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## RONALD McDONALD ENTERTAINS AT LIBRARY

Fast food's most famous clown entertained young and old alike on May 9th at the Paulding County Carnegie Library during preschool story time. Ronald McDonald encouraged reading and safety through a variety of gags, jokes and magic tricks. Nearly 85 children and adults turned out for this event. For pictures from Ronald McDonald's visit to the library log on to the library website at [www.pauldingcountylibrary.org](http://www.pauldingcountylibrary.org).

## PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK WILL HOST BOY'S ALL-STAR BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

Boys' all-star baseball tournaments are coming up starting July 21.

The tournament will take place at Paulding Reservoir Park in Paulding. It is being sponsored by East of Chicago Pizza and Worth Sports.

For more information contact Ron Riggenbachat 419-399-2981.

## COUNTY FAIRS SHOWCASE LOCAL TRADITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Weekly column by: State Senator Lynn Wachtmann

The sure signs of summer have arrived—the days are longer, the temperatures warmer, pools are open and everyone is outside more often. The change in seasons also means that many, myself included, are gearing up for this year's county fairs. Whether you're directly involved in the agricultural and horticultural events, observing the displays, or simply attending to indulge in some "fair food," our district's fairs offer a variety of activities for everyone in the family.

Every year, each of Ohio's 88 counties celebrates a tradition as old as our state – the county fair. Fairs in Ohio begin in June and last throughout September, and although they share many similarities, each one showcases the interests, activities, and traditions particular to the area community. There are also a number of independent fairs and festivals throughout the summer months that draw large numbers of visitors with crafts, games, and other attractions.

Overall, nothing exempli-

fies Ohio's agricultural roots better than the county fair. The nation's largest enrollment in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America (FFA) is found right here in the Buckeye State, and many of these young Ohioans receive ribbons and recognition for their various accomplishments. As you can imagine, the support and feedback they receive is invaluable in shaping their work ethic and determination.

Visitors to the fair enjoy the benefits of Ohio's agricultural wealth found in the livestock barns and at the various shows and competitions, as well as the numerous booths offering a sample of foods grown and made in our state.

In order to help you decide which fairs you would like to attend, I have included the locations and dates of the agricultural fairs in the 1st Senate District:

—The Auglaize County Fair, July 31-August 5 at the Wapakoneta Fairgrounds.

—The Defiance County Fair, August 19-26 at the Hicksville Fairgrounds.

—The Fulton County Fair, September 1-7 at the Wauseon Fairgrounds.

—The Hancock County Fair, August 30-September 4 at the Findlay Fairgrounds.

—The Hardin County Fair, September 5-10 at the Kenton Fairgrounds.

—The Henry County Fair, August 11-17 at the Napoleon Fairgrounds.

—The Paulding County Fair, July 9-15 at the Paulding Fairgrounds.

—The Putnam County Fair, June 20-25 at the Ottawa Fairgrounds.

—The Van Wert County Fair, August 30-September 6 at the Van Wert Fairgrounds.

—The Williams County Fair, September 9-16 at the Montpelier Fairgrounds.

Kicking off the county fair season is Putnam County's fair in Ottawa. Always a hub of agricultural activity, the fair offers the public a wide variety of attractions, from the live entertainment to the exhibits. To view the schedule of events and for more information, visit [www.putnam-countyfair.com](http://www.putnam-countyfair.com).

The July fair season begins in Paulding County, and there's always plenty of harness racing, tractor pulls, and lawnmower races to be found in addition to the demolition derby. In addition, the fair will also have lots of entertainment including country music star Jeff Carson. For more information call 419-399-2961.

The Auglaize County Fair rounds out the month of July and the fair has a full schedule with a demolition derby, harness races, a truck pull, a circus and tons of other live entertainment on the agenda. In addition, there are special fair days that offer discounted or free admission to children under 18, senior citizens and veterans. You can review the scheduled events for this year's fair by visiting [www.auglaizecountyfair.org](http://www.auglaizecountyfair.org).

This year, the Defiance County Fair will again include the hugely popular Combine Demolition Derby. In addition, the Broken Horn Rodeo will take place on Saturday night in the Grandstand, which promises to be very exciting. To view other events at the fair, visit [www.def-fair.com](http://www.def-fair.com).

In my hometown of Napoleon, the Henry County Fair will kick off August 11th with live concert hosted by country star Rnett Akins. Throughout the rest of the week, be sure to check out the demolition derby, tractor pulls, horse racing and don't forget the Tomato Festival Parade and Pageant. For more information and a more detailed schedule of events, visit [www.henrycountyfair.org](http://www.henrycountyfair.org).

The Hancock County fair has a lot of exciting events on their agenda, including a concert by country music star Blake Shelton on September 2nd. Of course, this is in addition to the other exciting events offered, which include rides, games, animals and exhibits. For more information about the show or other events, visit [www.hancock-fairgrounds.org](http://www.hancock-fairgrounds.org).

Running through the end of August, the Van Wert County Fair will host a series of horseshoe pitching tournaments, in addition to the many junior fair activities. This year, you can expect a concert by country music stars Jo Dee Messina and Darryl Worley on September 3rd in addition to the tractor pulls and demolition derby. To view all the other events at this year's fair, visit [www.vanwertcountyfair.com](http://www.vanwertcountyfair.com).

Kicking off the fairs through the month of September, the Fulton County Fair is home to junior livestock shows and a classic car show. The grandstand will host a number of fabulous events, including country music star Dierks Bentley. To peruse the fair schedule, visit [www.fultoncountyfair.com](http://www.fultoncountyfair.com).

Just after the Labor Day holiday, the Hardin County

## 2006 BUCKEYE BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE



Michelle Hill and Chelsea Holtsberry



Joe Sinn and Zach Miller

The American Legion Post 297 of Payne, recently selected this years delegates to the 2006 Buckeye Boys State held at Bowling Green State University, June 10th to June 18th. Selected delegates are Joe Sinn, son of Perry and Annette Sinn of Latty and Linda Bird of Ft. Wayne, and Zacharia Miller, son of Rich and Patty Miller of Rural Paulding. Both young men are juniors at Wayne Trace High School.

The American Legion Auxilliary of Post 297, Payne, recently selected this years delegates to the 2006 Buckeye Girls State held at Ash-

land University, June 10th to June 18th. Selected delegates are Michelle Hill, daughter of Todd and Theresa Hill of Scott and Chelsea Holtsberry, daughter of Mark and Lisa Holtsberry of Broughton. Alternates selected for Girls State were Danielle Stoller, daughter of Kirk and Eilene Stoller of Latty, and Michelle Steffen, daughter of Donn and Karen Steffen of Brice-ton. All four young ladies are juniors at Wayne Trace High School.

Buckeye Boys and Girls state is a camp that is affiliated with the American Legion. Students form and set

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**OBITUARIES**

**Agnes "Kitty" C. Heimann**, 84, of Paulding, died May 11 at her home. Mrs. Heimann was born in Paulding on May 4, 1922. She was a daughter of the late Charles and Rose Anna (Carrier) Noneman. On November 19, 1989 she married Edward Heimann. He passed away May 31, 1997.

Mrs. Heimann founded and operated the Beauty Box hair salon in Paulding for many years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

Surviving is a daughter, Deb (Larry) Atchley of Cecil; sons: Paul (Dawn) Keeler of Paulding and Larry (Sherry) Keeler of Toledo; step-sons: James Heimann of Fort Wayne, John Heimann of Decatur, IN, Tom Heimann of Findlay, Paul Heimann of London, AK, Bob Heimann of Berne, IN, and Jeff Heimann of Bloomdale, OH; step-daughters: JoAnn Heimann of Decatur, Betty Hooper of Fort Worth, TX, and Patsy Franz of Decatur; a sister: Mildred Siebenick of Defiance; a brother: James Noneman of Paulding; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 25 step-grandchildren and 3

step great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by 3 sisters and 5 brothers.

A mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding on May 15.

The family asks that any memorials be in the form of donations to the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**Dennis W. Cotterman**, 58, of Paulding, died May 12, at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, OH.

He was born on September 24, 1947, in McComb, OH, the son of David and Alberta (Nichols) Cotterman. He was a US Army Vietnam Veteran, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Defiance.

He is survived by a brother, Ronnie Cotterman of Oakwood; two sisters: Sharon Crampton and Sheila Crates both of Paulding; half sister, Donna (Rex) Stahl of Grover Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.



**Margery Madeline Leinard**, 100, of Antwerp, passed away May 15 at Van Wert Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

Born in Cecil, on April 28, 1906, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Lydia (Harden) Roszman.

On October 27, 1932 Margery married Jack Leinard. He passed away February 11, 1972.

She graduated from Bowling Green Teachers College.

She opened Leinard Chevrolet in Antwerp in 1932 with her husband. She also taught for 7 years.

She was a life member of Antwerp United Methodist Church; a charter member of Fin-de-Siecle Literary Club and a member of the Garden Club.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Carol Zedaker of Van Wert; sons, Frank & Lyle Leinard both of Antwerp; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Verle Roszman and half brothers, Russell and Clyde Thomas.

You are invited to participate in her funeral service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, with Rev. Thomas Ketzler officiating.

You may call Wednesday, 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

In her memory contributions may be made to Antwerp Community Development Committee or the church.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).



Pictured are (back row - l to r): Ryan Delagrante (Hicksville), Quinten Neidhardt (Hicksville), and Adam Steiner (Grabill). Front row - (l to r): Aleisha Delegrante (Hicksville), Jeramy Barkman (Hicksville), Naomi Barkman (Hicksville), and our sole Junior Bible Bowler, Joshua Steiner (Antwerp).

**BIBLE BOWL ENDS THE SEASON**

By: **Angel Steiner**

"What is Bible Bowl?" I often ask myself that question about February when the season is about half over and my brain is getting fried from studying text. Being head coach for the Senior team at Antwerp Church of Christ and co-director of the Tri-State Bible Bowl Fellowship, I don't do near the studying that the young people who are on the teams do, but I feel the pressure just the same.

This year the Newville Church of Christ of Newville, IN, Christ's Church at Georgetown of Ft. Wayne, IN, Bronson Church of Christ of Bronson, MI, and Antwerp Church of Christ would come together at one of the participating church's each month from October through April and battle each other on who knows what in the assigned text. This year's course of study was The Acts of the Apostles. The students all learned the history of the

tuns so many of us off in discipleship.

Before I get too much farther along with these different exercises or spiritual disciplines, I thought it would be a good idea for us to face up to the fact that we are talking about work here - hard work, disciplined work, training, "spiritual exercises". But never lose sight of the glorious goal we are pursuing - "a trained attentiveness to God."

Charles Swindoll has a fairly new book out entitled, "So You Want to Be Like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There." In the introduction to that book, he recounts a question posed to Tom Landry, the famous coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

"How do you forge a team of individuals so that they win?" - something that Landry did for every one of his 29 seasons. His reply, "My job is to get men to do what they don't want to do in order to achieve what they have always wanted to achieve."

I like that answer! Most believers don't enjoy the training involved in learning to live like Christ. It is, as the old saying goes, "a lot like work"! But if you ever catch the vision of our goal - a trained attentiveness to God - then any work will be more than worth the effort. To live like Christ, you must "buy into" our goal!

early church which is excellent background for a growing mind.

The tournament we participate in is a Swiss Paring. This is a cross between double elimination (but you don't get eliminated) and a Round Robin. In layman's terms, winners play winners and losers play losers until we have five or six rounds played (depending on the number of teams we have).

On May 7, Antwerp Church of Christ held a Recognition Day after morning

services to recognize all our students who participated this year. They each received a medallion and a certificate of achievement from the church and the coaches presented a plaque to the elders of the church to be displayed.

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up different legislative bodies like the government. The students then learn about the different forms of government and what each does in an actual setting. It lasts a week.

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**LIVING LIKE CHRIST**

By: **Pastor Jeff Shadowen, Westwood Fellowship, Woodburn**

This is our seventh week in this series of columns. I trust that by now you have our simple definition of discipleship "down pat" - a trained attentiveness to God in prayer, in Scripture reading, and in spiritual direction.

As you ponder that definition, I trust that you are sure - absolutely convinced - that "attentiveness to God" would be a very, very desirable and beautiful thing. In Genesis, chapter five, there is a very simple yet very profound description of this type of relationship with God. Two different times in the short paragraph on Enoch (verses 21-24), God's Word records that Enoch "walked with God". WOW! That is the kind of relationship that I want with my God!

The problem does not lie with that ultimate goal. The problem lies with how we arrive at that point. Peterson doesn't speak simply of "attentiveness to God", but rather "a trained attentiveness to God".

"Trained" speaks of training, discipline, exercise. It is the work, the effort that is required to get us there that

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*Phillipians 4:20*

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**TEEN NIGHT AT PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

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Have ideas for the teen section? Want to give input on teen events? Make your voice heard at this roundtable discussion. This event will be held in the library's meeting room. Also, find out about this summer's "Creature Feature" for teens. For more information contact Bill Murphy or the youth services department at 419-399-2032.

**OAKWOOD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOSTS "A PICNIC IN THE PARK"**

The Oakwood Library Association will be sponsoring a Picnic with the Symphony on Thursday, May 18 from 4 to 7:00 in the Oakwood Park. This will kick off the summer season of food and entertainment held monthly in the Oakwood Legion and Park Gazebo. The Library will serve their ever famous Turkey Croissants along with other picnic favorites including grilled hot dogs by Dave Talbott and homemade ice cream by John Kesler. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship, good food, and good music!

—Sue Brown

**PAULDING POST OFFICE COLORING CONTEST WINNER**



Allison Ankney, color page number 2, is the overall winner of the recent coloring contest sponsored by the Paulding Post Office. Kindergarteners from the Paulding Elementary were asked to color a "Mickey & Minnie" page in honor of the new Disney Romance stamps. Then customers were asked to vote for their favorite coloring page. Allison, pictured above with acting Postmaster, Marilyn Mulholland, received a 10 x 13 print of the new Dis-

ney stamp along with an official licensed retail teddy bear and a McDonald's gift certificate while the kindergarten classes were touring the Paulding Post Office recently. Also each class had their own top winner receiving a 5 x 7 framed Mickey & Minnie stamp. They are Cassie Bishop from Ms. Kohart's class; Caitlyn Myers from Ms. McMichael's class; Chloe Foltz from Ms. Mumma's class; and Autumn Stahl from Ms. Boesling's class.

**ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT AUCTION**

Our 10th annual St. Jude's Benefit Auction held on Friday, May 5, 2006 was a success. We raised a total of \$5,517.95. All of which goes to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

We are so thankful for the large crowd that came out to support the auction. Thank you all for helping out with your bids, purchases, and thank you to all who donated the items. Several items brought more than their retail value.

The chinese cake auc-

tion is always fun. The cakes raised \$613.00. At a chinese auction you bid and pay as you go and the last one to bid and pay wins the item, in this case, a decorated sheet cake donated by Chief Supermarket of Paulding, OH. Thank you Chief for the two sheet cakes.

The 50-50 cash ticket drawing is fun and helps raise extra money. This year we sold \$2,150.00 in tickets. We had 3 \$100.00 winners and the big winner was Troy Grant of Defiance, who won \$825.00.

—Rolland and Deb Porter, Porter Auction

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. MILLER CITY**

Wayne Trace (nine hits):  
Tabitha Harris - two singles, run scored.

Chelsea Holtsberry - double.

Miller City (seven hits):  
Stacy Niese - three run home run.

Wayne Trace:  
1 1 0 0 0 0 = 2 runs  
Miller City:  
0 0 2 0 0 3 x = 5 runs  
Records - Wayne Trace 11-9.

Winning Pitcher - Lisa Brown (seven innings, nine hits, three walks, three strikeouts).

Losing Pitcher - Alison McGarvey (one inning, two hits, one strikeout).

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Shelby Critten (five innings, two strikeouts, three walks, five hits).

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

**ANTWERP HISTORY: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JAN HAHN, A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER FOR 32 YEARS**

By: Stan Jordan

She rises each day at 3:45 a.m., showers and then has 40 minutes of devotion. She drives into town to the school bus garage, picks up her bus and drives out to the new school. She walks in the new school for exercise until 6:30. If the weather is cold, she lets her bus warm up for about 15 minutes. She starts her high school route at 6:30 a.m., and is back by 7:35. She then goes on her grade school route at 7:55 and is back by 8:45. On arriving back in Antwerp from this grade school route, she swings by the library and picks up any students that want to ride to the new school building. As I understand, Chuck Wiedman picks up a load at 7:45 when he heads for Vantage and drops them off at the school and picks up the students for Vantage at that time.

Jan goes home at this time and starts the noon meal for Ken and the men that are helping him. That is if she doesn't deliver Meals on Wheels on this day.

This is almost like starting a new day when she gets home. She now becomes a typical farm wife. She runs for parts, she helps move machinery from field to field, she assists in the many of the problems that arise on a common day on the farm. Then she delivers the boys to the next field and helps move the equipment.

If she's lucky, she has the dishes done and starts for the school bus garage at 2:10. She starts the high school route at 2:40 and is back by 3:45. She then delivers her grade school students and is back by 4:40.

A school bus driver's character lingers in a child's mind forever. I have heard a child brag that he rode on Jan's bus all twelve years of school. When a youngster gets on the bus she can tell right away if something is wrong. She sings with them and tells them stories. A bus is the buffer zone between home and school. A good bus driver can mean a lot.

After she takes her bus back to the bus garage, she goes home and starts the evening meal for Ken and the hands. On some days she delivers the food right to the field and becomes a farm wife again.

On Tuesday mornings she finds time to have a brunch with her brothers and sisters. They tell of each others plans, drink coffee and giggle a lot.

Jan was born in Bommer Elkin, NC, in 1944. Her parents were Joda and Cass Rheinhardt. They had 4 girls and 3 boys. She came to Antwerp in 1958, when she was a Freshman in High School. She graduated in 1962 and Ken graduated in 1961.

Ken and Jan were married in 1963. They have two boys, Jeff and Dan. Jeff and Leeza have two boys Kenny Joe and Josh. Dan and Karen have two girls, Morgan and Taylor. Dan was featured in this paper a few weeks ago. He welds and works with metal and had made a 8½ foot moose for a construction company over in Huntington, IN. It has been delivered and stands as an

advertisement for a business there.

Jeff also works at B.F. Goodrich as well as Kenny Joe and Dan. Jeff and Leeza also do a lot of woodworking and both are talented in working with lumber.

As a school bus driver, Jan has made many field trips and athletic events. She has gone to Cedar Point a few times, Sauder's Farm, Children's Zoo, Fox Island and other points of learning for kids. If you figured that with driving a bus for 32 years and all of the side trips, she has covered well over 400,000 miles. All safe miles, maybe stuck in the ice and snow a few times and some harrowing experiences on that busy U. S. 24, but she is a very capable driver.

To some of the "old timers" in this area, some think that Jan Hahn is only a half a step away from becoming an Angel. She has been the co-coordinator for Meals on Wheels since 1978. If it weren't for her and her good help that service might have fallen by the wayside.

Mary Weatherhead and Jan started the service of Meals on Wheels. Mary moved to Michigan and Jan has been the leader for these 36 years. But she tells me of all the faithful helpers that have helped all these years. Let me remind you that these volunteers absorb all the expenses and they are getting to be quite a few.

These people have been with Jan from the start: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meyer, Terry and Mary Derck, Jerry and Mary Ellen Walk, Paul and Jean Rhineheart, and Marilyn Addams.

These people are also volunteers: Mary Lou Slusher, Dick Gordon, Roger & Marlene Pier, Jim & Joyce Cheek, Rochell Rhinehart, Maxine Nighswander, Harold & Sandy Wann, Charles & Nancy Woodring, Jackie Van Cleave, Sylvia Smith, April Speaks, Alvin & Joe Copsey, Jan Hahn, Francis & Bonnie Coughlin.

These are some of the helpers who have retired: Dorthy Meyer, Donna Parrish, Esther Marrow, George & Marjorie Underwood, Ralph & Nancy Brown, Carole Dunderman, Jane Bowers, Rudy & Nancy Reeb, Bob & Roma Wycoff, Stella Bute, Zoanne Rhonehouse, Chris Zuber, Marsha Farnsworth, Clara Reeb, Mary Weatherhead, Kathy Gormely, Katie Brown, Iris Woodcox.

The "Subs" or part-timers: Pauline Jordan, Pinky & Darlene Billman and Edna Green.

If someone can't run their day, Jan will sub, and she does about once a week.

This column started out as "A Day in the Life of Jan Han, School Bus Driver", all I can add is, Jan is a very versatile person and is certainly a part of Antwerp History and we are proud to call her and Ken good friends.

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Fair will commence with a variety of livestock shows that will continue throughout the week. High school bands will provide plenty of entertainment, along with other variety shows and the fair's harness racing and demolition derby. Visit www.hardincountyfair.org for more information.

Closing out the fair season will be the Williams County Fair, which will host a demolition derby, tractor pulls and pony pulls. The fair will also provide many

fun rides for young children and adults and during the last night of the fair, Cook and Belle will perform. In addition, the fair will display "The Wall, the Veterans' Traveling Tribute." For more information, visit www.wcofair.com.

As county fair season gets underway, I encourage you to visit our district's fairs and enjoy all that they have to offer. With a variety of activities and events, everyone in the family is sure to have fun.

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WM Jim Kline opened a lodge of Master Mason in due form and harmony and the pledge was given. In recognition of members, seven Past Masters were in attendance and asked to stand. These included Russell St. Johns, Doyle Johnson, Ron Farnsworth, Charles Carey, Walter Schilb, Lee Kallsen, and Jim Kline. There were three 50-year members that were also recognized. They were Doyle Johnson, Charles Carey, and Joe Ross. Others in attendance included Richard Savage, Darren Brown, Randy Brooks Sr., Gerry Shidler, and our newest member Phillip Scott Ruppert.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Carl Clark May 14, Estel Cottrell May 17, Bob Elliot May 23, Doyle Johnson May 21, Steve Metz May 16, Gene Paul Volkert May 25, Jimmy J. Volkert May 24, George Walter May 18. A new petition was read in open lodge.

The annual Port-A-Pit Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held once again this year. It will be Saturday June 10 at the Hicksville Bank parking lot. Chicken will once again be sold for \$4 a half. Pre-sale orders will be taken.

"Going Dark Bar-B-Q" will be held on June 14, the first meeting in June. It will be held at Dick "Diamond" Savages Ranch on State Route 18 east. The meeting, at the lodge, will be moved up to 6:30 PM. Brats, Burgers, Potato Salad, Chips, and all the trimmings will be served.

Brother Gerry Shidler gave an LEO program to end the meeting. With no further business, all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship. The next stated meeting will be Wednesday May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

**AMERICA'S FIRST RAILROAD AND HICKSVILLE**

By: Tom Curtis

Each day, dozens of trains race thru Hicksville almost unnoticed. Due to a happy set of circumstances, there are no grade crossings - where a road crosses the tracks - in Hicksville, so there are no air horns blaring as the trains pass through. The whole history of those rails form a story that is nearly as old as the United States itself. Those tracks are owned and operated by CSX, a descendant of America's first railroad.

In the early 19th century, businessmen on the east coast were desperately seeking a method of transporting raw materials and agricultural products from the rich lands in the new American West to the developing areas along the Atlantic Ocean. Two competing routes were being developed . . . the tried and true, in the form of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and the daring new technology of a railroad, to be called the Baltimore and Ohio.

The first stone for the new enterprise was laid July 4th,

1828. Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was given the honor of turning the first shovel of dirt. An interesting sidebar is that the first stone was lost, as the railroad grew and improved its facilities, and remained a lost artifact until August of 1898, when trackworkers uncovered it again.

The trackwork plodded west, slowed first by the engineering challenges of crossing the mountains of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and then by the demands of the Civil War. Finally, on August 13, 1874, the first train raced through Hicksville at a blazing twenty miles per hour, whistle screaming and bell ringing. By November 23rd, the rail line was open all the way to Chicago.

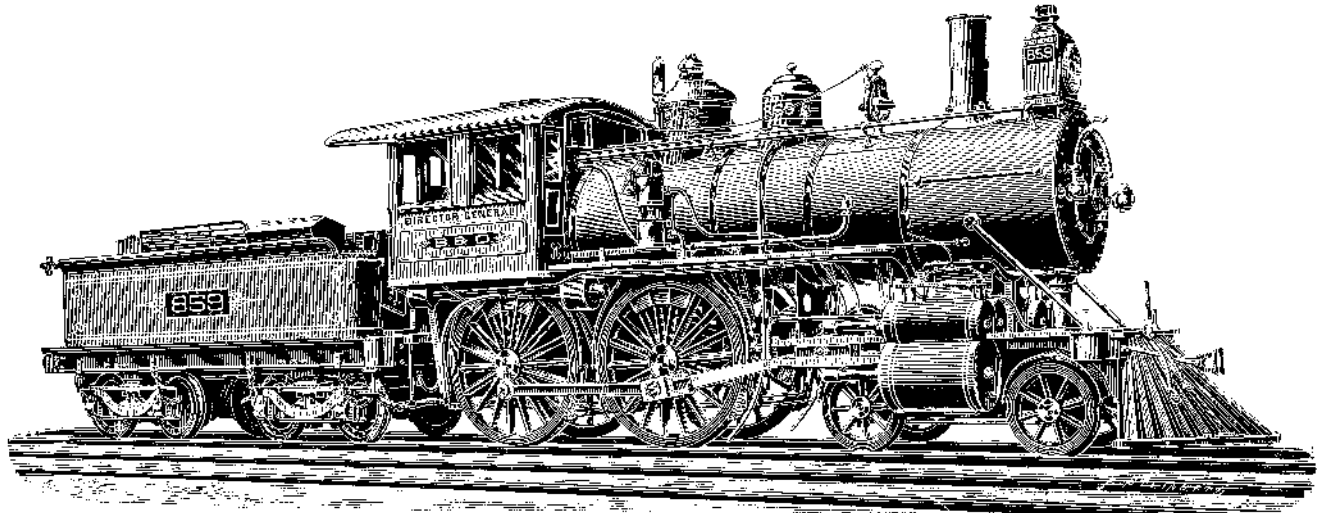
The fact that the B&O passed through Hicksville at all was due to the valiant efforts of Hicksville's leading citizen, A.P. Edgerton. Edgerton had been trying for years to get a railroad to come into Hicksville - no doubt to keep up with that pesky neighbor to the south, Antwerp, which had had a railroad since 1855. Edgerton's delight that the

B&O was coming turned to horror when he learned that the line was surveyed to miss Hicksville completely and instead pass through Newville Indiana! Edgerton rushed to Baltimore and proposed to give the railroad all the land it needed to traverse Defiance County if the Directors would turn the line ten degrees to the Southwest and enter Hicksville. The Directors found that offer too enticing to ignore, and Hicksville became a center of commerce, while Newville faded into obscurity.

Like most railroads, the B&O passed through the hands of many owners. In 1901 the Pennsylvania Railroad finagled enough members onto the board of the B&O to effectively seize control of it. Five years later, the Union Pacific Railroad bought about half of the B&O stock that the Pennsy held. In 1913 the UP swapped the Pennsylvania Railroad stock in the Southern Pacific Railroad for the remaining B&O stock that the Pennsy held, and then distributed the B&O stock to its shareholders, ending the Pennsy's grip on the

This engraving and the following ones through Fig. 90 represent locomotives shown at the 1893 Columbian Exposition. The first of this group is the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's 859, an eight-wheel passenger locomotive outfitted with Vauclean compound cylinders.

Originally built by Baldwin, the 859 was rebuilt with conventional cylinders in 1905 and was retired in 1926. It was part of the B & O historical collection until about 1942 when it was donated to the scrap drive. (Dredge, Plate XXII, Fig. 2)



**HOUSE PASSES BILL TO END PROTESTS AT MILITARY FUNERALS**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill yesterday co-sponsored by Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) which would end the practice of protesting at military funerals. Gillmor voted in favor of the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act which passed the House by a vote of 408 to 3.

"It is a shame that a bill which bars protestors from demonstrating at the funeral of a fallen serviceman is even necessary. But there is no reason why the family and friends of a warrior who died serving this country should be forced to listen to hateful and disrespectful speech when they are mourning the sacrifice of their loved one," Gillmor said. "I was happy to co-sponsor and vote for a bill which makes protesting at military funerals a crime."

The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act bans protestors from demonstrating at military funerals in national cemeteries starting 60 minutes before a ceremony and lasting 60 minutes afterward. The bill also requires protestors to remain at least 500 feet from the funeral site. Penalties for violating the law can range from fines to imprisonment.

The U.S. House also expressed the sense of Congress that all 50 states should enact similar legislation barring protests from military funerals which are not held on federal land. Past Supreme Court rulings indicate this prohibition will be upheld.

The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act was supported by American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans Fleet Reserve Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, and We Care America.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. FAIRVIEW**

The Wayne Trace Baseball team suffered a 5 - 2 defeat at the hands of the Fairview Apaches. With the win, the Apaches clinched the GMC. The Raiders trailed 2 - 1 for most of the game but could not take advantage of base runners in the 3, 4, and 5th innings. Fairview scored 2 runs in the first and 3 in the fourth to secure the victory. With the loss, the Raiders slip to 10 - 9 on the season.

Line Score:  
 Fairview: 2 - 0 - 0 - 3 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 5 - 6 - 0.  
 Wayne Trace: 1 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 2 - 6 - 2.  
 Winning Pitcher - Stark 5 innings, 1 Run, 4 hits.  
 Losing Pitcher - Riley Linder, 2 innings, 2 runs, 4 hits.  
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since our letter to the editor was published in the May 3rd issue, we have talked to a lot of people and gathered a lot of information. We have been blessed with the help of a lot of interested and interesting citizens. We unfortunately have upset some of the local farmers, and that is not our intention. We realize the role they play as America's backbone in the food chain. This article is not aimed at them, it is aimed at the misrepresentation that these factory farms are even considered agriculture. They are not farms, they are factories that substitute animals for cars in their assembly line, and instead of being regulated as industry, they are given a free ride to producing tons of bacteria-laden waste with little or no regulatory watchdog to protect the neighboring communities. The pollution from these animal factories forces their neighbors to suffer compromised health, bad air, contaminated surface water, loss of property value, quality of life, and an increasing degradation of our watersheds. It's true that not all people exposed will suffer but most vulnerable people like your children, your elderly, and immune compromised persons could most likely suffer ailments from both air and water contamination. It is upsetting to think that one factory farm could adversely affect an entire community. If we had only to deal with this one AFO (animal feeding operation) AND there were strict regulations for them to follow, we could per-

haps find a way to do that, but rest assured, there will be more of them to follow. Our intention is to give the citizens enough information as to involve them in proposing strict regulations for these factories, so that it will promote a healthier community, which includes elimination of bacteria-laden pollutants and air borne gasses. We are asking the help of our State Representatives, since this is not only a county problem, but is fast becoming a State problem. We love Ohio, we don't want to see it become a cesspool for animal factories.

—Lee & Mary Lou Kallsen

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I don't think anyone of us realizes what an unhealthy town we will have from the 2400 head of hogs from the new farm that's coming three miles NW of us.

This will really hurt the restaurants and especially A & W Root Beer which we all love to go sit in the spring and summer months, such a great place to enjoy but what will it do when we have to smell hog filth.

Please everyone try at least to do something to stop this, have no idea if we can, but we are going to be in sad shape. This could ruin our businesses, homes, etc. I guess we love to enjoy the great outdoors and do not want to be prisoner in our own home. Think about it.

—Jerry & Ruth York

P.S. So many people are trying to make Antwerp a much neater and cleaner town and this could ruin it all.

ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 8, 2006

By: Sue Knapp

The Council meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*The first order of business was introducing Sheila Hilton as the new Fiscal Clerk.

\*Approval of regular and special meeting minutes was approved.

\*Approval for Disbursements & Investments for April 2006 was approved.

\*Oley Micheal brought preliminary plans for a subdivision on 49N. The subdivision will be named "Maumee Landing" and the street will be named "Maumee Lane".

\*Chief Clemens reported 126 calls.

\*1st reading of ordinance 206-19 authorizing Sarah Keeran to reside outside the Village of Antwerp.

\*Ehrhart Museum - The Ehrhart Building will be cleaned out and the air-conditioner and heating systems will be repaired then the keys will be handed over to get ready for the museum. The Ohio Historical Society has been called for monetary help in moving the Museum.

\*Sleeve for 24 Bypass - bidding will be in March of 2007 - the project will take 3 years - \$45,000 will have to be sent in by December '06.

\*Water Tower Project will be starting soon.

\*Lift Station/Rd. 43 - Poggmeyer will do Lift Station \$20,000 for engineering and construction. The Colony will pay for its use.

\*Sara Keeran recommended hydrant flushing and inspection should be held in the spring and fall.

\*The new Water Plant employee is Ryan Collins. He is on a 6 month probation.

\*Tom Van Vlerah chosen to fill the empty Council Seat vacated by the resignation of Randy Brooks.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a 5th generation livestock producer that believes in being a good steward of the land and the animals under my control. Anyone who knows anything about agriculture is aware of the astronomical cost of farming. Among these is fertilizer. A good manager of any business looks at ways to cut cost and maximize resources. We are no different. It only makes sense to position a swine facility where it will be within two miles of 300+ acres that the manure can be applied to. This increases the nutrient base in the soil, which in turn saves money on fertilizer.

Over the course of the last three weeks my wife and I have talked with and met with the people from the Antwerp area. We have answered numerous questions to keep people informed. We have taken Antwerp residents on tours of farms that we currently operate within 10 miles of Antwerp. We have done all this in an effort to curb fears and misconceptions that are mostly based on emotion and not facts. We have done all this not because law requires us, but because we believe in being a good neighbor.

I know that people long for the glory days of the horse drawn wagon and the back 40 where grandpa kept the cow, four chickens, two pigs and a goat. Times have changed. Farmers make up 0.7% of the population according to a census done by the USDA in 2005, which is far less than in the glory days. Farmers are expected to feed an ever-expanding world. To accomplish this farmers have bought larger machinery to farm more acres. Livestock producers are no different. To the average person 2400 pigs may sound like a lot, but it is not.

It takes 14,000 hogs a day at a pork processing plant in Logansport, Indiana to keep it running at capacity. If I drive 20 miles down the road to Delphi, Indiana there is another plant. This plant uses an additional 14,000 a day. With these two plants processing a combined 28,000 hogs per day my building will only hold about 1/12 of one days hogs needed by these two plants. Hardly a factory farm!

I love my family very much and would never do anything to hurt them. If the water from our well (which is 100 feet from the hog barn at our farm) was contaminated I would not let my two boys and wife drink from it, but we do every day.

My neighbors continue to go about their daily lives, mowing their lawns, taking walks, jogging, barbecuing, playing with their children and all other outdoor activities that you in Antwerp enjoy.

The town of Harlan (approximately 2 miles away from my farm) continues to have Harlan Days, a festival in August that you yourself may have attended.

All in all life around Harlan is pretty good even with the nearly 13,000 pigs living within three miles of town. That good country life must be the reason for the continued housing growth and exceptional property values all around my farm.

NEW RADIO STATION LOCATES IN PAULDING

If you are near Paulding and have your radio on 1620 AM you will hear the new sounds of radio in Paulding County.

Gary Unger, who has spent his life in radio work, is currently in the process of developing an all-Paulding County station, with news and interviews exclusively directed for Paulding County.

A grand opening is scheduled for May 19 from 9:00-4:00. Unger is already testing the airwaves.

"At first the station will only be able to be heard in Paulding, but as we expand our transmitters we will be in all the towns in Paulding County", stated, Gary Unger, owner. WPAU 1620 also broadcasts on the internet, so people all over the world will be able to tune in to the news and activities of Paulding County.

The station will be located in the back office of the Marshall Memorial Supporting Foundation Building at 101 E. Perry St. The radio station entrance is on Williams St. Unger's life has been creating and operating radio stations in Ohio and Arizona. He is a 1960 graduate of Paulding High School. "I am happy to be back to the quality of small town living and want this county to have better communication," says Unger. "We will be putting on local people that serve this county, government officials, volunteers, organizations, people that are there to help others."

My family has had a good reputation of maintaining our farms and being good stewards of land and animals. Nothing will change at this farm in Ohio.

I can only hope that people will become more informed about the facts and that ignorance will not rule the day. I have been asked how I can sleep at night with the thought of building this new barn in Ohio (on land that I own by the way). My answer, is very well knowing that I have done everything possible to inform my soon to be neighbors of the facts.

I know that people fear change and I will never satisfy everyone, but I will do my best to be a good neighbor and I hope you will do likewise.

Sincerely, Chad Schlatter

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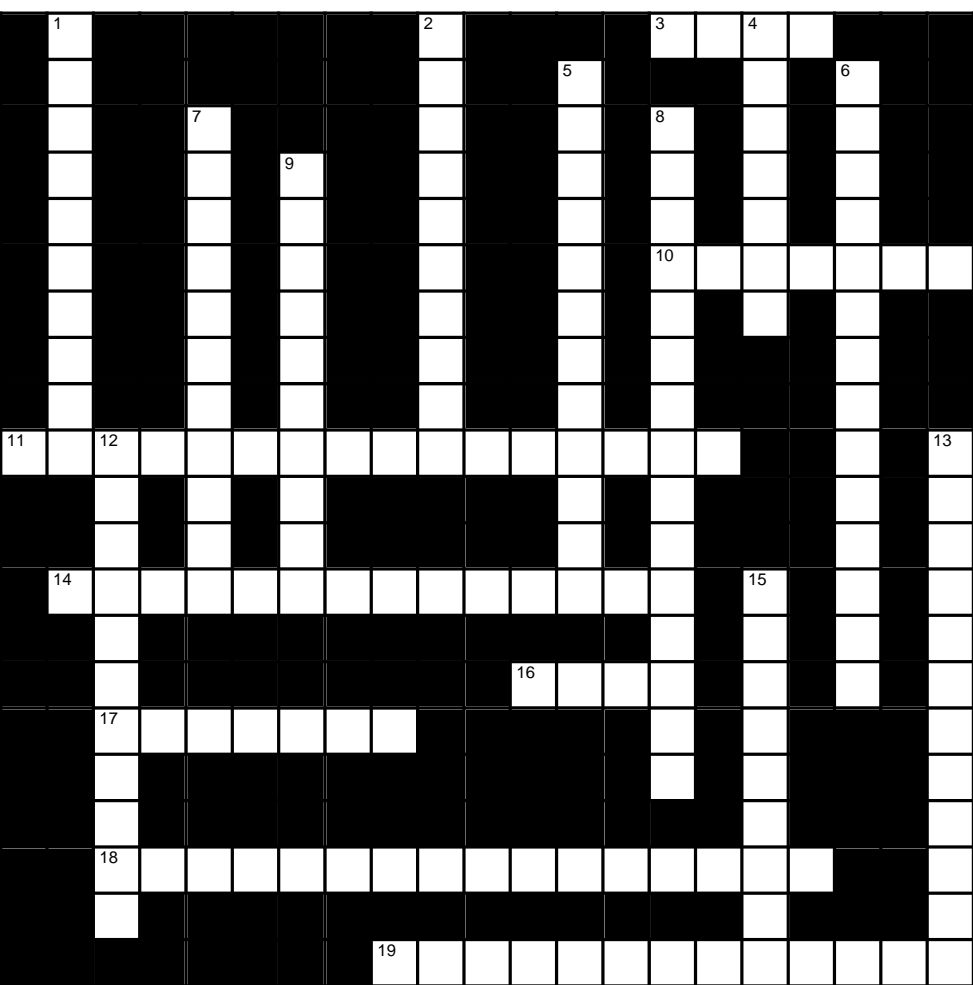
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**Across**

- 3. The National Guard is a part of WHAT service?
- 10. This country has no standing army.
- 11. This was the theme for the first Armed Forces Day.
- 14. The Army's motto says this.
- 16. How many "services" of Armed Forces does the United States have?
- 17. The U.S. Army National Guard has a picture of a WHAT in the middle of their logo?
- 18. "Old Navy" used "Iron Clads" during which war?
- 19. "From the Halls of Montezuma" is the first line of what song?

**Down**

- 1. Aerospace branch of the U.S. armed services is called WHAT?
- 2. What are the Army's colors?
- 4. The Few. The Proud. The ...
- 5. This Busch series driver advertises for "Navy".
- 6. The official song of the U.S. Army.
- 7. This Busch driver series advertises for "Marines".
- 8. What are National Guard enlistees called?
- 9. This NASCAR driver advertises "National Guard".
- 12. The name of the U.S. Navy Song.
- 13. This Secretary of Defense announced the creation of Armed Forces Day and that it stemmed from the unification of all armed services under one department, Department of Defense.
- 15. What studies does Air Force ROTC offer?

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## LET SCIENCE BE OUR GUIDE WITH AGRICULTURE EXPANSION

Submitted by: **Tammy Schlatter, Excerpt from Indiana Agrinews Publications, May 5 2006**

It's almost become a cliché in the agriculture industry, but science should be our guide in how we view and deal with modern agriculture. Too often lack of knowledge, fear, and politics are motivations that drive good people to make bad decisions about the future of a county's agriculture, particularly in regards to livestock production.

Right now we have livestock producers who want to expand their operations facing increasing opposition and in some cases personal threats from rural residents who don't want large-scale livestock in the county. Local elected officials are being asked to intervene by instituting county regulations that in many cases will kill the livestock industry in the county. Most of the elected officials want to do the right thing and let agriculture develop in their counties, but some only look at the next election vote.

Farmers must continue to show decision-makers the research science that dispels unfounded claims that livestock production is bad for the environment or our health.

Air quality issues are of particular concern to farmers and local residents. Well-meaning people attend public meetings and voice concerns that they won't be able to live by a livestock farm because the air quality will affect their health. But, the science of air quality from pork farms says otherwise.

Recent research studies out of Iowa have determined that air around hog farms is not harmful to nearby residents, and demonstrates that the proximity to a hog farm does not affect air quality inside nearby homes as much as activities that take place inside the homes.

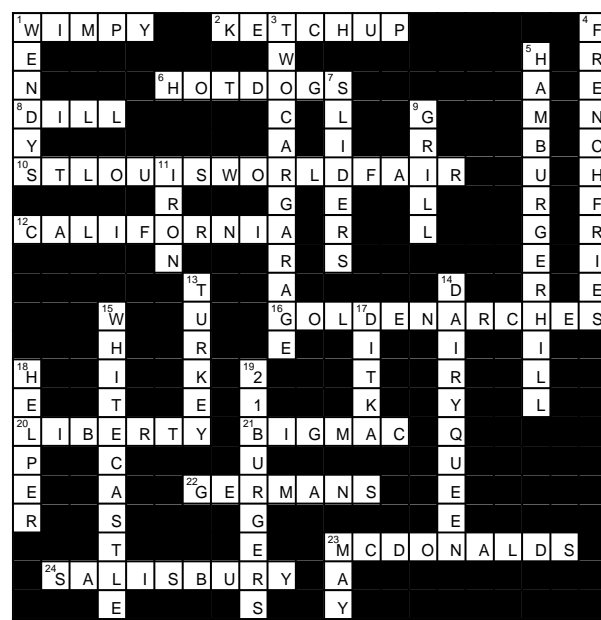
Iowa State University's Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering measured concentrations of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide on hog farms and neighboring residences for 16 months.

What researchers found is that it's not the size of the operation or type of manure storage that affects air quality, but rather the wind speed and the intensity of the sun on any given day. Hydrogen sulfide concentration levels from a farm do not increase at nearby residences unless it's a windless, cloudy day. And even on windless, cloudy days hydrogen sulfide readings inside a residence located less than 300 feet from the largest pork operation were recorded at levels 50 percent lower than the level currently set by the state of Iowa.

As far as ammonia levels are concerned, the study found that homeowners are more likely to have higher ammonia concentrations within their own home than ammonia levels in the air outside the residence or at a hog farm's property line. Those ammonia levels may be related more to inhabitants' lifestyles, including smoking cigarettes and having indoor pets, than to the residence's proximity to a hog farm.

These results support a previous three-year study

## Last Week's answers to "Hamburgers"



## SADD LOOKIN' OUT AND ANTWERP H.S. HOLD "GRIM REAPER DAY"



On May 5th, Antwerp SADD Lookin' Out students held a "Grim Reaper Day". A student was picked every 1/2 hour to "pass away", 13 student passed away in all. There were 13 different reasons why these students passed away: from drunk driving, drugs, suicide, anorexia to binge drinking, etc.

SADD wanted to make an impact on the students especially with all the graduation parties that are going on right now. Once a student was picked, it was announced over the loud speaker throughout the

school what that student passed away from, and the statistics behind it.

Antwerp SADD students are proud to be working with Erie Insurance Company. Through a grant from Erie Insurance we have been able to do a lot this year to bring awareness to the students what kind of consequences destructive decisions have.

We would also like to thank the Antwerp Local School administration and staff for all of the support and help to get the word out.

—Deb Altic  
 Antwerp H.S.

conducted by Iowa's Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in 2002.

These two studies contain valuable and credible information for decision-makers. Air quality is an issue that all of us will continue to assess and use emerging technology to improve.

Informed officials need to balance the benefits derived from livestock farms such as jobs, tax revenue, and support of local businesses and family farms against perceived air quality issues. The ques-

tion about air quality from a livestock operation does not warrant additional county regulations that could put a livestock producer out of business.

It's critical that as grain and livestock farmers we all pay attention to what's being said in our local communities about farming and when the time comes we all need to step up to the podium and show our decision-makers the science behind agriculture. Our future depends on it.



### PCH BOARD STUDIES TAX EXPENDITURE LIMITATION (TEL) AMENDMENT

Paulding County Hospital attorney Phil Baither gave a presentation to the board of trustees about the possible negative impact of the Tax Expenditure Limitation (TEL) constitutional amendment proposal on this fall's ballot. If approved, the TEL amendment would limit budget increases for all governmental entities—townships, educational institutions, county operations such as PCH, the health department, libraries, the extension office, senior center, etc. The amendment, as written, is open to very broad interpretation.

Hospital CEO Gary Adkins told the board that Dr. Triplett is expected to return to his OB/GYN clinic around the end of July.

Finances continue to be a challenge for the hospital. Chief financial officer Rob Goshia reported a net loss of \$115,216 for March and a year to date net loss of \$128,425.

One cause for the negative income is fewer patients using the Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Program (Swing Bed) than last year. To increase utilization of PCH's Swing Bed services, the hospital has undertaken an educational/marketing program including personal visits to physicians and hospitals, newspaper advertising, and direct marketing. Because the hospital provides high-level medical care 24/7 including professional services from physicians, RNs, respiratory therapists, and the radiology and laboratory departments, PCH's Swing Bed program is an excellent option for many who need it.

Chief operating officer

Randy Ruge reported about: —The reallocation of space on the medical care unit to improve efficiencies for individuals undergoing outpatient surgeries.

—The combining of the in-home medical supplies and equipment with the home health nursing department. All services provided such as equipment sales and prosthesis fittings will continue at the same level as before the organizational restructuring.

CEO Gary Adkins reported:

—He will be attending a meeting on May 16th to address issues surrounding the Tax Expenditure Limitation amendment and the Supplement Upper Payment Limit shortages anticipated this year.

—The PCH Foundation held its annual dinner meeting. Thirty-five guests attended and the foundation was pleased to add two new lifetime members—Dr. and Debra Strawter and the Paulding Eagles Lodge.

—He met with Ohio Hospital Association representatives to discuss a meeting of Ohio's Critical Access Hospitals scheduled for this summer. Subsequently, OHA is better able to formulate a plan that will help hospitals attending the meeting address issues specifically related to their Critical Access Hospitals.

—He updated hospital volunteers and retirees on PCH activities at two luncheons to honor their support. Approximately 65 volunteers from the Auxiliary, Benevolent Society, Sewing Auxiliary, Guest Greeter Program, and the hospital board attended the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Around 50 retirees attended their luncheon.

## RIVERSIDE HARDWARE OPENS IN ANTWERP



Antwerp has a new hardware store. Riverside Hardware recently opened just north of Antwerp on Hwy. 49, just before the bridge. Jerry Williams is the owner and is glad to be "back in business" in Antwerp. Jerry worked for his father, Keith Williams, at the Antwerp Shell for many years before Keith's retirement last year. Since then, Jerry has been looking forward to the opportunity to serve Antwerp and the surrounding area.

Riverside Hardware will

provide retail hardware items and paint along with small engine repair and other services. Need a 2x4 for a building project or wallpaper tools? Did your plumbing spring a leak or do you need a special fastener for your fix-up project? How about some paint for a quick room makeover? Stop and see the Riverside staff for assistance.

Jerry will also be servicing lawn mowers and other small engines. Riverside even has live bait for your fishing needs.

### DON'T LET THE MEDICARE DEADLINE PASS YOU BY

Since November of last year, I have been traveling across my district encouraging seniors to consider the benefits of prescription drug coverage. Since that time, 73 percent of the Fifth District has enrolled in some type of drug coverage. But the window for savings will come to a close soon as Monday, May 15th, is the last day for seniors to enroll for coverage without a penalty.

I have held forums in the district and met with hundreds of seniors across Ohio. I know first-hand the type of savings you can realize by enrolling in a Medicare drug plan. But I also know it can be a difficult decision to commit to one of these voluntary programs.

There were some glitches with the programs when enrollment started last November. Anytime the government makes such sweeping changes like covering more than 50 percent of the cost of your medication, there will be bugs to work out of the system. But as I have spoken with seniors, I have heard from so many thankful people who are now realizing the great savings offered by these plans.

One of the most common stories I have heard in the past six months comes from seniors who were healthy as a horse in November. They had little or no prescription drug costs and did not think they would need coverage. But, they also understood that Medicare plans are insurance. So, for as low as \$14 a month, these seniors, some of whom now have new illnesses and new needs for drug coverage, signed up.

I imagine that some of the 27 percent of people left

to enroll are in a similar position as these seniors. But please remember that this coverage is insurance, if you miss the May 15th enrollment deadline, you will face a 1% per month penalty on your premium. In addition, since you will not be able to enroll until November, that 1% will turn into a 7% penalty. But the real loss here is that you will not have coverage until November. This means that if you get sick in June and now have a prescription which costs \$100 per month, you will not receive the benefits you could have if only you enrolled for even one of the cheapest plans available.

The prescription drug program is completely voluntary and I think that seniors who look into the benefits will find it is good to have some coverage. But you should at least check into the plans. There are many resources available to you including visiting www.Medicare.gov, calling 1-800-MEDICARE, contacting the Ohio Department of Insurance at 1-800-686-1578, or even your local senior center. Check the facts and make a decision for yourself. With more than 37 million people now receiving coverage including 10 million Americans who are receiving low-income subsidies, this program is working and deserves a strong look.

### ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has been busy planning their summer and autumn events. They have ordered their 6th in a series Christmas Ornament and it will be available for purchase in August.

Antwerp area Community Garage Sales will be Friday, June 9th and Saturday the 10th. In the past The Chamber has asked those conducting a garage sale to contact them to have their location placed on a map, this year there will be no map, but The Chamber will advertise the event in general. Also this year, permission has been obtained for those wishing to set-up their sale at Veterans Riverside Memorial Park to do so as a flea market-garage sale area. Each person will need to take the responsibility to leave their area cleaned up. Their will be a food stand at the West Bend News parking lot on Saturday operated by the Rotary Club.

On July 8th the Antwerp Community Development Committee (ACDC) will sponsor an event in the downtown area, 'Rods, Hogs & Dogs Days', The Chamber will be serving Pop Corn on Main Street.

The Chamber's annual summer festival's name has been changed to 'A Day In The Park' instead of Arts in The Park. Several members felt that many people did not understand that the festival included activities other than crafts and arts, such as games, car show, food and entertainment. As always the festival will be held the second Saturday of August and the date for 2006 will be the 12th. Committees are busy planning activities and booking entertainment. Crafters and vendors who have participated in the past are welcome again this year, as is anyone else. All who are interested in being a part of this year's activities may contact The Chamber at 419-258-1711 or send an

inquiry to PO Box 1111, Antwerp, OH 45813.

In conjunction with 'A Day In The Park', a local citizen will be recognized again this year, being named "Gem of the Year". Nominations entry forms and drop boxes are available at Antwerp Pharmacy, Marilyn's Petals and Vines, Kammeyer's IGA and Antwerp Exchange Bank. The criteria is simply, "The nominee should be a civic minded person who has made a contribution to the community and the betterment of life itself." The deadline for all entries will be July 15th.

A new venture this year will be a Holiday Parade of Lights which will take place in the evening, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25th. The City Council has approved this event and the parade route is being worked out. Since the demise of Antwerp Days a few years ago, local residents often comment that they miss the parade, this new event will be everyone's opportunity to enter and decorate anything on wheels with electric lights that will operate from an automobile battery, (like a boat parade on water) and have a great time. More information will be published at a later date.

The Chamber will soon be placing their decorative planters around Main Street as the weather permits. Also they are compiling an information pamphlet about Antwerp. This will be published and made available to the public in various highly visible locations. The average citizen will be surprised to learn the number and variety of business that the Antwerp area has to offer.

The next Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 12:30 p.m. at the Essen House Restaurant. The June meeting will be June 13th, but in the evening at 6:45 p.m., this change is to encourage the attendance of members who are unable to attend the day time meetings.

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## Paulding High School Senior Profiles

### Kelsey Adams

While attending PHS, "Kel" has been involved in softball, basketball, volleyball and National Honor Society. Her most memorable moment at PHS was playing sports with friends. Her most embarrassing moment was when she spilled her lunch on her clothes during her junior year. Kelsey plans to attend IPFW and major in Accounting.

### Rachael Alvarado

After high school, Rachel plans to get a part-time job and go to college.

### Jennifer Arend

While attending PHS, "Jen" has been involved in volleyball, stats for wrestling and basketball, track, choir, and drama. Her most memorable moments were spending lovely nights with her "girls" (Suz, Sarah, Mo, and Fo). Her most embarrassing moment was a problem she had with her khakis her freshman year. Jen plans to attend college and major in Communications after she graduates.

### Zachary Arend

While attending PHS, "Herman, the Solution" was involved in baseball, basketball, golf, football, and cross country. Zach's most memorable moment was the history trip his junior year. His most embarrassing moment was missing a dunk against Ottoville. After high school, Zach will attend Bluffton University and major in Sports Management and play baseball.

### Amanda Baker

After high school, Amanda plans to attend college.

### Jerel Barron

While attending PHS, Jerel participated in baseball, basketball, and ping-pong tournaments. His most memorable moment was the junior government trip. After he graduates, he plans to attend college to major in Business or Sports Management.

### David Beck

While attending PHS, "Davey" has been involved in football, track, weightlifting, and wrestling. After high school, he plans to attend the Univ. of Findlay to major in Sports Management and to play football.

### Seth Bidlack

While attending PHS, Seth has participated in Youth for Christ Basketball, cross country, track and field, NHS, Technology Team, FCCLA, and was a Buckeye Boys State alternate. His most memorable moment was singing "She Bangs" in front of the whole school for "Puttin' on the Hits." He plans to attend Toledo University or Adrian College for a medical degree and photography.

### Shannon Blair

While attending PHS, "Kracker" has been involved in FFA and OMUN. Her most memorable moment was going to the National FFA Convention. After high school she plans to go to college to become a medical assistant or veterinary technician.

### Nicole Booth

"Snowflake" plans to wait a few years and then attend college. Her most embarrassing moment was when she accidentally put ½ cup of baking soda in a batch of cookies in foods class. (The recipe called for ½ teaspoon.)

### David Brown

While attending PHS, "Brownie" has participated in choir, quartet, solo and ensemble, football, weightlifting, Student Council, newspaper staff, EDGE Program, and Ohio Model United Nations. After college, he plans to work full-time for another year and then go to college next summer to study Forensic Science.

### Amber Busch

While attending PHS, Amber was involved in flag corps, Science Olympiad, NHS, pep band, jazz band, and concert band. Her most memorable moment was the band trip to Florida. Her most embarrassing moment was falling flat on her face in the band room before a football game. After graduation, she plans to attend Bowling Green University and major in social work.

### Rachel Butler

While attending PHS, "Rach" has been involved in FFA and softball. After graduation, she plans to obtain her RN license at either Owens or Rhodes College.

### Ben Carnahan

While attending PHS, Ben was involved in wrestling, weightlifting, engineering, P.A.C.E, and E.D.G.E. His most memorable moment was attending the Hugh O'Brian Conference. After high school, Ben plans to attend college.

### Megan Clark

While attending PHS, "Meg" was involved in cheerleading, choir, and tennis. Her most embarrassing moment was sliding down the banister and ripping a hole in her pants. After high school, she plans to go to college and major in either Communications or Early Childhood Education.

### Adam Cook

While attending PHS, "Cookie" was involved in FFA. His most memorable moment in high school was accidentally kicking a girl in the head with his boot. After high school, he plans to go to college, raise cattle, and become a diesel technician.

### Jace Crossland

While attending PHS, Jace participated in basketball, cross country, baseball, band, chorus, quartet, and NHS. After high school, he plans to go to Bowling Green State University to study Music Education.

### Tashia Curtis

While attending PHS, Tashia participated in basketball and was the class president for cosmetology and the Haiti Interact Club at Vantage. Her most embarrassing moment was getting caught sleeping in class.

### Danielle Dangler

Here at PHS, "Dan" was involved in volleyball, softball, basketball, and cheerleading. Her most memorable moment was winning sectional championships her sophomore year. After high school, she plans to go to Ohio State Lima to major in nursing.

### Seth Dangler - No information provided.

### Zack Davis

While attending PHS, Zack was involved in concert band, marching band, pep band, jazz band, solo and ensemble, choir, quartet, and NHS. After high school, he plans to attend Bowling Green University for Music Education.

### Kendra Deel - No information provided.

### John DeMuth

After high school, "Krug" plans to attend James A Rhodes State College.

### Corbin Doster

While attending PHS, "Dozer" has been involved in football, wrestling, track, FFA, and was a member of the engineering team. His most memorable moment in high school was judging at the FFA meat judging spring contest. After graduation he plans to go to college and major in Mechanical Engineering.

### David Dunlap

After graduation David plans to enter the military.

### Brad Dysinger

While attending PHS, Brad has been involved in football and track. Brad plans to go to Toledo University and major in engineering.

### Virginia Eeman - No information provided.

### Chelsey Elkins - No information provided.

### Cody Etter

At PHS Cody has been involved in tennis, track, OMUN, and Buckeye Boys State. Cody plans to attend Northwestern and study Diesel Mechanics.

### Rachelle Farley

While attending high school, "Rach, Chelle," has been involved in volleyball, cheerleading, and NHS. Her most memorable moment was the entire Washington D.C trip because so many things happened that week. She plans to attend Bluffton University and major in Accounting.

### Jeff Feeney, Jr.

After graduation, Jeff plans to get a job.

### Joel Fields

While attending high school, Joel has been involved in tech support, Science Olympiad, Multimedia, and OMUN. His most memorable moment was when he and Eric Martinez made a fort out of Dell boxes in Mr. Riedy's room in the summer while working for Mr. Gottke. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio to study Computer Technology.

### Monica Marie Florence

Monica especially enjoyed participating in FFA classes at PHS. Her most memorable moment was when Nicole Booth put too much baking soda in the Snickerdoodles the two of them were making in Foods Class. Her most embarrassing moment was when she went to National FFA Convention and did not wake up on time. The advisors were banging on her door so she wouldn't miss the bus. After graduation she plans to go to the Univ. of Northwestern Ohio and pursue a degree in the medical field.

### Kelsey Foltz

While attending high school, "Fo" was involved in volleyball, basketball, FCCLA, and NHS. After graduation, Kelsey plans to attend Bowling Green State University, major in nursing, and room with Cheryl Moore.

### Christy Fowler

While attending high school, "Sousachick" was involved in band, choir, drama, Engineering Team, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, track, cross country, and Student Council. Her most memorable moment was playing her tuba solo on the stage at St. Mary's High School for solo and ensemble her junior year. Christy's most embarrassing moment was when the entire band had to go back to get her jacket because she had forgotten to take it with her on one of their trips. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University and pursue a degree in Music.

### Stephanie Freshour

While attending high school, Stephanie was involved in Flag Corps, band, Student Council, NHS, choir, Science Olympiad, pep band, and jazz band. She was also president of her class. Her most memorable moment was going on the Washington D.C trip. Stephanie's most embarrassing moment was accidentally breaking a bench at Subway and being yelled at by the manager. She plans to go Ohio University and major in Political Science.

### Sarah Geib - No information provided.

### Mitchell Gonzales

Mitch has been involved in football and track. His most memorable moment in high school occurred during his freshman year when he fell on his face jumping over a lowered volleyball net. (There were several bets on that jump.) After graduation he plans to go to college and major in Pre-Law.

### Tony Gonzales

While attending high school at PHS, Tony has been involved in wrestling. His most memorable moment was the whole D.C trip. After high school, Tony plans to go to college and do whatever comes his way.

### Chelsie Goyings

"Chels" has been in FFA, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, softball, volleyball, basketball, band (symphonic and marching), and National Honor Society. Her most memorable moment was being elected the first female president of the Paulding FFA. Chelsie plans to attend college at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio and major in Microbiology and Pre-Medicine.

### Seth Greear

Seth has been a member of the golf team, basketball team, and the track team. He was also involved in Ag-ball and FFA. Seth's most memorable moment was helping Logan Gross build his big boat in shop class. He plans to become a carpenter and stay on the Fire Department.

### David Griffiths

"Little Dave" has been in the school musicals, choir and quartet. He was also involved in baseball, cross country and ice hockey. Little Dave's most embarrassing moment was when he forgot the starting note of the quartet's number at a choir concert. His future plans include attending Northwest State and majoring in Business.

### Andrea Guelde

Andrea has been in cheerleading, Science Olympiad, choir, varsity girls quartet, Drama Club, and Flag Corps. Andrea's most memorable moments were being in Flag Corps and having good times on the band bus. Her most embarrassing moment was when she lost her shoe in flag corps practice and fell right into the middle of the marching field. Andrea plans to attend the University of Findlay, major in Early Childhood Education, and move to North Carolina.

### Tyler Hamman

"Ty" has been involved in football, basketball and weightlifting. His most memorable moments in high school were the times he was able to spend with Mr. Schnepf (now deceased) during study hall. After graduation, he plans to attend Bowling Green State University.

### Andy Hannenkratt

During high school, Andy has been involved in cross country and basketball. After graduation, he plans to go to the Marines and eventually get a job in law enforcement.

### Eric Hannenkratt - No information provided.

### Jessica Hankinson - No information provided.

### Natalie Hanson

In high school, Natalie was in cheerleading, Flag Corps, NHS, Math Club, and was a member of Student Council. Natalie's most memorable time was the Florida trip. Her most embarrassing moment was during "sing it" in physics class. After graduation, she plans to attend Bowling Green State University and become a Registered Nurse.

### Jennifer Hawkey

While attending high school, Jennifer has been involved in FFA and FCCLA. After graduation she plans to attend Rhodes State University for nursing.

### Tim Heiges - No information provided.





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## Shauna Hornish

"Shawana" has been involved in cross country, track, newspaper, choir, and softball. She also served as an office helper. Her most memorable high school moment was last year in track when she tried to beat the 17'5" record for the long jump. She ended up jumping 17' 2", just a few inches short. After graduation, Shauna plans to attend college and major in physical therapy.

## Will Jones

After graduation, "Willy" plans to attend college.

## Clay Justinger

Clay was involved in FFA at Paulding High School. After graduation, Clay plans to join the Marines.

## Veronika Klesnil

"Roni" (from the Czech Republic) has been involved in tennis and choir. Veronika has enjoyed meeting new people here and will return to the Czech Republic this summer. Her most embarrassing moment was when she said "yes" to questions she had no idea how to answer. She plans to attend college in the Czech Republic and to travel to Australia. Veronika says, "Goodbye, America! It's not really goodbye, it's just see ya!"

## Malerie Klinger

Malerie has been involved in softball, volleyball, cheerleading, National Honor Society, band, Student Council, and Math Club. Her most memorable moment was getting her first homerun over the fence as a sophomore. She plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in Business Administration. She also plans to play softball there.

## Ellen Kohart

"Ellie" was involved in marching, symphonic, jazz, and pep bands, cheerleading, PACE, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and tennis. Ellen's most memorable moment at PHS was crying during the movie *White Fang* in English class because a mother wolf died. Ellen will attend Defiance College and major in Early Childhood Education.

## Anthony Kreitzer

"Bonehead" attended Beaver Creek High School his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. He played baseball and football and was in band, choir, and show choir. Here at Paulding High School he was on the baseball team. His most memorable moment was tripping in front of the whole school after he picked up his taco salad during lunch. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska.

## Keith Lane - No information provided.

## Tara Laney

Tara was involved in FFA, Ag-ball, and track. Her most memorable moment was this year when she scared Mr. Smazenko to death by acting like Beau Leatherman had cut his finger off. Tara's most embarrassing moment happened at Vantage when she tried to jump over a car door and fell on her face in front of the whole auto body class. She plans to attend college and major in Accounting.

## Beau Leatherman

Beau was active in football and FFA while at PHS. His most embarrassing moment was hitting a pole when he was riding his tractor to school. After graduation, Beau plans to attend Owens College.

## Janelle Lero

Janelle has been involved in band and FCCLA during her high school years. She plans to attend college after graduation.

## Dustin Manson

While in PHS, "Munson" participated in baseball, choir, quartet, NHS, and ping-pong tournaments. Munson's most memorable moment was the junior government trip to Washington D.C. He plans to go to Defiance College.

## Mitchell Manz

"Mitch" was involved in choir, tennis, and NHS. After high school, Mitch plans to go to college.

## Richard Manz - No information provided.

## Ryan Mawer - No information provided.

## Matt Mead

At PHS "Mad-man Mead" played football, wrestled, ran track, and participated in FFA. He plans to go to college to become an architect and to play football.

## Jacob Merriman - No information provided.

## Josh Miller

Josh played football, was involved in weightlifting and Homecoming. His most embarrassing moment was being hit in the face during a volleyball game when he missed the ball. Josh plans to attend a technical school for painting and fabrication.

## Cara Mobley - No information provided.

## Camron Monnier

Camron was on the basketball, football, tennis and baseball teams while at PHS. Camron plans to attend Indiana Univ. and major in Sports Marketing/Management.

## Cheryl Moore

"Mo"/ "Penguin" played volleyball and basketball at PHS. She was involved with FCCLA and on the yearbook staff. After high school, she plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Business.

## Coty Moore - No information provided.

## Ronielle Moore

"Jokka" was involved in track and field during high school. His most memorable moment was his first day of school here when he got to see new faces and started making new friends. He plans to attend college after graduation.

## Sarah Mott

Sarah was involved in volleyball, track, Student Council, basketball, Multi Media classes, and was on the yearbook staff. She was also an Americanism essay winner. Some of Sarah's memorable moments at Paulding are the Homecomings and being with her friends. Her embarrassing moment was when she fell and got a concussion during her freshman year. Sarah plans to attend Ohio University and major in Broadcast Journalism at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.

## Brittany Mowery

Brittany's nicknames are "Siren," "Yasumi," and "Brits." Her memorable moment was her junior prom.

## Suzi Mumma

"Suz" was involved in volleyball, Student Council, NHS, and FCCLA. Her most memorable moments were the government trip and the crazy weekends with her friends. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Interior Design.

## James Myers, Jr.

At PHS "Jamey" played tennis, was on the Quiz Bowl Team, and in NHS. His most embarrassing moment was when he made a big mess by spilling French fries and ketchup on his shirt. He plans to attend Miami University in the fall.

## Chelsey Pennington - No information provided.

## Jesse Philipot

"Jasse" was involved with Quiz bowl and OMUN. His most memorable moment was taping a video of Jamey Myers jumping off of T.J. Wiebe's roof. He plans to attend college after graduation.

## Nicholas Pittman

"Nick" played football and basketball at PHS.

## Casey Rumphrey

Casey plans to attend Northwestern in Lima to become a medical assistant.

## Max Reinhart

Max was involved in Quiz Bowl, football and tennis. His most embarrassing moment was being run over by Parkway's quarterback.

## Ryan Reinhart - No information provided.

## Stephanie Rhodes

Stephanie's most memorable moment was spending time at lunch with her friends and having a good time. She wants to work for a year or two and then go to college.

## Brice Rios - No information provided.

## Sean Romey - No information provided.

## Cliffon Rosalez

Some of the activities that Cliffon participated in at PHS were track & field, basketball, and weightlifting. Cliffon plans to attend Bowling Green University.

## Aaron Ross

"A.J." participated in the symphonic band, marching band, pep band, and solo and ensemble competitions. His most memorable moment was going to band camp for the first time. Aaron plans to attend college to become an engineer.

## Kyle Rothenbuhler

"Rot" participated in football, basketball, and baseball. Kyle's plans after graduation are to go to Bowling Green and major in some area of medicine.

## Megan Roughton

"Meg" or "Peanut" has played volleyball, softball, and been involved in FFA. Her most memorable moment at PHS was giving Kyle Rothenbuhler what she thought was a good-natured hit. He returned it, but she got a bloody nose. Megan says people are still talking about that. "Meg" plans to attend Owens Community College to study occupational therapy.

## Amanda Ruger - No information provided.

## Evan Schlatter

At PHS Evan has been involved in basketball, football, FFA, Ag-Ball, choir, and National Honor Society. Evan plans to attend college at Owens in Toledo. He eventually wants to return to Paulding and enter the business of farming.

## Travis Schlatter

Travis was in FFA, Ag-Ball, NHS, choir, and basketball. He plans to attend college for two years and engage in farming.

## Erin Schooley

Erin's nickname is "Err-In". Her most embarrassing moment was getting into a cardboard box and being pushed down the stairs (for fun) by Christine Snodgrass. Erin said the box was totaled. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University.

## Justin Schroeder

He has been involved in track and plans to attend college.

## Kyle Sharp

"Sharpie" has been involved in football, Skills USA, and VICA. His most memorable moments at PHS were receiving awards in football. He plans to go to college and become an industrial engineer.

## Chris Shoup - No information available.

## Eric Smith

Eric's most embarrassing moment at PHS was falling down the stairs. He plans to enter the military.

## Kandi Smith

"Kansas" has been involved in drama, band, P.A.C.E., and NHS. She plans to go the University of Cincinnati and major in Civil Engineering.

## Justin Solometo - No information provided.

## Tara Spangler - No information provided.

## Kaleigh Stoller

"Kag" participated in FFA, school musicals, varsity barbershop quartet, tennis, choir, swing choir, and was a super fan. She will attend Bowling Green State University and major in Speech Therapy.

## Kiersten Sunday

Kiersten's nickname is "Yomiko." While at PHS she participated in the marching band and pep band. She plans to attend college and eventually design book covers.

## Jason Thomas

"Ed" participated in football, wrestling, track, and weightlifting. His most memorable moment was winning NWC his freshman year. His most embarrassing moment was being hit in wrestling by Shrider and not even remembering it. After high school he wants to wrestle or play football at Bluffton or Ashland University.

## Daniel Trevino - No information provided.

## Paige Unverferth - No information provided.

## Kera Vance

Kera participated in track, cross country, and softball. Her most embarrassing moment was when a few guys in her freshman science class told her a joke, and she asked a really dumb question. She would like to get a job in a salon.

## Jordan Vogel - No information provided.

## Shannon White

"Shanip" was involved in cheerleading, drama, band, and tennis. Her most memorable moment was a fog day in 2005. Her most embarrassing moment was falling flat on the gym floor in front of hundreds of people right before the starting five of one of her basketball games. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Middle Childhood Education and possibly join the Peace Corps.

## Thomas Jordan Wiebe

"T.J." was in band, jazz band, Quiz Bowl, and OMUN while attending PHS. His most memorable moment was seeing a dog in the school. He would like to attend Toledo Univ.

## Marilyn Wilhelm

Marilyn's nickname is "M-jane." She participated in tennis, drama, band, Science Olympiad, and Quiz Bowl. Her most memorable moments in high school were talking with Erin Schooley her freshman year in Civics class and going on the band trip to Disney World. Her most embarrassing moments were crying in Mr. Pennington's Albegra II class, trotting like a horse during track season, and acting like she was in a trance during Mr. Balin's French class. Marilyn plans to attend Ohio State University and major in nursing. After college she plans to join the Peace Corps.

## Kimberly Sue Wilson

"Kimmy" has been in FCCLA during her high school years. In the future, she plans to become an actress.

## Jon Wiswell

"Wizzie" was involved in football, baseball, track and field, weightlifting, jazz band and symphonic band. His most memorable times at PHS were the times he got to hang out with friends. Wizzie plans to attend college.

## Nathan Woodby - No information provided.

## Brandon Woodruff

Brandon hopes to enter the field of welding upon his high school completion.



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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT 2006 STUDENT BAILIFF PROGRAM**



Pictured from left to right are: Deputy Brion Hanenkratt, James Myers, Stephanie Freshour and Judge Pieper.

Paulding County Court Judge, Timothy R. Pieper has continued the Student Bailiff program for a second year. The program is developed for students who are interested in pursuing a career in law, law enforcement or any other related field.

The six week course allowed each participant the opportunity to become familiar with Court proceedings from arraignments to sentencing. The students met with the Paulding County Victim's Assistance Unit, Paulding County Court Probation Department, Electronic Monitoring Department, Paulding County Prosecutors Office, Paulding County Sheriff's Office and the Paulding County Court Judge. The students also went on a tour of the Paulding County Jail and met with area Attorney, John Hatcher.

Judge Timothy R. Pieper of the Paulding County Court stated that the Student Bailiff Program was part of the County Court public education and outreach program. "I am a firm believer," states Judge Piper, "of educating the public, in

this case, high school students, of the workings of the justice system." "I believe the more the public is aware of the procedures, decisions, ramifications, various laws and statues and their application, the better the intricacies and complications of the justice system will be known and appreciated by the public at large."

"We were pleased to have two students from Paulding High School who took part in the Paulding County Court's Student Bailiff Program," stated Judge Pieper. Stephanie Freshour and James Myers both from Paulding High School, were the two participants in the program this year. Each of the students were found to have had exemplary high school academic records and successfully completed the Student Bailiff Program.

Judge Pieper wishes to thank the three Paulding County School Administrators who helped in the selection process for the program. Antwerp and Wayne Trace Schools were not able to provide a student due to scheduling issues.

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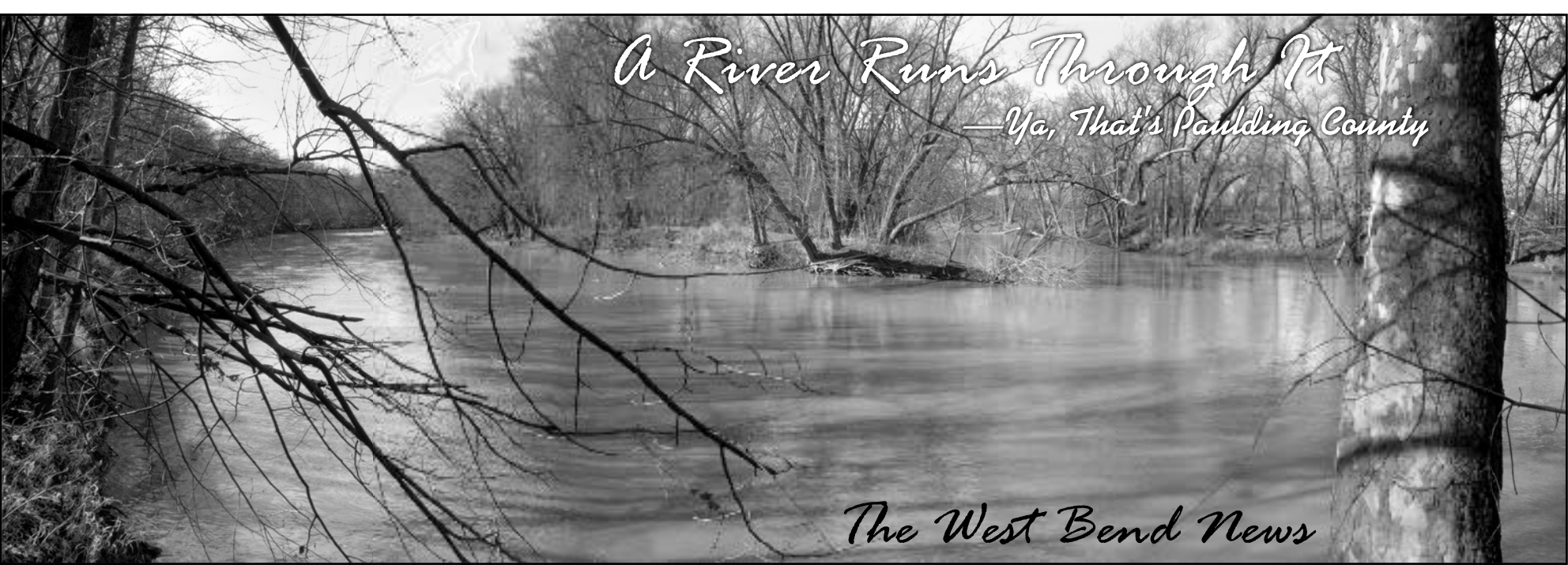
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I wish to extend my gratitude to the many people of Paulding County who supported me with well-wishes and words of encouragement. And, to my friends and relatives who put out my campaign signs and helped me continuously these past several months, my sincere thanks.

I congratulate Mary Howard and all of my Democratic running mates. I encourage everyone to continue to support the Democratic Party by using your privilege of voting for them in the November elections.

*Thank you — Bob Miller*



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**BROWN - BLEDSOE**



On May 2, 2006 Valarie Brown and Travis Bledsoe were united in marriage.

Valarie's parents are Kathy and Kevin Smith of Antwerp, and Brad Brown of Woodburn, IN. Her grandparents

are Tom and Lelia Trauterman of Antwerp.

Travis's parents are William and Marsha Bledsoe of St. Joe, IN and Rhonda and Doug Acosta of Woodburn, IN.

**VBS AT PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a vacation bible school for kids ages four through grade five in June.

"Calling all kids for a Jesus Expedition" will feature journeys to places like Antarctica, the Egyptian Desert, the Brazilian Jungle, Mount Everest and the Pacific Ocean from Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9. The expedition will be

from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each morning.

Each day will feature a visit to one of the above places along with music, bible lessons, crafts, games, snacks and other exciting things to do while learning about Jesus.

For more information or to request a registration form, please contact the Paulding United Methodist Church office.

**PORTER AUCTION TO HOST A SOUTHERN GOSPEL SING**

A Southern Gospel sing will be presented on Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Porter Auction on Co. Rd. 60, Grover Hill.

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The admission is free; a love offering will be taken to help with their expenses.

**BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD**

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive Wednesday, May 24, from 12 noon until 5:45 p.m. at the Payne Church of the Nazarene. Blood Donors may pre-register by contacting the church office at 419-263-2422.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

In response to last weeks letter about dumping animals in the country. P. Drake could not of said it better. You took the words right out of my mouth. Dumping dogs and cats is the easy way out for someone who should not of owned a pet to begin with. We have two shelters close by that people can take their unwanted pets to. At least they will have shelter, food and water and a chance at adoption. The Paulding County Shelter only takes dogs and pups. