

WORLD IMPACT TOUR IS HERE

Planning is complete, most issues are resolved and things are falling into place as over the weekend the different teams for the Impact World Tour arrived at Van Wert and began setting up for different events to be held at Van Wert High School the first part of the week and then on to Wayne Trace for Friday and Saturday to finish their tour. Van Wert will kick off the events starting Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. with their first event that will be followed each night Monday - Thursday as TeamXtreme, Death and Desire, GX International and Island Breeze perform. There will be assemblies with the different teams in different area Van Wert high schools and middle schools throughout the week. Tickets will be available at these assemblies, in various locations around Van Wert and Paulding Counties and a few

will be available at the door on a first come first serve basis. Start planning now to come early because seats will fill up fast.

There is more good news! It doesn't end in Van Wert because later in the week TeamXtreme and GX International will move into "The Palace" at Wayne Trace in Paulding County for performances on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 both nights. In addition to the performances, there will be assemblies at Wayne Trace, Hicksville, Antwerp, Paulding, Continental and the Edgerton Jr/Sr High Schools. These assemblies will be stressing moral issues with the students as the teams demonstrate some of the extreme sports and an invitation to come to the Friday and/or Saturday event(s) at the Wayne Trace "Palace". Each student will be offered (Continued on Page 2)

LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MS BIKE TOUR



Jerry & Mary Ellen Walk and grandson Zack Walk

Did you know there are over 3000 people in Northwest Ohio who have MS? Raising \$300.00 can fund books and videos for the lending library; \$500.00 can support two self-help groups; \$750.00 can provide resource materials for 50 families; \$1000.00 can fund educational programs for newly diagnosed individuals; \$1500.00 can provide a Hoyer lift for bed transfers; and \$2000.00 can purchase three light-weight wheel chairs.

Jerry and Mary Ellen Walk will be riding in the MS bike tour again this year. The Reeves Northrup Memorial MS Bike-to-the-Bay is the premier 2-day bicycling event in the Midwest. Last year 958 rode in the event. The tour begins at the Lucas County Fairgrounds in Maumee. This event offers four different mileage route options: 50, 75, and 100 miles per day; or the Saturday only, one-day route "35 and home".

This year Jerry and Mary Ellen's grandson, Zack Walk, will be riding with them. Zack is a freshman at Antwerp Local School. He is an honor roll student, a member of the football team, and the track team. He works at the Ice Cream Depot. They plan to ride the 75 mile route.

There are rest stops fully stocked with snacks and beverages every 10 miles. Both days Subway furnishes lunch. The first day ends at Port Clinton High School where riders enjoy a delicious pasta dinner.

The second day of the tour begins at Port Clinton High School where riders are treated to a "flying pancake" breakfast. Riders then pedal back to the fairgrounds in Maumee where they receive a delicious barbecue chicken dinner.

Each rider has to pay a fee, and raise a minimum of \$200.00 for MS. To help raise money for their trip there will be a benefit garage sale at Jerry and Charlotte Wolf's, 202 Oak Street, Antwerp, April 27,28, 29. If you are unable to attend the garage sale, and would like to contribute you can mail a check, made out to the National MS Society to Jerry and Mary Ellen Walk, 6360 Rd. 192, Antwerp, or Zack Walk, 16854 Rd 63, Antwerp. Last year Jerry and Mary Ellen were able to raise

\$1825.00. Their goal this year is \$2000.00.

What is multiple sclerosis?

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness or tingling in the limbs or severe such as paralysis or loss of vision. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted. Therefore, a person with MS never knows when attacks will occur, how long they will last, or how severe they will be. Its unpredictable physical and emotional effects are lifelong. Approximately 400,000 Americans acknowledge having MS, and every week about 200 people are diagnosed worldwide. This means that someone is diagnosed with MS virtually every hour.

MS is thought to be an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system (CNS). The CNS consists of the brain, spinal cord, and the optic nerves. Surrounding and protecting the nerve fibers of the CNS is a fatty tissue called myelin which helps nerve fibers conduct electrical impulses.

In MS, myelin is lost in multiple areas, leaving scar tissue called sclerosis. These damaged areas are also known as plaques or lesions. Sometimes the nerve fiber itself is damaged or broken. Myelin not only protects nerve fibers, but also makes their job possible. When myelin or the nerve fiber is destroyed or damaged, the ability of the nerves to conduct electrical impulses to and from the brain is disrupted, and this produces the various symptoms of MS.

What is the National MS Society doing?

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds more research and offers more programs for people with MS and their families than any other voluntary healthcare organization in the world. Chapters nationwide deliver services and provide comprehensive and empowering programs to a population of more than a million people — individuals with MS, their families and

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WACHTMANN AMENDMENT DELAYS HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT RULES: PUSHES FOR ACCURATE COST ESTIMATE

In an effort to prevent the costly new sewer regulations currently under consideration by the Ohio Department of Health, State Senator Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) won overwhelming support (32-1) in the Senate for an amendment that would delay the implementation of new rules governing household and on-site sewage treatment systems. Wachtmann's amendment, which was accepted as part of House Bill 530, the budget reappropriations bill, will provide more time for experts to examine the costs of the new regulations and what that will mean, practically speaking, for Ohio families.

The household sewage rule updates stem from House Bill 231, passed during the last General Assembly. The bill required the Ohio Department of Health to set new regulations for home and on-site sewer systems. The Department made their recommendations and had hoped to have the new rules approved by early May. These rules would apply to all new residential construction as well as existing homes with septic systems.

The Senate voiced concerns as to the uncertainty surrounding the cost of complying with the new rules and believes that if the rules were to go into effect as planned, the state could risk pricing families, especially in rural areas, out of building new homes and selling their existing homes.

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CORRECTION

We would like to apologize to the campaign of Lou Ann Wannemacher for our lack of thoroughness in proof reading her ad in the last issue of the paper.

Humbly,
the staff of the
West Bend News

THANK YOU

Thanks to all my family and friends who sent prayers, cards, flowers, or helped in anyway during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Joe for his visits and prayers along with the Lord's help I am getting stronger and better everyday.

Tina Huebner

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Compassion, please. I lost a son 27 years ago on May 6. I have had a lot of heartache with that lost. In my yard, I had a cement little boy holding a bird—it was for my son. Someone decided to take it from my yard. I'm asking from the bottom of my heart to please return it. My heart is broken again. Please bring it back.

Jody Shaffer

The deadline for ads and article submissions is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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Walter Henry Yenser, 73, of Paulding, died April 10, at his residence.

He was born in Paulding County, February 20, 1933 the son of Charles and Matilda (Klima) Yenser. On January 17, 1956, he married Deloris I. Boroff, who preceded him in death on August 21, 2000. He retired from G.M. Powertrain, Defiance, in 1999, after 48 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding, and the U.A.W. #211.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey (Cindy) Yenser, Weston, OH, and Joseph (Linda) Yenser, Defiance; two daughters, Dorrean (Barry) Vance, Paulding, and Waldean (Joseph) Webber, Bryan, OH; four sisters, Amy Noffsinger, Continental, OH, Emma "Katie" Brown, Defiance, OH, Viva Brown, Nappanee, IN, and Evelyn Schlegel, Paulding; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; a son, Jeremy Yenser; two sisters, Lucy Schmunk Dangler, and Virginia Doster; and two brothers, William Yenser and Gale Yenser.

Funeral services were held April 14, at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and Pastor Charles Schmunk officiated. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church, Paulding or Paulding County Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Gaylen L. Smith, 70, of Hicksville, died at his home on April 10.

He was born on June 19, 1935 in Kalida, OH the son of John C. and Dorothy (Heising) Smith.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1954. He married Donna Brannan, his wife of 48 years, who survives. He was a member of First Church of Christ, Hicksville; previously he was a Sunday School teacher, deacon, elder and Sunday School superintendent at West Milford Church of Christ, Hicksville. He was involved in the community as a Pony League baseball coach, Cub and Webbo Scout leader. He worked as a Tool & Die Setter at Hayes-Albion, West Unity, OH for 17 years and Meyer Stamping & Mfg., Ft. Wayne, IN for 17 years until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife Donna; three sons: Rick (Lisa), Toledo; Roy (Pam), Hicksville; Philip (Lea), Toledo; three daughters: Gale Smith and Monica Smith, Hicksville and Tina Smith, Kendallville, IN; six grandchildren: Benjamin, Leah, Emily, Nathan, Amelia and Grace Smith; two brothers: Robert of Hicksville; Harold of Butler, IN; two sisters: Helen Mooney of Poplar Bluff, MO and Sandra Essex of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister: Eleanor Kornell.

Funeral services were April 14 at the First Church of Christ, Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman officiated. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials: First Church of Christ or Hospice of Defiance County or American Cancer Society or Johnson Memorial Library.

