

PHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Paulding High School Athletic Department will induct three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, August 28. This induction will take place at Keysor Field at 6:45 p.m. before Paulding's varsity football game vs. Wayne Trace. The new inductees are former teacher, athletic director and head football coach Steve Clark; former athlete Joel Parrett; and former teacher, head football and track coach Leo Stiger.

Steve Clark spent 30 of his 35 years in education at Paulding Exempted Village Schools, where he taught history and drivers' education in the high school. He also spent three of those years serving as the Athletic Director. Steve coached football at Paulding High School for 19 years, 13 of those years as head coach.

During Steve's first stint as head football coach, the football program had one of its finest eras in its history. His teams compiled a record of 69-41 and won three Northwest Conference Championships and finished runner-up twice. Two of those teams, the 1978 and 1983 teams, went 10-0 while the 1982 team had a record of 9-1. From 1977 to 1983 his teams were 51-19. On two separate occasions during Coach Clark's tenure, his teams won 16 consecutive

games. He came back in 1997 to take over as head coach for two more years and also spent six years as an assistant coach in the younger levels of the program. Steve had an overall record of 77-53 as head coach at Paulding High School.

Steve was named the Northwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1977, 1978 and 1983 and also earned Northwest District Division IV Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1997. He is also the only coach in Paulding history to coach in the Ohio North-South All Star game, which he did in 1979.

In addition to coaching, Steve was also an active teacher. He formed the History Club in 1993 and served as the advisor until his retirement. While the advisor, he planned or coordinated numerous club trips to Washington, DC, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Steve is married to Mary and the father of Catherine. He and Mary reside in Paulding from June to November and in Henderson, NV during the winter months.

Joel Parrett graduated from Paulding High School in 1996, where he earned three letters in football, two letters in basketball and three letters in baseball. His senior year he participated in area all star games in all three sports.

In football, Joel received NWC Second Team honors in 1994 and 1995 at the quarterback position. He was elected as a captain on the 1995 team and was selected to play in the Six County All Star game the next summer.

In basketball, Joel was a three year starter for the Panthers. He holds the school re-

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2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF AROUND THE COUNTY

Antwerp and Wayne Trace Local Schools started August 18 and Paulding Exempted Village Schools begins August 24 (lucky Paulding huh!). The kids' summer is winding down and soon the fall events will begin.



Mrs. Snyder's Kindergarten families, at Oakwood Elementary had a chance to meet their teacher and principal at a fantastically fun family night. Students and their families played on the playground, worked on cool craft projects and ate lots of popsicles. Working on their cool craft projects are Deacon Laney and Spencer Ladd.



Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten class, also at Oakwood, is so excited for school to start. Some of the children came early to meet their teacher and principal. They enjoyed a sweet treat and met some of their new friends on the playground. Pictured here are a few of the friendly faces that will be a part of the K-B Super Kid Class.

THANK YOU

The Grover Hill Welcome Park Board would like to thank the volunteers, community, local businesses, the women of the community who baked pies for our dinner and everyone who came out to make Summerfest a

success. A special thanks goes out to Grover Hill Lion's Club, GHPD & FD, Grover Hill VFW, Rachel Hoffman, Larry Fast, Zac & Ginna Lawson, Reg & Melanie Hinchcliff, Erika Fast, Brock DeLong, Jeanie, Shawn and Sharon Van Crest of Convoy, Scott Miller & Miller Lawn Care, Dave Volk, The Wyatt family, John Wistner, Tammy Boroff, Wes and Bethany Foust, Chad and Sonya Showalter, Heather Miller, Dottie Elliot, John Wilkins, Andrew Kessler, Carolyn Pruden, Travis Young, John Denny, Greg Shelton, Grover Hill Ball Association.

This year was a great success, and we The Welcome Park Board are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. "Watch Us Grow."

For anyone we missed, we thank you as well.

We would also like to thank Nikki and Nate Kuhlman (owners of N&N Quick Stop) for baking up pizzas at the last minute on Sunday for the community dinner, due to circumstances beyond our control.

—Grover Hill Welcome Park Board

A THREE-TIERED APPROACH FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION: PLAN, PREPARE, PRACTICE

Today, the college admissions process is becoming more competitive than ever, and understanding what is needed for college admissions and prep success is sometimes the toughest part of the preparation. There are simple steps you can take that will help you prepare for college. Sylvan Learning, the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages and skill levels, is offering a three-tiered approach to help students ace their college entrance exams and develop the skills needed for lifelong success.

Plan For College: Your starting point for a successful academic life is to understand the process and lay the groundwork for college in junior high and high school. And, getting ready for college isn't just a job for students - it also requires parents to be prepared.

FREE "Test Stress: A Parent's Real Guide to College Test Prep" Seminars

New tools, such as the common application, encourage students to apply to more schools - which increase the competition, making it more difficult for students to gain acceptance into the colleges and universities that were once seen as safe bets.

A well-rounded application, including strong SAT and ACT scores, is critical. Obtaining a college education requires time, effort and careful planning by students and parents working together. To help navigate the college prep process, the Sylvan Learning of Defiance is offering free workshops for parents, "Test Stress: A Parent's Real Guide to College Test Prep," dedicated to helping families navigate through the SAT/ACT and the complex college admissions process.

The fun, interactive seminar features advice from Sylvan educators to help parents understand how to create a successful plan for the college application season. Families can then use Sylvan's free, customized College Planner, Parent Resource Guide and High School Tracking Program to ensure their teenagers are college admission ready.

Prepare For College: Equipped with the knowledge of what college entails, the next critical step is to assess your strengths and areas that need improvement and then map your plan to prepare for admission tests.

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OBITUARIES

Former Paulding County, Ohio resident, **C. Eugene Bays**, 47, of Hot Springs, AR died August 11, 2009 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born August 16, 1961 in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of Estil R. and Linda (Walker) Bays. He was a self-employed contractor.

He is survived by his mother, Linda L. Lytle of Cloverdale; maternal grandmother, Ruby Turley of Fort Wayne; fiancé, Theresa Hibbard of Paulding; a son, Justin Bays of Michigan; a daughter, Chelsea Bays of Pennsylvania; two brothers: Paul Bays and Paul Lytle both of Ft. Wayne; a sister, Regina Bays, Defiance; and a step-brother, Tommy Lytle of Grover Hill.

He is preceded in death by his father; and a sister, Debbie Bays.

Funeral services were conducted August 17, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Chris Baker officiating. Burial was at a later date.

Donations may be made in memory of Eugene in care of Den Herder Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Jesse E. Mobley, 32, of Payne, died Sunday, August 9, 2009 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

He was born December 16, 1976 in Paulding, Ohio the son of Jerry and Jean (Williams) Mobley. He was employed by SparTech Plastics of Paulding.

He is survived by his parents: Jerry and Jean Mobley of Paulding; three sons: Dominique, Damien, and Dakota Mobley; two daughters: Brittney and Bethany Mobley; a brother, Jerry (Amanda) Mobley of Paulding; and grandmother, Gladys Mobley Utterback of Payne.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Ralph "Jack" and Gloria Williams and Earl Mobley.

Funeral services were conducted August 13, 2009 at Den Herder Funeral Home,

Paulding. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

The family of Jesse Mobley request in lieu of flowers donations made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WHAT DOES KINGDOM MEAN?

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

After writing the prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament today we begin the prophecies of the kingdom in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament. There were other prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament that I did not write down, even though they have been fulfilled.

Now back to the word 'Kingdom' and what the word means. First, the Old Testament meaning: The Old Testament Hebrew word for Kingdom is 'Kisse' or 'Kisseh' and the New Testament Greek word is 'Basileia'. In the Old Testament and the New Testament the words have the same meaning. The words mean 'throne' or 'royal throne', 'royal dominion', or 'kingdom', for those who study the Bible diligently and (I encourage you to do so) you will see that what I am writing is directly from the Bible. The Messiah was to come through the lineage of David. The Jews yearned to have a righteous king like the Messiah; Isaiah 9:7; 16:5; Jeremiah 22:11-23:6; Zechriaah 6:13; also read in Luke 1:30-33. When reading this, look at your reference verses; especially verse 33 and it tells you to go back to Daniel 2:44, and 7:14,27. I encourage you to study the other scripture verses—Luke 1:30-32 also. When you study these verses check their references, you will soon see how they were mentioned in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament.

Matthew used the words kingdom of heaven, Matthew 4:17; while the other evangelists used the kingdom of

God, Mark 1:15. These two terms, Kingdom of heaven and Kingdom of God mean the same and are interchangeable, Matthew 19:23-24. Loved ones, the word Kingdom of God is spiritual and is within as it tells us in Luke 17:21. John 18:36 Jesus tells us that His Kingdom is not of this world.

In Matthew 16:18-19, Christ tells us that He will build his church, Greek - ekklesia, meaning the called out. Christ is now reigning, over his kingdom, the church here on earth, as he sits on David's throne in heaven. I Timothy 6:15 tells us that Christ is King of Kings and lord of lords. Colossians 1:13 tells us that Jesus has delivered us from the power of darkness. How has he delivered us? It is by being obedient to what he says about having salvation. Read about Christ being on David's throne in Acts 2:30. For a good Bible study this week study Acts Chapter 2.

These lessons will continue about Christ and His church. Please remember that Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. In your studies if you have any questions please feel free to call either Lonnie Lambert at 419 399-5022 or myself at 419 393-4775. By the way, these lessons are what all true churches of Christ teach. We speak where the scriptures speak and we will remain silent where the scriptures are silent. Thomas Campbell spoke this in the year 1807.

A DENTIST'S VISIT

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

I was amused recently when I read a story about two small boys who walked into the dentist's office. One of them said bravely, "I want a tooth taken out and I don't want any gas, and I don't want it deadened... because we're in a hurry!"

The dentist said, "You're quite a brave man. Which tooth is it?" The boy turned to his smaller friend and said, "show him your tooth, Albert."

The world is full of volunteers like that. We're anxious to have something happen—to someone else! We don't mind God changing the world—as long as He doesn't bring any pain into our lives.

How easy it is for us to assume that the ABUNDANT LIFE is suppose to be the PAIN-FREE life. Somehow we have concocted a twisted theology that requires God to make everything easy for us once we have asked Jesus into our hearts.

I'm still wading through the swamp of difficulties in my life, how about you? I've got to remember that there are some lessons and principles that are only learned through struggle. If my heart's desire is to become "conformed to the image of His Son" (and it is...) then I better bank on having spiritual "toothaches" and root canals on occasion. And whether you're talking about dental hygiene or spiritual growth, I know that the curative procedure is for my ultimate good.

So hang tough, my friend. At least the heavenly Dentist with Whom we have to deal is still in the business of making house calls!

