

GRINDSTAFF – MAWER



Brittany Grindstaff and Ryan Mawer of Delphos have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Alan Grindstaff and Deanna Grindstaff. She is a 2007 graduate

of Paulding High School. She received her Associates of Science in Nursing in 2009 from Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, and is currently enrolled at Ohio University in the RN to BSN program. She is employed as an RN at St. Rita's Medical Center.

Her fiancé is the son of Brett and Michelle Mawer and the late Wendy Carlisle. He is a 2006 graduate of Paulding High School and is employed at PMI.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2:00 p.m. August 18, 2012 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding.

BASKETBALL CAMP: WNBA PLAYER CANDICE WIGGINS

Basketballs filled the air Sunday Night, July 29th at New Haven High School as WNBA player Candice Wiggins held her 2012 All Girls Basketball Camp All Star Game. In addition to skills work and imparting some knowledge on the aspiring play-



ers, Wiggins also took part in an All-Star game Sunday night at the school. Wiggins' team featured several women's college players, including Notre Dame star Skylar Diggins. Their competition – a men's team made up of former area high school stars, including North Side grad and European pro Vernard Hollins and South Side grad Cam Stephens.

Wiggins was born in Baltimore the daughter of professional baseball player, Alan Wiggins. She went on to star at Stanford University and today plays for the Minnesota Lynx in the WNBA.

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PLANTER CONTEST COMES TO AN END!

Woodburns planter contest ended at the "Day in the Park" festival. Every spring businesses or individuals pick a planter to compete in this contest for the best planter in town. This year's winners the planters are located near or at:

Woodburn Retirement Community – Planted by Jan Palmer and Jeanne Worden
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Woodburn Post Office – Scarlet Ladies of Shirley City
Main's Flowers in New Haven was the judge for this event. It begins with design, planting, watering daily, fertilizing and singing to the flowers to keep them growing during our hot summer until the festival. If you are interested in a planter for 2013 call the Ladybugs at (260) 632-5800. If you were in the contest this year you will have the first option for 2013.

Other planters and their gardeners:

Main Street Planter (which was moved to PNC) – Financial Partners

American Legion Planter – American Legion

Liquor Store Planter – Car (continued on page 2)

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED - REMEMBERED



July 20th, 2012 marked the 5th anniversary of the EMS Squad 41 of Antwerp that crashed near Paulding and took the lives of Heidi McDougall, Kelly Rager, and Sammy Smith along with Robert and Armelda Wells from Hicksville, being transported to the hospital.

Area residents and local town volunteer departments came together to mark the memorial event with the families. Randy Shaffer (above) gave the memorial speech with Mike Knapp giving the invocation. They will always be remembered giving their lives in service to others.

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OBITUARIES

Amanda Sue King, 37, formally of Oakwood passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

She was born May 27, 1975 in Defiance, OH and is the daughter of Richard and Terry (Zedaker) King. Amanda enjoyed spending time with her family and friends especially her nieces, or as she called them her eight little girls. She was a home health aide until she became ill this past year. She was a member of the Grace Family Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida. One of her biggest achievements and satisfactions in life was being ordained; she had a great relationship with God and was very proud of her love for Him. She looked forward to the day she could look up in the sky and start walking.

Amanda is survived by her parents Richard and Terry King of Oakwood; a brother Clifford (Shonda) Kind of Ayersville; a sister, Stacey (Samuel) Rue of Paulding; a sister/niece, Britney (Josh) King of Oakwood; nieces: Hannah and Sydney King, Alexis, Risa, Miah, and Riley Rue; and one great-niece, Brooklyn King.

She was met in Heaven by her grandparents: Richard and Angela (Burkmeyer) Zedaker, Juanita (Curtis) King, Allison and Paddy King; a brother, Richard "Richie" Allison King; and a fiance, Michael McCabe.

Arrangements are pending a grave side service will be set at a later date. Her Uncle Ryan and Aunt Sue of Florida gave her love and care during her recent illness.

Lewis E. Dickerhoof, 79, of Fort Wayne, IN died Wednesday July 25, 2012 at his home.

He was born on July 10, 1933 in Hicksville, Ohio, the son of Homer and Bernice (Fee) Dickerhoof. He was a 1951 graduate of Central High School, Fort Wayne, IN. Lewis was the president of Wayne Tool & Design/Wayne Manufacturing, Fort Wayne and LaOtto, IN.

Lewis is survived by two sons: Randy (Virginia) Dickerhoof of Kendallville, IN, and Ron (Anne Korte) Dickerhoof of Fort Wayne, IN; two daughters: Ronda (Peter) Strubhar of Peoria, AZ, and Robin A. Sanchez of Fort Wayne, IN; five grandchildren: Rachael Dickerhoof, Rene Henderson, Kimberly Murrin, Bethany Womack, and Valerie Strubhar; four great-grandchildren: Kayla Womack, Joshua Womack, Charles Murrin, Reece Henderson; and a companion, Fay DeArmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Jack.

A private burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, OH.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Rose Ann Shawyer, 71, of Van Wert, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012 at her residence.

Rose Ann was born in Antwerp on March 27, 1941, a daughter of the late Vesta (Shipman) and Gerald Hawkins. She worked for WalMart for 16 years, but since 1999 she was affectionately known as "The Fabric Lady" at the Van Wert WalMart. On July 9, 1978 Rose Ann married Gale Shawyer.

Rose Ann will be sadly missed by her husband, Gale; children: Tamara (Brent) Goode, Traci (Mark) Hewitt, both of Lafayette, IN, Terri Wascheyzn of Elmira Heights, NY, Tonya (Ralph) Copley of Victor, CO and Todd of Van Wert;

brother, Larry Hawkins of Brooksville, FL; and seven grandchildren.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home on July 29, 2012.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Maryann Zierden, 59, of Payne, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012 at Paulding County Hospital.

Maryann was born in Decatur, IN on October 14, 1952, a daughter of the late Joan (Lieder) and Donald Mansfield. She was a home health care worker for Community Health Professionals and had been on the Benton Twp. Zoning Board. On February 21, 1974 Maryann married Richard Zierden.

Maryann will be sadly missed by her husband, Rick; siblings: Eric Mansfield of Angola, Julie Burke of Hamilton, Brian Mansfield of Monroeville, Kurt Mansfield of Fort Wayne, Molly Morningstar of Woodburn and Katie Albert of Angola.

Her family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

Please omit flowers. Memorials are to Richard Zierden. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

UNINSURED OHIO ADULTS REMAIN STABLE AT NEARLY 2 IN 10

Because health insurance is a critical factor in obtaining health care services, the 2012 OHIO Health Issues Poll (OHIP) asked questions about health insurance coverage. OHIP found that nearly 2 in 10 Ohio adults ages 18-64 (17 percent) lack health insurance, which is similar to results for the past several years. Nearly all Ohioans ages 65 and older (99 percent) are insured; this information focuses on adults ages 18-64.

In Ohio, as in other states, more working-age adults have publicly funded health insurance (e.g. Medicare or Medicaid). Currently, 2 in 10 Ohio adults ages 18-64 (21 percent) are covered by a form of public insurance, up from 1 in 10 adults ages 18-64 (12 percent) in 2006. "In contrast, the number of Ohio adults with health insurance through their employer or their spouse's employer has been steadily declining," says Jennifer Chubinski, director of community research for The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, which funded OHIP. In 2006, more than 6 in 10 Ohio adults (64 percent) got their health insurance through their employer or their spouse's employer; in 2012, that number was just slightly more than 5 in 10 (53 percent).

OHIP also found that larger percentages of African Americans and the poor are uninsured than the general population; 26 percent of African Americans and 24 percent of Ohio adults below 100 percent of the poverty level are uninsured, compared to 17 percent of

all Ohio adults. Chubinski also points out, "There is a strong connection between adults' health status and whether they have health insurance." Only about 1 in 10 adults (11 percent) who reported excellent or very good health were uninsured currently; more than one quarter of adults (26 percent) who reported fair or poor health were uninsured. "This tells us that providing insurance coverage for more of our citizens is an essential factor in improving their health," she says.

More information about Ohioans' health insurance coverage and other topics can be found on the survey website at <https://www.healthfoundation.org/ohio-health-issues-poll>.

THANK YOU
The family of Gene Hughes would like to send its sincere appreciation to ALL who sent a card, flowers, or gifts, attended the visitation or funeral, made a donation in his honor, brought food, or maybe just said a prayer for us in our time of need.

Also thank you to Tom Wiseman, Paul Reinhart, and Bob Nighswander for their comforting words and taking care of the arrangements, Father Fillman for the meaningful service, and the Divine Mercy funeral committee for the wonderful dinner. A special thanks to Travis, Jeremy and Emily Hughes, and Jayme and Jason Landers for organizing and providing a haven for the whole family for the week. Dad would have been overwhelmed and grateful for all of the support our family has received. It's humbling to know so many people cared.

God Bless,
—Ola 'Buddie' Hughes, Louise Goll & family, Lynn Garlough & family, Cork Hughes & family, Gary Hughes & family, Vince Hughes & family, Kent & Beth Hughes & family, Cindy Kauser & family

USDA ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING AVAILABLE TO HELP LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY DROUGHT

Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Steve Maurer announced additional drought relief for Ohio's livestock producers today. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack authorized the release of emergency haying and grazing lands for all Ohio counties for certain practices and acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

USDA will allow acres under CRP to be used for haying or grazing under emergency conditions. This will allow lands that are not yet classified as "under severe drought" but that are "abnormally dry" to be used for haying and grazing. This will increase available forage for livestock.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Those who look to Him are radiant."

—Psalm 34:5

PAULDING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE UNDERWAY



Habitat members, Keith Klopfenstein and Al Lininger are shown preparing to start the next Habitat home.

Habitat for Humanity is in the beginning stages of building the next home, which will be built on the corner of Wall and Lincoln. The foundation is finished and Hartzog's have delivered the lumber and so now it is time to build. Building on the house began Saturday, July 14, 2012. As with any Habitat house being built, volunteers are always

needed and welcomed. If you would like to help in any way with the building of this home or any future homes contact Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County by visiting our website or contact Kevin Wilson at 419-587-3019 or feel free to just show up at the site and ask for the building supervisor.

ing at least fifty percent of each field or contiguous fields must be left unhayed for wildlife. Under emergency grazing at least twenty-five percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields must be left ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than seventy-five percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

• Under emergency haying and grazing CRP participants will be assessed a payment reduction based on the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the CRP annual rental payment times ten percent.
• Participants may sell hay harvested under emergency provisions. CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer.

CRP is a voluntary program that provides producers annual rental payments on their land in exchange for planting resource conserving crops on cropland to help prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitat and improve the environment.

Producers must notify their local FSA office and file a request and receive approval before starting this emergency haying and grazing activity.

SPECIAL MEETING
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JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS CHICKEN BBQ

The John Paulding Historical Society will host a Chicken BBQ dinner on August 4, 2012. Doors to the museum open at 4:00 p.m. for this event and will serve till 7:00 p.m. Come eat in the air-conditioned building or carry it out. Everyone is welcome.

The museum is located in Paulding across from the fairgrounds. All proceeds from this dinner will help keep the doors of the museum open.

THANK YOU

The families of Mike Panico, would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for all the thoughts, prayers and great support we have received followed following the sudden death of Mike.

With faith and prayer we will go on and are coping with our great loss. We want to thank Dooley Funeral Home for their kindness and Pastor Karen Stetins for all her time and support. To all our great family, friends and neighbors who helped us not only with comfort, food, flowers and love, but also for all the help after the storm that we all received—you know who you are. May God Bless You All!!