Lizzie Leora (Mullett) Hochstetler, 93, of Hicksville, passed away April 9 at her home. She was born June 2, 1912 at Cimarron, Kansas to Henry B. and Alta (Schrock) Mullett.

In December 1937 she married Ervin W. Hochstetler who preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are four sons: Lonnie (Shirley), Shipshewana, IN; Edward, Willard (Janette), William (Leora), all of Hicksville; three daughters: Mary (LaVern) Lengacher, Centerville, PA; Sara (Harry) Bender, Hicksville; and Ada (Vernon) Beachy, Spencerville, IN; 32 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and a sister, Sarah Miller of Hicksville.

Also surviving are three half-sisters: Clara Heffelfinger of Hicksville, Marie Yoder of Homeworth, OH, Eva Shetler of LaPlata, MO; five half-brothers: Enos Mullett of Millersburg, IN, Henry Mullett Jr. of Milton, IA, Melvin Mullett of Topeka, IN, LeRoy Mullett of LaGrange, IN and Alvin Mullett of Monta Vista, CO.

Preceding her in death were two grandsons, one great-granddaughter, a daughter-in-law, Doris Hochstetler, three brothers: Elmer, Alfred, and William Mullett; one sister: Esther Mullett; and two half-brothers: Eli and Mahlon Mullett; and one half-sister, Erma Mullett.

The funeral was at the home of Junior Mullett, 05469 Huber Rd., Hicksville, OH, April 12. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Bennie B. Baker, 93, of Hicksville, died at Hickory Creek of Hicksville on April 12.

He was born in Milford Township on October 26, 1912 the son of William F. and Marguerite (Crary) Baker.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1930 and International Business School, Ft. Wayne, IN. He was a lifelong farmer and custom truck hauler. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville and lifetime member of Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556.

He is survived by a sister: Emma Conley, Hicksville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Roger and Lee J.

The funeral service was on April 15 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Daniel Fugate offici-

ated. Burial was at Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials to Hickory Creek Activity Fund.

Helen H. Slesman, 87, of Antwerp, passed away April 12 at Spring Meadows Care Center, Wookstock, Champaign County, Ohio.

Born in Antwerp on January 26, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Everette and Naone (Hughes) Hartman. Helen married Norman Slesman in 1961. He passed away in 1999. She retired as an Inspector at Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp. Helen also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp. Helen was a 1937 graduate of Antwerp High School and a past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Grover of Cable, OH; sisters: Ruth Overmyer of Hicksville and Sharene Carroll of Fort Wayne; brothers, Bill Hartman of San Mateo, CA, and George Hartman of Hicksville; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Her sister, June Peffley has passed away.

Funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, on April 15 and Reverend Charles Kamp officiated. She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Contributions may be made to her family.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Girl Scout Leader Day is April 22, 2006.

Happy Leader's Day to all the leaders of Paulding County.

30 years of Girl Scouting—that's over half my life! Back in the dark ages when you had to be in the second grade to become a Brownie, through high school, to 20 years to be a registered life member. The changes I've seen! The memories I've made. From summers at Camp Unilayi, campouts, pit latrines, to digging your own latrine. Making camp fires that would stay lit during monsoon rains to meeting Gloria Stienem at an older girl event.

Starting the first Daisy troop in my county and having three girls earn their Silver Awards and then two of them earning their Gold Awards. Serving as an advisor for four other girls who earn their Gold Awards.

To taking girls to the first ever Girl Congress and to serve as a delegate at the National Convention. Coming home to spread the buzz of the new directions we are heading for.

The hair may be gray and yes, it's tough getting up from another campout, but would I give it all up? Not on a bet, it's been way too much fun and there's still a lot of memories to be made. Sign me up for another 20 years!!!

Ellen Townley

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Woodburn Fellowship, Woodburn

This is our third week in this series on what it means to live like Christ. What we are speaking of here is one who is a follower of Christ, a disciple of Christ, or simply a Christian.

"Christian", of course, means "little Christ". Followers of Christ were first given that name at Antioch, as recorded in Acts 11:26. I imagine that it was a startling, stunning name when it was first used back in Acts.

Unfortunately, the impact of that name seems to have been greatly reduced over the past two thousand years. These days, for most people, "Christian" doesn't seem to say very much. It seems like most anyone can claim to be a Christian or call someone else a Christian. The word is not even used in a positive sense by many in today's world.

But whenever a believer in Christ begins to truly live like Christ, then the name "Christian" begins to take on a power of its own... a power of Christ's own.

How do we get there? Listen again to Eugene Peterson's definition of a follower of Christ—a trained attentiveness to God in prayer, in Scripture reading, in spiritual direction.

How do we train ourselves to be attentive to God? Obviously, prayer and Scripture reading are foundational. The Bible is nothing less than God's Word. God's revelation of Himself to each of us. And prayer is, in its most simple sense, conversation with God—speaking to and listening from God.

It is the listening—in prayer, in Scripture reading, in all of life—where we seem to require the most help. Again, how do we train ourselves to be attentive to God?

The answer lies in the twin disciplines of silence and solitude. We must separate ourselves from the multiple distractions of our world, separate ourselves from others, and, in silence, learn to wait before God... expect to hear Him speak to us.

This is a discipline. It is hard work. But it is also the secret to knowing God. Make no mistake, God can speak to you and me whenever and wherever He wants. But also understand that God expects a trained attentiveness to Him—silence and solitude—believing that He is there with you and believing that he wants to speak to you.

Next week we will continue discussing silence and solitude.

PAULDING COUNTY BE-NEVOLENCE SOCIETY

The Paulding County Benevolence Society meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1 at the St. Jacob United Church of Christ at 207 W. Oak St., Payne.

There will be installation of officers for the coming year. President Florence Fisher is chairman of the potluck supper with the help of all members.

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SPRING TEA AND STYLE SHOW PLANNED IN OAKWOOD

The Oakwood Library Association is planning a Spring Tea and Style Show. Fourteen ladies have been chosen to hostess a table for the luncheon that will be served at 11:30 on April 29 at the Cornerstone Fellowship Hall in Oakwood. Many table variations are expected as each lady provides the entire setting from theme, centerpiece, and china in her desired style. Among the themes that have been announced are Quilted Heaven, Buttons and Bows, Blue Willow, Heirloom Treasures, Golden Afternoon, English Countryside, Feline Fantasy, and Tea in the Garden. Each attendee will receive a favor and there will be 14 door prizes.

During the luncheon local models of all ages will wander among the tables displaying the latest styles from the Defiance JC Penney and Goody's department stores. Seats are limited so if interested call the Oakwood Library at 594-3337 for details or contact event chairpersons Karen Jacobs, Anada Cooper, or Sue Brown. All proceeds will go towards the ongoing fund raising campaign to convert the former Cooper Furniture Stores into the new Oakwood Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

Sue Brown

(Continued from Page 1) a free ticket to come to either or both nights of the event. These two events are extremely popular with the youth but it is important to know that families, young and old are welcome to come and enjoy one or both nights of extreme sports and events at Wayne Trace. Car pool and come early because we are expecting to "PACK THE PALACE" both nights.

Vans and buses will be picking up people who need a ride from the various villages around Paulding County on the nights of the events at Wayne Trace and providing transportation to and from the event both nights. If you would be interested in knowing more about the event or you need a ride please call Paul at 260-312-4444, Amy at 419-263-2017, Don at 419-263-2722, Deb at 419-622-5746, Brian at 419-399-4138 or Bill @ 419-658-2694.

Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up and tear-down on April 20, 21 and 22. Set up and tear down will be at various times depending on the event. If you can help in any way please contact Becky at 419-263-3215 or on the Internet at rds71@myway.com.

Rev. William W. Sherry, publicity chair for Paulding County Ministries World Impact Tour

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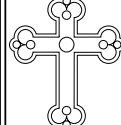
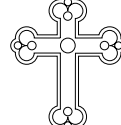
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HURRAY FOR HOLIDAYS

By: Eileen Kochensparger

I recently overheard an elderly woman telling another that she would be glad if there were no holidays.

That put me to thinking about how sad it would be if we did not observe some of the most very important dates in our history for a variety of reasons. First and foremost I must say that I have my own reasons for having holidays and if I had my way there would have been a lot more. You see, I drove a bus for 27 years. Although I loved my job and I got a thrill every time I drove that bus out of the parking lot (to either pick up students on a route or to take a field trip or extra-curricular somewhere), I looked forward to anything that let me sleep in for an hour or so longer. I am not an early morning riser, but can you believe I was up at 5:30 every morning for those 27 years and I disliked everyone of those. I was always glad when I read that several holidays, parent-teacher conferences, 2 weeks at Christmas and an Easter break were written into the 180 days required by the state of Ohio for us to have school in session. And how I enjoyed those days off for snow and

fog days! I was worse than the students when it came to wanting bad weather. I could sleep in. And don't give me a 2 hour delay—that just ruined the whole day! When snow and fog came on the weekend I always thought it was such a waste. We could easily have had that during the week and then I could have slept in a little longer.