Brushing after every meal, —Pastor Joel

(Continued from Page 1) cord for highest field goal percentage for a career making 56.6% of the shots he took. Joel also holds the record for highest field goal percentage in a season (58.3%) and also has the four highest field goal percentage in a season (56%).

It was on the baseball field where Joel really excelled as he was a three year starter and a member of the 1995 Northwest Conference Championship team. He was a First Team NWC team member in 1995 and 1996 and also made the NWC All Star team those two years. His baseball highlights include hitting two home runs in a game, one being a grand slam and pitching a perfect game vs. Ada.

Joel went on to have record-breaking careers as a football and baseball player at Bluffton College, where he graduated in 2000. Upon graduation from college, he was hired as a middle school social studies teacher at Paulding Middle School. During his time at Paulding, Joel has coached football and baseball, serving as the head baseball coach from 2003-2008. His 2008 team won the Northwest Conference and also won the Sectional championship. He and his brother also own and operate Premier Landscaping and Curbing.

Joel is married to Heather, who is employed by Cooper Hatchery. They reside outside of Oakwood with their daughters Jalynn and Jocelynn.

Leo Stiger arrived at Paulding High School in 1959 and served as a teacher and coach for the school district. He coached football from 1959 to 1972, serving as head coach from 1963 to 1972. Leo also coached track from 1959 to 1972, serving as head coach from 1963 to 1972.

Leo compiled a record of 50-35-5 while he was the head coach at Paulding. His teams won the Northwest Buckeye League title in 1963 and 1964 and won the school's first Northwest Conference championship in 1968. His 1969 team finished with a record of 8-1. Leo coached several players who went on to play college and professional football including Mike Goings, Paul Miles and Joe Robinson.

Leo also had a very impressive tenure as head track coach. He was an assistant coach as Paulding captured the 1960 Class A state track title before taking over in 1963. His 1968 and 1969 teams were Green Meadows Conference champions with the 1969 team winning the district championship as well. Leo coached numerous state qualifiers as well as coaching Don Allhouse who was a record setting state champion in the shot put.

After leaving the coaching ranks, Leo went on to serve

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL RECEIVES DONATION



By: Sue Knapp

Divine Mercy School received a \$10,000 donation in the memory of Michelle Schaefer. She graduated from there and appreciated everything about the school. She asked her husband, Keith, to make the donation after she lost her battle with cancer.

Divine Mercy is very appreciative and thankful of the donation and the difference it will make in the classrooms. Each of the five classrooms gained a Mimeo Board, a projector and an Elmo Camera. This technol-

ogy frees the teacher up to work more at a one on one with the students.

The school is a private, non-state funded school, with the Parish helping to support them. The tuition is less than \$1,000 a year and they do have a tuition assistance program. The classrooms are small and provide a great education along with religious classes. They also provide bus service for all of Paulding County. Any child is welcome and if you are interested in the school or have any questions you may call 419-399-2576.

as a track official for over 30 years and was inducted into the OHSAA Track and Field Hall of Fame for his service. He was asked to officiate many state track meets and served for 15 consecutive years at one point.

Leo passed away on March

15, 2009. He was married to Nancy Roe Stiger for 39 years and had three sons, who will represent their father. They are Steve (Orlando, FL), Shawn (Wapakoneta) and Shad (Hamilton).

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These last few weeks have opened my eyes to how caring and generous the Antwerp community can be when they see a need and are given an opportunity to help. Through the help of generous individuals throughout our community and some who have moved away, we were able to give 68 students in our community bags full of the school supplies they need.

I would like to recognize a few people and organizations for their help. The Nedra Corporation donated backpacks and funds to buy supplies. Kammeyer's IGA donated bags to distribute the school supplies along with backpacks. The ladies at Bethel Church also deserve a special mention for the supplies they donated. Bryce Steiner did a lot of work heading up the Community Helping Community Sale along with Steve and Sue Knapp for allowing us to use the West Bend News parking lot for the sale. There were also many caring individuals who were very generous and made donations to the Community Helping Community project to make the School Supply Project a success.

Without two angels, this would not have happened. Angel Sproles, from the Antwerp United Methodist Church, headed up making the School Supply Project their mission for VBS. Through that, we received over 800 school supplies and funds to help buy more. Angel Steiner, from the Antwerp Church of Christ, took charge and headed up making all of the contacts with people in the community who needed school supplies, organized all of the shopping and bag stuffing, and oversaw the distribution of the supplies. If you see one of these Angels, let them know their Christ-like spirit is appreciated. Our community is much better off with Angels like these among us.

We are look forward to finding other relevant ways to show God's love to the people in Antwerp. If you know of a good idea, give us a call.

—Pastor Regan Clem, Antwerp Church of Christ

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thus, leaving parents to foot the bill. Sylvan Learning is helping to soften the financial blow to parents – and school districts – through its ongoing national effort to partner with schools to provide SAT/ACT practice tests and free improvement sessions. The Sylvan Learning of Defiance is teaming up with area high school guidance counselors and principals to implement "Reduce the Stress: Ace the Test" SAT/ACT practice test events that also serve as fundraisers for participating schools. Schools will provide SAT/ACT practice exams (for a nominal fee), with proceeds going to the schools' designated improvement funds to help pay for extracurricular programs, field trips and other school or classroom activities. Sylvan Learning with its College Prep professionals will then review and score the results and provide students with in-person improvement sessions to pinpoint areas of success in order to guide them as they prepare for the actual SAT or ACT.

Practice For College: Practice helps a student become college ready. To help students succeed under pressure, the Sylvan Learning of Defiance offers targeted SAT/ACT preparation classes focusing on the exact skills needed to successfully answer test questions so students can apply to college with confidence.

Improve Your Test Scores During this time of the year, families are looking for ways to increase their children's chances for college acceptance and increase their SAT/ACT scores. This will help increase their chances for college scholarship opportunities. To aid students in their preparation for these high-stakes tests, Sylvan Learning of Defiance offers targeted, individualized SAT/ACT programs that help students improve their test scores. A majority of students in the Sylvan College Prep program increase their scores which helps them improve their chances to earn scholarships. Offered in one-on-one, small group and larger seminar settings, these classes are five to eight weeks in length. A student takes a practice exam before the classes begin, at the halfway point and

at the end of the series of classes. The program focuses on the exact skills needed to successfully answer test questions and offers specialized instruction in specific subject areas such as advanced mathematics, college prep writing and advanced reading.

Using this three-pronged approach while preparing for college will ensure students have years of fun and discovery ahead of them as they enter into college life and, eventually, successful careers in the fields of their choosing.

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ODOT SNOW PLOWS RECEIVE STATE'S FIRST GREEN FLEETS STATUS

This coming winter will be more "green" in Ohio. By reducing diesel emissions and using more alternative fuels on nearly 800 snow plows, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has earned one of the state's first "Ohio Green Fleets" certifications. Officials from Clean Fuels Ohio, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority certified ODOT's effort at the inaugural Ohio Green Fleets Award Ceremony today in Columbus.

Over the past eight months, nearly half of the dump trucks and snow plows ODOT uses for combating ice and snow have become "Green Fleets" certified.

"This is a great start! Our 'Go with Green' initiative is meant to take our efforts to the next level," said ODOT Director Jolene M. Molitoris, who expects the remainder of ODOT's snow plow fleet to be certified by the end of the year. "Each day, we are working to make ODOT a more environmentally-conscious department and a green leader in the nation."

As part of the "Go with Green", ODOT crews are reducing engine idle time on these large trucks – which reduces diesel emissions into the air – and are using more biodiesel as an alternative fuel

whenever possible. Over the past year, ODOT purchased more than 1.8 million gallons of B20 biodiesel for its fleet statewide. B20 (a blend of 20 percent by volume biodiesel with 80 percent by volume petroleum diesel) has demonstrated significant environmental benefits with a minimum increase in cost for fleet operations.

According to Clean Fuels Ohio, ODOT's fleet has made great strides to reduce harmful vehicle emissions and petroleum fuel consumption.

Clean Fuels Ohio is a statewide nonprofit, organization dedicated to increasing the use of cleaner and energy-efficient domestic fuels and vehicles in order to improve air quality and health, reduce climate change, curb dependence on imported petroleum, and support Ohio's economy.

ANTWERP BASEBALL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

The 2nd Annual Antwerp Alumni Baseball game was played on August 8, on Booster Field at Antwerp High School. 28 former players came out and supported next year's Antwerp Summer ACME baseball program. A competitive nine inning game was played between the odd and even graduating classes. Jared Franklin led the odd year team to victory with a triple, double, and single. The win avenged the loss from last year to even the series at one win each.

The home run derby had more success this year. Those hitting home runs in the first round were Dalton Gordon, Kory Walz, Mike Hahn and Gabe Franklin. Pitching dominated the second round as no balls left the yard, but Kory Walz hit a wooden bat shot in the third round to be crowned home run champion. The 50/50 drawing was won by Kristi Donat. Drew Altimus, Andy Reinhart, Brenda Copsey and Bryson North all were essential in making the day a success.

OHIO SUPREME COURT COMING TO PAULDING COUNTY



By: Sue Knapp

On August 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Courthouse, Judges, lawyers, teachers, students and government officials gathered to listen to Ruth Newcomer and Julie Manning from the Supreme Court of Ohio to discuss the On-site Court Program.

Paulding County is the 58th county that the Ohio Supreme Court have visited. The On-Site Program happens twice a year with every community being different.

This program started in 1987 with the objective of giving students a better understanding of the judicial system.

The students will have a pre-press conference briefing with Supreme Court Staff. They will then have a

question and answer period with the Justices and local press. They will listen to a total of four cases with oral arguments by the attorneys and debriefing after each case.

Judge Beckman, Suzanne Rister and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matt Miller are the coordinators for each school. Around 50 students will be involved in the program.

A lot of preparation is going into this to make this program successful. This is a great opportunity for the students and for Paulding County.

The Supreme Court of Ohio will be meeting at the Paulding County Courthouse in Judge Webb's courtroom on October 21, 2009.

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By: Sue Knapp

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Wants and Wishes provides a variety of gifts such as gift cards, candles and t-shirts. They also offer fund raising, wholesaling and party plans. For your convenience, you can order on their website (www.wantsandwishes.us) or sit down and browse through the catalogs. They also offer local hand crafted and custom made items. The atmosphere is comfortable and the conversation is good.

Once a month they will

have selected items for sale at a discount and a percentage will go to local charities.

Lori and Gerald live in Antwerp and have two sons and two daughters, and have two grandchildren.

Wants and Wishes opened August 12 and Lori and Gerald are ready to help you with your gift selections.

Wants and Wishes Grand Opening is Saturday, August 22 from 10:00-? There will be a drawing for a gift certificate and in store discounts.

Wants and Wishes hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00-5:00, Friday, 10:00-8:00 and Saturday, 10:00-2:00. You may get a hold of Lori or Gerald at 419-258-2602.

