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BIDLACK – LOUTH



Aaron and Deb Bidlack of Grover Hill wish to announce the engagement and forth-coming marriage of their daughter Ashley Paige to Casey Wayne Louth, son of Alvie and Cheryl Louth of Mendon, OH.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and is pursuing a degree in nursing at Rhodes State in Lima. She is currently employed by Pizza Hut and Tractor Supply Company in Van Wert.

Her fiance is a 2004 graduate of Parkway High



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COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS IS FOUNDED TO HELP AREA STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

After hearing about cuts from Job and Family Services, many area residents saw a need to provide for the community. What started as an email to a few friends has eventually become a new organization called Communities for Kids. The group identified several concerns and the need for getting children new school supplies and helping to offset school fees were the two main priorities the group is addressing. They overwhelmingly agreed that it is a Christian duty to fill this void and take care of these needs.

When the word spread that there were concerned citizens an informal meeting was held and it was decided that each school district will be represented in some way and that school supplies would be provided for any child in need...no matter what school district or if home schooled. Since supply lists vary, collections will be made in each elementary district and supplies will be on hand for all students.

The group, now called Commuities for Kids, is organizing drives and giveaways in each area of the Area churches, county. businesses and individuals are hard at work to make this possible. Some churches already had progress in motion before the group

Current locations accepting supply donations include Antwerp Church of Christ in Antwerp, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Payne, First Christian Church in Paulding, Spartech, Paulding Library, Dairy Queen and Paulding VFW in Paulding, Cooper Community Library in Oakwood. In addition to accepting supplies, donations may be made to First Federal Bank in Paulding c/o Communities for Kids. Funds collect-

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ed will pay for any remaining supplies needed and will

qualified families in the entire county. Each community has a contact person and they Antwerp-Pastor include: Regan Clem, Payne-Kathy Flaugh and Mary Eklund, Grover Hill-Rev. Bill Sherry and Mardi Denny, Oakwood-Deedi Miller. Paulding-Susan Farr is the general contact, Linda Reineck and Brenda Clark are working with the Ministerial Association, Shelly Dobbelaere and Jammie Grubb from Spartech are working with businesses and drop off locations. Contact

any of these people or call

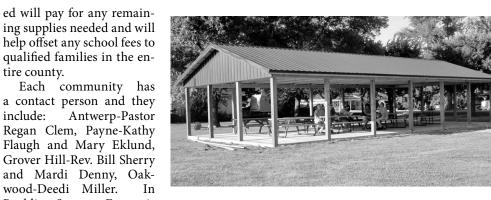
399-4689 if you are interest-

ed in getting involved.

Give-away dates and sites are being organized. The first will occur August 8 from 12-4 at St. Paul UMC in Payne for Wayne Trace students. Payne will have another day on August 15th as well. August 15th will be a busy day in the county as ALL communities will be hosting Give-Away days. On that date, Antwerp students may stop at West Bend News, Paulding students at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakwood at Cooper Community Library and Payne and Grover Hill sites are still to be determined. Additionally, Antwerp will have a second day on Sunday, August 16 after Service in the Park.

The next meeting will be held on August 4th at 6:30 in the Paulding Exempted Village School Auditeria. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

CHARLOE COMMUNITY BUILDS A NEW **SHELTER HOUSE**



Watch for more happenings in Charloe. Because of many volunteers and monetary donations the first phase of revamping the park has been completed. New playground equipment, basketball court, a ball field and a carved

Indian to watch over things is in the planning stages. If you would like to volunteer or make a monetary donation contact Jennifer Perl-Lucas at 419-439-0533 or Angel at the Charloe Store.

SCOTT'S DAY AT THE PARK CELEBRATES NEW BEGIN-NINGS

Scott celebrated the Firemens' Day at the Park on August 1. A hog was roasted and a ribbon cutting was held for Scott's new Main Street.

The popular Lawn Mower Races were held with drags and circle tracks. There was also a Corn Hole Tournament. The Mercer County Sheriff's Command Unit was on tap and the place rocked with a D.J.

This event is a benefit for the Volunteer Scott Fire Department. The goal this year is to purchase a Portable Honda Generator with Light.

The Fire Department couldn't have this event without the support of the Firemen, EMS, and the community. A great day was had and the event was a success.

CORRECTION

In the July 22 paper in the Paulding Reservoir Park Summer League News Larson's Body Shop/Ed's Car Care should have read Larson's Body Shop/Grace. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

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OBITUARIES

Donald D. Harris, 93, of Harlan, passed away July 27, 2009 at Hickory Creek Health Care in Hicksville, OH.

Born in Ohio, Donald worked as an engineer with Magnavox for 44 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Magnavox Quarter Century Club and past member of Empress Chinchilla Co-operative.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Joy; daughter, Rita Marie Mace of Syracuse; sons: Roger (Diana) Harris of Grabill, Robert L. Harris of Kansas City, MO and Rex M. Harris of Grand Prairie, TX; and three grandchildren.

Funeral was held at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Hickory Creek Health Care Center. To sign the online guest book, visit www. mccombandsons.com.

Roy Gene Hueppelsheuser, 59, of Bryan, died on Saturday August 1, 2009 at Twin Rivers Care Center - Defiance. Ohio as a result of iniuries sustained in a house fire on June 26, 2009. He was born on July 8,

1950 in Marion, Indiana the son of Forest and Dorothy (McDaniels) Hueppelsheuser. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Vietnam War as a medic. He was self-employed and was a past member of the Bryan Eagles.

He is survived by a daughter, Misty Mattern of Cecil; a son, Rodney Baxter of Paulding; five grandchildren; two sisters: Chris (Don) Sproles of Ney; Jewell (John) Rickels of Paulding; two brothers: Dennis McDaniels of Cecil; Donnie Hueppelsheuser of

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Billy Gene Hueppelsheuser.

There will be no visitation or services. Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is serving the family. Condolences may be shared at www. smithbrownfuneralhome.

Betty L. Van Ho, 83, of

202 E. River St. (419) 258-4901

Euclid, formerly of Payne, returned to God's loving arms on Monday, July 27, 2009 at Gateway Healthcare Center in Euclid.

Born March 6, 1926 in Payne, the daughter of Adam and Cathryn (Price) Winans.

She was a Past Worthy Matron of Hesperian Chapter 281 Order of Eastern Star in Payne and served as the secretary at the Presbyterian Church in Tiffin for over 20 years. Prior to her work at the church, she was the business manager at the Paulding County Hospital.

She will be sadly missed by her children: Greg (Kay) Van Ho of Euclid and Kay Ellen (Keith) Williams of Chester, NH; grandchildren, Adam and Tara Van Ho and Lt. Valerie Van Ho, USN and Bethany and Laurie Stack and Staff Sgt. Nicholas Stack, USAF; sister, JoAnn (Jack) Phipps; sister-in-law, Jean Winans both of Payne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her daughter, Carrie Elizabeth; and brothers: Richard (Lois) and Alan Winans.

Service was August 1, 2009 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family encourages contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 23215 Commerce Pk Dr, Ste 300, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 or Hospice of Western Reserve, Inc., 300 East 185th St., Cleveland, 44119. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.

Wanda B. Zuber, 79, of Van Wert, OH died Monday, July 27, 2009 at Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

She was born May 2, 1930 in Paulding County, Ohio to the late Ella L. (Rumbaugh) Carr and Charles F. Carr. She married her husband, Kenneth W. Zuber on June 11,

She is survived by her children: Anita K. Zuber and Eileen L. Manken both of Van Wert, Charles J. (Dawn) Zuber of Oviedo, FL; brother,

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Rex T. (Joyce) Carr of Hicksville; grandchildren: Michael and Steven Zuber, Ella and Kayla Manken; and one greatgrandchild, Branden Zuber.

Preceding her in death was her husband; a son, Roland Ray Zuber; five brothers: Wendell, Jess W., Melvin C., Norman and Stanley J. Carr; and one sister, Bonita May She was an elementary

teacher, teaching at Paulding, Melrose, the former N. Richland Adams, and Hicksville School Systems. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville and current member of First United Methodist Church, Van Wert. She was also a member of the Van Wert Rotary Club, Retired Teachers Association, TWIGS She graduated from An-

twerp High School and received her BS and her Master's Degree from Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Services were July 31, 2009

at the First United Methodist Church in Van Wert, OH. Burial was in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Minister was Rev. Paul Miller.

Preferred memorials are to go to CHP Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center or First

Arrangements by Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences may be sent to: agfhc@embarq-

JESUS DESCENDANT OF SHEM, AND OTHERS

By: James Potter, Oakwood **Church of Christ**

In our last lesson we were discussing Jesus being born of a virgin and ended with Micah telling the town where Jesus would be born Micah

Today in going back to the Old Testament, we will be looking at some of the people that Jesus descended from.

Today, I am going back to the book of Genesis 5:32 and looking and studying the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 3:20-38. We see that Luke goes all the way back to Adam. The reason I am starting with Shem is that he is in a period of Biblical history when God is going to bring

judgment on the world. Read Genesis 7:11-13, as to who entered the ark and then read Genesis 9, about God blessing Noah and his sons. Notice also in Genesis chapter nine about Noah blessing Shem verse 26 and then what is said about Japheth in verse 27. Going back to verse 26, the Lord instead of Shem is blessed, because He is the source of Shem's blessing. He is also the God of Shem and his descendants, the semites which included the Israelites in a special sense. Notice also in verse 27 what is said about Japheth dwelling in the tents of Shem. This is saying that Japheth would share in the blessings of Shem, but how? Study the genealogy of Christ in Luke 3:23-38 and you will see Shem is in this genealogy. Also the Jewish race of people would come through Shem. Back to how Japheth would share in the blessings of Shem. As you and I study the Bible, especially the New

about the Jewish race and the Gentile Race of People. Read Genesis 10:2-5 about the Gentile race of people

Testament and how it talks

coming through Japheth and then read Acts 10 and 11 about Cornelius and him being a Gentile, how that through Peter teaching him the Gospel message Cornelius believed that message and became a christian. This is how we receive the blessings of Shem, for Christ was a descendant of Shem and it is in Christ where all spiritual blessings are, Ephesians 1:3. There are others, such as Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, David and others who are in the genealogy of Christ. I would encourage you to

study the genealogy in Matthew chapter one and Luke 3:23-38. You will be greatly rewarded in your studies. Always remember Jesus loves you and so do I! Also, when studying the Bible, remember to check all of your scripture verses on any subject you may be studying and this way it keeps the subject in the context of what is being said. For Bible questions please call (419) 393-4775 or (419) 399-5022.