But let's talk a little about those holidays that we have throughout the year. I know that we have become very commercialized when it comes to holidays. Businesses look to those special days as a way to keep going. I know we all think that they rush the season. The holiday hasn't even gotten here and they already have the next items out on the shelves announcing the next one.

Let's be honest, if we did not have holidays throughout the year how many of us would remember our heritage. President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and even Thanksgiving all remind us of the sacrifices made by men and women, our parents and grandparents and our ancestors before them who fought for the freedom that we have today.

When it comes to family

times, do you still honor your parents on Mother and Father's Day? I never let one of those go by without taking a gift or spending the day with my parents. This next Mother's Day is going to be very special to me. A year ago, I was struck with a very serious illness and was in a coma for 6 weeks. I awoke on Mother's Day. Ironic, don't you think?

Did you remember your sweetheart, whether it is a new relationship or maybe one that has lasted for over 50 years on Valentine's Day? A box of candy or flowers is a small sacrifice to say "I love you", or "you are so special to me". By the way, it doesn't have to be Valentine's Day to do this—any day will work.

There are two holidays that I think are the most important of all. Again, we have become very commercialized for both and we go a little overboard with the gift giving, but if it were not for the celebration of Christmas, how many people throughout our world would take time to honor the birth of a baby born over 2000 years ago. There are those out there who never enter the church doors and hear the message from the Bible. Christmas is important in getting that message out to them. But did you notice this

year that even that is changing? How many of you recognized the words "Happy Holidays" had taken over the phrase of "Merry Christmas". We can't let that happen. We need to keep Christ in Christmas. I don't see it anywhere in "Happy Holidays"!

And we are now beginning the Easter season. Churches are having Lenten services preparing for the upcoming Easter celebration. A time where that same baby that was born over 2000 years ago will go to the cross and then raise from the dead so that we who believe in Him will have life everlasting.

So should we do away with holidays? I don't think so. Holidays are a time that we can take a day and relax, have time with our family, maybe catch up on letter writing, or extra cleaning, but even more, it is a time that we can look back on our heritage and remember the sacrifices that have been done on our behalf. Having a holiday sure does break the monotony of everyday life, and makes me an even better person because I get to sleep in an extra hour or so.

I think I will begin a campaign for maybe a couple more throughout the year. What do you think? Any suggestions?! I always thought I should have had my birthday off. I mean every year that I can add to my life is a treasure and should be celebrated to the fullest!

ON WRITING: A MEMOIR OF THE CRAFT BY STEPHEN KING

By: Jamie Lassiter, book reviewer

The master of the macabre is at it again- this time sinking his teeth into his art.

King lays out the craft in a reader-friendly format. His language is clear and concise and his advice to the novice is simple. He recounts his early years of discovering and honing his craft, as well as his collection of rejection notices. He candidly reveals the ideas and inspirations which have led to so many of his famous works, and also the struggles in the path. King talks about the technical side of writing, the three main components to any story, what to do (be concise) and what not to do (use needless words) and why. He speaks of method, but he also touches on the human and emotional aspect of being a writer. This book is both informative and entertaining to someone interested in the craft. It is full of useful and employable tactics that anyone could apply. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in exploring their talent. "Life isn't a support-system for art. It's the other way around." -S.K.

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children: Julie and Bob Jr. Bob and Sonya will honor their anniversary milestone with a special Mass on April 23, 2006 and will be traveling to Arizona and the Grand Canyon at a later date.

WEST NILE VIRUS: TESTING OF BIRDS AND MOSQUITOES

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a viral disease that may be transmitted to humans by a bite from an infected mosquito. All mosquitoes do not carry WNV. The symptoms of WNV range from no symptoms at all to mild fever, headache, weakness, and tremors to encephalitis and in severe cases even death. Those people with a suppressed immune system, such as the elderly, the very young, and those receiving radiation treatments, are the most at risk for contraction of WNV.

Birds are potential carriers of WNV. Some birds are more susceptible than others, especially crows and blue jays. Other birds are not as susceptible to the virus, but can still pass the disease onto mosquitoes. If a mosquito bites an infected bird, it may then transmit the virus to the next bird, person, horse, or other animal that it bites.

As in previous years the Paulding County Health Department will be conducting surveillance for WNV activity in Paulding County again. This is accomplished through the reporting, collecting and testing of dead songbirds and the trapping and testing of mosquitoes. Starting on April 17, if you find any dead songbirds please notify the local health department. If the specimen is a songbird

that appears to be less than 48 hours old and is in good condition a sanitarian from the health department may collect the bird and send it to Ohio Department of Agriculture for testing. Each county is allowed to submit dead birds until the county has 2 birds that test positive. Once the limit of 2 WNV positive birds is reached, we will start or intensify our mosquito collecting. After we obtain two positive birds, we will still take dead bird information by phone and use it to make mosquito surveillance/control decisions. Also, if you are interested in having mosquitoes trapped for testing on your property, please contact us.

To dispose of dead birds that will not be used for testing, first place the bird in a plastic bag. Tie the bag shut. Place that bag inside another bag and close. The bird may then be thrown in the trash or you may bury the bird. Wear rubber or plastic gloves when handling any dead animal, or use a shovel. Always wash your hands afterwards.

If you wish to receive further information on WNV and actions you can take to protect yourself, please feel free to call the Paulding County Health Department at 866-399-3921. We also have information listed at our web site: www.pauldingcounty-health.com.

Fred Martin,
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The Gift Of Life

What To Buy For Baby

(NAPSA)—A growing number of ingenious gift givers have discovered a special kind of present for new babies and their families.

It's a contribution to help them collect and store the newborn stem cells in their baby's umbilical cord blood. Banked cord blood provides a unique opportunity to protect that child or another family member's future health. It's one of the most valuable gifts anyone can give.

Doctors use the newborn stem cells in cord blood to treat over 75 serious illnesses, such as leukemia, sickle-cell anemia, and other serious blood and immune disorders. As medical research evolves, so will stem cell therapies, with new treatments expected for heart disease, diabetes, brain damage, cerebral palsy, stroke, and other age-related conditions, offering families more and more uses for banked cord blood.

Currently, scientists believe, stem cells similar to those found in cord blood can develop into replacement cells for damaged organs. Clinical trials recently revealed that stem cells can heal heart tissue damaged after a heart attack or repair damaged areas of the liver. Unlocking that amazing potential could generate new therapies for diseases only

treated with traditional medical therapies in the past.

Newborn stem cells derived from cord blood are a noncontroversial source of stem cells. They only come from a live birth, have similar characteristics to embryonic stem cells, and are currently emerging as a viable research alternative to embryonic cells.

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Families that bank cord blood have peace of mind knowing that related stem cells are immediately available if ever needed. So when you're considering what to get a loved one's latest addition, you may care to think about giving a gift that will last a lifetime.

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Tax him 'til he's good and sore.
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"And what," his friend asked, "do you want me to do with your ashes?"

The businessman said, "Just put them in an envelope and mail them to the Internal Revenue Service. Write on the envelope, 'Now, you have everything.'"

Received from Frank.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Paulding County Township Association would like to apologize to anyone who did not get their meals at the Fish & Chicken Tender Dinner held on April 6, 2006. We will be making the necessary changes for future meals so that we can keep the serving line as short as possible. Again, our sincere apologies and we hope to see you at our next meal which will be served on August 3rd. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT!**

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GIRL SCOUT LEADER'S DAY

Girl Scout Leaders across the nation will celebrate G.S. Leader Day, on April 22 2006. In Paulding County we currently have 15 troops up and running, one starting in the fall. Which translates to 16 women who have found the time to make a difference in the lives of over 165 girls in Paulding County alone. Our scout leaders do what they do because they love working with girls. While leaders don't expect to receive kudos on a regular basis, as every volunteer knows once in awhile a "thanks for all you do" or "what a difference I have seen in my daughter" is greatly appreciated.

In Paulding County, Girl Scouting has a long history, many scouts register as adults to serve as leaders, special activities and events chairs—fall and cookie product chairs. The list goes on and on. Without the great leaders to give so endlessly of their time, the girls would not be able to enjoy all the benefits that scouting has to offer, and of course where would we all be without G.S. Cookies?

Even though the girls sell the cookies, without the leaders, so giving of their time, it just wouldn't be possible. So to all the Great Leader's of Appleseed Ridge/Service Unit 32:

"Happy Leader's Day"!

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL DOUBLE HEADER: ANTWERP VS. EDGERTON/EDON

The Antwerp Blue Junior High baseball team traveled to Edgerton April 15 to participate in a double header with Edgerton and Edon. In the first game Antwerp started slow going down 4-1 after the first inning and never recovered in a 16-3 defeat.

