean time, attempt to join up with the Freedom Group in your area. Future generations will appreciate your involvement.

—Robert Cooper, Payne, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently I wrote to 'mis'-representative Latta about healthcare. I told him that I thought it's time to get on the bi-partisan train to affordable healthcare for all. He's one of those who says a government program would take away choice of doctors and hospi-

tals. What a boatload of crap! I've had insurance for 20 years that told me what doctors and facilities I'd be covered by (Bluecross)! They (Congress) has the BEST care available and a wide variety of choices of healthcare not available to you and me! And, it's completely government run! They keep getting "greased" by the profits from corporate healthcare and drug companies! I remember the county hospitals, and was always treated good when I had to go! I still use a very good hospital that's a county hospital here in Paulding! I'd bet 'mis'-representative Latta doesn't have to go only to certain doctors or facilities! It's time for Bob to represent all parties and people in his district, and get on that bipartisan train for all in his district! We all deserve healthcare that's affordable, or maybe congress should have to buy their own healthcare with all the co-pays and deductibles we all have!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This past Sunday (July 19) I was going to attend the circus in Paulding. My daughter and I got there about an hour before the evening performance.

It was warm that day, and the animals (a young camel, a llama, a miniature horse, and two very young miniature horses) had no access to water or shade. I eventually got them to give the animals water and to move the llama to shade (poor thing was panting and drooling, obvious heat distress) but the guy in charge of taking care of the animals was yelling at me and telling me that he gives the animals water three times a day and they are fine.

I was told to leave after indicating that I wanted to file a complaint with the USDA on the conditions the animals were in. But I'd already decided I wasn't going to buy a ticket, because to do so would be condoning the treatment of the animals. Please, when you are any place that uses live animals, take a look around. Do they have water? Are they showing signs of distress? Is there an excessive amount of waste on the ground? Are they skinny, or have sores? If you don't feel comfortable with the conditions, speak up! The animals cant' do anything about it, but you can. If you're not comfortable saying anything directly to the people, you can contact the local law enforcement and they can help you or direct you to the right agency for the town. Depriving animals of water is animal abuse, and if you witness that and then pay for admission, you are condoning that.

—Amber Cooper



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing today to tell you the story of my lost brother who had been found. Before I started this article I had to ask my parents, Gene and Alice Bruns from Payne, permission to write this article. My brother Gary was lost physically and as well as in his mind. Gary was born in 1957. He was a normal child; he loved to play baseball, skiing, and the mountains.

I remember the time he took a trip with our family. We took a trip out west to see a cowboy under the glass, but the thing that interested us kids just as much was the souvenir shop. Though I don't remember what caught my eye in the shop, I still remember what Gary wanted that day. He had found a set of cap guns he wanted really bad. He kicked up the worst fit you ever wanted to see, complete with flying legs and big crocodile tears when he was denied this prize. Dad promptly took Gary out of the shop and started leading all of us kids to the car. Out of nowhere came the biggest man that any of us kids had ever seen. He was at least six feet, with a huge ten gallon cowboy hat. Then that

big ol' cowboy bent down and patted my little brother on the head and called him a burro. You have never seen four kids get into a car so fast in your life!

Gary graduated from Wayne Trace in 1976 with plenty mechanical skills. Gary could fix anything you placed in front of him. We did not realize it at the time, but things were starting to change for my brother. It used to be that his clothes had to be perfect. Then, things turned upside down.

My aunt and uncle live in Denver, Colorado. We have a cousin out there that was doing construction work. At the age of 21 Gary packed up all of his belongings, his clothes, his sleeping bags, and all of his money and set out. Unfortunately, Chicago came first. Gary had never come face to face with street people, more specifically a motorcycle gang.

Gary was missing for over three weeks. During these three weeks, Gary only remembers certain things: a bonfire, a motorcycle gang, a lot of drinking, and very loud, loud music. After some time he was found in a Catholic Church hiding under some pews. It took a priest a long time (since there were no computers like today) but he was able to find us, and help bring my brother home. He had searched through all of the dioceses in the Chicago area, and then he searched all of the ones in the Toledo area. It took quite a bit of time.

When he got home, he was a patient in St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne. It made us terribly sad. The man in charge of Gary asked us a lot of questions. He asked my mom if we believed all the stories Gary told him, because at the time Gary's mind was on the Vietnam War. Gary was never in the service.

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"The power of the Executive to cast a man into prison without formulating any charge known to the law, and particularly to deny him the judgment of his peers, is in the highest degree odious and is the foundation of all totalitarian government whether Nazi or Communist."

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 Joe, Gary ran away again. He called me from a pay phone. I had the number traced; it was a gas station in Fort Wayne. Later that night, my mom got another call. This time the phone call was the Fostoria police. My brother had ridden a train from Fort Wayne to Fostoria. It was very hard on my parents. People with Gary's condition talk to themselves and walk around all the time. So, after eight to ten years, I took over as his guardian.

My parents bought him a house trailer to live in, and had him help farm. My dad fought to keep him on his insurance at General Motors and they did whatever they could to help him. It cost them a pretty penny, but they did whatever they could until SSSI and disability kicked in. It took four years for it all to go through. Gary did some eccentric things like cutting the legs off his couch and chairs, and dressing like a monk. Then he moved to the Fritz House in Paulding. This is a group home for individuals with special needs. Gary would stay there through the week, and go home on weekends. For six years, Gary held down a part-time job at Alco unloading trucks and stocking shelves. He took care of the flowers, and did some outside work. The people there were good to him, and he worked very hard.

Some of the things Gary did were funny, while others were heartbreaking. For a while, my father was very ill and we were told it did not look good. We came home from the hospital after visiting my dad and Gary had dug a hole in the middle of the garden to bury my dad. The hole that he had dug was the size of a casket, and he said it was to save my mom money. We laugh about it now, but at the time we could have cried. It has taken many years for people to learn what chemical imbalance really does to a person. I was Gary's guardian for twelve years; I do not regret it a day in my life. I was never alone in taking care of him. My brother Bill and my sister Mary Ann always stood by me; as did both of my parents, my children and their families.

Gary was found July 23, 2008. He entered the gates of Heaven to be a monk, a priest, or whatever God's eyes wanted him to be. There were no tears at my brother's funeral, just a quiet smile. I miss him and I love him, and I always will.

If this will help just one person with special needs, or understanding chemical imbalance I know it was worth it.

Father Fillman's Sermon (at Gary's funeral)

Off the coast of Normandy, France is Mont San Michael. Twelve hours a day it is a part of the mainland and the other twelve it is an island. It is said when the tide comes in it does so faster than a horse can gallop. But it is St. Michael's Mount. At the top is a Benedictine Abbey of monks, and at the very top is the monastery church. On the top of the steeple is a gold statue of St. Michael the Archangel. About twenty years ago, the statue was in desperate need of repair and gilding. A helicopter came and put a sling around the statue. Hundreds of people

came to see St. Michael fly away. Months later when the statue was repaired, thousands of people came to see St. Michael fly back to his place on top of his church. People in the crowd were heard saying, "I guess St. Michael did not like Paris."

I mention that story because Gary had a deep devotion to St. Michael the Archangel. For some reason Michael casting the powers of evil out of heaven fired his religious imagination. In that first reading Michael is described as "The great prince, the guardian of the people." Maybe that's why Gary liked him so much. He sensed that with his problems he might be in need of a spiritual guardian. He also sensed that many other people needed Michael's help too. He bought a box of maybe a hundred holy cards of St. Michael, and would give them to people he thought needed one.

Gary had a deep and lively spirituality. He had a great love of the Lord, and he read his Bible a lot so as to get to know him even better. He loved the Lord in the Eucharist. In his simplicity he would have his own Mass sometimes. Now that is praying the Mass, when you make it that much your own. He had a deep love for Mary, the Blessed Virgin. He had a deep fondness of the monastic tradition. He sewed himself a monk's habit and would sometimes wear it, complete with cowl and capuche. He called himself Monk Gary Bruns. One of Gary's hobbies was wood carving. He liked to carve crosses. One of his crosses is with him in his casket, but he even carved a pastoral staff - just like the Pope. If you're going to dream, dream big.

This spirituality really did flow in the way Gary lived. He was a kind and gentle soul. At Christmas time he wanted everyone to get a gift. He would do his own shopping, and even if the gift only cost a quarter, everyone in the family got something. Because of his illness he could get agitated and nervous. Maybe that's part of the reason he did so well with little children. He could identify with them, and they are so non-judgmental. There was a child-like simplicity to Gary that even was reflected in his favorite foods, bologna and pizza. He was a good son, a good brother, a good uncle.