AUGLAIZE ARTIST SOCIETY ART SHOW

The AuGlaize Artist Society will display paintings by local artists at the State Bank and Trust lobby in Oakwood, Ohio starting September 1 through September 14, 2009.

The hours of display are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Most paintings on display will also be for sale. Stop by and pick up free literature on the local art society and local

evening painting classes. For more information, call: Jim at 419-594-3313 or after 5:00 p.m., 419-594-2974.

ELECTION DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS AND LOCAL QUESTIONS

Filing deadline for petitions and local questions and issues for the November 3, 2009 general election is Thursday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m. Office hours on the filing deadline is Thursday, August 20 will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Certification meeting is Thursday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m.

FEDERAL CONSERVATION AGENCY BEGINS STATEWIDE SIGN-UP FOR THE NEW CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will begin continuous sign-up for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) on August 10 in Ohio. The first cut-off for ranking purposes is scheduled for September 30, State Conservationist Terry Cosby announced today.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program changed dramatically in the 2008 Farm Bill," said Cosby. "NRCS took the time to develop a program that would appeal to our diverse customers and offer them an equal chance to participate. We hope that agricultural and forestry producers in Ohio take full advantage of the benefits this newly revised program offers."

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) authorized the Conservation Stewardship Program. Congress renamed and revamped the former Conservation Security Program completely to improve its availability and appeal to agricultural and forestry producers. The Conservation Stewardship Program will be offered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups with announced cut-off application dates for ranking periods. The maximum annual enrollment is capped at nearly 12.8 million acres nationwide.

NRCS administers CSP, a voluntary conservation program designed to encourage agricultural and forestry producers to adopt additional conservation practices and improve, maintain and manage existing ones.

To apply for the newly revamped CSP, individual producers, legal entities and Indian tribes will be encouraged to use a self-screening checklist first to determine whether the new program is suitable for them or their operation. The checklist is available online at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov and at NRCS field offices.

After the self-screening, the producer's current and proposed conservation activities are entered in the conservation measurement tool (CMT). This tool estimates

the level of environmental performance to be achieved by a producer implementing and maintaining conservation activities. The conservation performance estimated by the CMT will be used to rank applications.

A producer must treat at least one resource concern and one priority resource concern during the length of the CSP's five-year contract. Ohio has selected water quality, soil quality, and plants as the three priority resource concerns, one of the criteria that will be used to rank applications. Ohio has established three ranking pools to rank applications with similar resource concerns, the Western Lake Erie Basin, Appalachian, and a general pool for the remainder of the State.

NRCS field staff will conduct on-site field verifications of pre-approved applicants' information provided for the CMT.

Another major change in the program is the method of payments. CSP will offer two possible types of payments—annual and supplemental. The annual payment will be established using the conservation performance estimated by the CMT and calculated by land use type for enrolled eligible land. A supplemental payment is also available to participants who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. The annual payment limitation for a person or legal entity is \$40,000. A person or legal entity cannot exceed \$200,000 for all contracts entered into during any five-year period.

Individual producers, legal entities and Indian tribes must meet several requirements to obtain a Conservation Stewardship Program contract. They must be listed as the operator in the USDA farm records management system for the operation being offered for enrollment. They must document that they control the land for the term of the contract and include all eligible land in their entire operation in that contract. They must comply with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions and comply with Adjusted Gross Income provisions.

Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, prairie, improved pastureland, non-industrial private forestland—a new land use for the program—and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Land enrolled in the Conservation Security Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program and Wetlands Reserve Program are ineligible for the new Conservation Stewardship Program.

The new CSP is very different from the old Conservation Security Program. Under the old program, producers were eligible if they were in the selected watersheds. All contracts under the old CSP will be honored until the end of the contract term.

For more information about the new CSP, please visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp/ or contact your local county service center. For more information about conservation programs in Ohio, please visit www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Knitting & Crocheting Group, the Teen Book Discussion Group, the Role Playing Game Group, and the Book Brunch Discussion Group highlight the week of August 24-29 at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its monthly Knitting & Crocheting Group on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Knitting & Crocheting Group is free and is open to everyone interested in knitting or crocheting or anyone who is interested in learning the two crafts.

Group members are encouraged to bring along the knitting or crocheting project that they are currently working on or a project that they would like to begin.

Share your favorite fantasy book or discover a new one at the Johnson Memorial Library's August Upper Elementary and Teen Book Discussion Groups. On Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m., the library will host its monthly teen book discussion group while the upper elementary Book Brunch Discussion Group is scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. Both book discussion groups are free, and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

On August 27, the teen book discussion group will follow teenager Echo as she explores her world of vampires, angels, and fairies through the book *Echo* by Francesca Lia Block. The teen book discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer and Teen Advisory Board Member Naomi Barkman.

According to Jennifer Hubert, "Part myth, part dream, and all enchantment, Francesca Lia Block has blessed her glitter fans with another darkly fantastical tale of Los Angeles, 'a city of magicians, movie queens, love-struck clowns.' On this particular magic

carpet ride, Block follows the sad footsteps of Echo, a Hollywood baby born of a dark-souled artist father and an effervescent mother whose impossible beauty likens her to an angel. Echo, who believes that "the only things I know how to do well are shoplift, kiss and dance," feels excluded from her extraordinary parents' perfect love for each other. So she sets out alone to try and fill the cavernous void inside. During her travels, Echo meets a broken angel, iron-pumping vampires, and the fairy daughter of a rock star... Echo's story of salvation will appeal not only to eyeliner-wearing club kids, but to any older teen who's ever felt insecure and lonely in a world full of kissing couples and Hallmark holidays."

On August 29 at 10:00 a.m., the Book Brunch Discussion Group will share their favorite fantasy books and stories including *Wee Free Men*, *Harry Potter*, *Twilight*, and many, many others. The discussion group is free and is open to all middle school to junior high school students. The discussion will be facilitated by library volunteer Jaci Underwood.

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

The Johnson Memorial Library will be hosting its twice monthly Role Playing Game Group on Friday, August 28 at 4:00 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 70th anniversary of Hicksville library services or any of the library's August programs, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How many people are keeping up with this "Cash for Clunkers" program? Is George Bush sending stupid ideas to his friends in Washington on how to keep people in debt and poor? I thought a stimulus was to help all people not just those who can afford the \$10-\$20 or more thousand dollar loans that go along with this if you qualify. I couldn't afford to as well as all people with low or minimum pay jobs. This stimulus is not giving me or my business more money! This should have been a cash payment in an amount that would let us have actual money to spend on things we need or the billions of dollars in this program could have been put toward our national debt to reduce it so maybe we could all live a little better.

They are hoping to get 250,000 cars off the road. This is a drop in a bucket; and a lot of these cars will be nice cars and destined to be destroyed! Why not take these nice cars out to dealers; have them checked out - repaired and sold at a low price to people with really poor condition cars who can't afford the "program". They could have a nicer car which would get better mileage than their old "beater".

The bad thing is the Jap and Korean car companies are really pushing this so people will buy their crap cars. Especially the Kia and Hyundai cars. I see

why they offer 10-20 year and 100-200 thousand mile warranties on these two brands. They are mechanically a pain to work on. Twice I've tried to do simple jobs on one of these brands and with all my tools and equipment I couldn't do it. Have fun when you need mechanical work done on these! Jap cars are a little more workable but prepare to pay and possibly wait for parts to be ordered.

Now that Toyota is the world's largest auto maker, it makes me wonder why we fought WWII. Hundreds of thousands of Americans gave their lives to keep Japan from taking us over! Now they have done with dollars what they couldn't do with bombs and bullets!

So Be American - Buy American! Give American car companies a chance. They all have good cars make them proud of their work and they will give us better cars. America can be #1 again!

—Gregg Gorman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There is much political debate these days, and our Town Hall meetings are filled with people of strong opposing opinions. When the debates get heated and sometimes even physical our country's peace will suffer and could be destroyed. However, the real issues here are much deeper than Cap and Trade or Health Care Reform. The real issue is the core philosophy of government; the system established by our Constitution, and not just Health Care or Cap and Trade. Everyone has a different definition of freedom, but one that seems to work is where people are free to make their own choices effecting the course of their lives. However freedom does not and cannot include guaranteed outcomes resulting from those decisions; because that thinking leaves everyone else responsible for those decisions. Somehow, we must include in our universal definition of freedom the idea that our decisions must be made in light of the responsibility for the consequences of those decisions. Freedom necessitates personal responsibility and is impossible without it.

However, the idea of Freedom today carries with it the implication of rights to "outcomes". This is what the

fuss is all about, because the Tea Parties and the Freedom Groups oppose this redefinition. These people realize the paradigm shift in thinking inherent in the above mentioned legislative initiatives. The passage of these measures will totally destroy the benefits of freedom that have been exercised in these areas in the past, personal responsibility will be overshadowed, and Americans will lose autonomy. Maybe America is already so oblivious to the requirements of freedom that it can no longer handle the responsibilities required by a free society. If we become weak as a people, then Socialism will automatically become the prevailing government. God help us if that is the case... it is this writer's opinion that Socialism must be resisted at all costs, because no socialistic society has ever delivered on its promises to provide quality life for its population. It is only a matter of time before it collapses under the weight of its own excesses.

America, Read History... don't throw away our heritage out of ignorance. Most human promises are never kept... fools wait in vain for their ship to come in.

—Robert Cooper

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am asking that four people from our town very seriously consider running for Paulding Village Council at this year's general election which will be held November 3, 2009. The deadline to file your petitions will be August 20, 2009, and you need 50 signatures. There will be four council positions up for election this year and one position will be Sam Jeffery's seat and he has decided he will retire and not run again. I feel Sam has done a good job for the people of Paulding, he hasn't been afraid to stand and vote the way he thought things should be and the people's views were a must for him. I don't believe we can stand another four years of this council's spending the way they continue doing. If you remember back in the year 2000 the council put the income tax on, ("double tax on the people that worked in other towns) and the income tax was to go, in most part, to build a water tower and pay for our water so the rates wouldn't rise. Guess what? In 2007 our council raised our water rates over a four year period 80%. Then in the spring of 2009 the council tells us that we are going to be building an 8.5 million dollar water treatment plant and it is mandated by the EPA and the people of Paulding will be billed to pay for the plant. A few of us went to the last reading of the Village Ordinance to build the treatment plant. The council told us that the EPA was demanding the council do this because the Village couldn't meet their turbidity test with the equipment that they have. Councilman Roger Sierer stated that he was tired of putting band-aids on everything at the water treatment plant. Councilman Roger Sierer also stated when they built the water treatment plant in 1965 that it was supposed to last for twenty-five years. I asked Councilman Sierer how much it would cost to remodel the plant that we have and Councilman Sierer said, "4.5 million dollars". Councilwoman Barb Rife said rebuilding the old plant would be like put-

ting a catalytic converter on a model "T". I feel the council that we have wants the plant and are trying to convince us that it is the EPA altogether. This council has raised the sewer rates and will do so again. They are going to replace the curbs and the property owners will pay for them. Last year the council passed an ordinance ordering the property owners to repair/replace all the sidewalks in front of their property and that was easy for the village administrator, mayor and each one of the council persons, they don't have sidewalks.