Antwerp (2-2): 102 00 -3
Edgerton (2-4): 411 (10) -16.

Winning pitcher: Elliot
Losing pitcher: Logan Lucas.

Others: Chas Shidler, Dustin Hitzeman.

Leading hitters: Antwerp 3 hits - Denver Dull 2B Edgerton 10 hits - Hug 2B, 2 singles.

In the second game, the Archers again fell behind giving up three runs in the first inning, but stayed competitive with Edon. Antwerp rallied for three runs in the bottom of the final inning to cause one extra inning to be played, but Edon won the final frame 2-0 for a 6-4 win. The Blue Archer team will play home April 22 against Edgerton at 1:00 p.m.

Edon (1-4): 300 010 2 -6
Antwerp: (2-3) 100 003 0 -4

Winning pitcher: Hug
Losing pitcher: Jordan Koppenhofer.

Leading hitters: Edon 9 hits - Tyler Wells 3 singles.

Antwerp 6 hits - John Brown 2 singles, Jordan. Koppenhofer 2B.

(Bike Continued from Page 1)

their health care providers. They also raise awareness about the disease; and organize fund-raising efforts around the world, like the MS Bike Tours, to make all of these efforts possible.

Where does the money go?

Here is the break down of where the money that you donate goes: 41% to local programs; 38% to research; 13% to fund-raising; 5% to net reserve; and 3% to administration.

(Wachtmann Amendment Continued from Page 1)

disastrous for Northwest Ohio. Under these rules, the price increases are estimated to be as high as \$35,000."

Wachtmann's amendment will delay the implementation of the rules until after July 1, 2007, providing ample time to get accurate cost estimates.

WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

On July 15, make your plans to be at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home starting at 9:00 a.m. for their annual benefit auction. The auction will be brought by Radabaugh Auctions & Real Estate with both "live" and silent auctions being held.

A hog roast with all the trimmings will be available as well as Woodburn Lion's Donut Trailer, and pony rides for the kids.

We are seeking contributions and/or donations from businesses and individuals to help expand these efforts. Monetary donations may be made through any Greater Fort Wayne National City Bank or mailed to: National City Bank, PO Box 577, Woodburn, IN 46797.

Your donated item will either be sold in the live auction or offered in a silent auction.

All funds raised through this auction will go to the direct care and benefit of the children that reside at WCCH.

Since 1972, Woodburn Christian Children's Home has provided a Christian family environment for children who are homeless or who have other special needs. Throughout these years about 150 young people (ages 6-21) have been a part of our family. Some of these young people have been reunited with their families, some are in college and others have Christian families of their own.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support enables this ministry to operate on a cash basis.

WCCH operates very efficiently. Our cost of caring for a child is about half the average cost of similar childcare throughout the tri-state area. Children are evaluated for placement on a needs basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay.

Our mission is to provide a Christian home for children with special needs - to minister to families.

If you have any questions about this event, would like to make a donation to the event, or would like more information about how you might help with this event, please contact one of the following individuals: David Smith, (260) 632-5551, dave@wcchonline.org or Ron Long, (260) 486-2252, ronaldlong@comcast.net.

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ACDC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: EAST SIDE OF TOWN TRANSFORMED



By: Denny Lee

The barren piece of real estate on the East side of Antwerp that was created from the tearing down of an abandoned restaurant has been transformed. Eighteen volunteers working for the Antwerp Community Development Committee donated a truckload of energy along with a good portion of their Saturday to improve the "curb appeal" of Antwerp. The beautification committee has installed decorator fence, evergreens and trees onto a

section of ground that could only be referred to as an eyesore before and have changed it into an eye-pleasing landscape. When the grass gets rooted and the area is blanketed with green the project will be considered complete.

Special thanks is extended to the following businesses and people for making this project a success through donations and/or discounts: Beverly Nursery, Kauser Trucking, Antwerp Hardware, Antwerp School, Jared Miller, Gale Jordan, Doug Bragg,

Jim Pendergrast. Thanks also goes to Betty Layman for giving the committee the green light on this project. Thanks to the rest of the workers as well: Patti Kammeyer, Laurel Hopkins, Renee West, Lynette Vail, Lisa Glass, Leslie Jaire, Mary Derck, Luddy Keating, Donna Miller, Kirk Hopkins, Kevin West, Pete Vail, Ed Glass, and Bob Winover. It is refreshing to the soul to know people who are willing to go above and beyond the call of duty without receiving financial compensation.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. ANTWERP

The Wayne Trace Baseball team was defeated by Antwerp, Tuesday night at Wayne Trace. The Archers picked up the victory 8 - 4. With the score 3 -1 in the fifth, the Archers plated 5 runs to put the game out of reach. Riley Linder suffers the loss for the Raiders (3 - 2 - 1) (1 - 1 GMC). Mitch Fowler is credited with the victory. The Raiders return to action at Tinora in another GMC battle.

Antwerp 0 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 5 - 2 - 0 8 - 5 - 2.

Wayne Trace 0 - 0 - 2 - 1 - 0 - 0 - 0 4 - 5 - 4.

Winning Pitcher: Mitch Fowler.

Losing Pitcher: Riley Linder.

Leading hitters: Wayne Trace - Adam Miller 2 - 3, Jay Priest 1 - 3, Nate Davis 1 - 3.

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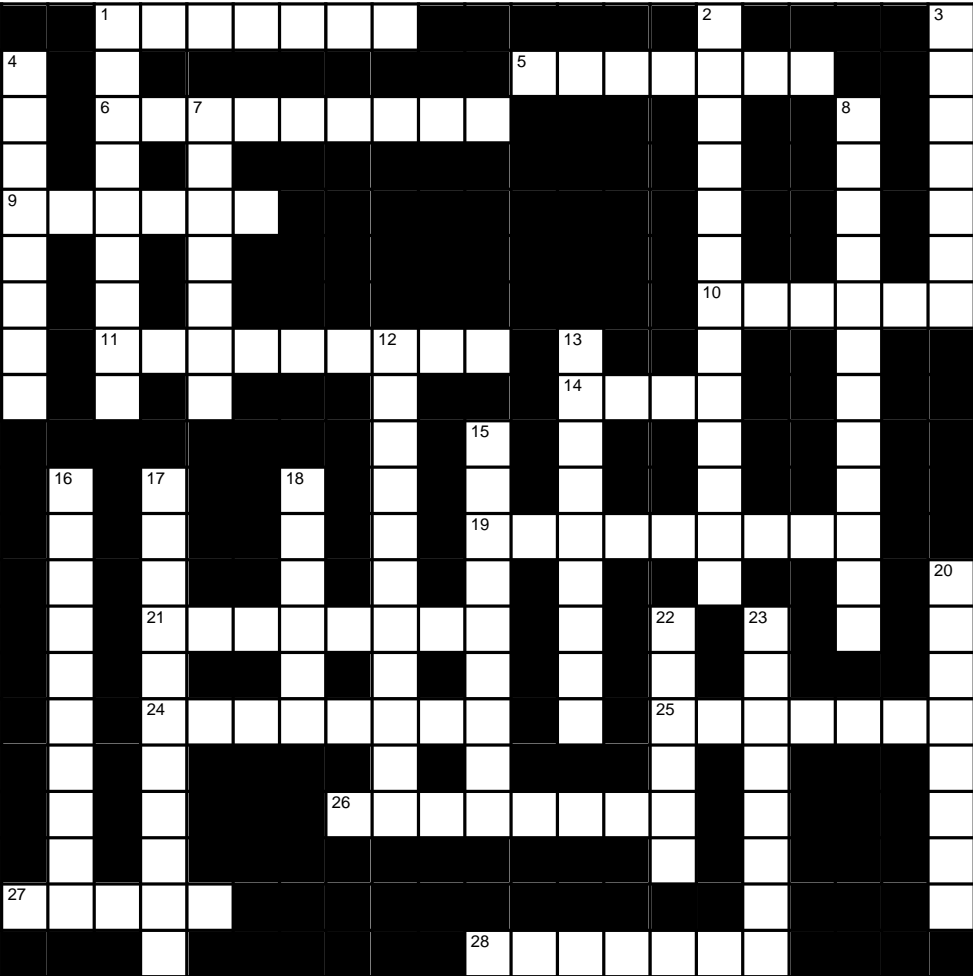
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6. Acoma Pueblo or "Sky City" is located in this state.
9. Hell's Canyon is in this state.
10. Mt. McKinley sits in this state.
11. Much of the Smokey Mountains are located in this state.
14. The Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame is located in this state.
19. In this state, you can visit Circus World Museum.
21. Come visit Rehoboth Beach in this state.
24. This state has the Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum.
25. Visit Northern Forest Heritage Park in this state.
26. This state has the Jimmie Foxx Monument--one of baseball's forgotten slugers.
27. You can visit Moosehead Lake in this state.
28. The Brickyard 400 is here.