With heartfelt thanks,
—Elisa Panico and Mary Cate,
Tina and Earl Huebner,
Tim and Tasha Panico,
Stacie and Brad Lovellette & family,
Laura & Jim Boesch,
Wendy & Craig & family
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THE MAD ANT TO BE 2012 HARLAN DAYS GRAND MARSHAL

The Harlan Days Committee is proud to announce that the Mad Ant, mascot for the Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball team, will lead the 2012 Harlan Days Parade on Saturday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m. as the Grand Marshal.

Since arriving in Fort Wayne, the Mad Ant has shown that he has extensive experience entertaining large crowds. He went to the Mascot Academy in Athens, Greece. His goal is to cheer the Mad Ants team on to victory and to make everyone smile.

The Mad Ant's interests include, but aren't limited to: Shooting hoops, bowling, weight lifting, messing with visiting teams and dancing. Some of his favorite things are: The food at your picnic, the colors maroon and gold, the number "00" and, of course, Mad Ants basketball!

Watch for the Mad Ant and be sure to wave as he passes by in the Harlan Days Grand Parade!

MR. & MRS. JAMES HIRSCHY CELEBRATE 50 YEARS!



Jim and Karen (Lough) Hirschy will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 4, 2012. They were married on August 4, 1962 in Decatur, IN. Supporting each other with love and

faith, they have been blessed with three sons: Dave (Lesa) of New Haven, IN, Steve (Nancy) of Auburn, IN and Tom (Cass) of Churubusco, IN. They have seven grandchildren.

HOW IS ISRAEL TO BE SAVED? ROMANS 11

By: James Wright, First Church of God, Dupont, OH

Paul opens with these words, "Hath God cast away His people? God forbid—God hath not cast away His people He foreknew." vs. 1,2. What Paul was talking about he makes it clear in these words in verse 7, "Israel hath not obtained that which it seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it and the rest were blinded." The election was the remnant that believed in Christ the hoped for Messiah they were looking for, the rest were blinded by their unbelief Paul was showing the contrast between the natural Israel (the flesh) and the true Israel of God (spiritual). In Romans 9:6-8 Paul again defines between the two, "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Again, the children of the flesh (natural Israel) are not the children of God; the majority did not believe, but the children of the promise, the remnant who believed in Christ. These are the ones along with the believing Gentiles that make up the body of Christ, the church, that holy nation that Paul spoke of in 1 Peter 2:9.

At that time Israel after the flesh (natural Israel) looked for and earthly Messiah, one who would establish his kingdom on earth, and over throw the Romans and fight for Israel. They got their erroneous ideas from I Sam, chapter eight, when Israel told Samuel "we what a king to rule over us", and God told Samuel, "they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them." God hated the fact that they went this direction because He was their king; He ruled and fought for Israel. God said, if it's a king they want, let

them have a king. Even though God hated it, he went along and gave them their wishes but the consequences that followed were drastic. And because of Israel's unbelief, it all comes to a head when Jesus gives the parable in Luke 19: concerning the pounds (vs 27), "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." Do you see the similarities, the same attitude in 1 Samuel, were carried to the time when Christ came. Now getting back to Romans 11—all Israel is to be saved, How? In Romans 11:26, it says, "And so all Israel shall be saved." The word I want to point out is the word "so", it is an adverb meaning not when, but how Israel is to be saved, in other words in what "manner". The verses prior to this speaks of the "olive tree". Israel represents the natural branches in the tree, and because of their unbelief they were broken off. And the wild branches represents the believing Gentiles who believed and accepted Christ by faith and were grafted in the olive tree. And in verse 23 Paul says, speaking of the natural branches "And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again." In more simple terms what Paul is speaking of here is, "BELIEF" versus "UNBELIEF". If anyone by faith believes in Christ, he/she is grafted in the olive tree which is Christ the Vine. If anyone rejects in unbelief, he/she is cast off. Paul is saying, "In this manner, all of the Israel of God shall be saved. And in this manner only can it be saved." You must be born again. God's Israel (spiritual) is that holy nation that shows forth the praises of Him who has delivered us from the bondage of sin.

Today is the day of salvation folks, not some future fulfillment, and it is by faith, not by sight that saves us. Faith in our dear Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. I recommend studying Romans 11, and also 1 Samuel 8. Happy study.

NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPT. HOSTS 29th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The City of New Haven and New Haven Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in Schnelker Veterans Memorial Park in New Haven from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This national crime prevention program was created to promote police community partnerships and offer public education on crime prevention. In conjunction with various police organizations nationwide, this program was also designed to inform the public about various police programs and community programs to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The purpose is to get neighbors together and find out who lives in your neighborhood. The best defense we have against crime is public education and watchful eyes form neighborhood residents.

The first National Night Out initiatives were simple. In most communities, neighborhoods were provided basic information on crime prevention and were encouraged to leave their porch lights on. This program has grown extensively over the years. Today, National Night Out draws over thirty-five million people from thousands of communities across the country.

The annual National Night Out now focuses on bringing neighbors and communities together through festivals, block parties, cookouts, and various other similar events as common ways for communities to come together on National Night Out. The City of New Haven and the New Haven Police Department will once again hold its annual National Night Out event in Schnelker Park. Attached is a copy of the flier for your convenience. Please plan to join us at Schnelker Park this year for activities and prizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Blackburn or Detective Henry McKinnon with the New Haven Police Department at (260) 748-7080.

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THANK YOU

I want to thank my family, friends, and the Payne American Legion, Riders Post 297 for the support shown to our Miles for Mills ALS Fund raiser, those that rode their motorcycles, and those that walked, baked goods and donated for our silent auction. It was greatly appreciated.

What is ALS: Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (aka Lou Gerig's disease). It is currently affecting the lives of over 30,000 people in the United States and more are diagnosed every day. This devastating disease affects the motor neurons in a person's brain and spinal cord. When the motor neurons die, the muscles waste away. Gradually, a person is robbed of the ability to walk, speak, eat and eventually breathe. For the most part, the mind remains unaffected and is aware of the total paralysis that is quickly setting in. Upon diagnosis, doctors give ALS patients only two to five years to live. There is no known cause or cure for ALS. You can get it at any age and anyone can get it anytime. Most cases are sporadic. In the Mills family, it is genetic. It got George and Georgie. Let us see if we can find a cure before it nails Bob. Thanks again for all who donated. All donations go to the ALS Labs and to help other ALS patients. As Georgie always said, "Dang ALS, but God is Good!"

Love you all,
—Edie, LeeAnn, Bob & Dick Mills, and the families of Esther Woods, Ruth Brown, John Thomas, Craig McCloud, Phillip Perl, James E. Wright Sr., Robin Merriman, Norm Roughton, and Robert L. Bowsher Sr.
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4th ANNUAL CORNHOLE COMPETITION STILL LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

The 4th annual Cornhole Competition will run August 3 & 4 and we are looking for competitive players to register for our Singles and Doubles Tournaments. The Singles Tournament is limited to 32 players and there will be cash prizes awarded to the top two. The Doubles Tournament will award cash prizes to the top three teams. Registration deadline has been extended, so call now and get registered!

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ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT PAULDING UMC

The annual Ice Cream Social at the Paulding United Methodist Church will be held on Friday, August 3, 2012, at the church, 321 N Williams St. The menu will consist of sandwiches, salads, desserts and of course homemade ice cream.

The church congregation has been serving their ice cream social for several decades and invite the community to join them. This year there will be a tent outside the church near N. Williams St., next to the church. This is an addition this year to accommodate the U.S. 127 garage sale shoppers and will be serving ONLY ice cream from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Inside the building, in the air conditioned and elevator accessible Fellowship Hall, the full menu will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon until the food is gone or around 6:30 p.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT MARK CENTER UMC

The Mark Center United Methodist Church is hosting a Homemade Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. All the good home-cooked foods you can eat include: sandwiches, salads, noodle soup, pie, drinks, and of course, homemade ice cream! The public is more than welcome at this event. The church building is located at 10398 Farmer Mark Rd. in Mark Center.

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HORSE WHISPERER LEW STERRETT DEMONSTRATES LIFE'S PRINCIPLES

Lew Sterrett will share his Sermon on the Mount at Chester Park located in Camden, MI on Friday August 24 and Saturday August 25, both at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday August 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Here's a little message from Mr. Sterrett:

"Howdy, my friends! Are you looking for a personal sense of wellbeing and relational health? Are you tired of the status quo in your life, your family, your business or church and are looking for quality relationships? Are you concerned where the next generation is going and want to know how to give them core values that last for many generations?"

"I am looking for people just like you who are hungry for growth; physically, emotionally, and spiritually; both personally and in community. If you want to make a positive and eternal impact on the people around you, while benefitting personally in your own worth, then this unique form of illustrating life principles through the training of a horse by me in Sermon On The Mount is a perfect fit.

"You will see yourself, your child, your spouse or your boss in the horse as he changes from a self-focus, based on a minimal life goal, to real joy in purpose as he learns to follow the Master and enter into teamwork with his Trainer for a higher goal than he could have imagined.

"You will understand that God, as the Trainer, has always been reaching out to you to give you love and a sense of great worth in your personal unique-ness.

"And you will see a picture through a living horse example of the choices that produce life benefits and eternal results in relationship with God, which will never leave your memory."

BITTEN BY BLAME

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

The *Denver Post* ran a news story awhile back about a man named Paul Yocum. It was reported that Yocum had died at the age of 52 from a massive heart attack. However, the real reason for his death could be attributed to a broken heart.

Back in 1990, Yocum was falsely accused of stealing over 29 thousand dollars from an automatic teller machine. There was a mix-up, a mistake, and it finally was discovered that he was not involved in the heist in any way. In fact, as it eventually turned out, he was not considered guilty even by those who accused him. But because of the high profile nature of the case, the intense media publicity, and the lengthy legal entanglements surrounding the circumstance, Paul Yocum became a changed man.

The criminal accusations that had been levelled at him, though wrong, completely devastated the man. He changed from a loving, caring person who lived a quiet life to a fearful, nervous person. And many said, in the end, that it was the robbery accusation that led to his heart attack. That he had literally died of a broken heart.

Before his demise, in his own words, Yocum explained, "I know this is going to sound crazy but I'm going to say it anyway. I know I'm innocent, but you know what? Sometimes I feel like I'm guilty." He continued to unfairly accuse himself, even after he was released from any responsibility or involvement. He was unable to accept his freedom from guilt.

As I read that account two thoughts crossed my mind. The first was the tragic sadness of what had occurred in the life of an innocent person. The second thing that crossed my mind is how much like Paul Yocum many Christians are today. For even though Christ has forgiven them of their sins, even though they have been washed pure through Christ's cleansing blood, even though they are seen as being without sin in the eyes of God, they still feel guilty.

So many of us can echo a similar statement as Paul Yocum's, "I know I've been forgiven and I know that the Lord has taken away my sins. But sometimes I still feel terribly guilty."

Sound familiar? For the one who has placed his/her trust in Jesus Christ, the only way to escape that kind of inner accusation is to re-program one's thinking. The Apostle Paul tells us, "There is therefore NO condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Our slate is wiped clean. Our guilt has been taken away."

One of the most effective weapons of the enemy is to accuse our hearts and make us "feel" guilty for past sins, decisions, and choices. But the scriptures tell us that as we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness. The irony of it all is that the hardest forgiveness of all is not receiving GOD'S forgiveness; it's forgiving ourselves.

My prayer is that you will cling to the promises of God's

Word, choosing to believe what HE says about your forgiveness and cleansing. The alternative is to be held hostage by guilt, remorse, and constant self-accusation. And that sort of thing can eat you up. Like it did Paul Yocum.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

All answers can be found in the New King James version of the Bible.