I picked that gospel for a particular reason. We all know that Gary's schizophrenia was an ongoing problem for him and his family. It was so hard to get the right medication and the right balance of them. It is true that he had special needs, but it is also true that he was a good soul. I like to imagine Jesus sitting on the ground in a park, under a tree. After he tells the apostles to "let the little children come to me," I see him surrounded by all sorts of children: all sizes, all colors, all with various gifts. But I like to think the ones sitting right next to him, and Jesus with his arm around them and the children, no matter their ages like Gary. I think those with special needs will have a special place in the arms of the Lord. "And then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them." Gary, may the angels lead you into paradise.

—Theresa Lehman

PAYNE BALL ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Homer 8-under boys baseball team took fourth place in the Payne All-Star Tournament recently. Homer defeated Defiance and Garrett en route to their fourth place finish. Eventual champion Paulding and third place finisher New Haven were the two teams to defeat Homer.

Noah Glass of Payne was selected as the Hustle Award winner at the Payne 8-under boys All-Star tournament. Glass helped lead the Payne All-Stars to a runner-up finish.

The Payne 8-under boys baseball team recently took second place in the Payne All-Star Tournament. The squad defeated Antwerp, Middle Point and Paulding before dropping consecutive games to Paulding in the championship round.

The Paulding 8-under boys baseball team claimed the Payne All-Star Tournament Championship. Paulding opened the tournament with consecutive wins over New Haven and Homer before dropping a contest to host Payne. However, Paulding then rebounded to beat New Haven before winning twice over Payne to win the championship.

Antwerp's Callie Perry was selected as the Hustle Award winner at the Payne 8-under girls All-Star softball tournament recently. Perry helped lead the Antwerp squad to a third place finish and was picked due to her tremendous work ethic on the field.

The Antwerp 8-under girls softball team took third place in the Payne All-Star softball tournament recently. Antwerp picked up victories over Paulding, New Haven and Ayersville in the tournament while suffering losses to Ayersville and Payne.

The Grover Hill 8-under girls softball team recently captured the Payne All-Star tournament. Grover Hill picked up victories over Oakwood, New Haven and Payne in the tournament's opening rounds before capturing a championship game win over host Payne as well.

Paulding's Carson Shull was a recipient of the Hustle Award at the Payne 8-under Boys Baseball All-Star Tournament recently. Carson was selected as one of five players from nine teams in the tournament and helped lead his squad to the championship.

Kyle Compton of the Homer 8-under boys baseball team recently was selected as the Hustle Award winner at the Payne All-Star Tournament. Compton was selected for his tremendous effort on the field and helped lead the squad to a fourth place finish in the tournament.

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MEETING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PAULDING COUNTY JULY 13, 2009

This 13th day of July, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.
 Allowance Of Claims:
 Warrants docketed as 159730 through 159873 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Approving "Then And Now" Purchase Orders And Payments:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on July 1, 2009, to-wit:

Vern Killion, \$160.00; SAFY of Ohio, \$15,139.18; Michael & Joy Buxton, \$284.94; Gwen & Chris Overholt, \$189.96

In The Matter Of Approving "Then And Now" Purchase Orders And Payments:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on July 8, 2009, to-wit:

Office Equipment Finance, \$183.58; John E. Hatcher, \$778.00; Vernon Killion, \$1,960.00, \$160.00; Ohio Gas Company, \$196.49; Bankcard Services, \$217.35; Children Services Fund, \$25,000.00; Merck, Inc., \$775.02; Sanofi Pasteur, \$171.73; Card Center; \$1,964.13; Antwerp Village, \$4,410.00; Anna Campbell, \$541.75; Marv Ankney, \$518.65; Paulding Co. Sheriff, \$113.50; Timothy Holtzberry, \$500.00; James Sponseller, \$107.00; Neil Shamberg, Inc., \$200.00; Don & Perry's, \$700.00; Fulton Co. Health Dept., \$2,500.00

In The Matter Of Creating Line Items And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Board 046):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following line items and amend the 2009 Annual Appropriation by appropriating unappropriated funds in Fund 046, Delinquent Care & Custody, to-wit:

FY10 Salaries, \$18,616.00; FY10 Supplies, \$1,000.00; FY10 Travel, \$3,300.00; FY10 Utilities, \$250.00; FY10 Contracted Services Clinical Ass., \$1,500.00; FY10 Drug Test, \$250.00; FY10 Secure Detention, \$10,300.00; FY10 PERS, \$4,496.37; FY10 Medicare, \$195.99; FY10 Juv Prob Staff, \$13,501.80; FY10 Workers' Comp, \$587.61; FY10 Training, \$1,500.00; FY10 CPO Insurance, \$2,718.00; FY10 Contract Svcs Sex Off, \$15,750.00; FY10 Contract Svcs Drug/Alcohol Treatment, \$10,667.00; FY10 Contract Svcs Family, \$5,550.00

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Law Library Board - Joe Burkard, Matthew Miller, David Hyman, Suzanne Reister, Brian Gorrell, and Floyd Ramsier met with the Commissioners. Mr. Ramsier stated the 2010 budget for the Law Library will be presented to the Commissioners for approval January 1, 2010. Mr. Ramsier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hyman seconded. All were in favor.

Stan Harmon, Ron Farnsworth, Ellen Schlegle, Tony Langham, Brenda Crawford - Members of the Board of Elections and the deputy clerk met with the Commissioners to discuss budgetary concerns. Stan Harmon reported the board has decided to cut hours to a six and one half hour work day. New hours at the Election Board will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This change will allow for a 32.5 hour work week. Mr. Harmon further stated several precincts have been closed, leaving only 18 left in the county. He also announced that a part time position had recently been dissolved. Other board members stated the challenges facing the staff in meeting directives from the Secretary of State in a timely matter. Voting machines are high maintenance, requiring year-round attention to prepare for election. Ms. Schlegel stated the Board really appreciates the assistance from other county employees in locating voting machines to precincts during election week. Other Board members stated there has been an increase in public requests. ADA compliance has also been very time consuming and costly. The Commissioners were reminded there will be primary and general election in 2010.

Mark Penwell, Liberty National Life Insurance Company - Mr. Penwell briefly presented Liberty National Life Insurance Company's life, accidental death, and cancer care plus tax-sheltered insurance policy information. He will follow up with the Commissioners at a later date.

ANTWERP BLUE EAGLES PLACE FIRST IN FOUR-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to the Antwerp Blue Eagles girls softball team sponsored by the Community Memorial Hospital, Antwerp VRW Ladies and Men Auxiliary and Smalley's Body Shop. The team finished with a record of 12-0 and placed 1st in the Four

County Girls Softball League championships. The Antwerp Blue Eagles also were named regular season champ going undefeated in league play. The girls would like to thank the coaches, fans, parents and sponsors for their support.

MEETING FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY JULY 15, 2009

This 15th day of July, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Tony Zartman: Absent

RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE 2009 TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

This 15th day of July, 2009, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress for three consecutive weeks, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the 2009 Township Road Improvements Projects; to-wit:

The Shelly Company, 1700 Fostoria Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840 - \$548,783.29

Gerken Paving, Inc., PO Box 607, 9-072 US 24, Napoleon, OH 43545 - \$487,031.82

Receiving Bids For The Paulding County 2009 Paving Project:

This 15th day of July, 2009, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress for two consecutive weeks, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, bids were received and opened for the Paulding County 2009 Paving Projects; to-wit:

The Shelly Company, 1700 Fostoria Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840 - \$582,179.94

Gerken Paving, Inc., PO Box 607, 9-072 US 24, Napoleon, OH 43545 - \$527,082.50

In The Matter Of Permit Application From Ralph Schlatter:

The Board of County Commissioners

does hereby approve permit application from Ralph Schlatter to install a drive for field access. The drive will be installed 1000' north of TR 156 on the east side of CR 111. This will occur in Section 3 of Jackson Township.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Sheriff Dave Harrow - Sheriff Harrow presented budget reports and projection information. He reported an average of 15.22 inmates per day during June, six-month average per day was 12.46. Total outhousing paid to the Van Wert Correctional Facility in 2009 is \$120,739.51. Sheriff Harrow also presented the Commissioners' copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. This contract expires May 31, 2012.


Jim Henderson - Mr. Henderson met to open the bids for the 2009 Township Road Improvements Projects and the Paulding County 2009 Paving Projects.