If we don't change the people that we have elected and trusted to serve us from our village councils clear into Washington DC the next generation will never have anything except a tax debt that will never be paid.

—Den Adams

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: This letter was submitted before the negotiation meeting took place with P.C. Commissioners, Flat Rock Creek Festival, P.C. Senior Fairboard.

I understand that Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival has been canceled for this year.

I'm hearing a lot of "stuff" as to why, and it makes me wonder what the truth is. The "stuff" is about The Fair Board and The Festival not getting along. What I am hearing from those who believe they know the facts, doesn't make a lot of sense.

"They" say this has been going on since the festival began eighteen years ago. When I asked, "What's been going on?" I'm told many things: The fair board won't give the festival a contract until just before the September event... the fair board won't put in new rest rooms to accommodate the festival, although the festival has given the board thousands of dollars... the board sabotages efforts of the festival to improve the fair grounds... the fair board answers to no one because they are elected.

That last one brings me to my feet. Anyone who is elected, answers to someone and that someone is the one who elected them. That brings more questions. How is the fair board elected and when do they meet? It's my understanding that the fair board is elected by the season ticket holders and election is held during the fair. This year the fair had free gate admission, no tickets were sold. So that brings another question. Was

there an election of the board this year? If so, how? When do they meet? No one has been able to answer that last question. Why aren't the meetings advertised to the public?

I hear that Bill Vance 'runs' the festival, but he has lots of help. I'm sorry, but there should have been a Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival Association formed a long time ago. This only makes sense when one ponders the magnitude of the event itself. Mr. Vance trying to 'run' it himself shows a lack of leadership on his part.

From my own experience as president of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and being in charge of our Day in the Park, I know it takes a lot of people to make our event a success, and ours is a fraction of the size of Flat Rock. I would never, ever try to plan our day without the committees with which I have worked, my association. These Chamber members elected me to do a job and I answer to them. They stand beside me in making decisions. I'm not out on a limb by myself.

The decision to cancel the festival just a month before the gates open, may have been made in haste. I think of all the local groups who may have already purchased their supplies. The crafters who have built up inventory to sell and all the other vendors, they all count on the festival to meet their financial needs. This is much bigger than one man opposing the fair board, this festival affects the entire county and surrounding area, an uncountable number of people.

We can now see on a local level the power of one man. Thought provoking isn't it? Don't we all deserve some answers?

—Sandra Wann, Antwerp Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am replying to the letter Cynthia Hickok. 1. I owned two horses at one time and have family and friends who own horses. 2. Since first seeing the horse in April, I watched it become thinner. Its hipbones were start-

ing to protrude and I could count its ribs. 3. In early July as I watched along with Cynthia, her tenant feeding the horses and the cats belonging to Cynthia, I asked about the condition of the older horse. She replied he was old but she was giving him the grain and hay that he needed. 4. Because of my concern about his appearance, I asked other horse owners about what I saw and was encouraged to contact officials. 5. I called the Dog Warden first, and she told me to contact the Sheriff.

I have followed up since reading the letter to the editor. I consulted with a veterinarian and asked that, considering the age of the horse and its health issues (he read the letter to the editor) should he look like he does? He saw pictures I had taken in early July. His reply was no even though he had seen horses looking worse. I then talked with the Deputy Sheriff since I knew the horses' veterinarian had checked the horses since Deputy's visit. He called the veterinarian and gave me the following information: 1. The veterinarian was not concerned but both horses were thin. 2. He floated their teeth. 3. Recommended the horses get more grain and more hay and grass. 4. The broken pieces of concrete need removed from the area around the water tank for the safety of the horses.

Since it has been awhile since owning a horse, I went last Tuesday to her veterinarian and asked what the recommendation for feeding a horse now is. The recommendations are as follows: 1. Daily feed a horse 2% of the body weight it should carry, 2. 6-8 pounds of grain of 10-12% protein, half in the amount in the morning and the other half in the evening. 3. The balance of the feed should be hay (preferably not alfalfa) and grass (if available); e.g. a horse weighing 1,000 pounds should receive 20 pounds of feed a day. The people at Milan Center Feed & Grain confirmed this information. My concern is for the well-being of the horses.

—Paula M. Meek

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Now that school has officially started, the area folks are looking to fall sports.

The Paulding Panthers have been hitting two-a-day practices for a while now and working hard at it. The boys are in an upswing this year and are looking to push their winning season from last year even further.

This is the third year that Coach Etzler has brought this new regiment in to this school. These boys are working hard before many people are even awake! The players are getting used to working hard and the upperclassmen are helping the underclassmen in their new places.

Paulding had it's first winning season since 1997 last year. The team also won against Fairview in a scrimmage Saturday, August 15 with a score of 4TD - 3TD

There are 8 letter winners from last year returning to the team including: #9 Justin Riley, #48 Vince Ross, #56 Der-

ek Schlatter, #57 Alex Mott, #66 Travis McPherson, #68 Cameron Aldrich, #71 Corey Miller, #79 Dylan Welch.

The team graduated many good players last year, but the offensive starters and backfield were hit the hardest. The coaching staff is working with the boys to match their talents with the positions.

Third year Coach Etzler stated, "We're excited to see how this team will continually improve. That's what will be seen at the games this year!"

Antwerp Football plays at Paulding for a scrimmage game coming up this Friday, August 21.

Wayne Trace had a rough year last year as for wins, but this year most of the team is returning. Having a seasoned team is a big plus for the Raiders. There are 17 letter winners returning. Some hot talent is coming in such as Jason Gordon and Kenny Spiece along with many others.

All the teams this year in the county appear to have some strong QB's.

Another big game to watch for is Friday, August 28 at Paulding. The annual Black Swamp Trophy game between the Raiders and the Panthers is always a great game. Paulding has taken home the trophy the last two years and last year it took place at Wayne Trace. The Raiders would like to return the favor according to Jim Linder, Athletic Director.

The Wayne Trace head coach, Bill Speller, added they have the talent, but the Raiders need to build the winner mentality. The defensive speed has greatly improved from last year and, compared to last year, the situation should be rectified.

No matter your favorite sports, be sure to support your school's teams. It looks like the schools all around will have a great year.

VANTAGE GETS READY FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The regular August monthly meeting of the Vantage Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 6, 2009. The treasurer's report included the approval of the June 23 regular board meeting minutes and the July 22, 2009 special board meeting minutes and the financial statements for June, 2009.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman provided the board with an update on the levy financing options, a letter from the OSFC and announced the fall rotation of the Vantage Board of Education meetings - September 3, Ottoville, October 1, Ft. Jennings and November 5, Continental. Director Bob Vennekotter congratulated Avery Etzler, an incoming senior in the Early Childhood Education program from Lincolnview, for receiving a GOLD rating in her national FCCLA event. He also updated the board on maintenance, technology and enrollment. Principal Keith Rydell provided information about the High Schools That Work conference, New Teacher Orientation and New Student/Parent Orientation. He provided the board with a schedule of professional development workshops for staff. Adult Director Jim Grant reported to the board that 1,147 adults participated in winter and spring classes. He also reported that Vantage will become part of the state's new regional A.B.L.E. plan, partnering with Lima City Schools to provide A.B.L.E. courses. The Adult Education catalog has been mailed and is available online.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of Joyce Larimore, FCS at Delphos, Roger Ruen, carpentry, and Ruth Brickner, ISS monitor;

—Approved employment of the following list of Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Patricia Miller, Cary Hengstler, Melinda McCormack and Connie Drake, Health Careers and Sandra Dealey, Computers, Pat Winicker, Business Math, James Loughrie, Police Academy;

—Approved a resolution determining to proceed with the bond issue in November 2009;

—Approved a resolution to hire youth as needed for the Paulding County Youth Employment Program at the state minimum hourly rate for the 2009-2010 school year;

—Approved curriculums presented for Calculus, Early Childhood Education, Jr. & Sr. Welding, Jr. & Sr. Auto Body, Jr. & Sr. Industrial Mechanics, Principals of Technology, Personal Financing and Banking.

—Accepted the resignation of Roberta Mosier, Paulding Youth Assistant effective July 31, 2009;

—Accepted the resignation of Clarence Beach, Adult Education Instructor effective July 21, 2009 for the purpose of retirement;

—Resolution to recognize school nurse designee's for 2009-2010 school year (Shirley Jarvis and Reesa Rohrs, Health Careers Instructors);

—Resolution to appoint Brian Ricker, Ft. Jennings, as the 2009 OSBA Vantage Career Center Capital Conference delegate and Brian Laudick, Kalida, as the alternate for the conference to be held November 8-11, 2009;

—Approved revised job descriptions for the Director and Principal;

—Approved Vantage Pre-school fees for 09-10;

—Approved school lunch prices and ala cart prices for 09-10;

—Appointed Staci Kaufman, Superintendent, as Vantage Career Center VWA-SIG Board Representative;

—Approved the Vantage Career Center substitute list of certified/non-certified employees and subsequent revisions;

—Approved the Western Buckeye ESC substitute list and subsequent revisions;

—Authorized the positions of Principal and Career Technical Supervisor to suspend students

—Approved a resolution to enter into a contract with Spherion to process wages for the ARRA Youth Program.

The Superintendent requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next Vantage Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Ottoville Local Schools, Room 401.

CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2009

Mayor Hoepfner reported Council members looked at road repairs to be done. Repairs to Carl St. were taken out; Becker Rd. patch was made bigger; repairs to the intersections of Core and Stenger were added and the intersection of Main and Bull Rapids will be extended to an approach. Councilmen made motions for all additional repair work to be done capped at \$15,000.00, all agreed, motion passed.

Chief Carpenter requested the Police Department and City sponsor a \$100.00 hole for the golf outing benefit for Officer Caleb Anderson's daughter; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Officer Carpenter reported cars being broken into around the city and there was a complaint about speeding on Woodburn Rd coming into the city. Council agreed to put up target enforcement area sign.

Minutes were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, all agreed, motion passed. Council would like to hold a \$1000.00 retainer from A & Z Engineering until work is completed. Councilmen made motions to hold a retainer, all agreed, motion passed. Warrants were presented; Councilmen made motions to approve, excluding \$1000.00 from A & Z, all agreed, motion passed. The industrial park can be advertised in Business weekly; there was nothing budgeted this year for this advertising. Councilmen made motions to table this, all agreed, motion passed. Gregg Guerretaz will be coming on July 23rd to help with the budget; Mayor recommends a wage freeze for the 2010-year budget. Councilmen made motions to approve no raises for 2010, Councilmen Reichhart, Zimmerman, Norden and Clegg voted yes, Councilman Mason abstained, motion passed.