1. Luke 1:59 - What do Jews do to male babies when they are eight days old?
2. Luke 1:59 - What did the people want to name the baby?
3. Luke 1:60 - What did Elizabeth want to name her son?
4. Luke 1:63 - What did Zacharias want to name the baby?
5. Luke 1:64 - What did Zacharias do, after his tongue was loosed?
6. Luke 1:65 - What came upon the people who dwelt around them?
7. Luke 1:67 - What was Zacharias filled with?
8. Luke 1:67 - What did Zacharias prophesy?
9. Luke 1:74 - How are we to serve God?
10. Luke 1:75 - Going along with Luke 1:74 in verse 75 it tells us to do this all the days of our lives.

Comments or questions call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Oakwood church of Christ. Answers to the questions from the article ran on 7-25-12.

1. Zacharias
2. The babe leaped in her womb.
3. Holy Spirit
4. Mary would be blessed among women and the fruit of the womb would be blessed
5. joy
6. My soul magnifies the Lord.
7. God my Saviour
8. The lowly stat of His hand maiden
9. About three months
10. They rejoiced.

Now for a word from God. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. (1 John 2:15).

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SELLING YOUR SOUL?

Winning the Battle for a Generation by: Rick Jones, Defiance Area YFC

Late summer is often a time when there can be many sales; including garage sales, back to school sales, new model year car sales and many others too numerous to mention here. However one sale that I thought I would never witness took place recently when a young woman listed her soul for sale on the internet.

An Albuquerque woman has placed her soul for sale on eBay, requesting a starting bid of \$2,000. So far there are no bids.

A local TV station identified the woman as Lori N. She indicated she put her soul up for sale after a series of unfortunate incidents, including a car accident which left her in a coma for three weeks and resulted in a stroke, a broken hip, broken pelvis and other injuries. (AP story, 7/6/12)

Clearly, Lori is depressed; but would you take \$2,000 for

your soul? People sell their souls every day for far less.

One of the great truths that told in the scriptures is how God is active in human history to reclaim, to buy back the lost souls of those He made in His image through faith Jesus Christ.

Regarding this great truth, of God's desire to "buy back His fallen creation, the scriptures remind us that... 1 Corinthians 7:23 (NIV), "You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men."

For more information about the work of Youth for Christ, you may contact Youth for Christ at 419-782-0656, P.O. Box 111, 210 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512, or email to: defyfc@embarqmail.com

MIKE HEMMELGARN TO PERFORM AT HARLAN DAYS — COMEDIAN, JUGGLER & VENTRILOQUIST

Mark Hemmelgarn will be performing on the Harlan Days Midway Stage on Saturday, August 4th from 7:15-8:15 p.m. He will also be roaming the fairgrounds and performing on Saturday from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Mike has been fascinated with the art of ventriloquism since the age of eight and juggling since the age of 16. He went door-to-door selling newspaper subscriptions to earn enough money to purchase his first "dummy", a hardwood puppet named "Bob". Bob is now in retirement and Mike uses mostly sculpted foam and latex puppets. He first learned to juggle with tennis balls, and has evolved to bowling balls, knives, machetes, torches and other ridiculous things! Finally, magic and balloon sculpting were incorporated to complement one of the most unique acts in the business. Since graduating from Wright State University in Dayton, Oh, Mike has performed at thousands of Corporate Events, Schools, Libraries, Fairs & Festivals, and Theaters. Mike, his lovely (and very fortunate) wife, and



their children happily reside in Springsboro, OH.

Mike's shows are constantly evolving and change according to the needs of your audience. As one spectator exclaimed, "you never know what's going to happen next!" Among the characters you are likely to meet are Butterball the paranoid turkey, Casey the ballistic duck, a 92 year old mid-western farmer named Herman, or Spud, a quick-witted and wildly entertaining ventriloquist puppet. Spud loves to involve the audience and often turns several volunteers into real live puppets—you've got to see it to believe it! The show builds to the dramatic finale where Mike juggles a bowling ball, apple, and flaming torch... while eating the apple! (This is done after performing the chicken dance while balancing a bowling ball, apple, and knife on his forehead!) Mike also juggles everything from balls and juggling pins (with his own unique style, of course!) to bowling balls (one of which he mysteriously removes from a stand-sized briefcase), and even juggles ping-pong balls with his mouth! The highlight of many shows is Rose - an eccentric grandmother puppet, Britney Spears wannabe, and former high-fashion model - who always provides world-class comedy audience participation to this high-energy show and you have lots of fun for everyone! Mike's shows have consistently received standing ovations at banquets, corporate and club events around the country, as well as praise from teachers and school administrators.

For more information on Mike and his show visit www.mikehemmelgarn.com.

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The tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the Harlan Days Headquarters Tent during Harlan Days. The raffle tickets are now available for purchase at Springfield Enterprises in Harlan, and from the Harlan Lions Club.

MORE PRIZES:

- 2nd - The Big Green Egg (grill) sponsored by The BBQ Store.
- 3rd -40" LED 1080p 120Hz HDTV sponsored by Central States Enterprises.
- 4th - Gas Trimmer sponsored by East Allen Ag & Turf.
- 5th - Apple iPad2 sponsored by Star Homes.
- 6th - Caravelle Watch sponsored by Antwerp Jewelers.
- 7th - \$100 Gift Certificate sponsored by Harlan Café
- 8th - Kindle (touchpad) sponsored by Anonymous Donor.

Drawing will be 10:30 PM on Saturday, August 4. Need not be present to win.
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9TH ANNUAL SHELLY LITZENBERG TOURNAMENT - ANOTHER GREAT YEAR



The 9th annual Shelly Litzenberg memorial Softball Tournament took place this past weekend at the Payne Ball Park. There were 7 teams which participated in this annual event. The 1st place team, Donkey Punch, came from the loser bracket and finished by winning against Foltz Insurance. Third and fourth place went to Benchwarmers and Grace Home Improvement, respectively. This year the tournament raised \$4500 in for Paulding County senior scholarships. The volunteers and teams were greatly appreciated for their participation. Shown above is Foltz insurance winning 21-6 against Grace Home Improvement. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

THE SIGNS – THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’

The Pond Report by: State Rep. Phyllis Pond, House District 85

If you suddenly begin noticing on your daily commute to and from work digits on I-69 miles markers and exit signs drastically changing, you are not alone.

The I-69 extension will directly link Evansville and Indianapolis. The extension requires updating existing mile markers and exit designations in northern Indiana. Federal requirements dictate that all existing I-69 mile markers and exits must be assigned new numbers reflecting the additional roadway distance within Indiana.

The expansion of I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville adds approximately 200 miles to the interstate and mile marker zero will be down on the Ohio River. This means that numbers from Indianapolis to the Michigan border will increase by 200. For example, mile marker 86 will now become mile marker 286. Markers on 469 will not change because they measure miles only on 469 from the GM plant east and north where it again joins I-69 at Dupont Road.

By this fall, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plans to have all mile markers replaced and exit signs renumbered.

Exit signs will be updated to display both the new number and old number. This dual signage of exits will be in place for up to five years, which will allow motorists and businesses time to adapt to the new numbers.

A portion of the interstate expansion is expected to open later this year, with the expansion to be fully completed by 2014.

Then the citizens in Southwestern Indiana will soon enjoy the expedited journey that we, in north-eastern Indiana have enjoyed since I-69 was built, connecting us to Indianapolis in a safe, time saving way. Businesses are bound to be attracted to this new highway as they have been along I-69 from Indianapolis to Michigan.

You can learn more about the I-69 extension at www.i69indyeven.org.

LATTA VOTES TO REDUCE RED TAPE: SM BUSINESSES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in favor of H.R. 4078, the Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act. This bill will

enact a freeze on economically significant federal regulations, defined as “likely to have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more,” until unemployment reaches six percent or below.

“With the unemployment

rate still above eight percent, we need to put in place a fair system for job creators, one in which the government does not keep changing the rules. Small business owners in my district have repeatedly expressed their concerns to me about duplicative and burdensome regulations, whether it be regulations from the EPA or the Department of Labor, or any other federal agency, they are apprehensive about the uncertainty it creates for their businesses,” commented Latta.

According to the Small Business Administration (SBA), federal regulations cost \$1.7 trillion annually. A report conducted by SBA found that per employee, small businesses face regulatory costs 36 percent higher than larger businesses. In 2012 alone, the Federal Register has published over 41,000 pages.

“Entrepreneurs and small business owners have built their businesses and have helped to make America the most prosperous nation in the world. Yet, rather than provide incentives for these businesses to grow and create jobs, this administration continues to expand job-crushing regulations,” Congressman Latta stated.

PAULDING COUNTY 4-H RECEIVES FUNDING FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND TECHNOLOGY

Summer is in full swing, and the Paulding County 4-H is busy with summer camps. Because of one of the local farmers and America’s Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM, Paulding County 4-H will continue to support its summer camps and continuing its successful program.

Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. Keith and Susan Wiesehan, from Antwerp, were the winning farmers in Paulding County. They recognized the need to support ag youth and directed the donation to Paulding County 4-H Advisory Council.

“I chose the 4-H because our four children were members,” Keith Wiesehan said. “They participated in the program and had good experiences. This is one way we can give back to them.”

In a ceremony held on July 16 at the Paulding County Extension Office, Keith and Susan Wiesehan got the chance to present the 4-H Advisory

Council with the \$2,500 donation.

“Camp fees do not cover the whole experience, so the grant will cover all other camp costs,” said Jim Lophshire, 4-H county director. “We will also use the grant to help with the program’s technology costs, which keeps the program going.”

Through America’s Farmers Grow Communities:

- Farmers in 1,245 eligible counties have the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organizations.

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- A list of all winners and more information can be found at www.growcommunities.com

Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities such as Paulding County. It aims to highlight the important contributions farmers such as Keith and Susan Wiesehan make every day to our society.



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MY HOSPITAL





**SAM RIVERS, INDIANA
AGENT CHAPTER 26: GARDENING**

By: Stan Jordan

Sam and Callie were sitting outside in the shade of the store. It is about the first part of April 1853 with a nice spring day! Along toward the middle of the afternoon, Rooster, the runner from Fort Kearney, rode in on his horse "Rocket".

They talked awhile about all the news in both places and the weather. Rooster said, "The General wants a report on when to start the gardening work, and how much are we planning on doing?" Rooster is to return to the fort tomorrow with all of the answers.

Well, we talked all evening about what we need from the Fort. We need his new plow, and any extra seeds they can spare, and the tools we need. The Farmer knows all what we need. I understand all four of those soldiers will be with us all summer.

Rooster left this morning and he will be at the fort by night fall. He pushes his horse "Rocket", but he takes care of him too.

The boys from the fort arrived late yesterday, Rooster on his horse, and the other three boys on a wagon load of supplies.

We sat around and had supper that Callie fixed up. The boys took care of the animals and then set up the 12 man tent. With only four soldiers in that tent, each boy will have extra space than normal for themselves.

The Farmer went right out and plowed up all the garden area. The Hunter took his rifle out to get fresh meat. Slim looked after the wood for the store and Rooster was getting the seed potatoes ready for planting.

The boys have been here for a few days and we are all

finished with our gardening here. The weather has really been nice for planting early.

We sat out by the fire and made plans to go to White Elk's camp. Actually, we let Farmer make all the plans since he is in charge of the entire trip.

We left at sun up and traveled all the way to the Loop River and down beside it until we came to our fording place. We made camp there for the night.

We had an early start this morning so we could get to the Indian Village by the middle of the afternoon. The days are longer now and we got there in good time.