Dennis Miller and Matt Davis, Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) - Mr. Miller presented a Memo of Understanding for the five county regional economic development strategic plan. Entering into this agreement would authorize MVPO to apply for EDA funding for projects.

Corey Walker, Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services - Mr. Walker discussed DJFS budget concerns and pending cuts from the state level.

Judge John DeMuth, Probate/Juvenile Court - Judge DeMuth met with the Commissioners to discuss new hours of operation.

Ann Waldman, Clerk of Courts - Ms. Waldman presented the Commissioners various six month reports. She reported 763 new case filings the first six months of 2009, compared to 561 for the same time frame in 2008. Ms. Waldman also announced the difference between the old and the increased in vehicle title fees (which were effective July 1).

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This is an interview that I have been wanting to do for almost four years. His name is Bob Thompson. He served this country for five years back in WWII and was overseas for three and a half years with over 430 days in combat. All with the 1st Armored Div.

Let me start back in the beginning:

He was born in 1917 in Carryall Township, to Walter and Florence Thompson. They had seven children: Charles, Robert, Max Russell, Betty, Bonita, Pauline, and James.

He went to school in Antwerp until the fourth grade. Then the family moved over into Indiana, where Jim and



Ruth live on the corner of 204 and the State Line.

He graduated from Harlan High in 1935. For the next five years, he worked up in Michigan in the construction and demolition business.

He was called to the Army in 1940. He was with the 1st Armored Div. in Fort Knox, KY for \$21.00 per month.

They trained hard in Knox for many months. One day they had a full field inspec-

tion and they packed their gear for a 20 mile hike. About half way through the march many trucks came along and picked them up. They were taken to the railroad station and never went back to their barracks. All they had left in their foot lockers was lost to them.

They went by train to a camp in the Washington, D.C. area. On December 7, 1941, he was home on furlough, all the radios reported for all servicemen to report back to their outfit. So, he did.

All of their equipment, tanks, half tracks, jeeps, and artillery were sent by train to the pier in New York. He and some others drove the lighter equipment to the docks and then returned to Washington, D.C. Then they loaded on trains and the whole 1st Armored Div. went to the pier and loaded on The Queen Mary. One of the biggest liners of that time, and the fastest.

They landed at Belfast, Ireland at a Camp Bally Killeen. They learned hard and then moved to England and they even done a parade for the Queen.

Then they made the invasion of Africa in the fall of 1942. The French fought with the Germans for a while but soon capitulated. They fought for a year around Casablanca.

They were with Montgomery during this time, with old worn out tanks. All they had for awhile was outdated, no airforce at all. The Germans had all the air support. Later, during the campaign, they got some P40's, new Sherman tanks and for once had

air superiority. They had to lay down steel mesh for the airplanes to land and take off from.

Let me add here about the weather there as told to me. Bob said you wore gloves during the day, because anything metal would burn and blister your hands. It would be 130 degrees in the afternoon. At night it would cool and it got cold, and you got cold.

Bob said they fought along side the English and Monty Montgomery for the first year, and it was about all bad, bad equipment and old stuff at that—not much air support at the time.

At this time, Bob was the jeep driver for the platoon officer.

Bob was in the Recon Platoon and lots of time those boys were out ahead of all the rest of the Co. These were mostly the early eyes and ears for the company or Battalion.

Bob was the driver, the 1st Lt. sat in the passenger side and a Corporal with a 50 cal machine gun was in the back seat.

The Lt. had an old German map of the area because the troops didn't have a new map yet. But again, here comes the old out-dated army recourse, do the best you can with what you get. They advanced forward and struck a land mine. The detonator was all that exploded. There was a mine beneath the detonator with nine pounds of dynamite that did not go off. These boys were lucky. It blew the right front tire off the jeep and turned the jeep over. These boys were not hurt at all, but Bob laid into the officer for leading them into a mine field, but I guess he got away with it.

After the first year, things started to improve for the Allies.

By now, Gen. George Patton, was in charge of some things.

The Desert Fox, Rommel, the German Field Marshall, was slowly losing the war because American Air Force was sinking the ships that carried his supplies and replacements. It was imperative in the end for them to surrender and keep 240,000 soldiers from getting killed.

The Americans captured a German Ration Dump, and Bob's outfit had to guard it, as the Krauts wanted and needed it. He said that was some tough fighting for a few days.

When the Germans surrendered in North Africa, the 1st Armored went all the way west back to Casablanca. They were going to rest up, gear up and train for working an invasion of Italy. They stayed there while Sicily was invaded and captured.

Friends, I have so much on Bob Thompson and the 1st Armored Div. that I have to stop here at the landing at Naples. There is all kinds of bad combat and fighting from here on for months. Please watch for next week's issue.

See ya!

PROHIBITION ERA

By: Stan Jordan

There is a lot of action, stories, murder, and mayhem that went on in Chicago in the 1920's and 1930's. In fact in those years there was unrest over the whole continent. Robberies, hold-ups, murders, kidnapping; most any way to get money without working for it.

I'm going to bring some of

it to you in the sequence that it happened

Almost all of this corruption and other laudlessness was in Chicago. But our story starts in New York.

Al Capone

Alphonse Gabriel Capone was born in Garden City, NY in January of 1899. He began his career of crime in New York City, before moving to Chicago. All of Capone's family, came to NY from the Salerno area.

Capone was expelled from school when he was 14. He worked at odd jobs at a bowling alley and a candy store. At this time he had hoodlum, Johnny Torrio as his mentor and idol.

He ran with the small gangs and thugs. He joined the Brooklyn Rippers and then later hijacked the notorious Five Points Gang. He was employed as a bouncer and bartender at a Coney Island Dance Hall.

This is where he got the scars on his face that gave him the name Scarface.

He didn't mean to, but insulted a lady while working the door at a Brooklyn Night Club. That started a fight with this lady's brother, Frank Gallucio. He slashed Capone three times on the left side of his face. Later on, he told folks those scare were war wounds.

On December 30, 1918, he married Mae Josephine Coughlin, an Irish lady who already had their son, Albert Francis Capone.

I understand that this guy Torrio and Capone done some crooked work and Capone took the prison term for it. Later on Torrio called him to Chicago to be his keeper and bodyguard.

The authorities believe that Capone moved to Chicago in 1921. He bought a modest house in Chicago's south side.

Torrio had inherited the crime empire of Big Jim Colismo. When he had refused to enter into all of the dirty stuff that went on in Chicago, so he was rubbed out, and Torrio took over.

Capone was a suspect in two murders at this time, so he was glad to sign up with Torrio.

Capone muscled his way into Cicero and he was top dog on everything in that town. Lots of people hated him but couldn't say so. Death, to Al's boys, meant nothing if you wanted someone hit, it was done.

Chicago gangster, Myles O'Donnell and his brother, William "Klondike" O'Donnell fought with Capone over the home turf. This war alone caused over 200 deaths including that of the Hanging Prosecutor Bill McSwiggins.

In 1924 the town council election was the crookedest ever in Cicero. Thugs stood at the election booths and threatened the voters. Capone's candidate won by a landslide. But in a few weeks, he said he would run Al out of town. Capone met with the mayor and personally knocked him down the town hall steps. This action showed the people how deep the gangster power was and a major victory for the Capone-Torrio faction.

Capone's brother, Frank, was killed by the Chicago police, and it really hit Al pretty hard. Lots of Al's family came to live in Cicero.

I am going to stop this story on Al Capone coming in

power in Chicago, but I will return and start in right here.

But now I want to bring you up to date on "Bugs Moran" and his role in the whole sordid affair.

"Bugs" Moran

George Clarence "Bugs" Moran, was born Adelard Cunih in 1893 in St. Paul, MN. He was referred to as a prohibition era gangster. He moved to Chicago when he was 19. He was affiliated with some Chicago thugs, gangs and toughs and was locked up three times, all by the time he was 20 years old.

In his first arrest, he used the name George Miller; at another arrest later on, he used the name of George Clarence Moran. That name stayed with him, but he also used other aliases. He was a full blown criminal by the time he was 20.

Moran had a bad temper, and his temper earned him the name "Bugs." That was hoodlum slang for 'crazy'. Some said that one time he went to the dry cleaners to pick up a suit and when he heard the price he blew his top, and left the shop, but not before he broke both of the man's arms and legs.