JUNCTION CHURCH TO BE PRESERVED

Catholic Church in Junction may have been closed, but the final chapter of the building has yet to be written. When attempts to remove the windows were stopped, litigation began to preserve the building. There was talk about converting the church into a branch library. But once it became evident the funds were not available to open another branch in Paulding County, a Plan B was needed. It was obvious from the start that the main intent was to preserve the building for its historic value. The Diocese kept the lines of communication open and offered guidelines required to make this possible. A committee comprised of both former parishioners and area residents (Les Weidenhamer, Janet Sholl, Shelley Shinners, Karen Schlatter, Melinda Krick, Lynn Keller, Becky Keller, Deedi Miller, and Sue Brown) met to brainstorm and voted to proceed with the necessary actions. Joe Burkhard offered legal council in this endeavor and filed all the necessary forms needed to incorporate this new entity to be known as The Junction Community

After many months of delays an agreement was finally reached. The property has been conveyed to the Junction Community Center with the express intention and agreement of the par-

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net ties that the property shall be used to preserve and maintain the historic heritage of the Junction community in a respectful and non-sectarian manner. The windows are on indefinite loan as long as no defaults are committed. Reasonable restrictions were also agreed to as part of this Along with a sigh of relief

there is also a twinge of apprehension with this announce-Many suggestions have been made for use of the building but Plan B has yet to be determined. Therefore, an informational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 at the church for anyone interested. Donations will be accepted and questions answered. There will also be a sign up sheet for those interested in attending an organizational meeting on September 10 at 7:00. If you have an interest or an idea for future use you are urged to attend one of these meetings.

ANTWERP STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVE-AWAY STILL REGISTERING

The Antwerp student school supply giveaway is planned for August 15 at the West Bend News parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents, you still have time to register your children for their supplies. Just call the church office at 419-258-3895 and leave a message containing YOUR name and phone number, your child/children's name(s) and grade they will

Why do we ask parents to register? This process makes it a little more simple for you and us when it comes time to

collect your children's supplies. It also guarantees your supplies. We will have a limited amount of school supplies for walk-ins. So, if you don't get registered, come on down to the West Bend News parking lot on August 15 anyway and we'll get you set up.

If you can't make it out to collect your supplies on the 15th, we will also have the supplies at Riverside Park in Antwerp on Sunday, August 16, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. following our "Church in the Park" day. Come early, plan to stay for worship (10:30 a.m.), fellowship, free lunch and take home your school supplies!!

PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE VBS UPDATE

Children attending the Paulding Church of the Nazarene VBS collected school supplies during the week. These school supplies will be given away to families in the community. The giveaway will be held Saturday, August 15th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Family Life Center. Supplies are limited, first come first served.

AUGUST FREE GIVE AWAY - SATURDAY AUGUST 15

St. Paul Methodist Church in Payne will be having a Free Give Away, Saturday, August 15. We will be sharing our slightly used clothes, toys, furniture, household items and appliances with our community neighbors, Saturday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. The church is located at the corner of St. Rt. 613 and St. Rt. 500 in Payne.



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MELROSE UM CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL

The Melrose UM Church at Melrose, OH will be having Bible School Sunday, August 9-Thursday, August 13 from 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. The name of the VBS program is Wildwood Forest.

The program will be at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday Eve the 13th. Children from the ages of 3 through 6th grade are invited to come. There will be Bible Stories, refreshments, games, singing and crafts to fill the evening.

Becky Jo Thomas is the director of the Bible School this year. The pastor is Eileen Kochensparger. If you need any further information or a ride contact 419-399-5818.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten:

1 pkg. ziploc baggies (large or small); 4 small boxes (8ct) Crayola crayons; 4 (4oz) bottles Elmer's school glue (NOT Ross); 1 plastic school box; 1 large book bag with name on it (Please no on rollers); 1 pkg. of cups; 1 pkg. of napkins; 1 pkg. of (10) Črayola Fineline thin markers; 1 pkg. of Crayola wide markers; 1 pkg. of colored pencils; 1 folder with pockets; 2 boxes of Kleenex; Girls – 1 pkg. large paper plates, 1 pkg. plastic spoons and 1 pkg. of glue sticks; Boys 1 bag of cotton balls and 1 pkg. of small paper plates and 1 pkg. of plastic forks

First Grade:

2 black dry erase markers; 2 large erasers; 2 boxes (16ct) crayons (small size); 1 pair blunt Fiskars scissors; 2 (8oz) Elmer's glue (NO Ross or glue sticks); 1 school box; 2 large boxes of Kleenex; 4 #2 lead pencils; 1 book bag with name on it; 1 old paint shirt with name on it; 1 folder with pockets; 1 pkg. ziploc baggies (large or small); Girls - 1 pkg. paper plates or 1 large pkg. napkins; Boys – 1 pkg. styrofoam cups

Second Grade:

5 #2 lead pencils with erasers; 1 box (16 or 24ct) crayons;

1 pair of pointed scissors; 2 (4oz) Elmer's school glue; 1 small zippered pencil case; 1 school bag (please not on wheels); 2 boxes of Kleenex; 2 large erasers; 1 one subject wide ruled spiraled notebook; 8 folders with pockets, no holes or metal fasteners (2 red, 2 yellow, 2 blue, 2 green); 1 old paint shirt **Third Grade:**

1 pkg. #2 lead pencils; 1 large eraser; 2 boxes (16ct) Crayola crayons; 1 box colored map pencils; 1 pair pointed scissors; 2 large boxes of Kleenex; 1 old paint shirt; 1 one-inch 3-ring binder; 1 zippered pencil case (no school boxes); 2 glue sticks; 2 one subject wide-ruled spiral notebooks (with perforated sheets); 6 folders with pockets and fasteners, no holes (a red, yellow, blue, green, purple & orange; Please, NO trapper keepers; Girls - styrofoam cups; Boys - 1 pkg. ziploc baggies (large or small)

Fourth Grade:

1 pkg. #2 lead pencils w/erasers, sharpened; 1 box (24ct) Crayola crayons; 1 box colored map pencils, sharpened; 1 pair of pointed scissors; 1 (8oz) Elmer's school glue; 2 large boxes of Kleenex; 2 pkgs. wide-ruled theme paper, white; 3 folders with pockets, no holes; 1 zippered pencil case; 1 old paint shirt; 1 black ball-point pen; NO mechanical pencils & NO gel pens/markers; NO trapper keepers & NO pencil sharpeners

Fifth Grade:

1 zippered pencil case; 2 pkg. #2 pencils with erasers; 1 eraser; 1 Elmer's glue; 1 box (24ct) Crayola crayons; 2 pkgs. wide ruled theme paper, white/wireless; 1 11/2" or 2" 3ring binder; 3 or 4 different color folders with pockets & holes; 2 "D" size batteries; 1 pkg. of wide tipped Crayola markers; 1 pair of pointed scissors; 1 old paint shirt; Girls - 1 box ANY size ziploc baggies; Boys - 2 boxes Kleenex

Preschool:

All - 1 large bookbag; 1 box Kleenex; 1 pkg. napkins; 1 roll paper towels; 1 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue (Elmer's

only please); 1 box of markers **THANK YOU** (washable); 1 box of 24 count Crayola (must be Crayola

only) crayons; 1 extra set of

clothes for all children; 1 pkg.

of small paper plates (NO

styrofoam); 1 pkg. of plastic

spoons; AM – 1 box of quart

ziploc bags & 1 box of 5 ounce

dixie cups; PM - 1 pkg. large

paper plates (no styrofoam) &

1 pkg. of 12 ounce disposable

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUPPLY LIST FOR 2009-10

1 ruler (metric & regu-

lar); 1 protractor; 1 pair scis-

sors; 3 pkg. of loose-leaf pa-

per; 1 bottle of glue (liquid);

2 boxes of tissues; Science

- 2 spiral notebooks 70 pgs.,

1 pocket folder; Wellness – 1

spiral notebook 70 pgs., 1

pocket folder; Math - Tice—

1 3-ring binder, Schlatter—1

spiral notebook, 1 pocket

folder; Social Studies - 1

spiral notebook, 1 pocket

folder; English & Reading

- 2 spiral notebooks (1 red,

1 blue), 2 pocket folders (1

red, 1 blue), 1 big eraser or

cap erasers on pencils; 1 box

of colored pencils; 1 high-

lighter, 5 blue or black pens

with erasers, 1 set of mark-

3 pkg. #2 pencils; 2 boxes

of tissues; 2 pkg. loose-leaf

paper; English – Hatcher—1

pocket folder, 1 notebok 70

pgs., 1 flash drive (recom-

mended but not required),

Tice—1 pocket folder, 1 notebook 70 pgs.; Reading

- Moore—1 3-ring binder,

Adams—1 pocket folder,

1 notebook 70 pgs.; Social

Studies – 1 pocket folder, 1

notebook; Math - 1 3-ring

binder 2", 1 pkg. loose-leaf

paper; Science – 1 set of col-

ored pencils, 1 metric ruler,

1 pocket folder or 3-ring

binder, 1 pkg. loose-leaf pa-

per; Keyboarding – 1 pocket

cils #2; 2 boxes of tissues;

Math – 1 3-ring binder, 1

pocket folder, 1 pkg. loose-

leaf paper; English - Sing-

er—1 3-ring binder 1½"

or larger, 1 pkg. loose-leaf paper, 1 highlighter, 2 red

pens, 2 black pens, 2 blue

pens, 1 flash drive (recom-

mended but not required), zipper pouch for pens/high-

lighters, etc, Schier—(all of

Mrs. Schier's supplies will

stay in her classroom) 2

pocket folders, 1 pkg. loose-

leaf paper 100 sheets, 1 pkg.

of #2 pencils (pack 10), 1

pkg. 10 broad tipped mark-

ers, 3 red pens, 3 black pens,

1 flash drive (recommended

but not required), 1 box of

Kleenex, Tice/Adams—1

folder, 1 spiral notebook;

Reading – Estle—(all of Mrs. Estle's supplies will stay in

her classroom) 3 red pens,

3 blue pens, 3 black pens, 1

pack #2 pencils (10ct), 1 3-

ring binder 1½" with clear

front pocket cover, 1 pkg.

loose-leaf paper, 1 box of

Kleenex, 1 pkg. 10 broad

tipped markers (boys), 1 box

10-12 colored pencils (girls),

Adams—1 folder, 1 spiral

notebook; History – 1 note-

book, 1 3-ring binder 11/2"

with clear front pocket cov-

er; Science – 1 pocket folder;

Web – 1 spiral notebook, 1

pocket folder, 1 flash drive

(at least 1G)

3 blue or black pens; pen-

folder

Grade 8:

ers, pencils #2

Grade 7:

SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 6:

The family of Matthew Gibson would like to thank out family, friends and neighbors for their love, kindness and support during this difficult time. We are grateful for the food, calls, visits, the many cards, memorials, donations to Catholic Charities, Mass intentions and prayers for Matt and the three of us. Thanks to the many

Priests who celebrated the funeral Mass and the Deacons and former seminarians who participated and Matt's high school friends who served as pallbearers.