A lot of natives came out to see us and made us welcome. Limping Buffalo was there to greet us and we shook-and-howdied all around.

I asked him about his father, White Elk. He shook his head and said, "He is leaving soon on his journey to the Great Hunting Grounds." He says he is ready and wants to go.

Half Moon, the tribe's gardener, came down to the bonfire and was happy to see us. He said he was ready for Farmer to plow up the whole garden area.

Farmer said, "It is not going to rain, so we will plow it all tomorrow."

Next week: Planting Tomorrow

See ya!



The minister was long winded this morning and it seemed he would never finished the sermon. A fellow in the 5th pew, stood up and headed out the back door.

"Where are you going?" said the minister.

"I'm going to go get a hair cut," the man replied.

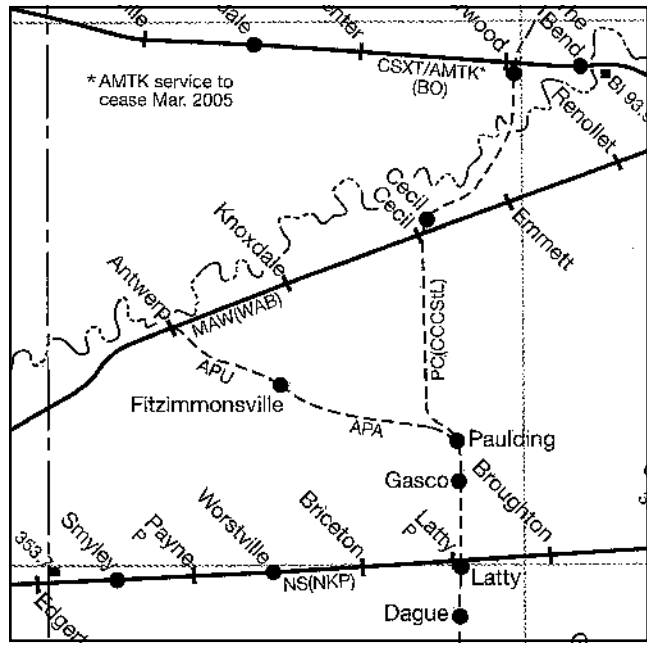
The pastor asked, "Why didn't you get it before you came to church."

The man responded, "I didn't need one then!" 30

The preacher called to the back of the room, "George, wake Charlie up!"

George said, "Wake him up yourself. I didn't put him to sleep!" 30

RAILROAD RUMORS



By: Stan Jordan

The picture of the railroad map was given to me by Jerrett Godeke, a local high school boy who is a great 'railroad buff'.

If you will look at the map closely it shows there was a railroad running southeast from Antwerp to Fitzsimmonsville and then over to Paulding.

We have talked about this railroad before and we could not find any evidence of its existence.

Well, I called Ray Keck of the PC Historical Society and he never heard of such a railroad. But he went through all his records and files about a place called Fitzsimmonsville. He found that in one of the census year files, there was such a man in that area of the 1870-1880 era and born in Carryall Twp.

Mr. 'Jim' Fitzsimmons and his wife, Susan, had a baby girl in 1884. He was a superintendent of the Antwerp Furnace also called the steel mill, east of Antwerp along the Wabash Railroad.

I think that was a going business until they used up all the timber to make charcoal, that they had to have for the extra heat to melt iron for the foundry business.

Mr. Heck told me that Mr. Fitzsimmons owned 4000 acres of timber in this area. He could use the timber and then sell the land off to be cleared of the stumps.

I have talked to some folks and we believe the railroad was planned to be used to bring the logs to the furnace.

We think it was mapped and laid out on paper to be a narrow gauge rail line, but maybe never materialized because of various reasons, maybe financial, lack of trees, unstable future.

I think they used bobsleds to haul the logs to the Wabash and Erie Canal and they had their own canal north to the furnace. But the Wabash Canal, as a main artery of transportation, played a part in its demise. I have spoken with some of the farmers in that area and they have never seen any tracks, ties or anything else that would indicate a railroad actually being there.

In my thinking, Fitzsimmonsville was just inside Carryall Twp at Road 61, where 'Jim' was born. That may have been his name for the homeplace. Who knows? What we do know is there was a narrow gauge train/track at the steel smelter

plant at the time. Otto Ehrhart's Book, *A Century of Progress* shows a picture of this steel mill and train.

That was nearly 130 years ago and most of us agree that it was a railroad on paper only.

I want to thank Jerrett Godeke, Ray Keck, Kay Stoller and anyone else that has given us information concerning this subject.

See ya!

**JACK JACKSON:
THE BIG DATE**

By: Stan Jordan

Jack and Linda had their big date on Friday evening and he told her all of his good news. She told him of all of her classes at the college and her time at the company.

It was a very nice evening and everything went well. Jack told her over dinner that he liked her company and liked being with her. She smiled, nodded and said she felt the very same way.

At her apartment Jack walked her to the door. It meant the end of the perfect evening.

Jack said, "Linda, I'm going to kiss you good night." Then he leaned over got the job done, and pecked her on the lips.

When he leaned up, she reached up and pulled his head back down and said, "That is no way to kiss a girl good night." Then she pulled his head down and flat out put one on his lips that lasted several seconds and his body turned to stone. He was mummified.

She turned and went inside and closed the door, leaned back against it with a

very pleased smile and said to herself, "I sure like that guy!"

Jack stood still like a post. After she closed the door his eyes just rolled around and around like a Nevada slot machine. It felt like she had exploded an M80 in each ear. He couldn't move and didn't want to. "Oh, what a sensation!"

Pretty soon he came out of his trance from that sweet kiss. His feet could move now and he went back to his car and sat there for a few minutes.

"She is so nice," Jack said, "I really like her. If I married her I could get kisses like that everyday or whenever I wanted one! She is the girl for me."

Friends and readers, that whole story is fiction and not true—'til the story about the good night kiss, and that was true. That was my experience on my first good night kiss. Back in 1941 when I was a senior at Antwerp High School, Pauline, my sweetheart and wife of nearly 68 years, was a junior.

Next week, we get back to Linda Mansfield and Jack Jackson.

See ya!

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ME & SNOOPY: WE BLOW PENNUMUNDI

By: Stan Jordan

We got off on time and dropped our extra fuel tank and we stayed right down on top of the tree-top level. That uses a lot of fuel and the heavy 40mm cannon below, uses up fuel too.

I was watching the tree line go by backwards, when I felt an awful bounce and noise. I thought we crashed, but Snoopy was testing the firing mechanism for the cannon. It all worked fine and we just had to get there undetected. Then we have to find the place. Old Dan figured they would have the camouflage off and we should be able to spot the place by the tall V2 Rockets.

Well, Snoopy called back to me and said, "We are about there." He slowed the plane down to about 200 mph so we could see what we were looking for.

Well, by golly, I could see we were close because I could see tracer bullets flying behind our plane. At 200 mph we were almost sitting ducks.

I felt the jarring from the 40 mm gun. I went by the launch pad and I could see fire burning at the first launch site.

I had my two 20 mm guns firing. I just held the triggers down and shot a fuel tank and a couple of other vehicles. I had a lot of hits because a 20 mm shot is all explosive shells. I heard and felt Snoopy fire off two more rounds from the 40 mm cannon.

Now all of this happened in the space of a few seconds. The launch sites were pretty much in a straight row and we hit some and hoped the first fires would burn over to the nearby sites. And that appeared to be happening. I just kept my twin guns firing and we went along the row. I spent my shells on fuel tanks and vehicles. I sure started a lot of fires, and then we were passed the site.

Snoopy pushed the throttle forward wide open and

made stiff bank to the left and we got out of there.

I am too excited to write any more for the records, and I will finish this report next week.

See ya!

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL RECEIVES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD

A recent financial audit for 2011, of Paulding County Hospital, by the Auditor of State, Dave Yost's office has returned a clean audit report. Paulding County Hospital's excellent record keeping has earned it the Auditor of State Award.

Paulding County Hospital CEO, Gary Adkins, stated, "I am extremely proud of the financial department at the hospital and the practices they have put in place to achieve this award. They are to be commended."

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- Must be a GAAP entity without a CAFT (Certified Annual Financial Report) that timely files their financial reports with the Auditor of State.

- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;

- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:

- Ethics referrals
- Questioned costs less than \$10,000
- Lack of timely report submission
- Reconciliation
- Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
- Findings for recovery less than \$100
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2012 HARLAN DAYS HONORARY CITIZENS



Jack and Mary Koch are the Honorary Citizens for Harlan Days 2012. One reason that Jack and Mary were chosen for this honor is because over the last nearly 40 years they have helped in front and behind the scenes to make Harlan Days what it is today. Jack has done much of the electrical work for Harlan Days along with running the Bingo Tent and Children's Parade.

Jack and Mary grew up a little northeast of Harlan and still live in that same area. Jack and Mary both attended Harlan Elementary School. Jack went on to graduate from Woodlan High School and Mary graduated from Leo. They were married on October 20, 1973. Jack and Mary have three sons: Neil (Kara) of Harlan, Nate (Andrea) also of Harlan and Troy of Fort Wayne. They are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren: Trent (10), Evan (3), Camden (1) and twins, Ella & Eve (10 mos.) Jack is retired from Shambaugh & Sons; Mary is retired from Guide Engineering. They attend North Scipio United Methodist Church and enjoy traveling.

When asked if they had anything memorable to say about Harlan Days, this is what they had to say:

"'Wiring up the Park' has been a Koch (and several

others') family tradition for many years. It started long ago when Jack's uncle, Cy Gorrell, and his cousin, Tom Koch, headed up a team of electricians from Local 305 along with local volunteers from the Harlan area to get the park ready electrically for the tents, rides, stages, food vendors and events. These days, Jack, his brother Kenny, cousin Tom, and son Nate are the electricians who head up the team of hard working volunteers who have helped wire up the park for years... continuing the tradition along with Ronnie Phillips, Larry Moon, Jim Klopfenstein and Brian Amstutz, along with their sons.

There are lots of hard working volunteers, too numerous to mention, who work behind the scenes before the fair ever opens. Many of them have done this for over 30 years. The wives have been feeding the hard working crew since the days when Love's Meat Market and later Great-Way Grocery Store used to supply the meat for the ladies to prepare."

Harlan appreciates all the time that Jack and Mary have volunteered and they continue to be a great asset to our community. If you see them, be sure wave as they pass by in the parade. Harlan is honored to have such special citizens!

THE NOBLE PROFESSION

By: Alaina Richert

2% of the population of the United States - That is all the people in this country that live on farms. With most people several generations removed from farming, not many know the joys and trials of farm life.

I feel very blessed that I am able to live on my farm, Richert Ranch. I raise Lincoln and Suffolk sheep, as well as chickens, goats and calves. I am committed to raising happy, animals naturally, without antibiotics and growth hormones. This involves much more work than one might expect, especially with the "dumb" sheep.

Allow me to dispel the myth that sheep are not smart. Sheep run from everything because they are not predators, and when choosing between fight and flight, they will always pick the latter. In addition, they are flock animals, so if one bolts, they all will.

Sheep depend on the shepherd to protect them from all harm. The sheep and shepherd know each other very well. I can tell each of my 60 sheep apart and can identify them by their looks, by their wool, or by their voice. Believe it or not, they all have different 'baas' and personalities. Some are shy, some are outgoing, and some are constant mischief makers.

True, sheep are not rocket scientists; however, they can remember at least 50 different sheep faces and the faces of their shepherds. They know their shepherd well and trust him or her.

A perfect example of this is when, a few days ago, I was standing in the pasture with my ewes. A loud tractor drove by, scaring the sheep. They all ran to me and stood at my feet until it was gone, trusting that I would protect them. This bond between human and animal that sheep create make them a wonderful 4-H project. It is a great chance for children to learn responsibility and to interact with a loving animal.