The passing of the 18th Amendment, bringing on prohibition, made a lot of people turn to illegal making of all types of alcohol. There was millions of dollars made by a lot of people and brought on a twenty and two war in Chicago over the north side and the south side.

The north side was a lot of Irish thugs and Dean O'Banion, and his soldiers.

We are now going to talk more about Dean O'Banion and his part of the North Side Gang.

He was a brutal American mobster and the main rival of Johnny Torrio and Al Capone. Al had not come to power yet. He was a good right-hand man of Torrio. In the 1920's there was some brutal wars in the Liquor & beer racket, and about anything went.

Dean O'Banion

O'Banion was born in Maroa, a small town in central Illinois. After his mother's death, the family moved to Chicago and settled in Kilgobbin, otherwise known as Little Hell. As a youngster he sang in the choir at Chicago Holy Name Cathedral. But he soon lost interest in that life.

Some people called him Gimpy because of a shorter left leg, but he hated that and many were afraid to call him that.

O'Banion and his friend, Earl "Hymio" Weiss, Vincent "The Schemer" Drucci, and George "Bugs" Moran, made a bunch called the Marriet Street Gang. These boys done theft and robbery for anyone. The lot became "sluggers." They were thugs who took rolled up newspapers and beat the paper boy, when he didn't sell their papers.

O'Banion became friends with Charles "The Ox" Reiser and learned the safe cracking business from him. In 1909 Dean got arrested for safe cracking and assault. That was the only time that he was in a penal institution.

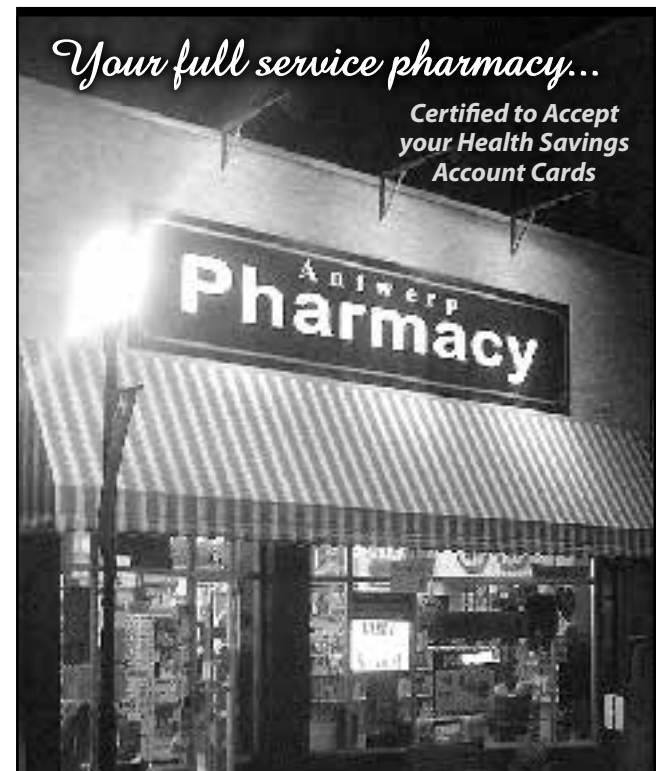
When he worked as a bartender, he would slip the patrons a "Mickey Finn", get them drunk, then rob them on their way home. There wasn't any trick too dirty for Dean to do.

O'Banion's big money (Continued on Page 8)

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maker was boot-legging and anything concerning alcohol. He struck up deals with his old suppliers in Canada.

He wanted a monopoly on Canadian booze, so his henchmen just did away with his competition.

O'Banion pulled off Chicago's first hijacking in 1921. They were called the North Side Gang by now. They ruled the so-called north side and the Gold Coast, that's the wealthy area of Chicago. By now Dean was pretty well-known in the underworld and he picked up some more men, Samuel "Nails" Norton, Louie "Three Gun" Alterie, and "Handsome" Dan McCarthy. O'Banion was making about four million dollars a year in the liquor business, and then they stole about \$100,000 worth of Canadian whiskey, from the West Side Rail Road yards. In another caper, O'Banion looted the packed Sibly Distillery and walked off with 1,750 bundles of bonded whiskey.

In 1921, O'Banion married Viola Kaniff and bought into the The Schofield's Flower Shop on North State. He was very good with flowers, and they needed a business front and a legal look. They became a big name in gangster funerals.

In 1920, "Papa" Johnny Torrio was pretty much the head man on the south side. Then Capone called all the Chicago boot-leggers together and practically said, there is enough here for everybody and now let's get along and stop this infighting, and they worked out a system of territories. This worked pretty good and some even traded soldiers.

This lasted for about three years, but when the South Sides were getting most of the money, O'Banion worked a cut of it. Well, Johnny Torrio did give him a cut of it, plus some of the prostitution loot. But, O'Banion hated prostitutes and he refused this deal.

Here in Chicago, the Genna Brothers had moved into O'Banion's territory and, to

sum it up, they owed Dean over \$30,000 and he wanted it now.

O'Banion started to hijack this Genna Brother's whiskey and alcohol and other underhanded operations, and the brothers wanted to put a "hit" on O'Banion, but family rules, would not allow it.

In February of 1924, he moved against the South Side rivals by trying to hang a murder charge by framing Torrio and Capone for the murder of John Duffy.

In May of 1924, Torrio and O'Banion were joint owners of a brewery called Sieben's. Well, O'Banion heard that the police were going to raid them that night so he sold his half of the brewery for 1/2 million to Johnny Torrio. The police came and raided them and Torrio lost all that money and about six of his henchmen and he was fined. Torrio had to bail them all out plus he could still be put in jail. So, Torrio realized he had been double-crossed, he lost all that money and the brewery and he said that "Dean" had to be killed.

Using the funeral of a henchman, Merlo, a hitman from New York named Frankie Yale, and a couple other gangsters, entered O'Banion's Flower Shop, to make arrangements for some flowers for Merlo. But what they were really doing was getting the lay of the land to put a hit on O'Banion.

On November 10, 1924, Dean O'Banion was sorting flowers in the back room of Schofield's Flower Shop; this was his own shop. Frankie Yale, along with John Scalise and Albert Anselmi walked in, O'Banion greeted Yale with a hand shake. Yale put a death grip on Dean and his other hand on the back of Dean's right elbow. Dean was helpless and the other thugs put six rounds into O'Banion, two in the chest, two in his cheeks and two in the throat, he died instantly.

The big Catholic Church across the street would not allow him to be buried on consecrated ground.

This senseless murder

started a gang war that lasted for five years between the South Side and the Chicago Outfit (North Side) that took 200 murders, hits, massacre and any other word meaning death.

That culminated with the St. Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929. But lots of blood will flow before we come to that day.

See ya!

BITS & PIECES

By: Stan Jordan

On Saturday, July 18, we went to the Ice Cream Social at the Bethel UMC. We and about 300 other folks. It was a lovely crowd.

With me, it is just like a homecoming. I was a mailman in that area for 34 years; and I knew most of the Old Timers out there, because I am one. I knew all of the Forrest's, Gordon's, Bennett's, Derck's, Schafer's, Cottrell's, Cline's, and Erter's. I ran into a lot of them out there.

I even met an old worn out rural letter carrier from Oakwood, Don Adams, and his wife. We were both mailmen at the same time.

I even met Mark Bennett, he is one of the younger Bennett's, and lives out south of Payne. I had not seen him for over 30 years.

I even seen Jackie Gruber who lives up on the Harlan-Antwerp Pike close to IN 101.

The proceeds from the evening will go toward paying for all the remodeling they have done.

There was an Amish Gospel group from New Haven and they sang for most of the evening, a very entertaining group.

I tell you, it was a very joyful, pleasant evening.

See ya!



By: Stan Jordan

I went bear hunting a few years back with Dave Bagley, Ray Friend, and Steve Jordan. We traveled way up into Canada, where these boys had been hunting before. Of course, they assured me that these bears run from small to medium. There is no big nasty black bears left in these parts anymore. Those big trophy bears have been gone for years.

We sort of split up and all went separate ways. I took a trail that was fairly clean and

you could see a little ways in all direction.

I was slowly walking along, look in all direction, listening to all the birds and other calls your hear in the woods. Actually, really enjoying nature for an hour or so. Shooting a bear was the farthest thing from my mind.

My mind was neck deep into all these woods type noises and I thought I could hear thumps coming from behind and even the ground shaking from the thumps. After shaking my head clear and looked around behind me and, golly here comes a black bear right on my tail and scent.