Our special thanks goes to Father Tim Kummerer of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Defiance for being with us during Matt's fight with cancer and pneumonia, for his friendship with Matt and for his wonderful homily at the funeral Mass. Father Kummerer, the Funeral Planning Committee and the 'girls' from Defiance were most helpful in planning the funeral liturgy. Thanks to the ladies of St Mary's for the delicious luncheon for our family and friends.

Thanks to all who sang at the funeral Mass (Defiance, Cecil and Paulding choirs), especially Rosann Laker, Jen Brown, Jeremy Nadler, Dave Moninger, Dr, Barnett and Susi Blank and to all who participated in the liturgy. We are also appreciative of Deacon Jeff, Mary (Crowley) Eklund, Donna Crowley and those who sang at the Rosary

Thanks to family members and Matt and Marty's friends who traveled such long distances to be with us. Although they were unable to attend, we are so appreciative of Matt's California friends, especially Chuck, Thomas, Ken and Carl; Matt's co-workers, his doctors and nurses, and Father Robert and Father Tom, both of St. Ignatius in Antioch, California.

Thank You to the staff at Den Herder Funeral Home for their caring and professional service.

—Matt's Family, Wade, Mary Lou and Marty Gibson

JOSEPH MORENO COM-PLETES TRAINING

On July 17, PV2 Joseph Aaron Moreno successfully completed and was awarded a diploma for his individual Infantry Training at the 198th Infantry Brigade Course 9036 at Fort Benning, GA.

He will be continuing his training with Airborne School in Fort Benning.

He is the son of Dorothy and Gary Looser and Tom and Michelle Moreno, all of Paulding.

He is the grandson of Erestine Moreno.

GULICK – BROWN

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ley Gulick were married on March 14, 2009 at Solid Rock Community Church in West Unity, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Deb Gulick of Montpelier, Ohio. The groom is the son of Bill and Linda Brown of Antwerp, Ohio.

Ashley attended Montpelier High School and is currently employed as a sales as-

sociate at Bill's Locker Room III in Bryan, Ohio. James attended Antwerp High School, received a Mechanical Engineering Associates degree from Northwest State Community College and is currently employed as a Sales CAD Draftsman at Pyromation, Inc. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. James and Ashley currently reside in Hicksville,





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Carrie Marie Rietschlin and Michael Joseph Kemerer were married April 19, 2009 at Sacred Heart Parish in Shelby, Ohio. Fr. Nicholas Cunningham officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Lucy Rietschlin of Shelby, Ohio. The groom is the son of Joseph and Victoria Kemerer of Hicksville,

Jacob Rietschlin, Carrie's twin brother, served as a witness. Best Men were Nick and Doug Kemerer,

Michael's brothers. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Carrie is a graduate of Shelby Senior High School and the Ohio State University. She is employed at MedCentral Health System. Michael is a graduate of Antwerp Local High School, Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo College of Law. He is employed with the City of Mansfield. The couple resides in Lexington.

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From there they will travel along ST RT 500 toward Payne and will be stopping at the Wildcat Creek Popcorn retail store on Twp Rd 94 one mile west of SR 49 between 9:30 and 11:30 am. While there they will be tasting several of the popcorn varieties available between 9:30 and 11:30 am.

The Three Rivers Antique Car Run will then proceed north on SR 49 to Grants in Antwerp for lunch. As they finish lunch they will go on to Woodburn to stop at Ron Nahrwold's to view his collections from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

When they leave Woodburn, it will be to stop at Moats Ford in Sherwood from 2:30 to 3:30 pm for an ice cream break and then back to Defiance for a gathering at the Defiance Mall. The cars will be on display while the participants prepare for the participants ice cream social at 8:00 pm.

For all who enjoy antique cars there will be many locations along the way to get pictures or just enjoy and wave to the people who give their time to preserve this part of our history.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Conner Daniel Reuille was born on July 27, 2009 at 9:57 a.m. at Community Memorial Hospital. Conner weighed in at 7lb. 3oz. and was 19 inches

Conner's parents are Cindy and Lee Reuille of Payne, Ohio. Grandparents are Mark and Penny Reuille, greatgrandparents are Kathy Whitney, Don and Linda Reuille all from Payne, Ohio.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

David Patrick James Losito was born on July 14, 2009 at McKay-D Hospital in Ogden, Utah. David weighed in at 7 lbs. and was 19 1/2 inches

David's parents are Tony and Cheryl (Sinn) Losito of Ogden, Utah and proud grandparent is Kathryn Sinn of Paulding.

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1 Taco, 1 Enchildas, 1 small Burrito, Rice & Beans	6.50
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COUNTY COMMISSION-ERS MEETING PAULDING, COUNTY, OHIO 7/22/09

This 22nd 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

159917 through 160195 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Travel Requests:

Tony Zartman, Loss Control Coordinator, CORSA -Findlay, Ohio - July 15, 2009 In The Matter Of Amend-

priation (Fund 021): The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby

ing The 2009 Annual Appro-

directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 021 Fund 021 - Unclaimed Monies 021-001-00001/Un-

claimed Monies, \$10,000.00 In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appro-

priation (Fund 163): Commissioners The amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed

the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 163 Fund 163 - Indigent De-

fense, 163-001-00002/Fees-Co. Court, \$1,800.00 In The Matter Of Modify-

ing The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-027): The Board of County

Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds: 001-027-00001/

FROM: General Fund/Engineer/Salaries-Official

TO: 001-027-00007/General Fund/Engineer/Workers'

AMOUNT: \$559.52

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030) The County Commission-

ers modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00002/ General Fund/Insurance/ Control/Retirement Loss Funds

TO: 001-021-00003/General Fund/Health and Welfare/Handicapped Children AMOUNT: \$1,658.90

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 128):

The Board of County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

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: \$1,642.88

In The Matter Of Authorizing The Director Of Paulding County Department Of Job And Family Services To Enter Into A Contract With JBS Office Solution, Inc. For Office Equipment:

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Director of Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services to enter into a service/ maintenance agreement with JBS Office Solutions, Inc. for

PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net three copier facsimile duplicator printers at the following

annual price: Reception Area, \$420.00; Social Service Copy Room,

\$900.00; Room 9, \$900.00 In The Matter Of Right Of Way Cost Proposal For The

Auglaize River Sewer Project: The Auglaize River Sewer Project will require securing the right of way/easements from property owners; and proposals were received and reviewed from Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. and GNG

It is the Board of County Commissioners' intent to accept the proposal from Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., contingent upon grant dollars and financing for the project. In The Matter Of Manag-

Development Services, LLC.

ing The Paulding County Senior Center: The Board of County

Commissioners will assume the responsibility for managing the Paulding County Senior Center Programs and applying for grant dollars to fund said programs effective January 1, 2010.

Meeting Notes of Appointment:

Marsha Yuetter, Senior Center; Susan Simpson and Kathy Sanderson, Auditor's Office - Ms. Yuetter met with the Commissioners and the Auditor to discuss various procedures and policies which will be implemented once the Senior Center becomes a county entity. She discussed the grants that currently partially fund the Senior Center, stating she was working on the Passport grant application. Ms. Yuetter will be working closely with the Auditor's Office and the Commissioners to make a smooth transition.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the joyous arrival of Toby James Hall. Born July 19th, 2009, 7lbs. 2ozs. at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio to Cristal and Nate Hall of Antwerp, Ohio and big brothers Maxwell and Isaac. Grandparents: Penny Hall of Woodburn, IN; Brad Hall of Louisville, KY; Scott Horne, Sr. of Waynedale, IN and Sheryl Horne of San Antonio, Texas.

PAULDING COUNTY HOS-PITAL ADMISSIONS AND **DISMISSALS**

Admissions:

7/27 – Rita Perkins, Payne 8/2 - Michael Lawrence, Paulding; Lori Harter-Wright, Oakwood

Dismissals:

7/30 - Rita Perkins, Payne

WBESC BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST

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We invite all readers to come and visit us in Defiance and see what we are really all

Tonya Wichman Defiance, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the letter from Jane Keil, I am sorry to hear she had a bad experience at the wedding she attended, those days are supposed be filled with excitement and fun for everyone. To clarify, Celebrations in Defiance is not connected to any other businesses with similar names. Our business is locally owned at one individual location by my husband, Rodney, myself and our three children, Nick, Nate, and Natalie, which is why Celebrations in Defiance does not offer on site decorating while our children are involved in school activities on most weekends.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to the letter that was printed last week from Jane Keil. She wrote about a wedding reception she had attended that was decorated by Celebrations in Lima. She obviously was not happy with the service that was given by this company. In her letter she stated "this family went through Lima but there is one in Defiance also and I've heard that they are all the same way."

Celebrations in Defiance is not affiliated with any other business using the name Celebrations. It is privately owned by Rodney and Tonya Wichman, who have been the owners for the past ten years. Although they do sell many items for wedding receptions, an on-site decorating service is not a part of their business. I know these things because I am employed there.

I can understand Ms. Keil being upset if this family didn't receive the service that they paid for, however I believe she should have checked the accuracy of her statements about Celebrations in Defiance before airing them publicly.

It is always very hard for a small business to try to compete with the "super stores", even more so in the tough economic times we are experiencing. Unfounded allega-

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity and freedom to worship —Patrick Henry



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tions such as the one Ms. Keil made can be very damaging.

Celebrations in Defiance had nothing to do with the situation that was written about and did not deserve to be defamed the way they I think Ms. Keil should vis-

it Celebrations in downtown Defiance and see for herself what a friendly customer oriented business we are. Wanda Rittenhouse

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in reply to a letter from Jane Keil. Perhaps before you pub-

licly malign a business you should verify your facts. There are at least four businesses that have the name "Celebrations" in the Northwest Ohio/Northeast Indiana region. There are none listed in Lima. All of them are decorators or provide decorations, but to write "... they are all the same way" is both untrue and unfair. Only the two in Fort Wayne are connected, and each of the remaining "Celebrations" is its own entity, and each has its own policies and practices.