Ryan Walls reported a water leak by the library; they will bring in a leak detection company. Grabill would like to rent the street sweeper, Council approved. The drain in the park has been repaired.

Lesa reported the City has not donated anything for the festival and the committee is in need of trash cans. We need to do a trash Ordinance stating where we will use the funds accumulated from trash late fees, it can only be used for a trash purpose and this would be somewhere the funds could be used. Councilmen made motions to approve purchasing 15 trash cans with lids and liners, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Reichhart reported repairs to Bob's Restaurant lot was done at the expense of Underground for the use of the lot during the water line repair. Councilman Reichhart stated Springfield did previous siding work on the police department. They gave him a quote of \$6,877.50 to put metal siding on the south side and west end of the police department with insulation. Bill Lenagecher can do vinyl siding and insulation for \$4930.00. Lesa would like to wait till stated board of accounts approves appropriations and make sure funds are available. Councilmen made motions to approve Springfield, because the siding will match, pending 2009 appropriation are approved and if there is money available, all agreed, motion passed.

Councilman Zimmerman reported this is the third month there has not been a tornado siren test; after repair work was done we have not been able to insure they are working properly.

Councilman Norden does not feel the catch basin on Gustin Rd was repaired correctly. Councilman Mason feels it is too high. Mayor will look at it.

Councilman Clegg reported NIFL damaged Park Street and Overmeyer from repair work they did and have not repaired the street. Ryan will contact them. The Co-op took part of the noise abatement fence down but have not repaired or replaced any of it. Mayor Hoepfner will talk with them.

Minutes submitted by Lesa Meadows.

V.E.T.S. KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Wind Valley "Flutes in Concert" was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended the performance at the Huber Opera & Civic Theater last Sunday. The 2-day raffle for the Native American hand made flute brought in \$434.00. Barbara Arend-Hendricks from Cincinnati, OH was the lucky winner. Jim Arend, her father from Antwerp, accepted the flute for her. Barbara was back home for the Antwerp Alumni & the annual Chamber Day in the Park. She had returned to Cincinnati before the drawing took place. Sarah Meisinger, from Shorewood, IL, won the autographed "Flutes in Concert" poster. We are not sure if Sarah is an Antwerp native or just happened to stop in &

check out the festivities at the park.

\$750.00 dollars was brought in from private monetary donors, used purses, T-shirts, cookbooks, & pavers over this last week. Bob & Patti Kammeyer kindly offered their parking lot Saturday for V.E.T.S. allowing us to add another \$211.37. The generosity from friends and families in our local area are doing as much as they can to help us begin Phase III, which will be fundraising for the engraved tablets to complete the memorial.

Our next public meeting is Thursday August 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Antwerp American Legion Post 253, 518 S. Erie St. Antwerp, OH 45813. Stop in, you are always welcome.

Donations may be mailed to V.E.T.S. P.O. Box 742, Ant-

werp, OH 45813.

Be sure to watch the activity at the memorial site in the park. We are continually looking for fundraising ideas and offers of help. Please call (419) 399-5764.

WORLD WAR II LISTING FOR V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL

We continue this week with the last names beginning with the letter "S". Our list currently has 359 Veterans serving during World War II. Our total list of all Antwerp Veterans is over 1,300 names. While we are trying hard to get every Antwerp Veteran listed we need the help of all the community. Whether you know of a name that has not been given to us or if you have not gotten your documentation to us, you need to contact us as soon as possible. If you know of any Veteran that ever lived in Antwerp or attended the Antwerp School District they will qualify to be on the Memorial with an honorable or medical discharge. Here is this week's list—(*) means we need documentation:

N.L. Samaha*, Homer J. Sanders, Ronald M Savage, Andrew J Schilb, Paul R Schilb, Roger L Schlegel, Richard E Schmunk, Russell L Schmunk, James E Scholley*, Richard A Schortgen*, Junior W Scoby*, Harold A Secrist, Delmar D Seslar, Gerald V Seslar*, Max I Seslar, Robert Junior Seslar, William B Seslar, Joseph H Shaffer, Richard A Shaffer, George J Sharpe, Oden G Shidler, Lester Reyff Shirley, Eddie C Shuherk, Lewis W Shuherk, Lawrence S Sidenbender

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Last Saturday was Antwerp's annual Day in the Park celebration. It was the eleventh and each year it gets bigger, more of everything: vendors, arts and crafts, Cruise-In Cars, displays, entertainers and more and more attendees.

As this was our High School Reunion Year, we had friends from all over the country and the globe.

I really appreciate the Chamber of Commerce asking me to be the M.C. for the day. From my seat I can see everybody; and then a lot

of old friends came by and talked to me and I appreciate that so much as I'm not very mobile anymore.

Bruce Ely from Australia came by, Larry Hawkins from Florida, Jack and Ruby Bickhard from Grand Lake Oklahoma, Lyndon Donat from Louisville, KY, Ronnie Savage (more about him later), Larry Ladd from Florida and Evelyn Green from Fort Wayne.

Everyone was excited to watch the Dance Dolls. They worked hard and you could see the improvement all the way from the three year olds clean up to the 'High Steppers', boy they are smooth. People talked to me later

about how good they have become. The Dance Dolls routine was shortened by 1/2 of their number because of the wet dance floor.

Julie Lucas Hall is the leader and she is helped by: Becky Putman, Sally Shipley, Lisa Clinton, Stephanie Sosenheimer.

Over at the V.E.T.S. area the Honorable Mayor Ray Delong broke ground for the new flag pole at the new memorial area. Those people have worked hard and long on this project and if you can help a little financially they would really appreciate it.

There were over twenty classic cars at the Cruise-In. The drivers don't like their cars to get wet but they all smiled and wiped them dry.

Our Gem, or more properly called 'The Diamond of Northwest Ohio' for the year is Jan Hahn. Jan could not be there as she made previous plans to attend a meeting in Indianapolis. She asked her sister LPN Liz Hormann to sit in for her and Liz done a fine job. Thanks, Liz.

Just a couple lines on Jan. She drove a school bus for 34 years. She is a bible student, a

two dead trees. On Saturday, two weeks before 'Day in the Park' the Big Boy's Toys Car Show was in downtown Antwerp. The city employees made sure the streets were cleaned and painted up, it really looked nice. Here at the WBN, we give them a tip of the ol' ball cap for a job well done.

The city employees who done such a fine job are: Nate Cross, Bill Fish, Jeremy Kosch, Curtis Nestleroad and Larry Smith. Sarah Keeran also gets a thanks for the work she's done.

The Antwerp High School Alumni for 2009 was well attended. There was a number of those from far away that stopped to talk to me if they had the time.

Tony and Kay and Christie and all the class leaders done a bang up job. I think it was the best idea ever when the Alumni Committee started to hold their reunion on the same weekend as A Day in the Park. Both parties get advantages from this.

Friday night was the time for greeting old friends and just having a gab fest. The dinner on Saturday night was well attended and Mrs. Grant (Grant's Reception Hall) served a fine meal.

After the meal the old timers left and the dancers and hoofers took over to the music of Spike and the Bulldogs. The floor was packed with young and old who came to hear the music of that very popular band.

Some of the honored guests were: Lucille Horn Seslar, class of '31; Tom Marlin, class of '42; Evelain Thain, class of '41; Lois Fleck, class of '42; Eloise Hopkins, class of '42; Stan Jordan, class of '42. See Ya!

BITS AND PIECES

By: Stan Jordan

As I understand on November 10, 2009 there will be a Recognition Day of all veterans at the the Senior Center in Paulding.

This will start at noon with a lunch of Army type chow. There will be a speaker after dinner.

All of the plans have not been finalized yet. There will be more information later.



By: Stan Jordan

An old shaky Italian man named Luigi Bartello walked up to the lady teller in the bank.

He blurted out, "I wanna some money!"

The teller was taken back a little and said, "What?"

"I wanna some money now!"

The teller knew he was not a robber or a dangerous person. After a good look at Luigi, he had no gun or written note, so she asked, "What do you want the money for?"

"I wanna buy a donkey and a cart for my dray business."

"You need to borrow some money? Sort of a loan? Well you must see our loan manager."

"Yeah, if I can't see the Lone-a-Ranger, I will see a Tonto!"

See Ya!

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

A Marjory Butte from Bryan stopped in the WBN office the other day and she and I talked long and loud about some old Antwerp pictures.

Her mother is still alive and we knew her as Lucile Smitley, a 1936 graduate. Now she had some brothers and sisters and they lived on CR 250 up between Hetricks old junk yard and the Maumee River. His father's name was Bill Smitley. Bill had Kenneth, Lucile and Juanita.

Fred Smitley lived back east a little ways just when you turn off US 24 on to CR 250. There was a little house there beside where George Hoste later built. Anyhow that Smitley family was Stanley and Robert.

Stanley was a veteran, Robert served 30 years in the Navy and Air Force, now he lives in Jacksonville.

Juanita married Jack Carr and lives east of town.

Anyhow, Marjory had a picture of an old school where Lucile attended up on CR 250. So we traveled up on CR 250 and we figured the school sat on the left of CR 250 as soon as you turned of US 24. Now we have no proof of that, but her pictures of the old school showed that it sat up a little on a bluff and that area looks a little like that. The school was listed as #1. I never found a name for the school.

Anyhow, it was very interesting to talk to her and discuss her Antwerp relatives and to find out that all of the Smitleys that I knew are alive and well.

OK, now back to 2009. See Ya!

DON'T READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

It was a fine day in June, Pauline and I had worked out in the yard and it was way past lunch time so we went down to the root beer stand for lunch.

We had a sandwich and drink and watched those big noisy trucks go by, I wonder what they are hauling, I won-

der where they are going and came from.

Far away places with strange sounding names. That was a hit song back in the big band era before WWII. It certainly is in vogue yet today.

There goes a big truck from Auburndale, FL. There is one from Biloxi, MS. There goes Lays Potato Chips, they are at Plano, Texas. There is a refer out of El Paso, Texas, there is one from Messilla Valley Transport. That is Las Crueses, New Mexico. There is another refer from San Diego. Nearly all of them help America.

My eyes are getting heavy, I guess I will rest a little bit...

Well, here I go, I am a test pilot for Dow Midland Chemicals. I fly that new Flying Carpet, M1-A1. Their company is in India in the state of Punjab.

I guess you would call me a test pilot and marketing executive, because I cover the whole earth for them.

We use the top notch GPS Unit and I just punched in Auburndale, FL and while I'm talking to you, there it is. We are on the edge of the strawberry county and there are still some citrus trees yet. We'll make two circles around and punch in Biloxi, we'll make a short cut across the Gulf into the Biloxi area.