He looked as big as an elephant, and mad and mean as your mother-in-law and gaining on me with every step. I just know he was breathing fire and smoke from his eyes.

One hundred things crossed my mind: Was this a female with cubs around? Did I wake it up from a nap and it hasn't eaten in a week? If this was not a trophy bear, how big do they get? All these things to do when chased by a bear crossed my mind along with what to do now. And soon, man there is one big noisy mean hungry mad bear.

He was gaining on me with every leap and bound. The only recourse for me was to climb a tree and hope he would go on down the trail and go away and let me live for another day. Mister Bear, if I get out of this, I will never bother your woods again.

I could see down the road a little ways was a tree, in fact the only tree anywhere in sight. If I could get to that tree ahead of that bear, but I am so tired, my legs have gone to rubber from excitement and fatigue and down right fear.

I finally reached that single tree and, holy moley, the lowest limb of that tree was about twelve feet above the ground, so there is no way I can jump that high.

Everything was coming to a boil at once. I was dead tired, the lowest limb on that tree was twelve feet up, I knew I couldn't jump that high, but that was the only avenue of escape. If that bear caught me on the ground, that is too terrible to think about. Even my life was passing before me. Oh woe is me!

I stood under the tree and squatted down to get all the leverage and called for the big leap. The bear was almost on me now. He had claws that looked like tines on a pitch fork.

I leaped as high as I could to reach that limb, I just knew I could not jump to twelve feet on the first try.

As we sat around the bonfire that night, they asked me if I caught the limb. I told them, "I missed it going up, but I caught it coming down!"

See ya!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
7/22 - Roma Frey, Paulding

Dismissals:
7/20 - James Clark, Paulding; Vera Blackmore, Grover Hill

7/25 - Roma Frey, Paulding

SUZY SMITH FIGHTS AT HOOSIER PARK CASINO



Hoosier Park Racing and Casino in Anderson, Indiana, Bull-Dog Fight Series, and Iron-Bear Fight Productions proudly presents a full contact mixed martial arts show: War in the Yard on Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 p.m. The fight card features John Meyer vs. Jason Gilliam as well as Ryan Stout vs. Ryan Thomas. The fight will also feature Antwerp, Ohio's hometown Suzy Smith, daughter of Donald and Rebekah Smith, who will be competing against Buffi Hayes in a professional match that is scheduled for three 5-minute rounds. Suzy's professional record is now 2-2 and she is looking to achieve a winning record with this match.

Suzy states: "I train very hard every day to improve my skills as a fighter. I want to be the best and get closer to that dream everyday. I have great instructors at Dinamo Judo in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who provide the training I need to constantly improve and be great. I also receive amazing support from my family, friends, and fans who come out to see me fight and cheer me on. It is these people who really make it worth the bumps and bruises along the way, who make it worth cutting the weight, and who make it possible for me to

keep pushing even when I don't come out on top."

Suzy is now living in Hunt-ertown, IN, and travels all over the country for different training camps and competitions. She has taken first place at several Judo competitions over the past year and plans to continue competing as much as possible.

Suzy: "Judo is what I currently compete in the most. My trainer, Vasile, and I travel to compete in many high level Judo competitions. I can compete in Judo more often than I can in MMA because it doesn't wear as much on my body and the weight cutting isn't quite so intense. I am currently an orange belt and want to eventually earn my black belt in Judo. However, I do have quite a few more years to put into Judo before I accomplish that goal. I have expressed to my trainers that I want to try to qualify for the 2016 Olympics in Judo, but that may be difficult since I do not want to stop training MMA and focus solely on Judo. It all depends on how fast I can progress."

Come out to Anderson and show your support for our hometown girl, Suzy Smith. Ticket and show information is available at hoosierpark.com and (800) 526-7223. This show is a 18+ ages show.

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AUGUST YARD & GARDEN TIPS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Agent

August is the time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor with fresh tomatoes and sweet corn, or perhaps a beautiful bouquet of flowers, or a lovely shady place to read a good book. Below are a few lawn and gardening tips and suggestions for the month of August. Happy Gardening!

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)

Check trees and shrubs for pests such as fall webworms and tent caterpillar nests. When you find a mass of webbing, cut it out or poke a hole in the web, then spray inside with a pesticide.

Check your evergreens for bagworms. If you find spindle-shaped sacks covered with decaying foliage, you will want to select a cultural or chemical control measure before any further damage is done to your plants.

Don't fertilize woody plants now. It stimulates late growth that will not have time to harden off properly before winter.

Pears are best ripened off the tree, so do not wait for the fruit to turn yellowish on the tree. Harvest pears when color of fruit changes—usually from a dark green to a lighter green—and when the fruit is easily twisted and removed from the spur.

GARDEN (Vegetables, small fruits and flowers)

Complete fall garden planting by direct-seeding carrots, beets, kohlrabi, kale and snap beans early this month. Lettuce, spinach, rad-

ishes and green onions can be planted later in August and early September. Don't forget to thin seedlings to appropriate spacing as needed.

Harvest onions after the tops yellow and fall, then cure them in a warm, dry, well-ventilated area. The necks should be free of moisture when fully cured in about a week's time.

Harvest potatoes after the tops yellow and die. Potatoes also need to be cured before storage in a cool dark place for 10 days.

Harvest watermelon when several factors indicate ripeness—the underside ground spot turns from whitish to creamy yellow; the tendril closest to the melon turns brown and shrivels; the rind loses its gloss and appears dull; and the melon produces a dull thud rather than a ringing sound when thumped.

Keep faded flowers pinched off bedding plants to promote further flowering and improve plant appearance.

After lilies have finished flowering, cut back their stalks by 1/3, leaving the rest of the foliage in place to replenish the bulbs.

Source: *Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension Consumer Horticulturist*

B.F. GOODRICH, FORT WAYNE, DONATION TO ANTWERP ALL-WEATHER TRACK



The Antwerp All-Weather Track Campaign continues to move forward. Shown here are Paul Cagle, Plant Manager of B.F. Goodrich Tire Manufacturing, Fort Wayne Plant, and Steve Arnold, Antwerp H.S. Principal and all-weather track campaign coordinator. Mr. Cagle is presenting Mr. Arnold with a check for \$1,000 to be used for the construction of an all-weather track in the village of Antwerp. This is the second \$1,000 donation that Goodrich has made for the track project. The All-Weather Track Committee, a branch of both the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and A.C.D.C.,

has now raised about \$130,000 up to this point. The goal is to raise at least \$200,000 for this project. Individuals interested in being part of the track campaign should contact Mr. Arnold (419-258-5421) or attend an Athletic Boosters meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 in the Antwerp Board of Education room. Individuals interested in making monetary donations toward this project should make checks payable to the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club and mail them to P.O. Box 615, Antwerp, OH 45813. Donations may be tax deductible.

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MEETING FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY JULY 20, 2009

This 20th day of July, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

- Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, Tony Zartman, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
- Travel Requests: Floyd Ramsier, Acting Judge - Judicial Course, Huron, Ohio - July 23 & 24, 2009

Tiffany Beckman, County Court Judge - 2009 Judges' Summer Conference, Newark, Ohio - July 20, 21, & 22, 2009.

In The Matter Of Approving "Then And Now" Purchase Orders And Payments:

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on July 13, 2009, to-wit:
 Treas of Henry County, \$5,000.00; Todd Wolfrum, \$182.00; David Hyman, \$191.01; Defiance Co. Juvenile Probation, \$2,880.00; Endicott Microfilm, \$181.92; Erwin Bandy, \$582.50; John Hatcher, \$304.00; Shane Lee, \$244.00; Danny Hill, \$574.00; Todd Wolfrum, \$197.00; Village of Paulding, \$927.95; Job & Family Services, \$4,055.66; Asphalt Materials Inc., \$6,625.68; Gerken Materials Inc., \$27,951.62; Hanson, \$7,066.25; Ward Construction, \$85,091.33; Shane Lee, \$338.00; Brian Gorrell, \$332.00; Poggemeyer Design Group, \$3,357.12; Ohio Dept. of Transportation, \$8,848.48; Matthew Bender & Co., \$980.00; Village of Paulding, \$126.06; American Electric Power, \$203.21

In The Matter Of Creating A New Revenue Line Item And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 065):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to create the following revenue with the following ap-

propriations; to-wit:
 065-001-10008/CSEA/Stimulus-Receipts, \$6,121.02

In The Matter Of Creating Expense Line Items And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Paulding County Auditor to create the following revenue with the following appropriations; to-wit:

001-030-00011/General Fund/CORSA/Travel, \$1,000.00

001-030-00012/General Fund/CORSA/Misc. Expenses, \$500.00

In The Matter Of Awarding Bid For The 2009 Paulding County Paving Project:

On the 15th day of July, 2009, bids were received and opened for the 2009 Paulding County Paving Project; and after review of the aforementioned bids by the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey is recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from Gerken Paving, Inc., now therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2009 Paulding County Paving Project to Gerken Paving, Inc. in the amount bid by them of \$527,082.50.