Early in your letter you state Celebrations only provided "...three backdrops and rolled out the table cloths, the wedding party family did the rest including putting out the (rented) floating candles..." You wrote, "This young couple paid up to an amount of \$750.00—overpaid if you ask me." Do you then consider this couple to be foolish in their decisions for their own event? Couples rarely fail to comparison shop when it comes to any aspect of their wedding day. This couple actually saved money by renting and decorating themselves, versus paying a decorator to do a

full service event. You say, "Yes, the candles were rented, and if any got broke the couple had to pay for them." You also state, "...and making sure they were dry at the end of the reception..." in reference to the rented centerpieces. Yes, when you rent an item from a business, you are expected to return the item EXACTLY as it was when it left that business. If the item is broken, then you should expect to pay for it. If it got dirty, then it should be cleaned. It is not unrealistic for a business to expect reimbursement for time spent cleaning or money spent to replace dirty or damaged rental items.

You stated you liked the cor until you found Celebrations didn't do all the work. Then you didn't like the décor? They obviously provided attractive decorations, just not the manual labor needed to put the centerpieces on the tables.

Additionally, you fail to address any contractual obligations. Professional decorators provide their products and services on a contractual basis. These contracts specify not only products and services, but also event duration and each party's responsibilities. The latter two seem to be the basis for more of your discontent.

You were upset about the decorator's arrival time for tear-down. "The kids were having fun until she came back and pushed them off the dance floor to get her things... at 11:00 p.m." are quotes from your letter. You made no mention in your letter about dance floor décor, negating the need for the decorator to clear anyone off the dance floor. Does the couple share

your opinions? If so, did they contact the decorator to voice their concerns? Did you compose your letter at the behest of the bride and groom? Perhaps your views are yours alone, and the couple now feels they, too, have been publicly ridiculed. "I will NOT recommend

this company to anyone having a party of any kind! Unless you want to decorate it yourself!" is the last statement in your letter. Fortunately for businesses that provide rental décor, many couples choose to decorate their own weddings. It is equally fortunate for these couples that companies like Celebrations exist to provide a lower cost alternative to budget-busting full service decorating.

—Tammy Corzine

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There is still confusion regarding my upcoming October trip to Romania. Not one penny from the State of Ohio or Paulding County is paying for this trip. I was selected by the U.S. Department of State. Hilary Clinton is the Secretary of State. This program falls under her department. The trip is fully funded by the U.S. Department of State. I will be representing our country in Romania and offering information about rural libraries.

Romania, only about 20 years out of a communist state, is still stretching its wings as a fledgling democracy. Public libraries in Romania have existed for about 18 years, but to put it simply, folks just don't know what to do with them. There is still the perception that the government controls all information and access to information. My presentations in person and via digital video conferencing will focus on how to market libraries to the leaders and population, how to identify the informational needs of the citizens, service to youth and advocacy. I have my work cut out for me, but am extremely honored that I was chosen to represent the United States. I will be the only one making this trip. There will not be a "group" going. I will be met by a representative of the Ú.S. Embassy in Romania. I will have a translator. All the material I prepare ahead of time will be translated. I will fly into Bucharest and travel to a different village or city every day.

Again, this trip is fully funded by the federal U.S. Department of State. If you have any questions at all, whether about the funding or the particulars of this trip, please call me at work 419-399-2032 or at home 419-399-9021 or e-mail me at susanhillpieper@gmail. com. I am passionate about rural library service and would love to discuss this wonderful opportunity fur-

ther. Happy Reading!

-Susan Pieper, Library Director, Paulding County Carnegie Library

PAGE 5 - WEST BEND NEWS - AUGUST 5, 2009 **ANTWERP'S MEMORIAL WORLD WAR II LISTING P** & R

To resume our Antwerp Memorial Veterans listing after vacation and computer issues; as always (*) means we still need documentation: James Panico Jr., Edward

Parrett, Richard C. Parrish

Sr., Louis B. Paxton, Ralph L. Peck, Charles Peffley Jr., Kenneth W. Peffley*, Donald E. Pemberton*, James G. Pendergrast Sr., Norman F. Plum, Edward K. Powell, Gerald D. Putman, John R. Putman, Max F. Putman, George Ray, Edward Reeb, Herman Reeb, Hilton E. Reeb, John R. Reeb, Louis Reeb, Richard E. Reeb, Russell A. Reeb, Wendell Reeb, Wilbur Reeb, Cecil V. Reese, William P. Reeb III, Ralph W. Reinhart, Bernard C. Reynolds, Edward Reynolds, Richard D. Rhoad, Robert R. Rhoad, Robert B. Rice, Herman J. Rickard, Jesse L. Roehrig, Walter G. Ross, Charles J. Rumage If there are Veterans'

names you do not see listed, please contact us with their information. Remember our goal is to get EVERY Antwerp Veteran listed on the tablets. We will be breaking ground August 10 for Phase II-to bring the statue home and get the platform in place and ready for the tablets. We have made a lot of progress but we have a long way to go to the finish. We need YOUR help.

PAULDING RESERVOIR LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

Carpet Wholesalers defeated Red Owl twice to capture the Women's League Tournament, Red Owl was the league champs. Paulding VFW finished in third place.

In the Men's Thursday Night Men's League TJ's Bar rallied in the bottom of the 7th to defeat Antwerp Pharmacy 14-13 to take home first place. They also were the Thursday Night League Champs. Larson's/Ed's Car Care finished in third place.

The Fall Coed League is scheduled to begin August 11



FROM THE DOG WARDEN

by: Mandy Lichty, Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Duke. Duke is a three year old purebred Husky. He is very friendly and does very well with children and other dogs and is housetrained. Huskies do have a tendency to roam, so a fenced in yard would be best for Duke. Also at the shelter we have

male Chihuahua/jack Russell mix, a female German Shepherd mix, and a male Great Dane. Last week we learned some tips to prevent dog bites. This

week we will talk about ways to reduce the chances of your dog causing a serious bite. 1. Have your dog spayed or neutered! Sterilization re-

tendency to roam. 2. Take your dog through obedience classes so he will learn to be a well behaved

duces aggression, and a dog's

member of the family. 3. Avoid chaining your dog for extended periods of time. Chaining increases aggression and isolates your dog from learning the normal sounds, smells, and behaviors of children and adults.

4. Keep your dog secured in a fenced vard or on a leash when outside the yard. Never allow your dog to run loose through neighborhoods and

5. If you have any doubts about your dogs behavior with people coming into your home, put your dog in another area before opening the door to visitors.

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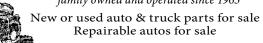
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- What did the mouse run up?
- 11. Who was snoring?
- **13.** Who chased the weasel?
- **15.** Who was asked to blow her horn?
- 16. Where did Humpty Dumpty sit?
- 17. You don't want to be bit by these at night.
- **19.** What was Mama gonna buy baby? (2 words)
- 21. What did Georgie Porgie do to the girls?

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- 1. What kind of pie did Little Jack Horner have? 2. What did little Johnny Green throw in the
 - Who was to row the boat ashore?
 - How many bags of wool did the black sheep
 - What did the sheep leave behind them?
 - The captain was THIS.
 - Jack jumped over a WHAT?
 - What kind of tree did the kookaburra sit in?
 - 10. Who did the black hen lay eggs for?
 - 11. What part of the day did we go around the mulberry bush?

And emotional frenzies.

Who knew it would come

The daisies and the dan-

delions in the forsaken prop-

Of the man of prosperity,

Knowing soon they will be

As he looks out the win-

Like months of bitterness That change to bitter-

Feelings of mournings that

He knows another August

Where he will hear these

When he will feel the August air breathing from his

thoughts again in his inge-

covered by winter's blessings.

He understands,

Things change.

turn to joyfulness.

will come,

nious mind.

veins once again.

And he smiles.

- 12. What sends the doctor away?
- 14. What worried the cat?
- 16. What was Jack and Jill to fetch?
- 18. The Englishman smelled of THIS.

to this?

dow,

Live on.

20. Who ran away with the spoon?

AUGUST

by Sara Trauterman

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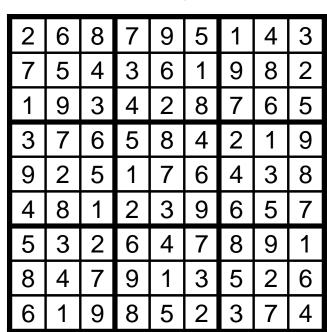
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er and Jim followed in his footsteps. At the age of 21, Jim married his high school

sweetheart, Laura High. They have three daughters

and nine grandchildren. A couple of months ago, he

was blessed with his first

hunting and woodworking.

In the summers, the Hertel family enjoyed camping trips with their travel trail-

ers. In more recent years,

they enjoyed trips to Florida

thrilled to have Jim Hertel

in our extended family.

4-H APPRECIATION AND

RECOGNITION DAY

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and a free hotdog, chips,

cookie and a drink for the 4-H kids. Following at 4:00

pm the Awards and Recog-

nition presentation will begin with the Outstanding

Officer Awards, 4-H Club membership pins and Advi-

sor milestones pins. We will

do a year end review of 4-H

and Extension with a dis-

cussion on what is ahead of

us in the next year. Also the

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By: Stan Jordan

Torrio was severely injured by the assassination attempt of the North Side Gang. He had all of the wars he wanted, so he turned all of his power over to Capone and he returned to Sicily.

This made Capone the top man of everything including Chicago during the Prohibition Era. It was estimated that he took in \$100 million per year. Most of this was booze, but he had a lot of illegal enterprises, including prostitu-

The transportation of beer and liquor was from all directions, both west and Canada and one of the Purple Gang from Detroit. They could sell anything in the way of liquor. By the friends made here, Capone bought off all the cops and political people. He even owned the Mayor William 'Bill' Hale Thompson. With all this money and power, Ca-



Al Copone

pone indulged into a fantastic lifestyle, cars, suits, cigars, gourmet food, drink and female companionship.

His retort to the media was. "I'm just a businessman giving the people what they want. He became a celebrity

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but also a vicious murderer.

All of this power by Capone and the violence he used to get to the top upset his rival gang, the North Side rival gangsters, Hymie Weiss and Bugs Moran. Lots of times Capone's car would be riddled with bullets.