My nephew Bill Jordan, used to drive and dispatch trucks with sea food going up to NY. Hauling a thick load of shrimp, you could get hijacked on the way.

About all I have to do to guide this M1-A1 Flying Carpet is punch in the destination facts and away we go.

I have always wondered about Plano, Texas. I know that is the main offices of Frito Lay. That is a huge corporation but Plano is also home to some big fishing supply companies. Gee whiz, down there it is already.

I think I will just make a couple circles around town. You see, no one knows I am up here. I don't make any engine noise.

I'm going to punch in El Paso. That is an old western

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great humanitarian as she was the leader of Meals on Wheels for over 30 years. She done the schedule and if she had no drivers she would deliver the meals herself for days in a row. She has been a great Antwerp booster for years.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce picked a diamond to serve as the Diamond of Northwest Ohio of the year of 2009.

The officers of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce are: Sandra Wann, President; Mike Renno, Vice President; Cheryl Lichty, Secretary-Treasurer and of course they had hundreds of helpers and volunteers. You folks worked hard and long and you had a good program and things went well.

I told you that we had more about Ronnie Savage. Well, he left Antwerp back in 1940 with Co. 'A' of the Ohio National Guard. As near as I know, he is the only boy still living from Antwerp who left on that day with Company 'A' from Antwerp. I know that Paul Smith also served in the South Pacific with Co. 'A' but he told me that he joined the Co. later.

He and I talked at the park on Saturday and was going to get his papers in line so he could be on the V.E.T.S. Memorial and understood that was done. He also said an old relative of his, Frank Savage, served in the Civil War and was also eligible to have his name on the Memorial. I've been informed that those papers are being researched right now.

Our beautiful park had been mowed and trimmed and was really neat. The city employees had worked all week on it and even cut down

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town full of history, good and bad. My hair is electrifying, like I have been here before. I'm starting to get some strange vibes about El Paso, I think I'll punch in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Well, here we are, lots of vegetables being grown down below. This is also beautiful country with colorful sights and scenery. That big warehouse there, I'll bet it was one of their 18 wheelers that just went by the A&W in Antwerp.

I think I will punch in San Diego and go visit that John Wayne Airport in that area. Most people don't know it, but I helped John get out of a lot of tough places.

The 'home' button just lit up so I will punch it in. I think that means, Kuala Lumpur, in India. This will take a few minutes, I will turn it up to Mach 6 and then take a little snooze.

This thing is easy to fly. You punch in the destination button. The speed is on a reostat, faster or slower, and you turn the carpet by leaning one way or another. So, you keep your body motions down to a minimum.

Okay, there it is, about a 10 acre plot surrounded by two double razor wire fences. There is another two wire fence all around a twelve square mile area that we sit in and now I will tell you why.

The M1-A1 Magic Carpet is made here in an off limits factory. Nearly all the secret ingredients and in the manufacturing of the carpet comes from this other fenced-in area and no place else in the world. Yes, a very strong monopoly.

There are about 20 Indian people who work and live here. The workers never leave the compound and only speak Indian. They don't know any English, so

they can't diverge how to make a M1-A1.

There is a sign just outside this compound gate that says, "Sleazy Sam, your Unauthorized Used Brahma Bull Dealer, Your Trained Elephant Dealer, Your Face-Spitting Llama Dealer, Your Hooded Cobra Dealer." If you want to buy a cobra you must by his Russian Urn also because that is the only home he has ever known and he would be unhappy in another container. We are the only dealer in the world for the Double Crested Black and Orange Long Haired Bat.

Now I will tell you how the Dow Chemical M1-A1 Magic Carpet is made or how it was told to me.

You start with about an 8x8 foot medium screen and lay it on the ground. You string about 200 'D' batteries all around the inside of the screen frame, all hooked in series. Then you pour in about 3/4 of an inch of Brahma Bull manure all around the screen. You must work fast and with a mask on. Then you pour in about that much Guano or droppings from the Double Breasted Orange and Black Hairy Bats. The bat manure will kill the terrible odor from the 'buncombe.' The gas from the bulls gives the power to move forward. The gas from the bats give the lifting power.

If you want to test your power plant now, you can by plugging in the wires from the 'D' batteries. The heat of the Guano will cover the Brahma Bull odor and activates the pushing power of the two components. Turn off the power and completely cover this unit with a couple fine screens, a plastic coverlet and then a mattress of eider down. I assume the big boys have been adding the GPS and it's parts and wiring as we progress. There

isn't a whole lot more to do. You can add a small pillow or two to make easier sitting. Your M1-A1 is ready to carry out the gates.

You wonder about air pressure in your face when you kick it up to Mach 5 or 6. Well, the two odors from the two layers of decomposing manure together form an air conditioned and heated force field. That just happens and gives you a comfortable ride whenever you travel.

I said, "Well, put my name down for a new M1-A1, how much is that?"

He said, "If you have to ask how much then you can't afford it. You can't buy one anyhow, you rent it like a business machine."

I said, "You have a total monopoly."

He just nodded and quipped, "Something like an American used car dealer."

He said, "The one we just completed will last between 6-8 months and then we will redo everything except the GPS."

Well, put my name down for one rental unit.

He grinned again and said, "If everyone rents for 6-8 months, your time will come up in 2150."

I had sat my M1-A1 just outside the main gate. So I climbed into my unit and let the power source warm up. I said my good byes to Sleazy Sam, set the GPS on Antwerp, Ohio and rotated the power switch forward, back to the USA. I just wanted a nice ride home, so I set the speed at Mach 4. After we were headed on the right azmith.

By golly, I'm tired, it's been a long day and by the time I'm home I would have covered about 13,000 miles...

"Ugmmfuf, ugh, what!" Someone is shaking my left arm. "What, what!"

"Wake up Mr. Jordan, wake up Mr. Jordan. It's close up time. You must wake up and go home."

It was Jodi Barker telling me it was time for her to close up the A&W Root Beer Stand. She is owner-operator and a fine understanding person, but I just knew not to tell her I just came back from India.

See Ya!

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2009

This 27th 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

In The Matter Of Entering Into An Enterprise Zone Agreement 2009 With Van Erk Dairy, LLC.:

Van Erk Dairy, LLC, is desirous of maintaining and expanding their operations in Paulding County, Ohio, with additions to real and personal property by building an additional freestall barn, an aerobic methane digester, and a building to house same, and the addition of employment opportunities in the Enterprise Zone provided the appropriate development incentive are available; and Blue Creek Township Trustees of Paulding County is desirous of providing Van Erk Dairy, LLC with the tax incentive pursuant to Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

Paulding County, having the authority for the stated type of project is desirous of providing Van Erk Dairy, LLC with the incentives available for the development of the aforementioned project in said Enterprise Zone under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code;

The Board of County Commissioners entered into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Van Erk Dairy, LLC, 8789 State Route 114, Haviland, Ohio 45851 as set forth in said Agreement on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

Clerk's Notes:

The Commissioners attended the Four County Solid Waste meeting at Defiance County Commissioners' Office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the Board under the date of July 27, 2009.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2009

This 3rd day of August, 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

Meeting Notes of Appointment: Melinda Krick, Paulding Progress - Ms. Krick met with the Commissioners to discuss the levy, the Auglaize River Sewer project, and other topics of interest.

Wendy Oehlers, Fairfield Computer Services, LLC - Also attending were Susan Simpson, Kathy Sanderson, Mandy Lichty, and Jeff Schmidt. Ms. Oehlers presented a power point demo of Online Dog Licensing. She explained their company offers two options. Online Agent would allow dog owners online purchase of dog tags only by using credit card, PCI, or SSL. There is a \$2.00 fee per tag for this service. The Full System would include the Online Agent, but would also be an administrative interface to manage all aspects of dog & kennel licensing. Information can be obtained via internet and would not require additional hardware or software. Ms. Oehlers explained there is a setup fee and a monthly fee for the Full System. She reports three counties in Ohio currently use the Full System, with two new counties added recently and several more with contracts under review.

Don Foltz and John Brownlee, CORSA - Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Foltz met with Commissioner Tony Zartman to review the Loss Control Coordinator position and requirements. Mr. Brownlee provided a cd with information and forms necessary to meet expectations for this position.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the Board under the date of August 3, 2009.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 5, 2009

This 5th day of August, 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 160220 through 160433 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

In The Matter Of Requesting The Auditor To Complete Form 140R - Certificate Of Estimated Property Tax Revenue:

The Commissioners concur that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for current expenses of Paulding County as defined in Section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; and it is necessary to place an additional four (4.0) mills for current expenses of Paulding County to be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2009, election for a period of five (5) years being 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and 2013, to be collected in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

The Board of County Commissioners requests that the Paulding County Auditor issue a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue to certify the total current tax valuation of the aforementioned levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 4.0 mills.

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 008):

The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 008:

Fund 008 - Auditor-Real Estate Assessment, 008-001-00009/Real Estate, \$60,000.00, Assessment/Manatron Project

In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 171):

The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 171:

Fund 171 - Manatron Project, 171-001-00001/Manatron, \$3,073.64

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

The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:

FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control TO: 001-022-00011/General Fund/Insurance/Unemployment Comp AMOUNT: \$6,965.55

In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 073):

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

FROM: 073-001-00006/DRETAC/Equipment/Treasurer's TO: 073-001-00026/DRETAC/Manatron Project AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

In The Matter Of Creating Expense Line Item And Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 008):

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the Paulding County Auditor to create the following expense line item with the following appropriations:

008-001-00013/Auditor/Real Estate Assessment/Equipment, \$8,000.00

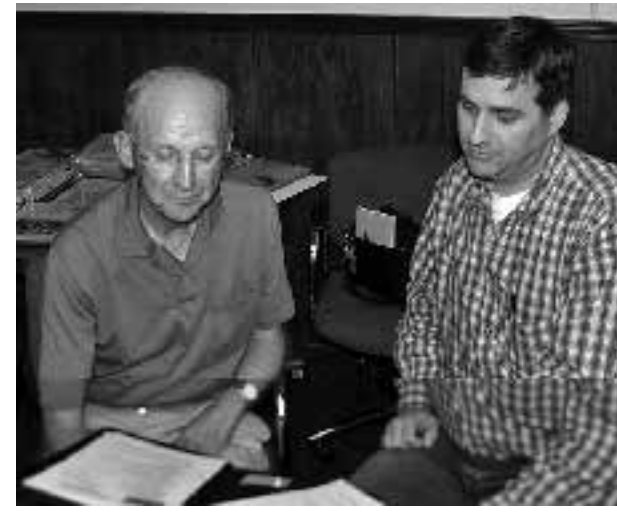
In The Matter Of Approving The Purchase Of Bedroom Furniture For The Jacob Eaton Children's Home:

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services, has requested approval to purchase furniture for the children's bedrooms at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home and has recommended the furniture be purchased at Don & Perry's Furniture, Inc., in Paulding, Ohio.