Raising sheep does take a great deal of responsibility. Every day they have to be fed

and watered multiple times. There are also many occasions throughout the year when extra chores need to be done.

Lambing time in the early spring is undoubtedly the busiest time of year with many late nights and early mornings. If anything goes wrong, I have to be on hand to help. However, seeing a new lamb struggle to stand on its' long, gangly legs is always enough reward for however tired I am.

A close second in extra time spent is shearing. This takes place in the late spring and early fall. This way, the sheep has a small amount of wool during summer and a coat to keep warm with in the cold of winter.

The amount of wool may be sizable during the summer considering that our Lincoln sheep, a rare wool breed, have a fleece that grows one inch every month. In spite of this, I would never shear a sheep right before or during summer.

Wool insulates the sheep against the heat (just like it does against the cold), by wicking sweat away from the body. In addition, wool protects the sheep from bug bites and sunburn. A sheep shorn in the summer would be very uncomfortable. Similarly, a sheep with too much wool suffers. The wool mats, pulls out painfully when caught on things, and becomes incredibly dirty.

Sheep need near constant shepherding, from feeding and watering to hoof trimming and shearing. However, I feel extremely blessed that I am able to care for these amazing animals, carrying on a profession that has been ongoing from before biblical times.

Alaina Richert has raised Suffolk and Lincoln sheep on her family's farm outside of New Haven ever since her she received her first two ewes from her grandfather. She is the fifth generation in her family to raise these wonderful animals and currently owns around 60. About 35 of those are lambs born just this year.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HOLDS GOLF OUTING



Twenty teams participated in the 13th Annual Paulding County Hospital Foundation Mark Teets Memorial Golf Tournament on July 11th. The event, held at Auglaize Golf Club, was won by the Northwestern Mutual team of Aaron Moore, Jim Dibert, Gale Scarborough and Doug Welker with a score of 12 under par. Coming in at a close

second place was the Sarah Mowery DDS team with 11 under par. This golf outing is the largest fundraiser for the PCHF with this year's total of \$7,284 raised. This money is used to award scholarships to the seniors from the three county schools. In 2012, five scholarships totaling \$5,500 were awarded to students pursuing a healthcare career.

THANK YOU

I want to give a big thanks to the Woodburn Alumni Steering committee for all their time and effort in making the July 14th evening and a great success. What a fun day for all who attended, hopefully it can be repeated next year.

—Lois Vongunten
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THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and visits since Ed's accident. We appreciate the kind and caring community in which we live. May God bless each of you.

—Ed and Cheryl Schlatter & family
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COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OF PAULDING OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

This is the 23rd year the Community Health Professionals of Paulding Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Paulding County residents who are pursuing registered nurse training or are now registered nurses working to earn a degree in a specialized medical field.

Applications may be picked up at the Community Health Professionals of Paulding office at 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding. Reference letters from two people acquainted with the applicants are required. The deadline is being extended to August 24, 2012.

Two Paulding County residents will be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISMISSALS

Admissions:

7/23 - Thomas Miller, Antwerp

7/25 - Frederick Black, Payne

7/27 - Robert Dix, Paulding

7/29 - Harry Slattman, Oakwood

Dismissals:

7/23 - Richard Nickols, Paulding; Phyllis Gochenour, Paulding

7/25 - Thomas Miller, Antwerp

7/28 - Frederick Black, Payne

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY PROVIDES FREE WIGS TO CANCER PATIENTS

The American Cancer Society is now offering free wigs to women who are experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatments. There are now six Wig Salons across the following counties: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams.

The Wig Salon program provides free, brand-new, high-quality wigs. There are a variety of colors and styles to choose from and all wigs are made to be adjusted to fit comfortably.

"Wigs can be expensive, but through the Wig Salon program, cancer patients are able to get a very high quality wig for free. It can really provide confidence for a woman during this difficult period and brighten her cancer journey," said Jessica West, Health Initiatives Representative for the American Cancer Society.

Wigs are donated to the Society. Most wigs are synthetic and a small selection of human hair wigs are available at some locations. It is recommended that you call to check for availability of human hair wigs as the inventory changes frequently. To obtain a wig, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit one of the American Cancer Society designated host locations:

Okuley's Lady's Boutique, 1245 East 2nd Street, Defiance, OH; Contact: 419-784-4777, opt 3

Hicksville Pharmacy, 116 East High St, Hicksville, OH; Contact: 419-542-6218

Fulton County Health Center-Rainbow Oncology, 725 South Shoop Ave, Wauseon, OH; Contact: 419-330-2708

Henry County Hospital, 1600 East Riverview Ave, Napoleon, OH; Contact: 419-592-4015

Paulding County Hospital - Home Care Services, 835 North Williams St, Paulding, OH; Contact: 419-399-1161

Mantel's Home Medical Equip., 442 West High St, Suite 6, Bryan, OH; Contact: 419-636-8010

For additional information about the Wig Salon program or to find out about other free services offered through the American Cancer Society, call 1-800-227-23445 anytime, day or night, or visit cancer.org.

ANTWERP MINOR GIRLS SNATCH 1ST PLACE



The Antwerp Minor League Girls Softball team were the champions of the Antwerp All-Star Tournament that was held recently. The Paulding All-Star team came in 2nd place.

The team is pictured from left to right: (front row) Chloe Saul, Alyssa Fuller,

Tiera Barrett; (standing) Kati Carr, Chelsea Johanns, Karsyn Brumett, Kaitlyn Titus, Alyvia DeVore, and Kendyl Miller. Not pictured: Kaitlyn Hamman. Coaches: Mike Carothers, Trisha Fuller, Chad Franklin, and Dave Brumett.

HOUSING COALITION DEVELOPS A PLAN TO ADDRESS REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS

Members of the Northwest Ohio Housing Coalition are in the process of developing a Regional Homeless Service Coordination Plan. The plan is being developed to assure local compliance with the HEARTH Act and to prepare for delivering homeless prevention services through funding from the new Homeless Crisis Response Program.

Key components will include developing strategies that prevent individuals and families from entering homelessness and, where homelessness does occur, to provide for services that rapidly move persons from emergency shelter into permanent housing and reduce incidents of reoccurring homelessness. The regional plan will coordinate homeless services in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties.

A survey to identify attitudes towards current service delivery will be distributed within the next week. The results of the survey and

recommendations for developing a system of coordination and a shelter diversion strategy will be discussed at local meetings to be held in August. Organizations or individuals that provide supportive services to the homeless or near homeless can contact Angie Franklin at afranklin@nocac.org or 419-784-5136 ext. 1138 to participate in the survey and receive information about the planning meetings.

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FINANCIAL TIPS FOR NEWLY SINGLE WOMEN

Financial Focus by: Gabe Pollock, Edward Jones Advisor

Within a marriage, a man and a woman's financial circumstances are generally pretty much equal. But if a divorce occurs, the woman's situation tends to be somewhat more challenging than that of her ex-spouse. And that's why, during this major life transition, you may want to meet with a professional financial advisor to go over your spending needs and your cash flow, so that you know what you absolutely need today — and how you can plan for tomorrow.

Before we get into some possible steps you can take, let's look at some of the reasons that women may fare worse than men, financially speaking, following a divorce:

- Lower income — The average woman's family income drops by 37% after divorce, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In many cases, divorce exacerbates a situation in which women were already trailing men in earnings. In fact, women still only earn 77 cents for each dollar earned by men, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Smaller retirement accounts — The average balance on women's defined contribution plans (such as 401(k) plans) is only 60% of men's average balances, according to LIMRA, a financial services research organization.

Of course, "averages" are just that — averages. But whether you recognize yourself in the above numbers or

not, consider these suggestions:

- Create an emergency fund. Try to put six months' to a year's worth of living expenses in a liquid account. Once you've established this emergency fund, you won't have to dip into long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair, a new furnace or a large medical bill.

- Contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement accounts. Even if you will eventually receive some of your ex-spouse's retirement funds, you need to take full advantage of your own savings opportunities — because it's pretty hard to save "too much" for retirement. If money is tight, it won't always be easy, but contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn the employer's match, if one is offered.

- Rebalance your investment portfolio. If you are now investing for yourself, you'll want to take a close look at your asset mix to make sure it is appropriate for your situation. For example, your risk tolerance may be quite different than that of your ex-spouse's. So if you now have total control over an investment portfolio, you need to make sure it reflects your needs and preferences. Consequently, you may need to "rebalance" your holdings.

- Above all, get some help.

As mentioned above, now is a good time to meet with a financial advisor. And if you don't have much experience in managing your finances, you may even find it helpful to work with a trust company, which can collaborate with your financial provider to manage your assets and also provide a variety of other functions, including bill payment and record keeping. A trust company's services can prove especially valuable to you and your family should you ever become incapacitated.

Unfortunately, a divorce may leave you feeling "at sea"

in many areas of your life. But by following the above suggestions, you can at least help keep your financial ship in calmer waters.

NEW TRUCK PLAZA TO OPEN ON US 24: NEW HAVEN PROJECT HAS 2 EATERIES

By: Sherry Slater, The Journal Gazette

Truckers driving on U.S. 24 will soon have another place to stop for a shower or a sandwich.

Pilot Travel Centers LLC broke ground this week on a new truck plaza at 3105 Doyle Road in New Haven.

The Tennessee company has obtained a \$5 million building permit for the project, but Pilot officials declined to release details to The Journal Gazette.

A spokeswoman said the company, which operates the Flying J brand, doesn't discuss the amenities in its new plazas until they are ready to open.

The travel center is being built three years after the Indiana Supreme Court ruled the project could continue despite claims it violated a local zoning ordinance.

Brian Yoh, New Haven's planning and economic development director, said plans filed with the city indicate the main building will include a driver's lounge, a convenience store, private showers and laundry facilities.

The travel center will also include two restaurants: a Subway sandwich shop and a Huddle House restaurant. Huddle House sells breakfast, lunch and dinner platters, similar to a Bob Evans restaurant.

The truck plaza will have two sides: one designated for tractor-trailer rigs and one for cars and RVs, Yoh said.

He expects 18 fuel pumps. Pilot is following an aggressive construction schedule that could see the project completed by December, he said.

New Haven sits on the busy stretch of U.S. 24 that connects Fort Wayne to Toledo. A \$590 million project to expand the highway to four lanes — referred to as Fort to Port — is set to be completed by year-end.

"It's really a needed facility," Yoh said of the travel plaza.

But relations between New Haven officials and Pilot weren't always so cordial.

City officials changed zoning rules to limit service stations to 2 acres after Pilot bought the 53-acre property.

Officials, including Mayor Terry McDonald, argued that the new zoning rules applied to everyone and should keep

the company from opening a truck stop there.

Some residents had worried the proposed project was too close to their homes.

But the state's highest court disagreed, ending the dispute in 2009.

Yoh on Friday brushed aside questions about the legal wrangling.

"The issues of the past have been resolved and settled," he said. "No hard feelings. The past is the past."

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PUBLIC COMMENT ENCOURAGED ON FISH AND WILDLIFE RULES

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife is holding open house meetings in all five districts to discuss proposed rule changes to Ohio's fish and wildlife rules. The meetings will be Saturday, August 11, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

"Ohio's anglers, hunters, trappers and wildlife enthusiast are encouraged to provide their input on any rule being considered for change," said Scott Zody, chief of ODNR's Division of Wildlife.