One time on Sept. 20, 1926, Capone and friends were having lunch at the Hawthorne Hotel, about ten cars loaded with men who had tommy guns and shot guns, drove by the hotel and literally blew it away. Capone's body guard, Frankie Rizo, threw Capone to the floor and then laid on him to protect him. They both survived this attack but it forced Capone to have his Cadillac to have amour and bullet proof glass installed. Weiss was gunned down by the South Sides shortly after the restaurant shootout.

Moran was sure to be in on those attacks, and Capone was getting tired of Moran making a truce and deals and then not keeping his word. At one time Capone wished he had stayed in New York with the Five Points Gang.

Capone had houses and apartments all over the U.S.A., any possible hotel he wished and this high life was bugging Moran. He didn't like Capone being bigger than he.

In the years of '26, '27 and '28 Moran and Capone had a number of cease fires and no war deals.

Moran ordered the death of two of Capone's dear friends, Lambardo and Lorodo. Capone went into mourning and his hatred for Moran grew by each day. He had to get even with Moran. The name of Bugs sure fit him, he

YANKEE CANTUS

Friends and readers, I have tried to bring the history of

this sordid mess along about as it happened. A little bit from each side from 1920 on and now next week, we will talk about the St. Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929.

That threw a big heavy dark rug over the city of Chicago, but it didn't stop the

See You next week!

CHICAGO MAFIA

By: Stan Jordan

With Dino O'Banion being rubbed out by Frankie Yale, using the handshake method at the Schofied Flower Shop. The North Side Gang members lost their commander Capone and Torrio thought that with O'Banion's death their troubles might be over for the South Side Gang.

Well, maybe not, on Jan. 25th, 1925, Earl "Hymie" Weiss, took charge of the North Side Gang and Bugs Moran became under-boss and they were itching to get revenge for O'Banion's mur-

On this day Weiss and Moran waited outside of Torrio's house to kill him. Torrio and his wife came home from doing some boozing up town. The two hoods leaped out of their car and began shooting at Torrio, he was hit several times and fell to the ground. Moran walked up to put the coup-d-grace on Torrio by a shot through the skull, but his revolver was empty and that saved Torrio's life. Moran was plenty mad but he knew he had to leave the area.

This hit went awry but Torrio was terrified and he returned post haste and he passed the whole operation lock, stock and barrell of booze back to Capone. Torrio went back to Sicily.

I guess that shortly after this, there was a few brothers named Genna. Well, they were causing the North Siders a lot of trouble because the Gennas acted as a lone wolf outfit and were stealing from the North Side outfit and cutting in on their take. Well, Moran and Weiss and a bunch of their henchmen ambused Angelo and got started in a dangerous car chase. Angelo finally struck a building and the Moran gang pulled along side and filled the car with lead, he looked like a pin

Well, with Angelos death, the Genna brothers lost about all of their power.

Their brother Mike "the devil" Genna got into a shootout with the North Siders and survived that only to get blown away by the Chicago Police. Another one of the Genna boys was shot down by Vincent "the Schemer" Drucci.

Then Tony Genna was shot to death. It was rumored that Capone done that deed to get rid of the Gennas so the killings would stop. The Gennas had lost all their power so the rest of that mob fled from Chicago.

See Ya!

PANCAKES AT WOODBURN

By: Stan Jordan

Pauline and I covered the Firemen's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Woodburn on July 25th.

As I talked to Lisa Dial

called 'A Day at the Park' and the breakfast was the kick-

The firemen's wives and the E.M.S. and a lot of volunteers and of course the good food made that an enjoyable Pretty soon Carol Martin

came and sat with us and described the days activities for One of the big activities is

the big bicycle race. It is sanctioned by the Men of Steel Racing Comm. All proceeds go to the Woodburn Fire Department and E.M.S. They expect 200-250 rac-

ers. These racers report in all the way from Florida to The fireman's job is to help out at the corners and check

points. From my vantage

point it looked like everything was well organized. About this time Mike Martin sat down with us and talked about the Woodburn Fire Department and how they wanted to help Wood-

burn and how much Woodburn has helped them. I can see that the department is well backed by the whole area.

I have seen cities with 15,000 people that do not have as much or as good equipment as Woodburn does. Mike was telling me about the new tanker they just got. 3 thousand gallons of water, that brings their total to 6,300. If you ever have a big fire (we hope not) you could stand alone until help comes.

I can't tell you all we talked about. The ladies were worried about having a nice day, so as to make it an annual affair. Well, from what I saw with the help, enthusiasm and desire next year will be called 'Our Second Annual Day at the Park'.

Many thanks for all the courteous extended to us that morning.

See Ya!

ANTWERP HISTORY – BOB THOMPSON

By: Stan Jordan

The 1st Armored Division landed at Naples, a city that is quite a ways down on the west side of the boot. They had a very rough time of it because the Germans had the newer high way very well covered by artillery and the Americans couldn't move a bit to the north. Americans couldn't cross the Po River. Something had to break this impasse and the Germans weren't going to

So on January 22, 1944 Operation 'Shingle' was put into action.

This was the American VI Corps and elements of the 8th British Army. They assailed the Italian Coast, 30 miles southwest of Rome at Anzio.

The idea of this landing was to surprise the Germans 14th Corps from the war as they held the Gustav Line near Casino. The attack was supposed to follow the valley into Rome.

By nightfall the ports of Anzio and Nettuno Harbor were in American hands. Americans had landed 36,000 men at Anzio, but the Krauts sealed the area off to a space of 11 miles by 7 miles.

Even though the Allies caught the Germans by surprise. They didn't try to expand the beachhead until Jan. 30th. By then the Krauts had 8 Divisions in place and five PAGE 7 - WEST BEND NEWS - AUGUST 5, 2009

The landing zone was 11 miles by 7 miles. They called 77 square miles of hell. The Germans had big artillery and a lot of it on three sides. They had had many months to make preparations for this invasion. You could not show yourself in the daytime and the place was lit up at night by flares. You spent nearly all your time in your fox hole or a dug out. At night we helped carry in shells, ammo, food and all supplies. You sure couldn't do it in the daytime. The Germans had one big

gun, 220 Millimeter, that's almost 9 inches. It would send in 50 lbs. of explosives and then pull it back into the mountain on rails. On Jan. 30th the Allies be-

gan their attack on Highway 17 by inserting J Ranger Battalions the 3rd 4th a total 767 through the Kraut Lines en mass. All but six were killed or captured. After two days of fighting the Germans pushed everyone back to the beaches. The Salient now is about 16

miles in breadth. The Allies are now in a boxed canyon like running from Moletta in the west to the Mussolini Canal in the east. The Allies were within deadly range of hundreds of pieces of German Artillery.

This went on from January until the breakout in May. There was no rear area, even the hospitals were not far from the lines.

A big writer put it like this: Ending some of the most vicious fighting of WW11 the Allies withstood 125 days of siege of life and death on the Plains of Pontine Marshes. The 1st Armored Div.

Chaplin, William Johnson, who was there for this entire siege had this to say: Surely all

who have survived the assault on Anzio will go to Heaven since they have already served there time in hell. When the 1st Armored en-

tered the Po Valley and started north, they had already fired 1 million 800 thousand rounds of ammo from 75mm to 105 mm at a total cost of over 24 million dollars. They laid 52,000 miles of wire. Small fire arms could not be counted accurately. When they started north

in this Po Valley, that was ground suited for tanks. They could more 25 miles a day. That is more to a tanks style of fighting. They dashed all the way north to the Swiss

Bob remembers there was some bad fighting going north to the borders. The Germans was going to make the Allies pay plenty for what they took. But the soldiers stayed right in there and the Germans surrendered, but they put up some terrible actions.

When the war ended in Italy, the 1st Armored Division had three years of wear and some had over 500 days of combat. Some of the fellas had been lucky and served with the same outfit all the way from Fort Knox back in

I'll bet that when the outfit broke up and some headed for home there were a number of tears that fell all for joy.

After a few days, some of the older boys with a lot of discharge points were loaded into trucks and sent down to

After waiting in Rome a few days they were evaded into a B-17 Bomber and flew to Casablanca.

They circled over the (Continued on Page 8)

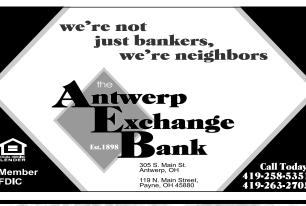


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11:45 12:00 Revelation Band

Antwerp Community Band 1:00 1:00-3:00

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4:00

4:30

In the Park - Mark's Ark 1:45 Game - Puzzle Game

Jerold Dowding - Soothing Celtic Wood Flute Music 2:00 Game – Pennies and Birdseed 2:45

Legacy Band

Game – Greased Watermelon Raffle Winners and Apple Pie Contest winners Announced

Activities come to a close

Apple pies must be at the main pavilion between 2:00-2:45

this was to be the first event Downtown Antwerp • 419-258-2068 more on the way. of a long string of celebrations

PAGE 8 – WEST BEND NEWS – AUGUST 5, 2009 (Continued from Page 7) Straits of Gibraltar and that whole area and then headed south on the west coast of

Africa to a French Outfit and then across the Atlantic to land in Brazil.

They laid around there for a couple weeks. Bob said the mess hall at the base was open 24 hours and you could enter anytime and eat of talk. That was a long cry from eating 'C's & D's' ration in the Sahara. They started north across

the Gulf toward Miami. They had to put down at a Island Air Base, when one of the engines refused to run.

I guess after a couple days they figured that B-17 should get along on three engines to Miami and by golly it did. Bob couldn't get out of

Florida quick enough. He still doesn't like the best bass lakes in the world. So they road a train from

Miami to Fort Benjamin Harrison outside of Indianapolis. He was discharged there in July of 1945.

More next week. See ya



By: Stan Jordan

A few years ago the following group of big bear hunters went north with their big rifles and a lot of ammo and Fig Newtons.

That entourage consisted of: Dave Bagley, Ray Friend, Tom Friend, John Geller and Steve Jordan.

I didn't know who was the leader or guide or pro, but I do know that Steve could talk a bear to death.

After crossing a lot of state lines they ended way up in

They were very tired after the big trip so they just cleaned

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their rifles and oiled them for his shirt. Now Steve is sorry he the big hunt the next day. I guess they played a few hands of Euchre before bed time.

After a good breakfast and cleaning up the table the man who operated the camp took the boys around and showed them where the bait stations were. As they moved along one fellow would drop out and pick a good spot where he knew a monstrous bear would Steve Jordan found a nice

warm spot where the sun shone through the limbs and down at the base of this big white oak He sat down with his back

to the oak and tree trunk sticks out on both sides of him, it was that wide. But Steve could look about 70 yards straight ahead and see his bear bait station. He knew he could get a clear shot from right here.

Everything was perfect, nice and warm sun, soft ground to sit on, a good field of sight and he had one of his father's 30 Cal. WWII Garand Rifles. That should bring that big old bear down!!

So Steve blinked his eyes to get the sleep out of them. He didn't sleep to good last night as he was anxious to get out in the woods and get a big one. I guess he blinked to long because as he felt a cold compress on his ankle where the sock didn't cover, he opened one eye slowly and his heart skipped tow beats, a young skunk was sniffing his ankle.

Oh, my, what to do? This skunk, so far, is just looking for a meal. Steve is just about to go mad with anxiety. He knows he can't move a muscle, it's a wonder that skunk hasn't heard his heart pounding.

Well, the skunk backed out of his pants leg and walked up on top of his leg up toward his body. Steve looked him right in the eye but our friend is just out looking for his breakfast.

Now the skunk is standing on his back legs nosing around Steve's two pockets on

FARM BILL DECISION TIME had some Fig Newtons in his left shirt pocket.

By: Jim Lopshire, **Extension Agent**

The Average Crop Revenue Election Program, also known as ACRE, is a tool designed to provide downside price and yield protection for U.S. crop growers. This means ACRE payments are triggered by a decline of 10% or more in yield, price or a combination of yield and price. With the lower prices in the grain market, economists are encouraging growers to evaluate the program one last time before the final sign up date of August 14. The cost to participate in the ACRE program for many

farmers is based upon reducing the direct payment by 20% and loan rates by 30%. For most Ohio producers this cost is in the \$4.00 range per acre in direct payments. This cost to enroll in the ACRE program is relatively low if the crop prices are higher, but if crop prices are lower, the return is relatively high, states Purdue University's Chris Hurt. He recommends growers who have done little forward pricing and those who need downside price protection, to especially consider the benefits the ACRE program can provide. We do not know what crop prices are going to do but if prices or yields are low, the ACRE program looks good.

Farmers should note that the ACRE program will determine state guarantees and ACRE payments based on good market years. Prices used for ACRE will still likely be around \$4 per bushel for corn and close to \$10.00 per bushel for soybeans, even with the current softening of grain prices. This will occur because the high prices from last summer and earlier this year are part of the ACRE price calculation. ACRE prices will likely to be relatively good for 2010 as well, since those prices will also include the high prices enjoyed earlier this year.

In addition, the ACRE guarantee cannot state change more than 10 percent from the previous year. Even under a worst case scenario that markets collapse in 2009, the ACRE guarantees will remain high for several years. According to Paul Mitchell, agricultural economists with University of Wisconsin-Extension, ACRE will provide better protection against low commodity prices than the current Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program over the next few years. As a result, the only cost farmers will likely face is the loss of 20 percent of their direct payments. If markets collapse and prices fall, ACRE will more than pay this

Remember that August 14 is the deadline to enroll your farms in the ACRE program. For more details and provisions of the ACRE program, contact your local Farm Service Agency office or visit the web site http://www.fsa.usda. gov, or contact your local Extension office for an economic analysis or a list of resources to help you in your decision making process.

In summary, the ACRE program is more complex than the current farm bill. Farmers will need to make sure they understand the program and determine which program works best for their

operation.

Twp. Trustees have offered their support. Homier's will install the

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Civil War Monument Forms will be installed for

the platform and entrance walkway. Baker-Shindler will provide the concrete at a discount to V.E.T.S. Antwerp Village has pro-

vided the drainage tile at the Fill dirt & Topsoil is needed. We hope it will be donated and brought to the site by

R.J. Scott electric will install the flagpole; volunteers may be needed to help with

Lighting and electric will be installed & water will be available at the site

Donated Landscaping Materials & greenery to compliment the area - Randy Williamson & Karen Lee have offered labor, anyone else?

Please note this phase will not include the black engraved name tablets. Those are about \$6000 ea. Much more fundraising will be needed before we can start Phase III, which will complete the memorial. This will be the only Veterans Memorial we know in this area that will include engraved names of their Veterans who proudly served the United States of

V.E.T.S. want to again thank everyone who has supported this memorial and the fundraising efforts. Please consider a monetary donation toward this Veterans Memorial by mailing a contribution to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Antwerp, OH 45813. Questions or offers to help? Call Karen Sanders @ (419) 399-5764

ANTWERP'S CIVIL WAR SOLDIER IS COMING HOME!

er permitting; ground breaking will begin on Monday August 10, 2009. V.E.T.S. have learned our Civil War Soldier is anxious to get back to his post & begin his new guard duty over

Phase II of the Antwerp

Veterans Memorial project

will soon be a reality. Weath-

'all" soldiers from his area. Look for him to be back in the park very soon. V.E.T.S. fundraising efforts & community monetary support have really gained interest these past couple of months, boosting our savings account to be comfortable in

all project. Phase II consists of a general order of what has or will happen: We have determined 7

starting Phase II of our over-

name tablets will be needed, which will allow space for future engraving. These will not be installed at this time. The name tablets are our Phase III project, which will require much more additional fundraising efforts. We have contracted with

R.J. Scott Electric to do our electric needs. Kennedy Trenching & Ex-

cavating have offered their labor to work with Homier's to peel way the sod in the area of the viewing platform Excavation will begin &

footers will be poured for the Civil War monument along with the arc style foundation where the future tablets will be placed. Stone fill & electric con-

duit will be installed for the lighting and pavers. Carryall

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Steve knows it has been going on for hours, when it is only a few moments. His heart is still pounding, he can't move a muscle, the skunk has found the Fig Newton's, but after a couple of paws at the pocket he turns down Steve's shirt to his belly. He then crawls down on one of Steve's legs and then rolls off to the ground and slowly meanders off into the

He has already said a lot of

Hail Mary's for that sunk not

to get mad and fire off his gun.

Steve looks down the firing lane to the bear bait. Oh. heavens, the bait's gone. Steve is beside himself, his bait is gone, his shot at a big bear is gone and the whole morning At the cabin that night,

Dave says, "You shouldn't feel bad, you are sort of a hero. If that skunk had fired a round this whole area would be stunk up and all of us would have lost a couple days of hunting. So don't feel to bad." Steve thought a minute and said, "Well, I guess you're right, Dave, would you hand me a Bud Lite?"

Yes, I will, but don't let that become a habit."

See Ya!

THANK YOU



We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Whitey Mc-Michael and Nick Mendez for travelling to Eastern Kentucky to help us out after the flooding on May 8th. We are thankful for all the help from family members for donations and prayer. When we look at our home as it is going back together we remember the wonderful fellowship we had with Whitey and Nick and feel we have made a new friend.

Thank you,

Truman and Ethel Handshoe,

ATTENTION: ANTWERP DAY IN THE PARK

torical Society will be sponsoring their annual Chicken BBQ by Port-a-Pit on August 8 from 4pm – 7pm. The BBQ is located at the John Paulding Museum across from the fairgrounds. Public is invited to eat in or carry out.

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GLENN A. GALLAGHER CENTRE GROUND BREAKING



The ground was officially broken for the new Glenn A. Gallagher Centre during a ceremony held on Sunday, June 28, 2009 on the 60 acre campus of the Ohio Eastern Star Home, Mount Vernon. The event was attended by over 400 guests of the Masonic and Ohio Eastern Star Community, as well as many distinguished guests from the local community.

The new Centre was made possible by a leadership gift from the estate of Iris F. Gallagher, Paulding, Ohio in memory of her husband, Glenn A. Gallagher, both Ohio Eastern Star members and long-time supporters of the Ohio Eastern Star Home.

The Glenn A. Gallagher Centre will feature a multipurpose room with seating for 350 in 4500 square feet of space available for programs and special events. A

dedicated Rehabilitation and Therapy Center will include state-of-the art equipment for in-patient and out-patient therapy services. Classroom and meeting areas will be utilized by OESH residents and the community.

Mr. Paul Gallagher, son of the late Glenn A. and Iris F. Gallagher spoke during the groundbreaking ceremony. He recalled that his parents were present at the Ohio Eastern Star Home's first groundbreaking over 50 years and their continued love and support of the Ohio Eastern Star Home. He extended an invitation to those present to attend the Glenn A. Gallagher Centre dedication slated for June 2010.

Glenn Gallagher was the owner of the Iris Bait Shop. Iris Gallagher taught in the Paulding School System for 30 years.

OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEET-

A regular Council Meeting was held 6/22/09. Those attending were Erwin Bandy, Harry McCullough, Bill Sherry, Melissa Figert, John Keyes, Jacob Taylor, Tom Parrett and Mark Figert.

After the pledge, the clerk took roll call. All council members were present except for Adam Baker. Mayor Henke presided.

Erwin Bandy was present to represent Harry Mc-Cullough concerning the Hakes St. situation. The closing of Hakes St, would affect several neighbors. They oppose to having Hakes St. vacated. Mayor Henke stated that it was not the village's intentions to close the St. Council stated that it is not their intentions to close; it will be

Don made a motion to accept the minutes, Phil seconded, all in favor, no opposed. Jake made a motion to accept the reports as given and for payment of bills that were signed, Don seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

EMS presented a report with no comments from council. It is on file. Police presented a report with no comments from council. It is on file.

Village Administrator presented council with report. John asked for permission

to buy boots at the price of \$116.00. No comments from council.

Jake mentioned that he gave the attorney a new weed ordinance for review and to process, but for now the village must use current ordinance and must follow procedures. Once the new ordinance is approved, it will be passed as an emergency measure.

Harry McCullough stated that Jake Meeker and Todd Dangler told Dan Akers that he could put stone down as long as it was 20' from garage. It is more than 20' plus Akers has a lot of equipment and junk on Hakes St.

The clerk mentioned that the Mayor needed to have a president of council as he failed to do so at beginning of year. The paper was handed out for each council to vote. Jake Meeker is council presi-

The clerk also mentioned Adam Baker has missed his amount of time and the seat needs vacated and refilled. Phil made a motion to remove Adam from council, Jake seconded, all in favor with no opposing. Council has 30 days to pick replacement.

Mayor Henke stated that the problem with Vicky Long water has not been addressed

Todd stated that MJ Auto still is not up to date with payments and now he is using other half of building. The clerk handed out a letter that Jeff Iler of MJ Auto had written to her. The clerk stated that he is now 3 months late for rent plus that the Village Administrator is taking money from Iler and giving to clerk. The lease will be up in September. We want business in town but 3 months behind in rent plus utilities is not good stated the Mayor. The mayor asked council what they wanted to do; the comment was to send a letter to Jeff to get caught up or to vacate the premises. The Mayor said he would draft up

Don asked if the old boat dock could be put in for now until it has to be removed for the new boat dock to be put

The mayor mentioned that

ODNR will not allow the remaining of the money to be spent on other projects concerning the dock, only what was originally authorized.

Bidding plans for Superior St. will be held – the sidewalks will have to be replaced and a new storm line.

The Aerators is close to bidding, there are a few details to work out yet but getting real close.

Tom Parrett came in and stated that he has a lady living in his building and she was told she had to move. The mayor stated that the building is zoned commercial and it's not being changed.

Tom asked for the ordinance to be redone. Todd asked Tom if the Oakwood Development had gotten a hold of Tom yet. Tom said no. Todd mentioned that they are interested in obtaining the building. Todd asked what needs

to be done to change zoning, Mayor stated that Jake is in charge of zoning and he said no. Jake says that there would be a parking problem. Tom said if the people live in Oakwood they would do business in stores. Tom asked why the problem. The mayor told him that they would consider letting him rent it out for living if he went inside and revamped it into an apartment. Tom says there is nothing wrong with the way it is now. Carolyn, Phil and Don stands behind Jakes decision. Todd said he would not decide at this time because he hasn't looked at the ordinance. Phil made a motion to table, Todd seconded, all in favor no opposed.

The garbage can at Joe Meads needs to be taken down to the corner of Tom Parrett's office. Mark said that maybe the town should pack up the trash containers for awhile.

The clerk handed out a letter that was handed out at last meeting but was not signed. This time the person signed the letter. It was Michelle Seibert and she just wants to see the village get it together and get this mess cleaned up. Someone had sent Michelle an anonymous letter so she responded to that letter and wanted council to see all. No comments were made from council concerning any solutions of the first letter let alone

of second letter. It is on file. The clerk mentioned that 2 in favor with no opposing.

Carolyn was appointed by

she would like to have the week of the 4th off, as she has always closed that week for

audit report is finished and will be mailed.

Phil made a motion to adjourn, Jake seconded it, all in

ANTWERP'S ALUMNI BASE-BALL GAME SCHEDULED

The 2nd annual Antwerp Alumni Baseball game will be August 8 at 2:00 at the Antwerp High School Baseball

CD's were up for renewal and wanted council's decision of what they want done. Don made a motion for clerk to renew again, Jake seconded, all

Phil made a motion to transfer \$5,000.00 to Police department from General 09-R-08. Jake seconded, all in favor with no opposing.

Mayor Henke to join the finance committee in place of Adam Baker. Finance meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The clerk told council that

vacation. No one opposed. The pad locks for the other half of building (old fire hall) will be taken out of general. The clerk mentioned that the

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Paulding held the 5th anplace. Paulding finished in 3rd nual boys' and girls' All-Star place losing 8-5 to Defiance. tournaments from July 17-25. After the girls' tourna-38 teams entered this year's ment the boys' baseball tournament started Monday, July events with the winning team members receiving moun-20 with 26 Teams entered in

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PAULDING ALL-STAR BASEBALL/

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tain bikes donated by Edward Jones Investments and Baughman Tile Company; 2nd and 3rd place teams received T-shirts from Midwest Sports. All players also received

free sandwiches from Subway and McDonald's. In the girls' 12 and under Fastpitch Softball Tourna-

ment Butler, IN held off De-

fiance 5-3 to take home first

a week long tournament. Delphos held off New Haven 8-3 to win the boys' 10 and under tournament while Ayersville

defeated Archbold 8-7 for 3rd

In the 12 and under boys' New Haven beat Hicksville 8-4 for 1st place and Continental crushed Delphos 19-11 for 3rd

Next year's event will be held July 16-24, 2010.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF SLATTERYS



This is a 4th generation Slattery family photo. Starting left to right: Kage on his father's lap, Ron; pictured with his dad, Ron who is next to his dad, Leroy Slattery.

Leroy, 91 is seen here celebrating with his great-grandson, Kage, who turned 1 year old on July 28, 2009. Dad and Grandpa are very proud of Kage and Grandpa Leroy. 91 years and 4 generations later, Leroy is able to enjoy time with son, grandson and greatgrandson!





TOOL & SHOP EQUIPMENT AUCTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH. 2009 DATE:

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: 203 N. Harrison St. Sherwood OH.

OWNER: **Sherwood State Bank**

Auction Listing: 1-Wheeltronic 8000# ,top bar automobile hoist, 1- Snap-On tool chest, 1-Snap-On top tool chest, 1-ATD tool chest, 2-ATD side tool boxes, 1-Snap-On side tool cabinet, 1-bench drill press, 1-Coats tire changer, 1-20gal. parts washer, Snap-On Tools: Air Ratchets 1/4", 3/8"- 2-3/8" air impacts, Metric open end box end wrenches, 1-set metric line wrenches, 2-pivot head ¼" & 3/8" ratchets, 1- ½" torque wrench, 1- gear puller set, 1- Infra-red heat sensor gun, 1-set easy out 1/8" to 19/32", 1- set of standard line wrenches, 1- set of torques, 1-soldering gun, 1- coolant pressure tester, 1-MT 2500 Scanner, Mac Tools: 1- 90 degree air grinder, 1- air drill, 1- set of needle nose and specialty pliers, Compression tester, and other misc. Mac tools, Misc. Tools: 1- Black Max 6hp upright air compressor, 1- floor jack, Craftsman wrench sets, 1- Powerbilt ½" torque wrench, Impact sockets, 1- ¾" ARO impact, 1- Set of Torque bars, Filter wrenches, Hammers, Vise-grips, 1- vacuum tester, bearing puller, Misc. pipe wrenches, 2- BluePort Multi-testers, 1-Peacock Micrometer, 1-air chisel gun, Crescent wrenches, 1-8" bench grinder, and 1-12 ton bottle jack, and many other tools not listed.

Auctioneer Notes: This is a top of the line offering of tools and shop equipment. See full listing and photos at www.darrenbo-kauctioneering.com or www.auctionzip.com



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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE

A Summer Movie Night, a Teen Advisory Group Meeting, and a Role Playing Game Group Meeting highlight the week of August 10-15 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

Come spend the Dog Days of Summer at the Johnson Memorial Library with a Scooby-Doo Movie Night on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. The movie night is free and is open to everyone.

"Come cool off at the library with a light-hearted movie, Scooby-Doo, and popcorn," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. The movie is Scooby-Doo and the Goblin King with the Friends of the Hicksville Library providing refreshments for the evening. The Johnson Memorial

Library is looking for junior high and high school students to get involved with the library's Teen Advisory Group. The 2009-2010 organizational meeting for the Teen Advisory Group is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Free refreshments will be provided.

The Teen Advisory Group is open to all junior high and high school youth, who are interested in getting involved with the library. The group is coordinated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

"The teens help Dustin to plan and schedule monthly Teen Nights at the library, help set up displays, and make recommendations of books to purchase," explained Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "Some of them have helped with our Summer Reading Program, assisted with Story Times, coordinated the monthly teen book discussion, and Knitting/Crocheting Group. We're always looking for volunteers, who would like to help with Story Time, offer programs or workshops at the library, help to seasonally decorate the Children's Room and Teen Department, and to help shelve books."

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice monthly Role Playing Game Group on Friday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m. The Role Playing Game Group is free and is open to teens and young adults, who are interested in fantasy role playing games. The group will be facilitated by Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris.

For more information on the Johnson Memorial Library, any of its services or programs, or to celebrate 70 years of Hicksville library service, call 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

BIG BOY\$ TOY\$ CAR SHOW



By: Sue Knapp

Downtown Antwerp was rockin' on Saturday, July 25th. The Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Club sponsored their 2nd annual car show. With rain in the forecast the day turned out to be just right, with only a few sprinkles.

C & R Party Sounds provided the music and commentary with food galore and special retail vendors.

People started lining the street with their chairs at 11:00 a.m.

All total, there were 103 cars entered with Ismal Rodrigues of Defiance winning Best of Show with his 55 Chevy Belair. Richard Brewer of Defiance won the Police Trophy with his 1966 Chevy Nova, Robert Zimmerman from Hicksville won the EMS Trophy with his '57 Chevy Truck, Robert Cramer from Paulding won the Maumee Valley Trophy with his 1947 5-Window Truck, Mike Friemoth from Delphos won the VFW Trophy with his Camaro Z 1969 and Mike Glass won A VFW Trophy with his 2-door '37 Packard.

Around 50 other trophies and door prizes were won along with goody bags. Everyone had a great time visiting and dreaming about the days when they were young and free and cruisin'.

The proceeds of the event

will go to charity. The Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Club has been in existence

for at least 20 years. If you are interested in joining or have any questions you may contact Larry Copsey at 419-258-3175.

PINCH POTS CRAFTS READY FOR PICK UP AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The pinch pots that the children made during the summer reading program at the Cooper Community Library, branch of Paulding County Carnegie Library, will be available to pick up beginning August 10. You may pick up your child's pot during normal library hours, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net CAMPERS AT ANN'S BRIGHT **BEGINNINGS**



Ann's Bright Beginnings campers were recently visited by Mrs. Jessica Fohner who brought along her favorite story, Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama to share with us. We talked about our feelings and made a cookie with a sad, mad or happy faces. Showing off their choice of emotion are in the back: Ella Gorrell, Ashlyn Eaton, Colton Bashore, Mrs.

Fohner, Lucy Wales, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Casey Agler, Zachary Gorrell and Allison

In front are: Kaden Phares, Moriah Griffiths, Jack Wales, Sam Adams, Lucy Shuherk and Emma Shuherk. In the very front is Owen Miller. Can you guess who is feeling sad, glad or mad today?

LOCAL SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE

The Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has launched a dynamic new Web site at www.komennwohio.org http://www. komennwohio.org> that enhances its ability to ensure that breast health services and information are within reach of every woman and family in its 24-county service area.

The new site, designed by RELEV8, a division of Fruchtman Marketing of Toledo specializing in nonprofit marketing solutions, includes a more user-friendly method of registering for the Race for the Cure, shares photos from past events, and provides an opportunity for people to interact with the affiliate through social media tools MySpace, Facebook and Twitter.