In The Matter Of Awarding Bid For The 2009 Township Road Improvements Project:

On the 15th day of July, 2009, bids were received and opened for the 2009 Township Road Improvements Project; and after review of the aforementioned bids by the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey is recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to accept the submitted bid from Gerken Paving, Inc., now therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2009 Joint Township Sealing Projects to Gerken Paving, Inc. in the amount bid by them of \$487,031.82.

In The Matter Of Transfer Of Funds (Fund 150):

A balance of \$18,143.66 exists in Fund 150, License Bureau Fund; and Fund 150 is no longer active or necessary and all obligations have been met; and the Auditor of the State of Ohio Compliance Supplement directs that "The unexpended balance in any special fund, other than an improvement fund, may be transferred to the general fund or to the sinking fund or bond retirement fund after the termination of the activity, service, or other undertaking for which such special fund existed, but only after the payment of all obligations incurred and payable from such special fund." (Chapter 1-36); therefore the balance in Fund 150, License Bureau Fund, of \$8,143.66 be closed out and transferred via a warrant to the general fund.

In The Matter Of Designating Loss Control Coordinators For CORSA:

County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) is Paulding County's property and casualty insurance provider; and CORSA is offering members an opportunity to reduce costs and at the same time reduce risks through their new Loss Control Incentive Program (LCIP); and participation in the LCIP is voluntary and members wishing to participate have the potential to receive a possible 3% credit on the following year's CORSA program costs; now, therefore Commissioners Tony Zartman and Edward Straley have been designated to be the County Loss Control Coordinators and will attend to and oversee the loss control program.

In The Matter Of Receiving The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Paulding County Sheriff's Office And The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.:

Paulding County Sheriff Dave Harrow has presented an executed copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police,

Ohio Labor Council, Inc.; and the Agreement covers June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2012; now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby acknowledge receiving of said Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. A copy of said Agreement is on file at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

RESOURCE FAIR FOR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS

Teachers from all over the area (Van Wert, Paulding, Mercer, Auglaize, Defiance, Williams, Henry and Fulton Counties) are invited to attend a Resource Fair on August 12, 2009 being held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Van Wert. Hours for the Fair and workshops are 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Trinity United Methodist Church is located at, 220 S. Walnut St., Van Wert, OH 45891. Join your fellow K-12 teachers for a morning filled with ideas and inspiration for bringing history to life for your students. Area history organizations will be on hand to share their student resource materials and innovative programs, such as bus-less field trips.

In addition, participants will walk away with a wealth of materials including hand-outs, free samples, and other materials to use in their classrooms along with lots of door prizes and freebies. A presentation will be made by Dave Walker, a historical re-enactor, followed by break-out sessions to find out more from many of the displayers.

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

For more information, contact grant director, Chris Feichter, at cfeichter@wb.noacsc.org.

For registration, go to <http://66.114.3.34/wbescpd/index.php> or contact Jan Smith at jsmith@wb.noacsc.org or 419-399-4711 by August 1, 2009.

NOTICE: The following information is needed when registering: Name, position, email address, school district name, school building name, building address and phone, home or cell phone number (for contact purposes), grade level, and subject area you teach.



MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING WELCOMES JOHN THOMAS FOX

John Thomas Fox arrived at the Manor House in June. John moved from Kingsbury in Defiance where he had lived for 12 years. He was born and raised in Defiance along with two sisters and two brothers. John is the second oldest in their large family.

John was raised Catholic and attended St. Mary's Catholic School until the 8th grade. He attended Good Saon in Defiance for three years.

John spends his time watching his favorite sports on TV. John is an avid OSU fan as well as the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cincinnati Reds. Another favorite for John is bowling at the Manor House using the Wii.

The Manor House welcomes John to their growing family.

MARK CENTER UMC HOST ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Mark Center United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual Homemade Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 1, 2009 starting at 4:30 p.m.

This free will offering event will be serving up good home-cooked food, sandwiches, salads, noodle soup, pie and drinks. All are welcome.

The Mark Center UMC offers this even every August as an annual get-together for a good fellowship time and also to raise funds in support of missionaries.

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KINDERMUSIK AT CAMP



Ann's Bright Beginnings campers had fun with Mrs. Stacy McGarvey and her Kindermusik at July's camp. We got to use different instruments and we sang songs about summer and boats. Shown here in back from the left are: Moriah Griffiths, Emma Shuherk, Ella Gorrell,

Zachary Gorrell, Mrs. McGarvey and Lucy Shuherk. In the middle are: Colton Bashore, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Jack Wales, Lucy Wales, and Allison Schilt. In front are: Owen Miller, Ashlyn Eaton, Casey Agler, and Kaden Phares.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 15, 2009

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on June 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order. Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Ronnie Breedlove, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Sam Jeffery was absent. Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1st meeting, seconded by Sierer. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, abstain. No legislation was presented. Mayor White read the Recreation Board's minutes of their June 8th meeting. The Board recommended the following: —Revising the Pool Manual to allow lifeguards to work the front desk and concession area(s) as needed, —Authorizing the Pool Manager to hire two additional lifeguards, —Increasing candy bar and Gatorade prices \$.25, —Lowering admittance rates after 5:00 p.m. to \$1.50. Sutton motioned to approve the report, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, no; Breedlove, yea; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea. The report was approved by

a 4-1 vote. Finance Director Tope presented Council with an Income Tax analysis as provided by the CCA. The report indicated March 2009 revenues were up 3% from last March, and 2009 year-to-date revenues were up 1% from last year. Mayor White requested Council moved into Executive Session for legal matters. Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda requested authorization to follow the necessary steps to secure funding for the new water plant project through Rural Development; and to authorize Julie Ward, of RCAP, to prepare and submit the application on behalf of the Village to Rural Development. The agenda also noted Marvin Gnagy of URS Corporation is expecting EPA Plan approval for the new plant in the near future. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Wiebe noted that in order to be eligible for funding through Rural Development the Village must complete a Rural Development Environmental Report. He presented Council with a quote from WSOS to perform this service for an estimated cost of \$6,500. Rife motioned to approve contracting WSOS to perform the Rural Development Environmental Report for an amount not to exceed \$6,500, seconded by Sutton. Vote: Rife, yea; Breedlove, no; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Wiebe noted Tony Hoeftel has pro-

vided him with the bid documents and plans for the new ball complex. Bids are to be opened July 8th at 12:00 p.m. The plans for the new complex are available for review at the Village Office. Jamie Larson was present to inquire the possibility of purchasing some ground from the Village. Mr. Larson noted he would like to add a bay to his current building to help accommodate larger vehicles such as semis and buses, and also erect a bullpen. He noted he has had to turn work away due to the lack of space. Mayor White directed this issue to the Grounds & Buildings Committee for further discussion, with Solicitor Jones advising. Daeger motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session. The following Committee meetings were scheduled: Grounds & Buildings Committee - Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. Street Committee - Thursday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m. Ordinance Committee - Tuesday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m. Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Rife requested authorization of payment to the Ohio Power Company for installation of electric lines to the new ball complex in the amount of \$5,580.68. Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