Rule proposals encompass new rules for wild animal hunting preserves, commercial bird shooting preserves and wild cervidae to align with recently enacted legislation (House Bill 389). The rule package also includes proposals to define the geographical limits on reservoirs and bag limits on selected fish species.

Also proposed is a modification to the fish fillet rule. The following changes are proposed: fillets must be kept whole until an angler reaches their permanent residence or until the fish are prepared for immediate consumption; there will be no requirement to keep any skin on them; and this rule will not apply to anglers with a receipt from a fish cleaning house or charter captain which states the date, number and species of fish.

Each open house location will have a fish and wildlife biologist, as well as law enforcement officers available to answer questions. For those customers who are unable to attend an open house, comments will be accepted online at www.wildohio.com. The form will be available now until August 12.

Public input gathered at these open houses and through the online comments will be forwarded to the divi-

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(Answers to this puzzle on page 15!)

sion's central office and considered during the formulation of regulations.

Open house locations include:

Central Ohio — District One Wildlife Office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus. For more information, call 614-644-3925;

Northwest Ohio — District Two Wildlife Office, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay. For more information, call 419-424-5000;

Northeast — District Three Wildlife Office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron. For more information, call 330-644-2293;

Southeast Ohio — District Four Wildlife Office, 360 E. State Street, Athens. For more information, call 740-589-9930;

Southwest Ohio — District Five Wildlife Office, 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia. For more information, call 937-372-9261;

Eastern Lake Erie — Fairport Fisheries Unit, 1190 High Street, Fairport Harbor. For more information, call

440-352-4199;

Western Lake Erie — Lake Erie Shores and Islands Regional Welcome Center — West, 770 SE Catawba Road, Port Clinton. For more information, call 419-625-8062.

A statewide hearing on all proposed rules will be held on Thursday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Division of Wildlife's District One office, located at 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus. This hearing is open to the public and comments are permitted. After considering public input, the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposed rules during the October 17 meeting.

For more information or directions to the open houses, visit the Division of Wildlife's website at www.wildohio.com or call 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again the EACS board is floating yet another bond (\$2 MILLION), this time to pay for something that should have been provided for in a properly prepared budget. They don't have enough money for regular maintenance for school buildings. What happened to the money they were supposed to save by closing all the grade schools? They voted to buy iPads for all the students before they considered the ramifications of overspending, yet again. Mr. Algier even stated at a board meeting "maybe we should have spent less on the iPads." The iPads are a great idea, if you can afford them. I think the students will certainly enjoy them. Maybe the Board could use the iPads they bought for themselves for a lesson on budgeting. I think the old saying of "robbing Peter to pay Paul" would apply here, except the taxpayers seem to be "Peter". Do they even have a budget? Where is all the money going? Aren't they supposed to be going through "School Board Training" or are they just not paying attention in class?

—Marcia Geller

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Thanks to everyone.
 We love you all and God's blessings!

—Paul and Betty Smalley

THANK YOU

We the family of Vertie King would like to thank so many of you for your kindness and love shown to mom during her illness, those caregivers at Dallas Lamb, Manor House, Paulding County Hospital and the wonderful staff at the heart department of the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. Also a big thank you for all your condolences, flowers and memorials.

—Jim, Bob & family

WBESC AUGUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The Western Buckeye Educational Service Center has scheduled their regular August governing board meeting for Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is at the Paulding ESC Office, 202 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON 7/12/12

This 12th day of July, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present:

Tony Zartman, Tony Burkley, Fred Pieper, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE COURTHOUSE CUPOLA/DOME ROOF, AND CHIMNEY AREAS OF THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE:

On June 29, 2012, a Derecho Storm went through Paulding County; and on June 29, 2012, at 1830 hours, the Paulding County Commissioners unanimously passed a Declaration of Emergency, recorded in Journal 53, Page 164-1; and as a result of the Derecho Storm, the Paulding County Courthouse sustained structural damage to its cupola/dome, roof, and chimney areas; with the potential of causing harm to County residents from falling debris; and the repairs for said structural damage will exceed fifty thousand dollars. Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners hereby declare the structural damage to the Paulding County Courthouse caused by natural causes is an eminent threat to the general safety of the County residents; and the exception for competitive bidding (ORC 307.86) be applied to repair said storm damage to the Courthouse cupola/dome, roof, and chimney areas due to the existence of the real and present emergency.

CC BANKS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS NOISES OFF



By: Rachel Banks

Looking for a hilarious way to spend an evening out? CCBanks Productions is bringing you *Noises Off*, a British farce that promises to keep audiences hooting and clutching their sides from beginning to end. Michael Frayn's slapstick play within a play begins by taking audiences on the side-splitting journey of one theater troupe's efforts to prepare their play, "Nothing On," for opening night and ends with one of the most disaster-ridden performances anyone could imagine! From missed lines and troublesome prop issues to feuding cast members and an irate director, the show couldn't be in worse shape.

The first act of *Noises Off* shows you a behind the scenes look at the actors' last dress rehearsal before opening night. With many comic stops and starts, the last rehearsal is a disaster for the actors in every sense of the word.

The second act shows a unique back-stage look by literally turning the set around so the audience can see what is actually going on behind the curtains at one of the many performance of "Nothing On." The audience will find, to their gleeful surprise, that backstage is a warzone of jealousy and rage! Just when you thought the show couldn't get any more outrageous, the most unexpected and wild ride you can imagine begins!

The third and final act of the show *Noises Off* lets the audience watch another performance of "Nothing On," this time, from the front. With the most catastrophic perfor-

mance imaginable underway, the audience will watch as the actors fumble and stumble through, while trying to improvise as every single thing that could go wrong, does. The chaos will ultimately lead to the uproarious ending that will have audiences rolling on the floor.

Chris Banks, director of *Noises Off*, has waited several years to bring this hilarious farce to the area. "We are hoping that people will open their minds to an unfamiliar show. *Noises Off* isn't a show many people have heard of, but if people take the time to watch it, there is no doubt that it will quickly become one of their favorites! We are just thrilled to be able to give everyone the opportunity to experience it for themselves!" he says.

The *Noises Off* cast of nine includes Crystal Banks, Denver Henderson, Brian Shetterly, Crystal Bowers, Joshua Hahn, Rachel Banks, David Snyder, Shiloh Wittwer, and Nystin Manson.

You do not want to miss CCBanks Productions at its best, in this one-of-a-kind experience that will have you begging for more! Performances are Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11 as well as Thursday, August 16, and Friday, August 17 at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, Ohio. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Dinner, catered by Grant's, is available by reservation only for all four performances and will be served at 7:00 p.m. Call (419)-506-1085 for more information. Parents are cautioned due to mild suggestive material.

AUGUST 2012 AG PROGRAMS

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

The Paulding County Extension office would like to update area farmers on two upcoming agricultural programs.

The first program is a "Loss Meeting" co-sponsored by the Williamson Insurance Agency. With the drought come many questions regarding crop insurance. To help policy holders better understand the process, the Williamson

Insurance Agency and OSU Extension Paulding County are co-sponsoring a "Loss Meeting" on Wednesday August 8th at 1:00 p.m. The program will be held in the Extension Building located on the fairgrounds at 503 Fairground Drive.

The program will provide you with a better understanding of how your claim will be handled and awareness of your responsibilities. The program will have a question and answer session with insurance adjusters present to handle questions specific to your operation. Local grain merchandisers

will also be present to address your grain questions. Additional information can be found on the Williamson Insurance Agency website at www.cropcoverage.com. You need to register for this program by August 3. To register for this program or other scheduled "Loss Meeting" programs, you can call 888-399-5276 or go the Williamson Insurance Agency website at www.cropcoverage.com and click on calendar.

The second program is an evening session covering "Manure and Cover Crops." For those unable to attend the Manure Science Review Daytime Program on Thursday August 9, an evening program will be held that same day focusing on cover crops, manure application, livestock mortality composting and runoff containment to be held at the McClure Farm, located northeast of Grover Hill at 21460 Rd 48. The evening program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The evening program session titles and presenters include: "Tile Drainage: Control and Treatment" - Larry Brown, OSU Extension; "Good, Bad, and Ugly of Mortality Composting" - Ohio Department of Agriculture personnel; "Settling Tanks for Cost Effective Separation of Swine Manure" - Terry Mescher, ODA Division Soil and Water Conservation; "Cover Crop Field Demonstration Plot" - Glen Arnold, OSU Extension and a representative from Cisco Seeds; and a manure applicator demonstration.

There is no registration or fee required for this evening program. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the Paulding County Extension office at 419-399-8225 for more details.

HARLAN DAYS NOTICE ABOUT VOCAL COMPETITION

The Harlan Days Vocal Competition has been cancelled this year due to the lack of participant registration. We are hoping the competition will return for the 2013 Harlan Days Festival. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

—Harlan Days Committee



STORM STORY FROM OAKWOOD

The big June 29th storm blew down a pole with a transformer on it at the home of Donna Roughton. The Great Lakes Energy crew of Michigan came down to fix it. They put a new pole, transformer and wiring for her. These nice young men did a great job!

Submitted by: Donna Roughton



NEW HAVEN TRAIL OPEN

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THE BEL AIRS TO PERFORM AT HARLAN DAYS

The Bel Airs will perform at Harlan Days on Saturday, August 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m..

The Bel Airs, perennial favorites at Harlan Days, consist of Rocky double slapping on the dog house bass, Stix on stiletto skins, Cousin Elroy channeling Johnny & Carl on lead git-fiddle, Tim croonin' the vocals and strummin' the rhythm, and J.J. on the howlin' squeeze box. The Bel Air family crest just proclaims: "Woo Hoo!"

The Bel Airs, who have been playing steadily for about 30 years, are ruthless in the preservation of our Rockabilly Heritage. Webster (and now Wikipedia) defines Rock-A-Billy as the "...purest American music form..." having an era of only three years in the 50's, becoming the origin of Rock & Roll, and spawning such originators of this style as: Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, and Jerry Lee Lewis, and scores more.

Back "in the day", The Bel Airs are internationally distributed recording artists on The Mystery Train label ("if it's a Hit, it's a Mystery"). Their version of Rosemary Clooney's "This Ole House" broke the top 20 dance hall hits in England. The Bel Air original song "Anna Lee" placed in the prestigious Top Ten New Songs of 1996 by Continental Restyling magazine!

The Bel Airs have opened shows for original and legendary Rock & Roll artists Bo Diddley, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, and Texas Rockabilly legend Ronnie Dawson. The Bel Airs are privileged to have shared the stage with fellow contemporary Rockabilly artists High Noon, Wayne Hancock, the Big Six, and Robert Gordon.

THE LAND WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE: 2012 PG 4-H CAMP

The 2012 Paulding County 4-H Camp, "The Land Where Dreams Come True," has successfully come to a close. 100 campers and 35 Cloverbuds, led by 27 counselors, got to experience many great events that will be in their dreams and memories for a long time. From high-ropes to creek seining, from line dancing to building cardboard boats, from shooting five bull's eyes in a row to the flying squirrel, the campers lived the magic of 4-H Camp Palmer. The Cloverbuds' day was filled with great excitement as well. They got to make crafts, learn dances, and participate in the camp-wide water carnival.

Meeting new people and gaining new friends was the best thing that occurred in this "Land Where Dreams Come True." By the end of camp, it became quite clear how amazing these friendships were. These bonds of friendship, forged through team building and group-living, have been made strong. Many campers were sad to leave camp, and their counselors were not ready to let them go! The only good part of leaving camp is knowing that everyone can come back next year.

The dates of 2013 4-H Camp are set—July 9 to July 13. There is less than a year until everybody can meet again—dream of camp and keep in touch with all of the great friends until then.

NEW HAVEN PLANT PLANS EXPANSION

A New Haven manufacturer will invest \$500,000 and add four jobs in an expansion project announced Wednesday.

JCR Automation Inc., which currently employs 16, plans to buy an existing building at 1426 Ryan Road and add an additional 9,000 square feet for manufacturing and warehouse space.

JCR Automation is involved with a variety of industries but focuses on its continuous-process product line for the high-speed, progressive die stamping industry, a news release from the Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance said. The company also offers custom automation, test equipment and vision-system inspection integration.

Rick Johnson, president of JCR Automation, said in a

FAIRIES AND GNOMES AT ANN'S CAMP!



Ann's Bright Beginnings Campers were recently visited by Mrs. Jenny Grubb. She wanted to do a fairy theme with the children and came VERY well equipped for the day! We listened to a fairy story, made flower hats for the fairies and special hats for our boy gnomes, we did a fairy dance and even made magic wands. What a Fairy-tabulous time we had with Mrs. Grubb!

statement the expansion will help ensure the company's products remain innovative and help it to be a leader in the automation field.

The company plans to invest \$200,000 in the new facility and \$300,000 in new equipment. The Allen County Council on Aug. 16 will be asked to consider phasing in real and personal property taxes associated with the project. JCR Automation could save \$15,013 although the company would still pay more than \$37,471 in local property tax over five years.

www.newhavenbulletin.com

ODOT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR WEEK OF JULY 30, 2012

Did you know this highway fact... ?

Q. The exit plaques on an overhead sign on the interstate indicate the next upcoming exit, but what else do they indicate?

A. The location of the plaque, be it on the left side or right side of the overhead sign, indicates which side of the interstate the exit is located.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:
Jericho Road at Ohio 49

Shown here in the back are from the left: Byron Schmidt, Addison Hunt, Jackson Clark, Joci Schmidt, Faith Clem and Hailey Clem. In the front are: Mallory Fisher, Reina Klemman, and Kati Phares. Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool is still accepting names for the upcoming school year and also for August camp! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more details!

closed July 23 for a culvert replacement project. Traffic on Ohio 49 will be maintained with flaggers. Work is being performed by Defiance County ODOT.

Ohio 15 will close July 30 for approximately one month for a culvert replacement project between Bowman and Watson Roads. Work began July 19 but will not affect traffic until July 30. Traffic will be detoured onto Ohio 66, Ohio 613 back to Ohio 15. Work is being performed by RG Zachrich, Defiance.

Ohio 49 just north of Ohio 249 closed June 4 for a culvert replacement project. The project has been delayed due to issues with the stability of the organic peat soil in the area which will require additional monitoring and engineering. The duration of the delay is unknown at this time. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 249, Ohio 2, Ohio 567 and Ohio 34 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers Construction, Archbold.

PAULDING COUNTY:
U.S. 24 throughout Paulding County restricted in the area of the work zone throughout the week for berm repair. The project will primarily take place in the shoulder area along the highway. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

U.S. 127 and Ohio 613 at their intersection at Latty on the southwest corner will be restricted to one lane for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 637 just north of the Van Wert County line closed for three day beginning August 7 for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 114, Ohio 66, and U.S. 224 back to Ohio 637. Work is being performed by Paulding County ODOT.

Ohio 49 at the south edge of the village of Payne reopened to traffic on July 13. Work on the bridge replacement project will continue through September with at least one lane of traffic maintained at all times. Work is being performed by Dot Con-

struction, Canfield.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

Ohio 108 in Miller City will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 634 between Road T-O and Road C-N will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 12 at the west edge of Pandora will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Putnam County ODOT.

Ohio 65 north of Leipsic to the Henry County line restricted through the work zone for a resurfacing project which is expected to be completed this week. Work is being performed by Bluffton Paving, Bluffton.

VAN WERT COUNTY:

U.S. 224 west of Van Wert will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair at various locations. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

Ohio 49 north of Willshire will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair at various locations. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

U.S. 30 at the ramps at County Road 418 restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by Van Wert County ODOT.

Ohio 709 just east of U.S. 127 is now open.

eTECH OHIO APPOINTS SARAH LUCHS TO CHIEF LEARNING OFFICER POST

eTech Ohio announces the addition of Sarah Luchs to its lead staff as the Chief Learning Officer. Luchs joins eTech Ohio following extensive work with the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio's Digital Learning Task Force. She is a graduate of Denison University and The Ohio State University, having studied politi-

cal science, public policy, and research methods.

Luchs comes to eTech Ohio with more than ten years' experience in the education field. In addition to her most recent engagement facilitating the work of Ohio's Digital Learning Task Force, she has been instrumental in the development of initiatives such as Credit Flex, STEM, High School Transformation, Early College, Dual Enrollment, and Schools of Promise. She has a background in policy, evaluation, and facilitation.

"We are pleased to have Sarah not only because of her impressive credentials, but also because she has a strong track record of creating and enhancing synergy among state education entities," said Greg Davidson, Interim Executive Director. "Her appointment to the eTech Ohio staff will naturally facilitate closer collaboration with partner agencies to make the most of statewide educational technology efforts."

"eTech Ohio has always had an important role in Ohio's education initiatives, and I am delighted to now be a part of that work," said Luchs. "I look forward to learning more as I spend time with staff and those we serve."

Luchs will lead the agency's educational technology practice, which provides funding, professional development, and educational technology enrichment to teachers, administrators, and technology coordinators. Her tenure began July 1, 2012.

About the eTech Ohio Commission

eTech Ohio is putting new technology to use in serving Ohioans from the earliest years through job-embedded training so that learners will succeed in the schools of today and the world of tomorrow. eTech Ohio is comprised of three divisions: the Educational Telecommunications Network, Information Technology, and Educational Technology Services. Together, these departments advance a variety of educational technology initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels.

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COUNTRY INN ENHANCED LIVING DEDICATES NEW TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE



These are the people present at the recent ribbon cutting to dedicate the new transportation vehicle for Country Inn Enhanced Living Center: (l-r) Susie Sanderson, Director of Resident Services; Dorothy Potts, resident; Paula Nuest, Administrator; Orpha Elston, resident; Rod Laukhuf and Randy Wenninger, Board Trustees; and Erika Willitzer, Paulding Chamber of Commerce Director.

Country Inn Enhanced Living Center in Paulding held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony to celebrate the delivery of a 2012 transportation vehicle for the facility. Country Inn residents, board and staff along with Paulding Chamber of Commerce Director attended the dedication ceremony on

July 23rd. The vehicle will hold 14 passengers including two wheelchairs and will be used primarily for activity outings. Activity Director, Cheri Blunier, states that, "We are thrilled that we can be more flexible with outings. We will be able to have opportunity to provide more excursions

with our residents." The vehicle was primarily purchased with funds from anonymous donations. Located in rural Paulding, Ohio, Country Inn Enhanced Living Center is an assisted living facility committed to providing a tranquil environment of loving care in harmony with Biblical principles.

warm, adequate clothing. Ten or twelve soldiers were buried in a cemetery near the stockade at the fort, their names forgotten. These men died of illness or exposure, some may have died of battle wounds received elsewhere because the enemy never attacked Fort Jennings.

Today a monument marks where the fort stood along the Auglaize River. The town of Fort Jennings was founded in 1847. The bank across the street from the monument displays a painting of Lieutenant Colonel Jennings.

—Gloria Fast, Daughters of 1812

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES MAKING EFFORTS TO PROTECT HOOSIER KIDS

The Kruse Report by: State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

As interim study committees meet this summer and fall, members of the General Assembly will review a variety of issues that prompted informal investigations this past legislative session. One particularly prominent topic is the management of Indiana's Department of Child Services (DCS). Over the past few years, many changes in the agency's system have been met with both positive and negative reaction.

Recently, DCS made a series of modifications to its overall structure, including centralizing its child abuse hotline, transferring foster home services to private companies and changing how the department allocates its funds. Following these adjustments, some Hoosiers began to question how well DCS handled its duties while others praised them for their commitment to child welfare.

Some who interact with DCS considered its move to a centralized child abuse hotline in 2010 to be a step in the wrong direction. Executive director of the Indiana Association of Residential Child Care Agencies (IARCCA) Cathy Graham said consolidating child abuse hotlines cut ties between local personnel who worked together on these issues, such as school social workers, guidance counselors and community leaders. According to Graham, these individuals were screened out when reporting concern for children they communicated with every day.

However, DCS Director James Payne said the switch to one statewide child abuse hotline was a positive modification, ensuring complaint calls were responded to in the same way across the board. Prior to this change, counties varied in their individual screen out rates for complaints. One county would respond to 80 percent of calls while another would answer close to zero, Payne said. With that, a child's safety was subject to the responsiveness of his or her local DCS branch. Following the hotline consolidation, the overall number of screened out calls began to align with the national average and helped the department focus their efforts rather than being "all things to all people," Payne said. With the reported success resulting from this move, other states followed or explored Indiana's model, including Arizona, Illinois, West Virginia, Iowa, Michigan, Okla-

homa and Louisiana.

Critics also questioned DCS after approximately \$104 million was returned unspent to the state this past fiscal year. They said its current budget cut spending on child protection services, reduced staff support and moved foster home services to indifferent, detached private companies.

However, DCS reported it had saved money in its budget by improving its practices for child placement. Following research showing that children fare better if they live with relatives, DCS now places more children with extended family rather than expensive residential care facilities. DCS moved from placing 1,633 children in residential care facilities in May 2007 to 639 in January 2012, putting more clients in familiar settings they could transition into easily and thrive.

In a press conference last month, Chief of Staff John Ryan announced DCS will be investing approximately \$37.8 million over the next three years in new programs to assist families and children. These funds will help an additional 11,000 families every year and provide for two new programs: Collaborative Care, to support older youth moving into adulthood, and After-Care, to assist families transitioning out of DCS services. Additionally, DCS has added hundreds of family case managers to care for clients and focus their services more directly. The number of managers has increased from 785 in September 2004 to 1,614 in February 2012.

Overall, the last few years have highlighted the unique challenges faced by one of our most valuable state departments. As DCS moves forward with its new programs and budget, lawmakers will continue to monitor the organization and assess potential areas for improvement, just as it does with any state agency. At the end of the day, keeping our children and families safe and healthy will remain the top priority for everyone involved in this process.

What do you think?



BEKAH BRADLEY TO PERFORM AT HARLAN DAYS

Bekah Bradley will be performing at Harlan Days on Friday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. on the Midway stage. Bekah is a small-town girl from Ohio with big dreams. Her biggest inspiration is Celine Dion, and she loves listening to Contemporary Christian Music. Bekah recently graduated from a small liberal arts Christian university with a degree in Business Management. Bekah spent the last four months of her college career at the Contemporary Music Center in Nashville, Tennessee. There, she spent her time recording, performing, writing songs, and touring with the school throughout the Midwest. She writes music about people in her life and the trials she has experienced. Bekah Bradley is a pop country artist with a natural country tone that is instantly recognizable. She will soon be embarking on a new tour to assisted living and nursing homes throughout the Northwest.

Growing up Bekah has sung in churches, nursing homes and many different musical competitions. She was the 2009 Grand Champion of a local televised competition known as Wish Upon a Song, the 2011 winner of the Hamler Country Fest—Texaco Country Showdown, and also won the Harlan Days Vocal Competition in 2011. Bekah has been playing guitar for the past four years and plans to pursue a career in music as a pop country artist.

1812 FORT JENNINGS

In early September of 1812, a group of about 600 Kentucky Militia were mustered into the army at Frankfort, Kentucky. These riflemen joined General William Henry Harrison's army and traveled north. Harrison's plan was to place forts along the Auglaize River one day's travel apart.

On September 21, 1812, Lieutenant Colonel William Jennings was ordered to cut

a road from Fort Barbee (St. Marys) halfway to Fort Winchester (Defiance). He would move north beside the Auglaize River and establish a fort midway, then escort provisions on to General James Winchester on the Maumee River. Jennings moved his men forward but stopped when reports came back from the north that the Indians were at Fort Winchester. Jennings started building a stockade on the site.

Fort Jennings was built on

the Auglaize River in northwest Ohio (Putnam County) and was established as a storage site for supplies for soldiers advancing down the Auglaize River and along the Maumee River. The fort consisted of a stockade wall and crudely constructed buildings all built of logs from the surrounding forests. Cattle and hogs were kept in enclosures outside the fort and used for their food supply, with a nearby shed used for butchering and as a smokehouse. Sheds were built and used for storing food supplies for the soldiers, and other sheds contained oats and hay for horses. The fort and cabins established there offered little protection against the weather, staying warm meant staying near the fire and keeping the fire going meant chopping and bringing in firewood. On the wintery days that followed, the duties for the men were keeping the fire going, preparing meals, making ammunitions and sentry duty.

General Harrison wrote the War Department, telling them of the impossibility of moving supplies on land because of this swampy wilderness. Provisions had to be carried in wagons or on pack-horses, and it was a struggle on muddy paths. The fall of 1812, the rivers were too low for boats to be used and the road from Fort Barbee to Fort Defiance was still muddy.

In March 1813, the Kentucky troops had completed their six-month tour of duty, Lieutenant Colonel Jennings led his troops out of northwestern Ohio and returned to Kentucky. Ohio militiamen under Captain Van McHenry took over at Fort Jennings and spent their summer repairing existing buildings and constructing new ones. They prepared ammunition, food and boats for the army and guarded supplies going through the Black Swamp. The river often proved to be a hazard for the soldiers and supplies, boats would get upended and the supplies lost.

Unknown numbers of men served some of their tour of duty in Fort Jennings. The men served together and all suffered from lack of food and

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Elementary/Second-

ary Registration - August 7, Noon-7:00 p.m.; August 8, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Harding Area Schools Registration (translators will be available):

Paul Harding Jr. High - August 6, Noon-7:00 p.m.; Southwick - August 7, Noon-7:00 p.m.; Prince Chapman - August 8, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parents please be sure to bring Password or Activation Codes to register at school. Parents are required to register each student at his/her assigned school. For more information, please contact the child's assigned school.



ANTWERP'S GEM OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce and recognize the 2012 Gem of the Year! After receiving and tabulating nominations from the community Karen Sanders has been selected as this year's Gem.

Many people in the area know Karen for several reasons. She was raised in the Payne, Ohio area and moved to Antwerp when she married her husband Jay (Homer) Sanders II in 1964. Together they operated Sanders Auto Rebuilding between Antwerp and Cecil, from 1983 until 2010. Their two sons are Homer III and Roger. Jay passed away in July of 2010.

The community really began to know Karen through her work that earned her the Gem nomination. She spearheaded the effort to build the All Veterans Memorial that now stands in Antwerp's Riverside Park. She said that she had helped with community projects before, but nothing of the magnitude of the memorial.

In 2007 she visited her cousin in Illinois, where there is a veterans memorial. She was inspired and thought, "Antwerp can do this!" A committee was formed in 2008, beginning with three long-time friends. After that there were public meetings and more individuals joined the diversified committee. She shared that there were a few doubters, but mostly the community was on board with the project.

After the design came the location and fund raising. The old Civil War statue in Riverside Park was in sad shape and needed to be relocated to an open area. The committee hosted all kinds

of fund raisers, about one per month. Over \$128,000 was raised from individual donation and fund raisers. No tax dollars! With Karen's leadership the memorial was dedicated in August of 2010.

After completion of the memorial Karen got busy with her next project, a book to tell the stories of the Antwerp Veterans. The book, *After 200 years, Why Freedom Still Rings, in Antwerp, Ohio*, is currently at the publisher and will be available this fall.

When asked what her next project may be, she said, "Well that old cemetery next to the park sure needs a lot of work!" It has been estimated that it would take a million dollars to restore all those headstones. Karen is not a quitter and is an inspiration to many. Who knows what she'll do next?

After researching the memorial and book projects, it is believed that Karen knows where every cemetery in Paulding County, Ohio is and who is buried there.

Karen enjoys crocheting, volunteering at the Bargain Box in Hicksville and taking pictures. On August 11 she will be in the Antwerp Day In The Park parade and recognized at the opening ceremony at 11:15 a.m. She will also have a place of honor throughout the day. Be sure to stop by and say hello!

BACK IN THE BLACK

Pond Report by: IN State Rep. Phyllis Pond, House District 85

Your parents may have taught a lesson about fiscal responsibility. This lesson probably went something like this; "no money, no toy". This lesson is still being taught across our nation and some states and especially the federal government has yet to learn this lesson.

However, in this era of gross overspending at the state and federal level, Indiana stands out among the rest. The state has recently reported that Indiana will end the 2012 fiscal year with a \$2 billion surplus.

At a time when state governments are bleeding money at such an alarming rate, Indiana has managed to have money in the fiscal reserves.

As a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, I along with my fellow legislators, have exercised fiscal prudence and have made difficult decisions necessary to keep our state in the black without raising taxes. This is not the case in other states. In 2012 alone, 23 states either cut funding for k-12 education and/or funding for pre-kindergarten. Indiana, though, has increased funding and was able to fully fund full-day kindergarten.

Getting Hoosiers back to work and passing legislation that does so is a big reason why Indiana is in such a strong financial position.

This past year, we also looked to help make families more financially solvent by trying to attract and retain more jobs here in Indiana. We continued to build upon our economic development toolbox by passing Right to Work (RTW). According to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Right to work is already working. In fact, since the passage of RTW 58 companies have

communicated to the IEDC that Indiana's enactment of RTW will factor into their decision making process of where to locate their current projects. Companies are expanding because of the friendly business climate created by legislation such as Right to Work, which does help put Hoosiers back to work.

The more people working generates more income for the state, strengthens the state economy and all Hoosiers benefit as a result.

I am glad to have helped cultivate a friendlier business climate in Indiana which helps bring more companies and jobs for Hoosiers.

LATTA VOTES IN FAVOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted in favor of H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act, sponsored by Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), which will remove current restrictions on how the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) can audit the Federal Reserve and allow for a complete audit of the Fed. Under current law, a full audit from the GAO is prohibited,

specifically on agreements with foreign central banks and governments and monetary policy operations.

"Since 2008, the Federal Reserve, an unelected central bank, has lent nearly \$16 trillion in a series of bailouts and economic interventions. While its monetary policy decisions affect every American, the Federal Reserve remains unaccountable to the American taxpayers and to Congress," said Congressman Latta.

Monetary policy decisions and agreements with foreign central banks make up the bulk of the Fed's operations, but are exempt from audit. This bill would require a one-time, full audit to be completed by GAO and for a report to be submitted to Congress within 12 months of its enactment.

"As our national debt continues to spiral out of control, the American people deserve greater transparency into the Fed's monetary policy decision process and it should be held accountable to the American taxpayers," Latta concluded.

The bill is cosponsored by Congressman Latta and has over 250 bi-partisan cosponsors.

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Sudoku solution from page 10

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9	2	8	4	7	6	1	5	3
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7	3	2	5	6	4	9	8	1
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MORE ON ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK

A Day In The Park in Antwerp would not be complete without a cruise-in. On August 11, 2012, this park event will include "Wheels In The Park" cruise-in. Everyone is invited to bring their "Baby" and show it off. Your "Baby" could be your special car, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, scooters, any mode of transportation. There will be a special spot in the park for your "Baby." For more information call Dan at 419-506-0607 or Chuck at 419-258-7374.

The weather is always a factor for an outdoor event. The community has been blessed with good weather most years, but sometimes it does rain and out come the umbrellas. This year the Umbrella Parade will be an entertainment event. Anyone planning to attend Day In The Park is invited to decorate an umbrella, bring it and enter it in the competition. There

will be first, second and third prizes awarded. The day will be filled with food, games, crafts, entertainment, the cruise-in and The "Little Diamond Express" train. Mark's Ark traveling mini zoo will be in the park from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. The day begins with a traditional parade through downtown at 10:00 a.m. For more information on the parade or to register, contact Brian at 419-258-1312. To close the day the VFW and the Boy Scouts will have a ceremony to honorably dispose of U.S. flags that are no longer usable. Anyone with such a flag may bring it to the park that day. It may be left at the Chamber tent if you are not able to stay for the ceremony.

Come, enjoy the day at Riverside Park on East River Street August 11 at Antwerp, Ohio. You are encouraged to bring folding chairs as seating in the park is limited. Day in the Park is sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, 419-258-1722.

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grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. Both are retired from farming in 1997. Merle worked construction for many years and Eloise retired in 1995 after 25 years as a unit secretary at Parkview Hospital. They continue to live on the farm near Woodburn. They will host an open house at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn on August 4, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSFER POLICIES

By: State Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

It is always the goal of education systems to help students thrive in their learning environments and attain academic success. Oftentimes, there are certain settings where parents feel their children would flourish better, and they transfer their student to a school that reflects that environment.

Recently, there has been growing concern over a practice known as "cherry-picking" or selective admittance - where public schools use different criteria to determine whether to accept non-resident transfer students. Many view cherry-picking as favoring certain students over others, while some see it as a way for schools to maintain local control.

Last Monday, I co-chaired the Select Commission on Education meeting where we heard public testimony regarding this practice at the public school level. Many witnesses claimed Indiana schools are discriminating against prospective non-resident transfer students on the basis of academic abilities, discipline records, needs for special education and English-speaking skills. They testified that schools are able to maintain high test scores and performance ratings by accepting only "the best" students - a practice that Superintendent of Marion Schools Steve Edwards called "artificial accountability."

Others said cherry-picking is a symptom of high-stakes testing and labeling schools based on these scores. In order to be viewed as capable and competent, it would be in a school's best interest to reject low-performing transfer students who would jeopardize their high performance ratings. These opponents perceive the issue as telling certain students they are not worthy of a good education and placing too much emphasis on performance data and rankings rather than helping students learn.

Some testified that school districts should be allowed to deny non-resident transfer students but only if it would put them over capacity. Others believed that administrators understand the capabilities of their schools better than those outside of the system and should therefore have the discretion to determine if a particular student would flourish and prosper in the new learning environment. One witness, Indiana School Board Association Executive Director Frank Bush, used the example of magnet schools' tests for prospective

students. He said if a student were seeking admittance to a magnet school for the arts and a test found they were not artistically inclined, it is likely that a curriculum focused on art education would not benefit them.

In the same way, proponents of selective admittance believe public schools should have the discretion to admit transfer students who would do well in their scholastic environment and suggest a better academic fit for those who would not. Accepting non-resident transfer students who would not prosper could lead to problems like

drops in grade point averages or difficulties keeping up with new coursework. In the end, moving to a new school may not be beneficial to some students. By selectively admitting transfer students, the schools can prevent negative outcomes.

Under House Bill 1081 introduced last session, school corporations would have been required to annually establish how many interdistrict transfer students they would admit and could only deny students based on capacity. While this bill did not become law, it set the tone for the debate over public school transfer policies

that followed and will likely arise during the 2013 legislative session.

In the next few months, the Select Commission on Education will continue to discuss this issue along with others related to our academic system. The goal of our study committees is to establish a thorough comprehension of certain topics before the upcoming legislative session. Fully understanding the background of an issue will allow the General Assembly to create legislation that will successfully respond to constituent concerns.

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