"In many ways an organization's Web site is its front door," said Mary Westphal,

executive director of the Northwest Ohio Affiliate. "We believe that our front door is now much more welcoming. It improves the ability for people to connect with us, and for us to connect with them."

Because Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a non-profit organization, it's important that the Web site also provides an easy way for people to make gifts online, sign up to volunteer, and provides information about how to apply for grant dollars.

The Web site is also the place to go for breast cancer educational information and the latest information about local news and events. You can also sign up for "The Promise" newsletter online.

"If you know someone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer or are just interested in more information, I encourage you to visit our new Web site," said Westphal.





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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION



DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH. 2009

5:30 p.m. SHARP!! (personal property), TIME:

6:30 p.m. REAL ESTATE auctioned. LOCATION: 6095 State Route 15 Ney, Ohio 43549

OWNER: Ruth Fritz

REAL ESTATE: This is a home buyers opportunity to purchase a rural, well maintenanced, surprisingly spacious home! This home is situated four miles from the Fairview Schools, also centrally located between Bryan & Defiance Ohio, and sets on a large lot! This home includes 3-bedrooms, living room, kitchen, 2-full baths, a large family room to the back of the house. NOTICE: Mrs. Fritz has decided to move into town, so come prepared to buy, and also a "Reminder" First Time homebuyers you may qualify for up to an \$8,000

AUCTION LISTING: Watch upcoming ads for a full listing of an excellent offering of personal property.

OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH. 2009 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00A.M.

AUCTIONEERS NOTES: Mrs. Fritz is a very Motivated Seller! To see full listing and photos of the personal property go to www.auctionzip.com or www.darrenbokauctioneering.com



Auctioneer: Darren L. Bok 07356 Seevers Rd. Hicksville, OH. 43526 Phone: 419-769-2399





WANNEMACHER **AUCTIONEER'S PUBLIC AUCTION**

10:00 am SAT., AUGUST 22, 2009

LOCATION: At 506 West Harrison St. Paulding, Ohio...... Watch for Auction Arrows.

SATURDAY MORNING - TO BE SOLD AT 10 A.M. SHARP! DON'T BE LATE



"3 BEDROOM HOME" VILLAGE OF PAULDING NICE SHADED LOT W/SMALL BUILDING

This 'Sweet Little" 1 story 3 BR home with 1128 Sq. Ft. of living space. Yes, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Full Bathroom, Large Living Room, Eat-in Kitchen with wood cabinetry. Utility room. Natural gas forced air furnace with central air conditioning. You will love the wood floors in this house, and the nice woodwork and the way it's been maintained. The Exterior has all wood siding, asphalt shingle roof in pretty good condition. A breezeway attaches a roomy, one car garage with concrete floor, also, an all concrete drive for a basketball hoop and parking. Nice yard, Quiet neighborhood. This all sets on a 66' x 133' City Lot. You must see this home to appreciate it. Yes, this home just had a new paint job by a professional painter. So see your banker, come prepared to bid and buy, and don't be late.

TERMS: Buyer to sign Purchase Agreement and pay \$1000 down auction day, Balance at Closing on or before September 22, 2009, upon delivery of Warranty Deed. Certificate of Title. Sellers Affidavit. Sellers to Pay all Real Estate Taxes Pro-Rated to day of closing. All Documents Prepared by Timothy Pieper, Attorney for Sellers. All Statements made Auction day take precedence over all printed matter. For complete detailed brochure w/ facts & information and viewing of house, Call the Auctioneers

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VIIlage Schools is seeking a library aide at Oakwood Elementary. Resume should be submitted to Jennifer Manz, Oakwood Elementary School, 309 North First Street, Oakwood, OH 45873 by August 12, 2009.

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30-31p BOXER PUPS FOR SALE. Born 7-1-09. Fawn, black mask. Tails, dewclaws, first shots, dewormed. Two females left, \$400.00.419-506-0063.

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The Paulding 8-Under Allstar Baseball team recently finished their season with a championship in the Grover Hill tournament. They also won the Payne and Antwerp tournaments and finished runner-up at Hicksville. Team members include: front-Tristan Kinder, Jaret

Miller, Tyler Stahl, Evan Edwards, Carson Shull, Westen Middle-Charles Phlipot. Clapsaddle, Cole Heller, Zach Dye, Fletcher Cook, Bailey Manz, Tyrell Goings, and Luke Brewer. Coaching the team was Greig Edwards, Kyle Heller, Brian Miller, Scott Shull, and Jeff Dye.

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A SHOVEL HEAD

This 24lb. 7oz. shovel head catfish was landed by Emily McKibben and her brothers Drew and Josh. Em caught

this while fishing for bluegill on 10lb. test line. They are the children of Dan and Shari McKibben of Williamsburg, Ohio and the grandchildren of Elaine and the late Gary Kemerer of Antwerp.

OHIO 3C PASSENGER RAIL PLAN PLAYS ROLE IN MIDWEST REGIONAL RAIL AGREEMENT

As part of a pioneering agreement to coordinate Midwest efforts to secure federal funding for passenger rail, governors in seven other states concur that Ohio's 3C 'Quick Start' Passenger Rail Plan plays a key roll in development of a Chicago Hub High-Speed Rail Corridor.

At a Midwest High Speed Rail Summit in Chicago today, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland signed an historic Midwest Memorandum of Understanding(MOU), which was also signed by governors from Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota and Indiana – as well as the Mayor of Chicago, ODOT Director-Jolene M. Molitoris

also joined Governor Strickland at the summit.

Under this MOU, the eight states will establish a Midwest Rail Steering Group to coordinate the region's efforts to secure a share of \$8 billion in stimulus funds made available for passenger rail under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This Midwest team will provide guidance, leadership and a single advocacy voice in support of the region's collective high-speed rail priorities," said Director Molitoris. "Our application for Ohio's 3C 'Quick Start' Passenger Rail Plan is made stronger with this landmark support from other states."

Ohio's 3C Corridor will connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati as part of President Barack Obama's nationally-priori-

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tized 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

are currently working with ridership. On July 10, ORDC tion" with the Federal Railoutlining Ohio's 3C 'Quick Start' Plan. The State is seeking up to \$400 million for the due by Oct. 1.

Ohio and its Midwest \$102 billion in funding.

safer and greener travel choices. Strong coalitions from every region of the state - from city leaders, sports teams, students, contractors, environmental organizations, labor, developers, chambers of commerce and private businesses rail," said Director Molitoris. 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.

Ohio's 3C 'Quick Start' Passenger Rail Plan - including a copy of today's historic Midwest Rail MOU and Ohio's pre-application for stimulus funding – can be found on-line at 3CisMF.ohio.gov.

SUPREME COURT'S PRE-VAILING WAGE DECISION IC DEVELOPMENT IN OHIO

A recent decision from the posed late last year.

Since the 1930s, Ohio law has required contractors on public construction projects

ODOT and the Ohio Rail

Development Commission Amtrak and the state's freight railroads to complete updated studies on routing and ODOT filed a "pre-applicaroad Administration (FRA), 3C 'Quick Start' Plan. The formal stimulus application is

partners face intense competition in securing a share of \$8 billion in stimulus funds made available for passenger rail under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As of July 17, the FRA had received 278 pre-applications, covering 40 states and the District of Columbia, seeking

"Ohioans are demanding are calling for passenger

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IMPORTANT FOR ECONOM-

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve

Ohio Supreme Court about the application of Ohio's prevailing wage law could effectively reverse some of the recent attempts to expand prevailing wage in Ohio and impact Governor Strickland's changes to the state's prevailing wage rules, which he pro-

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PH: 419-258-2000 • FAX: 419-258-1313 • westbend@verizon.net 50TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. JOHN'S



Betty Ann Dangler and Russell St. John made their original wedding vows to each other on September 5, 1959 at the First Presbyterian Church in Paulding, Ohio. Recently

on July 4th they again repeated those vows in a surprise "Tennessee Style" ceremony in Dandridge, TN. They were attended by nieces, nephews and great nieces and neph-

ews. They have three sons, Steve of Bryan, and Scott and Kevin of Paulding and have seven grandchildren.

to pay their workers prevailing wage, a union-negotiated rate, which is determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce and varies from community to community. The prevailing wage in many regions of Ohio is significantly higher than the market wage rate.

In October 2008, Governor Strickland instituted major changes to Ohio's prevailing wage guidelines that require private developers to pay their employees prevailing wage if they receive any amount of public financial assistance, including state loans, grants and tax credits. For instance, if a company is awarded a \$1 million grant from the state to build a \$75 million facility in Putnam County, the entire project would be subject to prevailing wage.

When the Governor announced plans to broaden the state's prevailing wage rules, many of my colleagues and I in the Legislature, as well as business owners and members of the economic development community raised serious concerns about the impact of this change on efforts to encourage business expansion and create jobs in Ohio. Financial incentives are a key tool in helping to lure potential business investment to the state. However, if prospective companies are forced to pay millions of dollars in additional labor costs for accepting public funds, these incentives become moot.

The Strickland Administration eventually agreed to go through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR)—a bipartisan panel that reviews the legality of new rules proposed by state agencies—to implement their changes to the state's prevailing wage guidelines. The Department of Commerce is still working to convert the changes to administrative rules, but in the meantime, the Administration's prevailing wage expansion remains in effect. According to a representative from the Ohio Economic Development Association, which represents local economic development professionals from across the state, uncertainty over the new rules is working to discourage private investment in

At the same time, an important ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court on June 30 provided some needed guidance on the application of

prevailing wage in Ohio and

could impact the Strickland Administration's efforts to move forward with changes to the state's prevailing wage law. Justices ruled 7-0 that prevailing wage only applies when a public entity spends public funds to construct a public improvement.

The decision came in a case out of Ottawa County, in which a labor union sued a Port Clinton company that planned to use a mix of public and private financing to buy a building, renovate it and expand their operations. The union argued that the project should be subject to prevailing wage because it benefited from some public dollars. Justices said, however, that the project was not a "public improvement," and therefore, it does not fall under Ohio's prevailing wage law.

While the Supreme Court's ruling does not specifically address the Strickland Administration's plan to expand prevailing wage in Ohio, it does provide a solid legal precedent in the debate about prevailing wage moving forward. While competitive wages are important for the well-being of Ohio's workforce, our state cannot

afford-particularly during this difficult economic time to endorse a prevailing wage policy that drives investment out of our communities and wastes taxpayer dollars.

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.

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