VILLAGE OF PAULDING COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2009

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on July 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order. Mayor White requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Monica Brune. Ms. Brune had served as Paulding Village Clerk for 27 years. Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Sam Jeffery, Roger Sierer, Kim Sutton, and Randy Daeger. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Ronnie Breedlove was absent. Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the June 15th meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yea; Jeffery, abstain; Sierer, yea; Sutton, yea; Daeger, yea. Sutton presented minutes from the Ordinance Committee's June 23rd meeting. The Committee had met to discuss the current weed ordinance. Solicitor Jones proposed inserting a clause into the existing legislation indicating that the Village will charge, at its cost, for the removal of noxious weeds and litter. Should the owner, lessee, agent or tenant fail to pay this cost; the Village will submit a written request to the County Auditor for the expense to become a lien upon the land. This new piece of legislation will replace Ordinance No. 1322-04 Regulating and Providing Means for the Disposal of Noxious Weeds and Litter. Ordinance 1399-09 re: An Ordinance Regulating and Providing Means for the Disposal of Noxious Weeds and Litter and Repealing Ordinance No. 1322-04 in its Entirety, and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Jeffery motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Sutton presented the Street Committee's report from their June 18th meeting. The Committee had met to discuss a parking issue in front of Boyd's Automotive. Street Supervisor, Ed Carlisle, proposed erecting a "No Parking from 8am-6pm" along the street in front of the business. Mr. Boyd was satisfied with this solution. It was also recommended that signs be erected stating "No Parking between Signs" between Griffith's apartments on W. Perry Street to prevent tenants from being blocked access to their apartments. Rife motioned to approve the Street Committee report, seconded by Jeffery. Vote: all yea. Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court had collected \$315 for the month of June 2009. Wiebe presented the Administrator's Agenda. The agenda contained the following items: —Communication from the Ohio EPA dated June 24, 2009 pertaining to the latest round of questions regarding plan approval for the Water Plant. —The Street Committee had met on June 29 to discuss various issues. The Solicitor was requested to contact the Fanning-Howey firm with questions regarding the Cherry Street project. Solicitor Jones highlighted Fanning-Howey's response: Estimated timeframe of construction is anticipated not to exceed 6 months once the selected contractor begins work; A representative from Fanning-Howey will be on-site a minimum of one day per week. Critical Construction activities were identified. A Fanning-Howey representative will attend the pre-construction meeting at no additional charge. Estimates of costs not included in the proposal were provided. The cost to assist the Village in determining property owner assessments will be included in their design services proposal. —There was much discussion regarding assessing property owners for curbing, financing, and the proposed time frame of the project. —Approval authorizing the Finance Director to issue payment to Poggemeyer Design Group in the amount of \$6,621.65 for work completed to date for the Cherry St/North Dr. Curb and Paving project. Rife motioned to approve the Administrator's Agenda, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea. Wiebe noted Solicitor Jones will contact a representative of Fanning-Howey to inform them of Council's desire to enter into contract with them for the project. Wiebe provided Council with a copy of a communication State Representative Lynn Watchman sent to Stacy Barna of the Ohio EPA urging them to reconsider the Village's application for stimulus funding for the new water treatment plant. Wiebe noted the Village will be re-

ceiving \$11,715 from CDBG to replace 12 fire hydrants in various locations throughout the Village. He noted the income survey completed last year, proving the Village was 52% LMI, allowed the Village to be eligible for this funding. Solicitor Jones noted bids for the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park complex will be opened July 8. He noted the court has directed him to provide a summary of all bids to David Hyman and the Attorney General's Office. A court hearing has been set for Friday, July 24 at 9:00 a.m. Sutton read Clip Clipping's letter to the Village thanking the Village for their support of John Paulding Days, along with a special thank you to the Police Department and Utility Department for their involvement. Sierer inquired of the EPA letter regarding plan approval for the new water plant. The letter noted plan approval was pending until the information the EPA is requesting and plan revisions are supplied. Wiebe noted he was waiting to speak with Water Superintendent Mike Winners regarding the issues mentioned in the letter before contacting Mr. Gnagy of URS Corporation. Sutton motioned for Council to move into Executive Session for legal matters, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Council returned to Regular Session. Sutton motioned to accept the offer of a donation from an anonymous source to install lights at the third field at Reservoir Park, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Daeger motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea. Jeffery motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING, COUNTY, OHIO FOR JULY 8, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Burkley, Edward Straley, and Nola Ginter, Clerk. Tony Zartman: Absent. Allowance Of Claims: Warrants docketed as 159557 through 159729 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. Travel Request: Susan Simpson, Kathy Sanderson, and Candace Feehan, American Reinvestment & Recovery Act Training, Findlay, Ohio - August 4, 2009. In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 128): The County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit: FROM: 128-001-00002/Defiance/Paulding Counties Jt. Auglaize Sewer Project/Principal TO: 128-001-00001/Defiance/Paulding Counties Jt. Auglaize Sewer Project/Expenses AMOUNT: \$3,357.12 In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 046): The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds to-wit: FROM: 046-001-20911/Delinquent Care & Custody/Juvenile Probation Staff TO: 046-001-20091/Delinquent Care & Custody/FY 09 Salaries AMOUNT: \$1,432.00 In The Matter Of Supplemental Appropriation (Fund 001-017): The Commissioners authorized and direct the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following: FROM: Pay-Ins #83239 TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Equipment AMOUNT: \$1,655.91 In The Matter Of Supplemental Appropriation (Fund 078): The Commissioners authorized and directed the Paulding County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation for the following: FROM: Pay-In 083213 & 083410 TO: 078-001-00001/Infrastructure Projects/Expense AMOUNT: \$85,091.33 In The Matter Of Authorizing Western Buckeye Educational Service Center To Be The Fiscal Agent For Paulding County's Help Me Grow Program: The Commissioners authorized the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center to be the fiscal agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council/Help Me Grow Program for Fiscal Year 2010, to be effective from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. In The Matter Of Permit Application From Donald Bauer: The Commissioners approved the permit application from Donald Bauer to install a field outlet across the road. The work will be done 2640' east of CR 209 on CR 148. This will occur in Section 12 of Brown Township. In The Matter Of Entering Into The Intergovernmental Agreement For A Regional Workforce Development Sub-area Within Area 7: The Allen, Paulding, and Putnam County Boards of Commissioners have established a regional workforce development sub-area within Area 7 to implement workforce development activities and the provisions of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA); The Intergovernmental Agreement represents the Allen, Paulding, and Putnam Boards of Commissioners action on behalf of the Workforce Policy Board to maximize resources available under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and to coordinate these resources with other State and local programs in their respective counties. The Board of County Commissioners entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement with Allen, Paulding, and Putnam Counties. In The Matter Of Participation Agreement Regarding The Employment Verification Services Of Consumers Of The County Commissioners' Association Of Ohio Service Corporation: The Commissioners entered into a Participation Agreement Regarding the Employment Verification Services of Consumers of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation. In The Matter Of Ohio Child Support

Enforcement Agency Directors' Association Membership Subscription: The Commissioners authorized the Director of Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to subscribe to Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors' Association for associate membership as the cost of \$250.00 per year; and be it further and authorized the Director of Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to enter into the Universal Membership Agreement, Schedule A - Express Social Service, Fees and Service Description. In The Matter Of Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services Entering Into A Service Level Agreement (SLA) With The Ohio Department Of Job And Family Services For Fiscal Year 2010 And 2011: The Board of County Commissioners authorized the Director of Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services to enter into Service Level Agreement (SLA) as a level one with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for fiscal year 2010 - 2011, being July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. Meeting Notes of Appointment: Vernon Killion and Nan McMillan - Mr. Killion and Ms. McMillan met with the Commissioners to discuss the new courthouse hours and how it will effect the hours they are here to clean the building. Judge Tiffany Beckman, County Court - Judge Beckman met with the Commissioners to discuss new county court hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She stated she has some 'pay or appear' dates already scheduled for the first Friday of the month through the end of the year; however, county court will be closed the remaining Fridays. Corey Walker, DJFS - Mr. Walker presented several items requiring resolutions (see above). Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented a year-to-date cash balance report for the Commissioners' review. Clerk's Notes: Commissioners agreed to eliminate the County Sanitary Engineer position effective July 10, 2009.



MANOR HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING WELCOMES DALLAS MARIE WRIGHT

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

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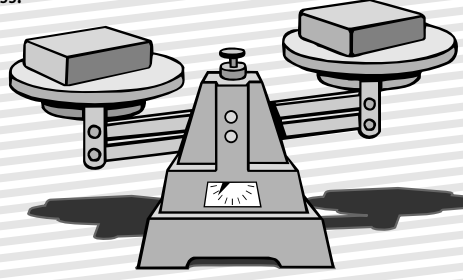
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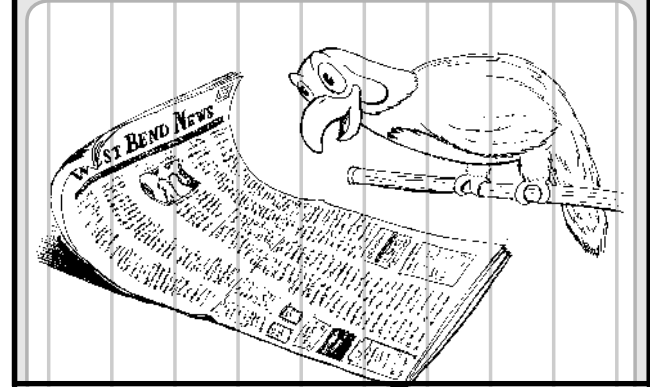


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ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING JULY 20, 2009

By: Sue Knapp
Antwerp Village Council held its monthly meeting on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. Tom VanVlerah was excused with the remaining members present.

Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker reported that the State Auditors completed the Audit that's done every two years. The results of the Audit will be ready in about two weeks. Antwerp should be off Fiscal Watch around August 1.

Darlene Merrimen, EMS Clerk, reported on the unpaid claims for 2006 and 2007. These unpaid claims come to over \$10,000. Village Solicitor, Melanie Farr, has sent letters to the delinquent claimants. The Council made a motion to have Ms. Merrimen check collection agencies for the next step.

Visitor: Ron Eschbach expressed disappointment with the Village Tax Collection Agency, CCA. He has had the same problem with them for the last two years. His accountant stated that the CCA forms were the hardest ones to deal with. The Village is locked into a contract with them and can't do anything until July of 2010. In the meantime Administrator Keeran will look into other alternatives.

Administrators Report: Sarah Keeran reported that the Public Safety Committee had a meeting with Mr. Lengacher of Manor House and Jim Pendergrast of A.C.D.C. and Randy Shaffer of the Historical Society concerning the contents of Ehrhart Museum. Mr. Lengacher brought a letter stating that he rescinds his offer to store the contents until a building was built due to the many strings attached. The Public Safety Committee will meet again with Randy on what to do next with the contents.

East River Road construction was discussed. Poggmeyer Design Group is working with ODOT in replacing water lines. The possibility of a grant to put in 10 historical lights was discussed. The towns cost would be 20% of the project with the monies coming out of the lighting fund. A motion was made to proceed with the project.

ODOT has committed to put in sidewalks for the Safe Route to School Project. The first phase will be on Canal Street.

The Ohio Historical Society visited

the Depot to help decide on the future of the building. The bidding will start in April of 2010 on the 1st phase of the project.

The Daggett and Stone Street Project is pressing forward with taking bids in the first and second week of August.

The North Main Drainage Project is being worked on. Leinard's sidewalks will be replaced when the Project is completed.

The income from the Village Income Tax is down.

The Village workers have been busy replacing hydrants, meters and repairing catch basins, the algae problem with the Sanitary Sewer, stop signs have been defaced and repaired.

The sidewalks on W. River were marked. The house on N. Main has been bought via sheriff's sale by the Mortgage Co., the Council motioned to go ahead with the sidewalk repair.

Notices have been sent out on junk cars and trash.

Hi-Speed Rail through Antwerp from Fort Wayne to Toledo was discussed.

Police Report: Chief Clemens reported 163 calls for service and 55 offenses. Complaints about cats were discussed. Chief Clemens wants a plan of action if the renewal levy for the Police Department doesn't pass in November.

A meeting with the Public Safety committee and the Harrison Township Representatives will be held to discuss the contract for EMS and Fire aid.

Mayor Delong reported for the month of June a total of \$6,490.00 was collected by the Mayor's Court.

\$1,198.50 was sent to the state. A total of \$5,242.00 was given to the village with \$440.00 going to the Police Computer Fund and the same going to Mayor's Court Computer Fund.

Resolution 2009-07 Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. 2nd reading

Ordinance # 2009-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer funds to the Police Fund in the amount of \$27,500 and declare the same to be an emergency.

Ordinance #2009-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency.

Mayor Delong has a new cell phone number it is: 419-377-2422.

BILL COULD HELP SAVE THOUSANDS OF LIVES

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

Lost in the debate over the state budget was passage of an important bill earlier this month that could help save thousands of Ohioans' lives each year.

On July 6, the Senate unanimously approved House Bill 67, legislation that I cosponsored, which would lower the minimum age for voluntary blood donation in Ohio from 17 to 16 years-old with parental consent. A similar proposal—Senate Bill 57—was introduced in the Senate in February by State Senator Bob Gibbs (R-Lakeville).

The bill, which was signed by the Governor on July 7, will expand the list of potential blood donors in the state and help bring in an additional 10,000 units of blood annually to Ohio, according to the American Red Cross. The Red Cross estimates that each unit of blood that is collected has the potential of impacting three lives.

Blood is needed everyday to help victims in emergency situations, as well as people suffering from cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell anemia and other illnesses. Not to mention, millions of people receive blood transfusions every year in order to live. With the passage of HB 67, Ohio joins 22 other states and/or U.S. territories that allow 16-year olds to donate blood to help ensure

that there is an adequate supply for those in need. In fact, more than 10 percent of the blood collected by the American Red Cross is through high school blood drives.

Thousands of lives in Ohio and across the country are saved each year because of the generosity of blood donors. Therefore, it is critical to the public health that we work to encourage more Ohioans to donate. HB 67 will help the American Red Cross and other organizations reach this goal by encouraging more Ohio high school students to give blood and hopefully continue to donate as they grow older.

I encourage you 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@senate.state.oh.us.

MEAT AND POULTRY TRADE GROUPS OPPOSE EPA PETITION TO INCREASE ETHANOL BLENDS IN GASOLINE

Meat and poultry trade groups today urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reject an ethanol group's petition to allow blends of more than 10 percent ethanol in gasoline because the higher blend could divert nearly half of the U.S. corn crop from food and feed to fuel.

The American Meat Institute and National Turkey Federation noted that prematurely allowing blends of E12 or E15 will create incentives for gasoline refiners to eventually use as much as 22 billion gallons of corn ethanol. This change will have direct impacts on the ability of livestock and poultry producers to effectively predict future annual budgets and costs due to volatility in the markets as feed is the largest input cost associated with raising food producing animals.

"While the RFS and blend rates may mandate ethanol production, they cannot mandate corn plantings, production or the prices," the comments noted. "Nor can mandates create more total land for farm use. Since 2005, corn prices have increased significantly, and price volatility has quadrupled, largely as a result of increased corn demand for ethanol production and limited land available for corn plantings."

The comments were filed in response to a petition submitted earlier this year by Growth Energy, asking EPA to increase the allowable ethanol blend to 15 percent.

Largely as a result of increased ethanol use, the cost of the 2008 crop corn was increased by \$2.10 per bushel over the 2005 crop. Based on 12 billion bushels of total use that represents a \$25.2 billion annual cost increase for corn's food, feed, ethanol and export users. Higher corn prices have also had the effect of causing higher prices for soybeans, wheat,

COUPLE TO MARK 50TH



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baldwin of Paulding will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Guy Baldwin and Shirley Kupfersmith were married on August 1, 1959 in the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding, Ohio by Rev. Marvin Hodge.

The couple have three chil-

dren: Terry (Terri) of Manteno, IL, Larry (Debra) of Spokane, WA, and Mrs. Brian (Melissa) Harder of Paulding. They have eleven grandchildren.

The Baldwins will celebrate the special occasion on a western Caribbean cruise with their family at a later date.

rice and other crops. Cost of production and prices of ethanol are also increased.

FarmEcon LLC estimates that 2009 U.S. meat and poultry product will decline a record three billion pounds from 2008. Approximately \$7.8 billion in retail meat and poultry sales will be lost to the economy.

The comments pointed out that any economic value added by additional ethanol production is being more than destroyed by higher costs, lost sales and increased business risks elsewhere in the economy. Lower production of other items that depend on grains has resulted. Forced ethanol production is a net economic drag on the economy, and as such expansion should be discouraged.

Generous tax credit support, mandated use, higher blend limits and a high tariff wall cannot increase crop yields or make more farmland available. The lack of additional land means that any corn planting increase from a higher blend limit will come from other crops, creating shortages,


and along with higher corn prices, raising grain prices to U.S. food producers as well.

In addition to calling on EPA to reject the petition, the comments also recommended the following actions to protect food and fuel consumers:

—DOE and EPA should complete assessment impacts of higher blends and certify that for all gasoline engines there are no manufacturer warranties, performance, safety or environmental concerns.

—DOE and USDA should complete a comprehensive review, including the use of impartial third-party experts, on the effects of conventional ethanol production on meat, dairy and poultry production, food production costs and retail food prices.

—Finally, DOE and USDA should work with Congress to address a comprehensive structure that supports the U.S. ethanol industry and work to find sensible solutions for all feed grain users.



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