Down

1. This state has the Mall of America.
2. Come to this state to experience the mysterious house of Mystery Hill.
3. This state is the home of "the world's greatest race".
4. This state has a location named the Garden of the Gods.
7. Come see the Devil's Tower National Monument in this state.
8. This state is a child's best friend because it is the home of The Crayola Factory.
12. This state is the home of Mount Rushmore.
13. The famous "French Quarter" is in this state.
15. Come watch dolphins and whales in this state's Cape May Whale Watcher.
16. This state is considered "Gold Country".
17. This state has Waterplace Park.
18. Iao Needle is an erosional feature in this state which abruptly rises 1200 feet from the valley floor of Iao Valley State Park.
20. In this state you can visit Mammoth Cave.
22. Try your luck in this state.
23. Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington is in this state.

WEST NILE VIRUS: PREVENTION AND CONTROL

With spring and warm weather comes outdoor cookouts, baseball games, field/yard work, and mosquitoes. And with mosquitoes comes the possibility of West Nile Virus (WNV).

There are many ways you can protect yourself from mosquitoes and possible contraction of WNV. Limit your activity in early mornings and late evenings as this is the time when mosquitoes are most active. If you need to be outside during these times, use a mosquito repellent which contains deet. For adults use a product which contains 30% deet or less and for children use a product which contains 10% deet or less. DO NOT use a product which contains 75% or greater deet. Always follow label instructions and wash the repellent off once you come in from outside. Wear lighter colored clothing, long sleeves, pants, socks and shoes. Keep

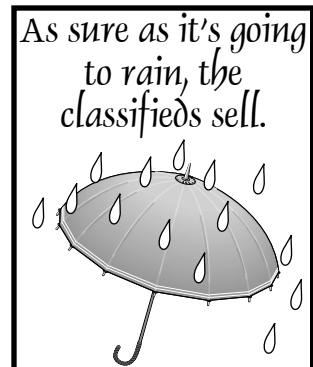
window and door screens fixed and closed. Cut high weeds around your house, mosquitoes rest in the tall weeds. Drain water where mosquitoes can breed and grow. Items on your property which may hold water for breeding mosquitoes include bird baths, tires, cans, wading pools, children's toys, wheelbarrows, flower pots, plugged rain gutters, low lying areas, ditches or anything that can hold water. Items such as bird baths and wading pools should have the water changed each week.

In addition to the above recommendations, there are mosquito larvicide products available. These products are placed into areas of standing water and will release a larvicial product over a period of time. This product will kill mosquito larva that may be present in the water. Check with your local hardware retailer for availability of these products and always follow the label instructions. Horses are also suscep-

tible to WNV. Horses may become infected with the virus after being bitten by an infected mosquito. There is a vaccine available to protect horses from WNV. Contact your veterinarian for more information.

If you wish to receive further information on WNV and actions you can take to protect yourself, please feel free to call the Paulding County Health Department at 866-399-3921. We also have information listed at our web site: www.paulding-countyhealth.com.

Fred Martin,
Environmental Health
Director



By: Rose Kever

About two years ago, Gary and I decided that since our grandsons from Kendallville, Logan and Alex, we're going to spend some time with us before they went to Toledo to stay with their dad, step-mom and new little sister, Hailey, that we'd take a whole day out and go fishing.

I made sandwiches, packed a big bag of chips, some cookies and soft drinks (sugar-free, of course), wet-naps and napkins. Then we stopped down at Deb Stout's to get bait . . . nice, big, juicy worms!

Heading down to five-span, we got to our favorite fishing spot. A nice little secluded area that blocks out everything, except the trees and the Auglaize. If nature called, you could go into the bushes, do your business, and no one could see you (very cool bathroom!).

Before we left, the boys were really excited about our big day, and then, I gave them the "news". Their cousin, Kira, was going, too. "Why Grandma?" "She's a girl and girls don't fish!" I said, "I'm a girl and I go fishing!" Logan said, "You're not a girl, you're my grandma, and besides, you're old!" (I think I was insulted by a 10 year old, but I'm not really sure.)

Anyway, we got to the river and laid out all the fishing gear, and we helped the kids get their poles ready.

At that time, Kira had a short kids' pole that was of "Barbie" fame. Actually, she had outgrown it, but she used it because she didn't have a big one yet. (Santa was bringing it for Christmas.)

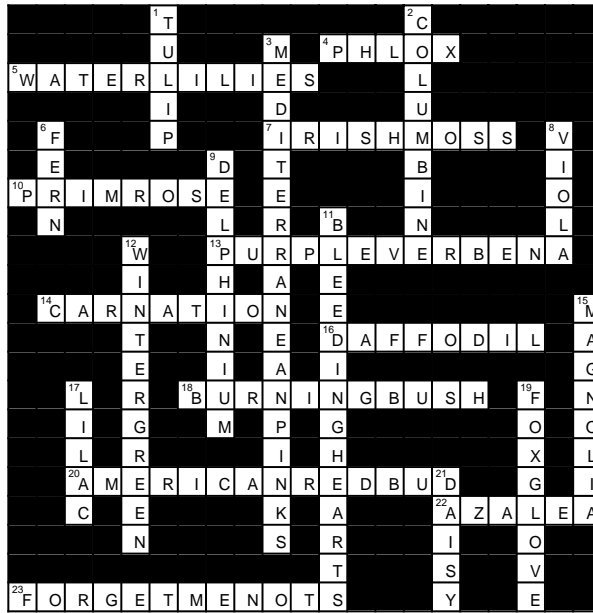
Gary and the boys cast out their lines and Kira and I took the spots left over. The fish were really biting that day, and Logan reeled in a baby sheep head. He's yelling and jumping up and down and cranking for all he's worth. (You'd think he was landing a Marlin the way he was carrying on.) So, he got it up to the bank and Grandpa said it was actually too small to keep well (here comes the water words) so we put it on the stringer. As usual, this started a tiff amongst the three kids, because "he" got the first fish. With the threat of packing up and going home, they decided not to argue and get back to fishing.

Of course, we all had to re-bait our hooks and get those lines back in the water, in the next couple of hours, we hauled in an assortment of fishes—more carp, catfish, crawdads, etc.

Kira, who had caught absolutely nothing, was beginning to get rather short-tempered, and, besides that, she had to pee. (You can't concentrate on fishing when you have to pee.) We went to the bushes! She gets back to business, cast out and got a bite, "finally". She's reeling it in and that little Barbie pole is bending to the point we thought for sure it would snap. She gets her fish to shore and it's a "bass" which probably weighed a pound and a half, if not more, of course, she's absolutely ecstatic, and the boys are totally aggravated with her!

I helped her get the fish off, and get her pole ready for the next cast out. This little seven

Last Week's answers to "Spring's Flowers"



year old can cast as good as any adult, so she rears back, gave it a snap, and her whole pole, except for the handle, goes flying into the river! I'd say that "Barbie" pole served its purpose though. It was her very first pole that she got when she was three. The look on her face, when it flew into the river was "priceless"! The boys were cracking up with laughter, she was crying, and being the good grandma, I gave her my pole to use . . . a small price to pay for the little girl who sacrificed her pole to land the biggest fish! Oh yeah, Gary caught a turtle.

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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VW CHAMBER LEADERSHIP ATTENDS CLASS AT VANTAGE



Vantage senior Industrial Mechanics student Matt Woodcox from Antwerp demonstrates to members of the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce Leadership class how industrial motor controls operate. Paying close attention are Connie Johnson (back) from Eaton and Jodi Wagner (front) from Van Wert Manor. The Leadership class recently held their "Education" session at Vantage Career Center.

The March session of the Leadership Van Wert County class met at Vantage Career Center on March 29 for its "Education" day session.

The morning "kick-off" was a Superintendent's Panel. Van Wert County school superintendents—Cathy Hoffman from Van Wert City, Doug Fries from Lincolnview, Jim Stripe from Thomas Edison and Stephen Mercer from Vantage Career Center—shared information about their facility and district. It was an informative session and a great way to start the day.

Van Wert Chamber Board President, Brad Etter then

spoke to the group about the different committees of the Chamber and also shared information about member benefits.

Class members also "shadowed" two different Vantage students during part of their morning lab session. Many Leadership participants were unfamiliar with some of the programs offered, and found this portion of the program very interesting.

During a delicious lunch prepared by the Vantage Culinary Arts class, members of the Vantage Haiti Interact Club gave a presentation to the group.

Karen Pierstorff, com-

puter technician at Vantage, spent time discussing and demonstrating the different types of technology students use at Vantage on an everyday basis. She reviewed the different types of hardware and software at the school and then she demonstrated IPM's - Interactive Presentation Managers - which are electronic white boards that connect with the classroom computers.