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of bedroom furniture from Don & Perry's Furniture, Inc., for the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.

In The Matter Of Approving Carpet Purchase Allowance For The Jacob Eaton Children's Home:

YOUR LIBRARIES: A GREAT VALUE



By: Sue Knapp

The Citizen Campaign Committee held it's first meeting at the Paulding Carnegie on August 11 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting was to brainstorm ideas for the library levy that will be on the ballot in November.

The library has lost monies due to cuts in the state budget and if the levy does not pass further cuts will be made with the possibility of branches being closed.

The Governor would have made an additional 50% cut but because so many library supporters froze up the switchboards the library was saved this time.

Because of the cuts, hours have been cut, prices for movies and use of the copy machine has been raised, just to name a couple.

Since 1996 1.1 million people have visited one of the Paulding County Librar-

ies. Since 1996 the number of items borrowed or used by patrons has more than doubled. With bad economic times people turn to the libraries for books, movies, Internet, etc.

The library is placing a 2.17 mil operations levy on the November Ballot. This is the second time the library has done this. The first time in 2008 the levy was defeated by 600 votes. The passing of this levy will generate around \$650,000 a year. This will be distributed between all the Paulding County Libraries. It would cost the homeowners pennies a day to reinstate what the library has lost.

The Citizen Campaign Committee is gearing up to inform you of the proposed levy and the positives of supporting the library. Read carefully all the information and think about what the library does for you and our community.

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services, has requested approval to set a carpet allowance to carpet eight children's bedrooms, the office, the hallway, the large room, and the master bedroom at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home; and The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the carpet allowance not to exceed the allowed amount on the entire carpeting project at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.

In The Matter Of Approving The Purchase Of Desks, Hutches, And Small Tables For The Girls' Bedrooms And Computer Room Furniture At The Jacob Eaton Children's Home:

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Department of Job & Family Services, has requested approval to purchase desks, hutches, and small tables for the girls' bedrooms and computer room furniture at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home and has recommended the furniture be purchased at Sauder's; now, therefore the Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of desks, hutches, and small tables for the girls' bedrooms and computer room furniture at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.

In The Matter Of Authorizing The Director At The Paulding County Senior Center To Enter Into Lease Agreements And To Apply For Funding:

The Commissioners deem it necessary to authorize Marsha Yuetter, director of the Paulding County Senior Center, to enter into lease agreements for the Paulding County Senior Center building rentals; and to apply on the Commissioners' behalf for funding for the Paulding County Senior Center.

The Commissioners does hereby authorize Marsha Yuetter, director of the Paulding County Senior Center to enter into lease agreements for the Paulding County Senior Center building rentals; and to apply on the Commissioners' behalf for funding for the operations at the Paulding County Senior Center.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2009

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 Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 021):
The Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 021:

Fund 021 - Unclaimed Monies, \$10,000.00
In The Matter Of Amending The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 163):
The Board of County Commissioners amended the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the County Auditor to appropriate unappropriated funds in Fund 163:

Fund 163 - Indigent Defense, 163-001-00002/Fees-Co. Court, \$1,800.00
In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-027):
The County Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-027-00001/General Fund/Engineer/Salaries-Official
TO: 001-027-00007/General Fund/Engineer/Workers' Comp
AMOUNT: \$559.52
In The Matter Of Modifying The 2009 Annual Appropriation (Fund 001-030):
The Commissioners modified the 2009 Annual Appropriation and directed the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds:
FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement 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 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 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 Development Services, LLC.; 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 Managing The Paulding County Senior Center:
The County Commissioners assumes 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.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

- MS/HS - Breakfast:*
8/24 - Cinnamon twist or cherry turnover, juice, milk
8/25 - Sausage biscuit, tator tots, juice, milk
8/26 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, milk
8/27 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
8/28 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
8/31 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
9/1 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk
MS/HS - Lunch:
8/24 - Pepperoni pizza or breaded chicken w/bun, corn, assorted fruit, milk
8/25 - Ham chef salad, seasoned bread stick, assorted fruit, milk
8/26 - Popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll or corn dog, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
8/27 - Sub sandwich, baby carrots w/ranch dip, baked sun chips, assorted fruit, milk
8/28 - Cheeseburger w/ bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

- 8/31 - Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes or turkey club sandwich, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
9/1 - Mandarin chicken salad, garlic toast, assorted fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
8/24 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
8/25 - Poptart, juice, milk
8/26 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
8/27 - Sausage pancake wrap, juice, milk
8/28 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
8/31 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk
9/1 - Poptart, juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
8/24 - Hamburger w/bun, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
8/25 - Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk
8/26 - Ham deli sandwich, mini carrots w/dip, assorted fruit, milk
8/27 - French toast, sausage, hashbrowns, assorted fruit, milk
8/28 - Cheese 'n pepperoni bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
8/31 - Bar-b-que pork w/ bun, au gratin potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
9/1 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
8/24 - French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk
8/25 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
8/26 - Rainbow yogurt, gold fish grahams, juice, milk
8/27 - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
8/28 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
8/31 - French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk
9/1 - Assorted cereals, crackers, juice, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
8/24 - Hot dog w/bun, corn, fruit choice, milk
8/25 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit, milk
8/26 - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit choice, milk
8/27 - Ham & cheese sub, carrot sticks, doritos, fruit, milk
8/28 - Taco in a bag, lettuce & cheese, fruit choice, milk
8/31 - Hamburger w/bun, oven fries, fruit choice, milk
9/1 - Cheese bread sticks w/sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

- BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS**
Breakfast:
8/26 - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
8/27 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, juice, milk
8/28 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch:
8/26 - Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, mandarin oranges, milk
8/27 - Breaded chicken sandwich, tator tots, apple-sauce, milk
8/28 - Breadsticks, broccoli w/cheese, fruit crisp, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

- Breakfast:*
All days - Cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice, milk
Lunch:
8/26 - Chicken fajitas or grilled chicken on bun, orange smiles, mixed vegetables, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownies
8/27 - Meatball sub or burrito, baked beans, pears, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cottage cheese cup
8/28 - Cheese pizza or ham salad sandwich, carrots & celery, pretzels, peaches, milk; PLUS: salad bar or cook's choice
8/31 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Salisbury steak on bun, salad, warm apples, milk; PLUS: salad bar or fresh fruit

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and congratulated us on our 62nd anniversary. We are grateful to all of you for remembering us.
—Andy & Barb Panico

THANK YOU

To all the fine folks who attended and made possible, the Antwerp Day in the Park on August 8.
Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success. It wasn't any one thing, or any one person, it was the synergy of each one involved that made a wonderful day. From the planning committees of the Chamber of Commerce right down to those who attended, we really appreciate those who pitched in and got the job done. The park and the areas in which you parked were respected and left neat and tidy, that too is appreciated. It was great to see all the groups of people around the park reuniting, as those 'back home' for the ALS Reunion came together. We really are community!
I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the committee chairpersons: advertising - Mike Renno, cruise-in - Karen and Jay Sanders, crafters - Cheryl Farnsworth, entertainment - Sue Knapp, games - Christy Delong and Michelle Dooley,

WIND DAMAGE ON THE FARM



By: Stan Jordan
This picture is of the hip roof barn on the Pauline Jordan Farm north of Antwerp on SR 49.
On or about July 27 or 28 we received about two inches of rain—badly needed rain. But north of the Maumee River we had a bad storm of strong winds and hail.
Randy Derck of Antwerp Insurance Agency told me that they had a lot of damage reports from road 204 then on north.
These barn doors were

pushed back inside by the wind. There was a 4x4 stringer behind them up about eight feet and it was hurled about 30 feet to the east. It took some kind of strong winds to do that.
This picture shows the tenant, Kenny Hahn and his 'right bower', Mike Zeilke, repairing the damage.
Mike told me that the front end loader was a very handy tool in handling those big doors.
See Ya!

vendor food - Nancy Lichty, chamber/rotary food - Marilyn Provines and myself. I hope that when you see these hard working people, you will share your gratitude with them for all their efforts.
There is a long list of local business persons and individuals who made monetary donations to offset the expenses of the day. There is no fee to get into the park, so these funds help pay for the entertainment and other necessary expenses to make a successful day. Thank you very much to each of you.
There were forty crafters who sat-up and displayed their wares, they are a great bunch of people and we hope they will return next year. There were many local orga-

nizations who offered games for the children and food for us all. Without these the chamber efforts would be useless.
It was unfortunate that we had the rain, but not many of you left the park, thank you for staying. At the close of the day some items were found; a pair of eye glasses and two umbrellas. If you lost these, they may be claimed at the Antwerp Pharmacy on Main Street.
The Chamber looks forward to next year which will be August 14, 2010. We hope you plan to be there. Again, thank you to all who made the day possible.
—Sandra Wann,
president of Antwerp Chamber of Commerce

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The September meeting of the Carryall Township Trustees will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at 1445 Road 204, Antwerp, Ohio.
—Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer
Carryall Township

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Public Zoning Meeting will be held by the Carryall Township Zoning Commission at the Antwerp Fire Station, located at 203 Cleveland Street on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 9:00am.
—Twila Demongeot, Fiscal Officer
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Monday - Margarita Mondays..... \$1.50
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Drop-off boxes will be located at WT Payne Elementary, Divine Mercy Catholic school, and Payne Library.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL HOSTED BY OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oakwood Fire Department will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social at 201 N. 6th Street in Oakwood on August 20, 2009 starting at 4:30 p.m. The Oakwood Community Band will be entertaining for the evening and the menu will include beverages, hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, desserts/pie, and, of course, homemade ice cream. Everything will be free will donation.

SUZY SMITH WINS!

Suzy Smith from Antwerp, Ohio defeated Buffi Hayes from Madisonville, Kentucky in the fourth fight at the Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, Anderson, Indiana on Saturday August 8. Suzy, age 22, weighing in at 145 with a judo style, defeated Miss Hayes by referee stoppage, due to strikes in one minute seven seconds of the first round. Suzy's team is Dinamo Judo Club out of Fort Wayne. This brings Miss Smith's record to three wins and two losses. Suzy appreciates the fans who made the trip to the fight as well as all her family and friends who support her in her fighting career.

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ALUMNI ROCKS ANTWERP

By: Denny Lee

Over seven hundred former Antwerp students returned for a three day reunion with former classmates in their hometown on August 7-9. It was very evident from the "meet and greet" session at the V.F.W. on Friday night that these people came to enjoy themselves! The renewing of old acquaintances soon packed the reception hall and spilled out into the shelter house in the side yard where an old style record hop ensued. I swear this crowd was hopped up on Geritol! Judging from all the laughter and conversations, which soon sounded like a hive of active bees, it's safe to say a good time was had by all in attendance. One gentleman that came home from a large city was overheard saying, "I made enough memories here tonight to last me six months when I return home." He was so astonished that everyone knew his name until someone pointed out to him that he was wearing a name tag! Yep, we're pretty sharp here in our small town!

The next day was Antwerp's "Day in the Park" which was a great success with many of the alumni attending this event. A gentleman there, not from our town, said it was like going to a huge family reunion in the park. He said everyone seemed to know each other and were so friendly. Even though it rained for awhile most people just made use of their umbrellas and stuck around for all the activities. A large host of alumni stayed until the last minute until they were forced to leave to get ready for the Saturday evening dinner and dance at the old school gym.

The eldest class represented at the dinner was 1931 and the student that traveled the longest distance came all the way from Australia. A fabulous meal was catered to the guest by Grant's Reception Hall, and the 50's and 60's dance band was the famous Spike and the Bulldogs. When this band began to play you should have been there to see these alumni rock the old school gym! Even Spike commented that in all their years of playing they had never seen "the stroll" done in such a fantastic fashion. The old school gym that had set vacant and silent for several years was suddenly alive and vibrant with the sounds of old time rock-n-roll. It was clear that these former Antwerp students did not just come back

to the old school to talk about the "glory days," they came back to relive the past! When I looked out over the crowded gym floor at the mix of young, middle aged, and elderly people "busting a move" I thought, how wonderful... we may have to grow old, but we don't have to grow up! About halfway through the evening Spike turned the microphone over to Antwerp's own Terry Zartman to sing a couple of songs for the local crowd. Just when it seemed the atmosphere couldn't get anymore supercharged, Terry brought the house down with his renditions of a couple of oldies but goodies! Observing the conversations, the laughter, the body language, I came to the conclusion that you could not put a price on this kind of joy and entertainment. One could travel the world and see all that it has to offer and not witness a group of people this large enjoying each other's company as much as these former Antwerp students were doing on that Saturday night. When I returned to the old empty school gym after the weekend to remove decorations I was sure I could hear laughter in the walls of the old structure.

One thing is for certain, the large consolidated school systems of today may have positive advantages over the small rural schools, but I don't believe they can ever form the bonds of friendships that naturally occur in the smaller classroom settings. Although seven hundred people may not seem like many from 1931 until 2009, they appeared to be like one big happy family. Each classmate remembered nearly every student that they graduated with when that person's name was brought up in a conversation. That sort of thing is pretty hard to do if you are in a large school with six hundred students in your graduating class. That is why we should be thankful that the A.C.D.C. revived this student reunion program every three years. It is another reminder to the former students of how fortunate they were to be raised in a school system such as Antwerp Local.

Sunday morning was the farewell brunch at the Essen House Restaurant where several classmates stood up to tell some memories about their classes. After a very good buffet breakfast and hot coffee it was time to say adieu to old friends for another three years. The three day reunion got a stamp of approval from those in attendance at the brunch. If the organizing committee isn't too old to carry out their duties in another three years, plans are tentatively set to organize another successful reunion.

People who worked so hard to organize this event have been purposely left out of this article because there are too many to name. People like the football team that set up our tables and chairs. Even the guests stayed after the dance to help clean up the gym. I would like to state that such committed people are a rarity in this day and age. The harmony between the committee members and the different committees speaks highly of the people that live in the Antwerp community. The leadership offered by the chairperson, Tony Langham, was superb. Knowing the caliber of people that live in Antwerp, is it any wonder that one

RACING DOGS VISIT ANN'S CAMP



Ann's Bright Beginnings Campers were recently visited by Janice and Gary Lipp and two of their beautiful greyhounds! We learned how to brush their coats, gave them treats and lots of hugs! We were amazed to learn from Mrs. Lipp that a greyhound can run as fast as a car! In back with Mrs. and Mr. Lipp are: Emma Shuherk, Ashlyn Eaton, Nash Saylor, Moriah

Griffiths and Sam Adams. In front are: Raelyn Schweinsberg, Cameron Laker, Tierny, Casey Agler, Colton Bashore, Jamy Hunt, Talledega, Lucy Shuherk (the birthday girl!), Ashlyn Goings and Ella Cook. Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool is still accepting students for the 2009-2010 school year! See the ad on the front page of this paper for more information!

ninety plus year old woman whose nephew informed her about the reunion three hours before it began, made sure she was here to represent her class even though she had no reservation. This proves once again that it is not the age that matters, it is the ATTITUDE!

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY - A LOCAL BOY'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Russel Fulk and I am currently working on my eagle project which is collecting items for the military troops overseas. I have done this once before and I appreciate those who donated before, but I have not received enough to reach my goal, so I

am having another day where I will be collecting again. This date will be on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Payne American Legion where my scout troop and I will be waiting to gather items.

Items that can be brought are magazines, foot powder, baby wipes, disposable cameras, DVDs and CDs, non-perishable food, batteries (AA, AAA), socks, drink mixes, razors, toothbrushes, rem oil, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and shaving cream. If you can think of anything else non-perishable, I will gladly take those items as well. Please help me complete my project and support our troops at the same time. God Bless Our Troops.

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By: Sue Knapp
On July 1 Darryl Mesker opened an auto service shop in the Charloe area located at 11744 County Road 171, one mile north of Charloe.

Darryl has been a mechanic on cars since 1984. He offers air-conditioning service, tune-ups, breaks, exhaust, shocks, struts, transmission and engine repair and computer diagnostics, he also is experienced with tires. He is an ASE Certified Master Technician, ASE Master Truck Technician and GM Certified Journeyman Technician.

Darryl has lived in the area his whole life. He and wife, Laura, have two sons.

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FROM THE DOG WARDEN'S DESK

By: Mandy Lichty, Paulding County Chief Dog Warden

This week's featured pet is Daisy. Daisy is an 18 month old female jack russell terrier mix. She is very sweet and playful. She does seem to be housetrained and really likes kids.



Also at the shelter we have two boxers (a male and a female) a female black retriever mix who loves to swim, a female Australian shepherd, a male schnauzer mix puppy, a very nice female yellow Labrador, and we still have the litter of polka dot puppies.

Many of the families relying on the community food banks also have pets. It is so hard for a family to have to take their pets to the shelter because they can no longer afford to feed them.

You can check with your local food bank and see if they accept donations of pet food. Our shelter recently received a very large donation of pet food from several of the large brand pet food manufacturers. With such an abundant supply we were able to donate a portion of the pet food to some of the local food banks in the county.

I know some people consider a pet a luxury but to most of us our pets are a big part of our family. So donate some pet food to your local food banks and help keep our county pets at home with their families.

Come out and see the dogs on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. or on the web at www.petfinder.org/shelters/OH709.html

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL STILL DEBATED IN CONGRESS

By: Congressman Bob Latta

As Congress begins its August district work period, the House of Representatives continues to debate the health care proposal introduced by the House Democrat Leadership. H.R. 3200 is a massive overhaul of our nation's health care system that will put the federal government in control of the health care of millions of Americans. Even though the House of Representatives will not vote on the reform until September or later, President Obama and Congressional Democrats are trying to force this bill through Congress at breakneck speed, and continue to disregard the large number of Americans opposed to this legislation. In the House, Speaker Pelosi has shut out minority Republicans from having any input. I continue to hear disappointment from my constituents in the Fifth District on the speed at which this bill is moving through Congress. According to a recent Quinnipiac University poll, by a margin of 2:1, Americans think that a government takeover of health care would be a "bad thing."

While negotiations continue on this legislation, we do know for a fact that whatever plan is approved by the Congressional Democrat Leadership, it will not be inexpensive. Thus far, this legislation is estimated to cost over \$1.28 trillion in new federal spending over the next ten years, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. In order to pay for this plan, the House Democrat plan creates a new "surtax" that will amount to a tax hike of \$544 billion over the next ten years. This new "surtax" will raise rates by 2 percent on individuals with incomes between \$350,000 and \$500,000, 3 percent on individuals with incomes between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, and 5.4 percent for individuals with incomes over \$1 million. As more than half of all high-income filers are small businesses, this will directly impact job growth and creation, further hindering the economic growth small businesses create in the United States. President Obama's Chief Economic Advisor, Dr. Christina Romer, estimates that this small business tax would eliminate over 4 million jobs nationwide. Ohio is suffering with an unemployment rate over 11%,

and with a national unemployment rate approaching 10%, we simply cannot afford to lose more jobs.

In addition to the flaws behind the funding mechanism for this legislation, I believe the health care policy itself will do more harm than good to our nation's health care system. The Lewin Group, a nonpartisan health economics firm, estimates that two out of three workers will lose their current coverage, including over 114 million people who receive health benefits through their employer or other current coverage. Additionally, over 8 million Health Savings Accounts will not be deemed "acceptable coverage" under the Democrats plan, forcing those people into the government plan. I believe people should have the choice to keep their own insurance, or Health Savings Accounts, if they are satisfied with their coverage and not be subjected to government intrusion into their personal choices. Under the House Democrats health care proposal, this plan would be administered by yet another level of federal bureaucracy in the form of a Health Care Commissioner who would have unprecedented authority to determine what is acceptable health care coverage for people under the government plan and set all of the rules for what health care coverage must include. Furthermore, this Health Care Commissioner would determine what treatments patients could receive and not receive, and at what cost. Actions by the Health Care Commissioner would essentially ration health care among individuals under this plan, and lead to gaps in coverage and further regulation on which doctor you could visit and how often you could seek treatment. The last thing patients and doctors need is the government coming between them and guiding the choices made regarding their personal health care needs and treatment. Senior citizens will be especially hard hit under the House Democrat plan as well. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that provisions in the current plan would lead to a total of \$162.2 billion in cuts being taken from Medicare Advantage plans that provide a choice of health care options to seniors. These harmful and arbitrary cuts could result in Medicare Advantage plans dropping out of the program, harming beneficiary choice and causing millions of seniors to lose their current coverage; other seniors could see premiums rise or additional benefits curtailed.

Simply put, the health care reform package put forth by the Democrat House Leadership will only lead to further government intrusion and bureaucracy, increased costs for all Americans, and rationing of coverage. Congress should focus on legislation that will improve our health care system, not destroy it, as I believe the Democrat package will do. I oppose any plan that puts Washington bureaucrats between patients and the care they need. I believe that we can reform healthcare without putting medical decisions in the hands of government bureaucrats. We should not trust the future of our health care to this risky experiment.

2009 MAUMEE VALLEY ANTIQUE STEAM & GAS TRACTOR SHOW



The Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association is having its 32nd Annual show August 20-23, 2009 at Jefferson Township Park East of New Haven, Indiana. Take US 30 east four miles (from I-469) to Webster Road. Turn north (left) two miles, cross Dawkins Road and the park is on the left. Handicap parking is available on the grounds.

See antique steam engines, gas tractors, farm equipment, gas engines, antique trucks and cars. This year features Fordson/Ford, Minneapolis-Moline and related equipment but all exhibits are welcome.

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