After a tour of all the labs in the building, Adult Workforce Development director Jim Grant presented information about adult workforce development, Wright State University Lake Campus and life-long opportunities that are available at Vantage.

To wrap up the day, Diane Ryan, Program Director for Junior Achievement of Van Wert County explained how JA has changed over the years. Now offered as an in-school program, JA reaches more than 1500 students in Van Wert County.

One evaluation of the day really said it all, "My, how school has changed! The opportunities for students are endless!" How true.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It has been my pleasure to work with Tony Burkley for a decade. Tony is running for State Representative in the 75th district. In addition to being a veteran at this representative form of government he has the innate ability to know what's right.

Tony won't denigrate his opposition and this is a welcome change. He prefers to think you, the voter, are discerning enough to draw your own conclusions.

Because he is a relatively young man with broad political experience, he is unique and I hope you will give him strong consideration if you don't already know him. I don't know of anyone that knows Tony that has anything but the highest regard for him.

His principal strengths are what should be the most important issues for all of us—his God, his family and the people that depend on his honest council. You will always be proud of Tony. I am,

Best regards,
Ron Lane,
Paulding County
Commissioner

ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

At the end of Archer Drive and Madison Street there was a brick house across the street to the west where the Shell Station (now Antwerp Pit Stop) was. But in the 1930's a family named Banks lived there and later the Paul Hughes' family lived there for years.

Right west of this new station is a couple of vacant lots, but at one time a large house sat on the east side of those lots. I remember in the mid 1930's people named Meade from over by Grover Hill moved this house and I don't remember where they took it.

Going on west on U.S. 24 you cross Monroe Street, that corner house was occupied by the Reed Nelson Family. Mr. Nelson was the field man for the sugar beet industry. At this time a lot of beets were raised in the area until soybeans were introduced here in early 30's.

Raising sugar beets in this area was a nasty way to make a living. Once you got them planted and up through the ground, then you really got busy. You had to block them, thin them and hoe them. You leaned over at the end of the row with your hoe and didn't straighten up until you got to the other end of the row.

If the weather co-operated and you got a pretty good crop in the fall, you had to lift them and top them and put them in piles along the row. Then you had to go to the field man and get a ticket so you could sell a load of beets. If you got a ticket you had to take a beet fork and scoop them up over your head and over the side boards of the truck. This is a tiring job, because sugar beets were very heavy. Then you crawled up on this truck and rearranged the beets so you could put on all that truck could hold because you didn't know when you could sell another load.

When you could sell a load, you had to get up at 4:00 a.m. and go to the Sugar Beet Mill at Paulding by 5:00 a.m. and get in line, otherwise you had to stay there all day. By the time you got another ticket to deliver a load, the weather had turned bad and the fall rains came. The field was too wet and too muddy, so you had to wait until the ground froze. When the ground froze, the piles of topped beets froze too. You had to break the piles apart before you could load them. You had to be in good condition to haul beets, and this event went on for weeks.

About this time soybeans were introduced into this area, and the farmers dropped sugar beets and started raising beans. About this time the farmer got two more good breaks. Someone invented the aluminum shovel and the gasoline and electric operated elevator.

I know of a farmer over in Scipio Township who bought 200 acres in the fall of 1940. He put the whole 200 acres in beans in 1941. Beans went to \$4.00 a bushel about doubled that year and he paid for the entire 200 acres in the first year.

The next house was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hertel. They had 3 children: Caroline, Basil & Mike.

At this time Dutch Mickleson built the next house and it was new at this time. These people was the parents of Dave. Dutch operated an up-

holstery shop uptown where MERL's restaurant stands. I remember that Charlie Steiner helped him as well as Joe Zuber until the late 30's.

Going back up on West River Street the next house was the home of D.P. Cottrell. After that was the home of Samuel Clinton. Last summer one of his daughters, Ellis Tedrou stopped and talked to me at the cemetery about her folks and brother, Roy. She has corresponded with Walter Ross a few times lately because when she was a little girl their family did business with Linco Joe.

The next house was where Roy Hemenover lived. He and his brother, Frank, were building and plastering contractors and lived in the next house. All their family worked in their restaurant downtown. It was called Abe's Lunch. It was quite a hang out for kids my age. The next house was owned by Rollie Schuller and a number of families lived there.

In the parking lot of the Medical Clinic was a house where Joe Lucas lived. As long as I can remember, he worked at the West elevator, which is now the Antwerp Equity, and is a very successful operation. Anyhow, I understand they razed that old house and the Medical Clinic was built.

The next house on the corner of Frank Leinard Drive and U.S. 24 was the home of Emanuel Sunday, he was the area man for Ohio Power and he was a pretty nice old guy.

Across that street, (which wasn't there at that time, it was more of an alley back to the Electric Sub Station) was a couple small houses, one was the home of Frank Donut and the next one was the home of the Garner Peffley family.

Mrs. McCurdy lived in the last house on the right. There was a gasoline station in that area, and later it was torn down and she had the motel erected. Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Calla lived along there and there's no homes until you got to Bill Miller's house and that was destroyed by fire just a few weeks ago. That was a nice old house.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5 and Monday, April 10, 2006.

The Wednesday session included a regular monthly update by the Board of Elections and by Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer. Prior to the two meetings the Commissioners dealt with regular county business such as approving expenses for the county and responding to correspondence.

The first regular construction meeting at the new jail site highlighted the April 10 meeting. Baker-Schindler, the general contractor, organized the meeting, which is designed to provide an opportunity for all the contractors to coordinate their work. All three County Commissioners attended the meeting. The Commissioners also toured the facility to observe the demolition work that began during the week of April 3.

The April 10 meeting also included bid openings for 911 equipment and improvements to the Oakwood Water Treatment Plant. Bob Iler, 911 Coordinator, attended the bid opening for the new equipment that will replace twelve-year-old hardware. One bid was received in the amount of \$88,835.00 from Emergency Radio Services of Ft. Wayne. The costs will be paid from the 911 funds. Lisa Karcher of Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) was present for the bid opening for the Oakwood project. The project will be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which is administered for the county by MVPO. Again, one bid was received. The bid was from Helm and Associated of Maumee in the amount of \$57,700.00. The bids were referred to Iler and Karcher for review.

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**GROWING UP AROUND
CECIL OR "BACK IN 'THE
DAY' "**

By: Robert Simpson/Sue Knapp

I spent some time with Robert Simpson and his wife last week talking about growing up around Cecil, OH.

Robert's grandfather, William Robert Simpson, was born in 1861. William and his wife lived on CR 224. Robert's mom and dad, Floyd and Mabel Simpson lived on what was then road 9.

Robert and his wife, Mable, still live on the old home place what is now 127. Robert's family have always been farmers.

Robert remembers his mother taking the kids to the Cecil Presbyterian Church on Sundays. Cecil also had a Catholic and Pentecostal

Church.

The merchants in Cecil would hire someone to bring a screen and projector into town and a movie was shown. Roy Rogers and Gene Autry were two of the movies shown. Of course, the movies would be serials so you would have to come back and see the next continuing adventure. The screen would be set up on the side of a building or in the street.

At that time, Cecil had 3 grocery stores: A. P. Gilbert, Ray Smith, and Pete Antoine were the owners. There were 2 restaurants, an ice cream parlor and a cream, egg and poultry shop. Hart's Brothers fixed engines and built 2-wheel trailers. Robert still has one in his barn. Hart Brothers is engraved on it's tongue. There also was a locker plant and a tile factory. A Sugar Beet Factory in Paulding and an Alfalfa Mill in Payne provided employment to the surrounding areas.

The town would have a Homecoming on Labor Day when friends, family and surrounding area would come together for food, fellowship and even a plane ride.

The men played baseball with surrounding communities. Lyle Gordon, Lyle Lichty, Bob Stafford, Max Lichty,

John Demuth were some players. There were more men that played on different teams.

The Lone Tower on U.S. 24 sponsored a baseball team before the war with men from Cecil and surrounding communities. The Lone Tower has a history itself. It has been a gas station, restaurant and garage. It is still standing.

4-H was also a form of entertainment for the kids, they also would go swimming in their bib overalls in the Maumee north of the Lone Tower.

Cecil also had a weekly newsletter published by Ray Smith, one of the restaurant owners. It was called The Cyclone and it had the grocery specials and news about the families in the area. Ray would have a train car full of peaches brought in for sale. The peaches would be iced down and after they were sold people would come and get the ice for their ice boxes. At that time, Cecil had 2 trains going through.

The telephone office had party lines with 8-10 families on one line. The phones were the crank kind with the operator "ringing" the number for you.

They did have a school from grades 1 - 8. It had 2 rooms with grades 1 - 4 in one and 5 - 8 in the other. Robert

went to the grade school for one year. His teacher's name was Mrs. Smith. If the weather was bad she would pick him up otherwise he would walk the 1 ½ miles to school.

Robert also talked about threshing and how the men would help each other out.

Robert's dad hauled milk to the Defiance Dispensary. Robert took over the route after he graduated from high school. He had the route for 6 months. Robert and his dad also were substitute mail carriers, later Robert became a full time carrier.

Robert has lived his whole life in the house on 127. Because of progress (the new by-pass) Robert and Mable will be moving.

It's because of progress that the once thriving towns have become quaint little villages to drive through.

It is said that you can't fight progress. That is why it is so important that we keep history alive. In 50 years, hopefully, someone will want to write about us 'back in the day'.

HOUSE PASSES GILLMOR EDUCATION BILL

The U.S. House of Representatives passed another bill today sponsored by Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Old Fort). Gillmor's bill, H.R. 1156, would increase funding for gifted and talented education programs across America. Gillmor's legislation was included in the College Access and Opportunity Act also known as the Higher Education Act which passed the House by a vote of 221 to 199.

"My bill, which was included in the Higher Education Act, makes existing grant monies available to improve education for gifted and talented students. While continuing to improve our education system, it is important to provide the funding necessary to properly train teachers of gifted students and empower their scholastic excellence," Gillmor said.

Gillmor's bill, the Gifted and Talented Education Enhancement Act, opens a section of Title II of the Higher Education Act to provide grant monies for teacher education to increase the awareness of the special needs of gifted and talented students. The bill does not require any additional federal funding instead allowing current funds to be used for gifted and talented teacher education programs.

"I felt it was important not to create another federal handout, but rather to open an existing pool of money for gifted and talented education. By providing access to these additional resources, I hope that teachers will be properly equipped with the expertise and tools required to educate these students," Gillmor concluded.

In addition to Gillmor's provisions, the Higher Education Act includes provisions to:

- Establish an Academic Bill of Rights;
- Strengthen the Pell Grant program;
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- 2B: Christopher Davis.
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- 3B: Gina Sinn.
- 4B: Andrew Ludwig.
- 4/5: Shannon Boroff.
- 5A: Dani Hofmann.
- 6A: Kody McCague.
- 6B: Holly Ludwig.
- Mrs. Elliot's room: Derrick Jewell.
- Mrs. LeMieux's room: Taylor Campbell.

Honor Roll: All A's:

- 1st: Mackenzie Brown, Chance Elliot, Erica Garlock, Hanna Hill, James Leisure, Danae Myers, Korene Shelton, Daniel Sinn, Jonathan Sinn, Kati Stahl, Emil Stoller, and Tyler Nichols.
- 2A: Yakira Brown, Sydney Critten, Austin Fast, Kasey Girod, Melanie Keesler, Jayson Nowak, and Shad Ream.
- 2B: Sydney Hofmann, Luke Miller, Brianna Sinn, Clint Sinn, and Zach Sinn.
- 3B: Makenzie Mansfield.
- 4B: Logan Fast.
- 4S: Madison McClure, Madison Poling.
- 5A: Andrew Moore.
- 5S: Andrea Scharf.
- 6B: Kayla Mansfield.

All A's and B's:

- 1st: Nicholas Cantrell, Breia Eutsler, Gabby Gudakunst, Blake Miller, Levi Priest, and Isabel Schlegel.
- 2A: Allie Boroff, Joshua Cupps, Leigha Flores, and Brandon Sulfridge.
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- 4B: Mackenzie Haney, Matthew Lambert, Andrew Ludwig, Marcus McVay, Dalton Miles, Danielle Miles, and Arien Stoller.
- 4S: Saxon Fisher, Janey Janka, and Bailey Poling.
- 5A: Andre' Burkey, Mackenzie Campbell, Mackenzie Fleagle, Tiffany Hittle, Dani Hofmann, Brian Myers, Natalie Sinn, and Tanya Sinn.
- 5S: Karena Egnor, Michala Elliot, Grady Gudakunst, and Joseph McVay.
- 6A: Zach Cotterman, Lindsey Gibson, and Ryan Jewell.
- 6B: Holly Ludwig, Beth Ross, and Reuben Stoller.

All B's:

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"Clem's is thrilled to celebrate the fifth annual Free Comic Book Day," said Regan Clem. "Over the years, Free Comic Book Day has been our way to show appreciation to our loyal customers and help new customers gain an interest in the wonderful art of comics."

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WACHTMANN INTRODUCES "CASTLE DOCTRINE" LEGISLATION TO EXPAND OHIOANS' SELF-DEFENSE RIGHTS

State Senator Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon) today introduced legislation aimed at improving Ohio's self-defense laws.

Modeled after Florida's "Castle Doctrine," Senate Bill (SB) 308 would establish the presumption that a criminal who forcibly enters or intrudes into a person's home, business or occupied vehicle is there to cause death or great bodily harm and, therefore, gives the victim the right to use any manner of force, including deadly force, against the perpetrator.

Many states have "duty to retreat" provisions in law that require a person under attack in a public place to withdraw from the situation rather than retaliate, unless they can prove their lives are in danger. Also referred to as "Stand-Your-Ground" or "No Retreat" legislation, SB 308 removes the "duty to retreat" when citizens are outside of their homes and where they have legal right to be.

SB 308 would also provide that if a person is using force to protect oneself from an attacker, one would be protected from criminal prosecution and the threat of a civil suit brought by the attacker.

"Ohio's unjust self-defense test places the civil and criminal burden on the victim to prove in court that they were

truly acting to defend themselves from serious physical harm or death," explained Wachtmann. "Senate Bill 308 is much-needed, common-sense reform that will put this burden back on the bad guy and allow all Ohioans to legally defend themselves, their homes and their families from the threat of dangerous criminals."

"Castle Doctrine" laws are often mistakenly characterized as a "license to kill." However, SB 308 is properly structured to make sure the law is not abused. For instance, a person cannot invite someone into their home, shoot them and claim protection under the law. Instead, the bill merely places the burden of proof with the criminal and not the victim in a consistent and credible self-defense case.

"Law-abiding Ohioans should be able to protect themselves without having to prove to a jury that their actions pass a self-defense test," Wachtmann said. "It is time that Ohioans, like residents of others states, have the right to defend themselves and their families."

Ohio is one of 23 states that are considering or have passed, "Castle Doctrine" legislation. The measure is supported by both the National Rifle Association and the Buckeye Firearms Association.

SB 308 will now be referred to a Senate committee for further consideration.

HOUSE PASSES GILLMOR BILL TO "GET MILK"

Recently the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation sponsored by Congressman Paul E. Gillmor (R-Old Fort) to aid U.S. Dairy Farmers. Gillmor's bill, H.R. 2056, reduces the tariff on a substance that is processed and used to increase milk production by dairy cattle. Gillmor's bill was included in the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2006 which passed the House by a vote of 412 to 2.

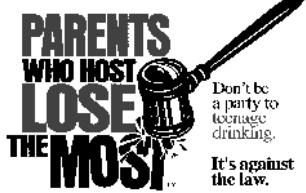
"My bill reduces the duties on an item which is not produced in the United States but is essential to many products," Gillmor said. "My bill reduces the tariff on a material which is used to increase the production of milk. To the people of the Fifth District, the efficiency of our farms and our cattle is well understood."

Specifically, Gillmor's bill lowers the tariff on palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD), a naturally derived and organic material which is processed into a product that is used as a feed ingredient to improve milk production. By reducing this tariff, Gillmor's bill will make U.S. manufacturers more competitive with foreign producers of a similar organic feed ingredient and add to the overall health of our manufacturing sector. In addition, the U.S. dairy industry will greatly benefit from the tariff reduction as PFAD is used to improve cow's milk, milk fat and milk protein production. Gillmor's bill will have an effect on everyone from dairy farmers to milk drinkers.

Locally, one place where Gillmor's bill will have a great effect is the Church & Dwight Co., Inc. facility in Old Fort, Ohio. At the world's largest baking soda plant, maintaining competitiveness against foreign products is a necessity. For Church & Dwight's 180 employees and the 40 people directly working in their Animal Feed area, Gillmor's bill will have a benefit beyond milkshakes and pats of butter. By reducing the tariff, this Fifth District company, with 26 years in existence, can continue using PFAD to produce the ingredient used to aid our dairy industry.

"All across Ohio, dairy farmers aid in the production of cheese, butters, and milk which remain essential to our health and strength. This bill is my opportunity to aid an important industry which 'does a body good,'" Gillmor concluded.

The Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2006 now awaits debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before it can be forwarded to the President for his signature.



ALCOHOL-FREE PROM AND GRADUATION PARTIES

A majority of parents and teens said in a recent survey that it is generally easy for youth to get alcohol, and many times parents are hosting teen parties where alcohol is available. In a telephone survey conducted for Drug-Free Action Alliance, 26% of youth indicated they had attended a party in the past two months where alcohol was served or available. Only 18% of parents thought their child had attended a party where alcohol was available or served. 40% of the teens indicated that they know of other parents who host teen alcohol parties.

Hosting a party where alcohol is available to underage youth is illegal and can pose serious health risks and legal ramifications for everyone involved. Parents should not be misled by the plea: "But other parents let their kids do it". Adults providing alcohol to underage youth sends a mixed message and can only add to a teenager's confusion about the acceptability of drinking. They are also sending the message to teens that they do not have to obey the law. Research shows that most teenagers appreciate it when their parents set boundaries and establish expectations that are fairly enforced.

According to Ohio laws, parents who knowingly allow a person under age 21 to remain on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted and face jail sentencing, fines and/or loss of property.

Drug-Free Action Alliance and Turning Point have launched the "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" public awareness campaign to inform parents about the dangers of teenage drinking parties. The objective of the campaign is to inform parents and other adults about the legal ramifications and health and safety risks of serving alcohol, or allowing drinking by teens.

Proms and graduations are important steps in young people's lives. Teenagers deserve to live and grow to adulthood in an environment where alcohol is not misused. Hosting a lively alcohol-free party with plenty of fun activities for everyone is the best way to show youth that we care about their future.

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ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 10, 2006

By: Sue Knapp
*First up, Tony Langham expressed desire to help the Council come up with monies to help pay for The Colony's sewer and water improvements.
*Rick Weaver showed a map of where the water and sewer lines could be put and discussed a pump station for The Colony. He also discussed cost. He requested a letter to be sent to ODOT to see if they would install the steel piping while working on the new by-pass.

*Ray Friend was at the meeting to inform the council that it really didn't matter about the footage between the Fire Hall and the EMS building though the 5' back set was awfully close. Steve Fast said they possibly could make more set-back.

*Visitors Mary Howard, running for Treasurer; Ed Straley, running for County Commissioner and Ann Waldman running for Clerk of courts were present to introduce themselves and ask for support to the upcoming primaries.

*The State notified businesses that signs inside the corporation need to be removed. Mayor Womack will look into this.

*Police Chief Clemens reported 100 calls and 78 citations for March. The new officers are working out well. They are on a 6 month probation which at that time a decision will be made on which one to hire full time.

*The thirty day deadline for removing the contents of the Ehrhart Museum has

passed. The council has decided to take legal action about the problem.

*Village Solicitor, Melanie Farr, reported that the R.R. was not cooperating in regards to the sleeve work needing to be done along U.S. 24 for the new water tower. The project was slated to start the first of April. There will be a special Council meeting regarding this on April 19.

*After going into Executive Session, Mayor Womack announced that she had hired Sara Keeran from Paulding as Village Administrator. The Council has to decide on and then create an ordinance stating that Keeran needs to be an official resident of Antwerp.

*A Proclamation was read by Mayor Womack stating that the Village of Antwerp would make every effort to denounce violence and encourage the rights of victims. The dates of April 23rd - April 29th to be Crime Victims' Rights Week in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

*Several Ordinances were read:

Ordinance # 2006-07, through Ordinance # 2006-11 amending the zoning map of the Village of Antwerp; Ordinance #2006-12 to repeal the Ordinance # 97-10 of the village of Antwerp, Ohio; Ordinance 2006-13 An Ordinance amending the subdivision ordinance of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, specifically, Section 7 of Ordinance # 94-16; Ordinance #2006-15 - regulating the use of the parks and recreational facilities within the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, said parks and recreational facilities controlled by the Park Board of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio and declaring the same an emergency.

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Hotline Provides Expert Lawn Care Advice

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Throughout May, homeowners who have questions about their lawn, garden or lawn care equipment can get answers by phone or e-mail. Simply call the toll-free Briggs & Stratton Yard Smarts hotline, 1-866-YARD-TIPS (1-866-927-3847), or submit an e-mail by visiting www.yardsmarts.com. All questions will be answered personally within 48 hours. Also, each Friday in May, consumers can speak directly with lawn, garden and equipment experts from noon until 7 p.m. CDT.

Nationally known lawn care expert Trey Rogers, Ph.D., the Briggs & Stratton "Yard Doctor," and a team of lawn and garden professionals will field any questions homeowners may have related to their lawn, trees, flowers, weeds, pests, etc. In addition, a team of experts will respond to engine and equipment queries. Last year, Yard Smarts Hotline questions ranged from how to fight poison ivy to how to choose the right lawnmower—and everything in between. "No question is too simple or too difficult," says Rogers. "We're here to help homeowners and we welcome any lawn and garden questions they may have."

In addition to getting free answers and advice, hotline participants may also win prizes. Each week, the name of one lucky caller or e-mailer will be drawn and that person will receive his or her choice of a new lawn mower, pressure washer or string trimmer powered by a Briggs & Stratton engine.



During May, consumers can call a toll-free hotline and get free expert advice regarding their lawn, garden or lawn care equipment.

In addition, from all the calls and e-mails received, one name will be drawn for the grand prize. Dr. Rogers will spend a day with the Yard Smarts hotline grand-prize winner to evaluate their lawn, provide advice on improving their yard, and answer any questions they may have. The grand-prize package also includes a piece of outdoor power equipment from Briggs & Stratton and a \$500 gift certificate toward yard care improvements.

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TAX DEDUCTION WILL GIVE MORE OHIOANS THE CHANCE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

By: Senator Lynn Wachtmann

Imagine that you are a candidate for an organ transplant. You constantly carry your cell phone with you, hoping that at any moment you receive the life-saving call that tells you a suitable organ is available to give you your second chance at life, but with every day that passes without that phone call, you become more anxious and afraid. More than 2,300 Ohioans, including 218 residents of Northwest Ohio, go through these emotions every day as they wait for new organs. Unfortunately, there are not nearly enough donors to keep up with the ever-increasing list of transplant candidates and an average of 18 people die every day just waiting.

One way to ensure that more people can receive the organs they need is through the gift of a living donor transplant, as opposed to a typical transplant where organs are harvested after the death of the donor. Living donations are especially common when the transplant involves a kidney, bone marrow, or liver transplants and the transplant candidate is matched with a donor who shares their blood type and approximate size. Unfortunately, these transplants are not very common since the costs associated with the surgery and pre-operative testing poses a tremendous financial burden to donors and their families. In order to alleviate some of this financial pressure, I will be introducing legislation

that would provide a tax deduction for living donors.

My bill would allow living donors to claim a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for any non-medical costs directly associated with the organ or tissue transplant, such as lodging, travel expenses and lost wages they incurred as a result of the transplant process. I hope that by passing this legislation, we can remove a significant barrier and encourage more to living donation transplants in Ohio.

Ohioans are already experiencing the benefits of living donation transplants. In 2004, more than 7,000 people volunteered to be living donors and more than 36 percent of all kidney transplants are performed with living donors. Additionally, new surgical methods have been developed to enable adults to donate a small portion of their liver to a child who needs a liver transplant. Living donations are a vital part of the overall effort to ensure that all the candidates desperately waiting for their second chance at life receive it before it is too late.

If you are interested in becoming an organ donor or would like to learn more about organ donation in general, I encourage you to visit www.lifeconnectionofohio.org <<http://www.lifeconnectionofohio.org>>. There you will find valuable statistics and frequently asked questions about becoming a donor, as well as a link to an online donor database created through the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio's organ procurement agencies. It only takes a few minutes to register and your decision will enable a transplant candidate to stop waiting for the phone to ring and resume life.

As always, I welcome your views on state issues. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency, please write to me: Senator Lynn Wachtmann, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call my office at (614) 466-8150.

5TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSMAN PAUL GILLMOR VISITS COURTHOUSE



During the U. S. House of Representatives recess, Ohio's 5th. District Representative Congressman Gillmor is making visits to his 16 counties. After his stop at the Bryan Senior Center to speak on the Medicare Prescription Drug Forum, he made a visit to the courthouse. Lou Ann Wannemacher, Clerk to Treasurer and Republican Candidate for Paulding County Treasurer enjoyed welcoming

Congressman Gillmor to the Treasurer's Office, and also discussed the Farm Bureau Presidents visit to Washington with Congressman Gillmor. Lou Ann worked in a number of county offices including OSU Extension and Paulding County Economic Development before coming to her current position as Clerk to the current treasurer Betty R. Layman.

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Linescore: Wayne Trace 0 - 0 - 0 - 2 - 0 - 1 - ----
Ottawa Glandorf 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 2.

Winning Pitcher: Brandon German (1 - 0) 5 innings, 2 hits, 1 strikeout, and 1 BB.
Joel Whitman (Save) 2 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 1 strikeout.

Losing Pitcher: Ellerbrock - 6 innings, 3 runs, 6 hits, 3 BB, 4 strikeouts.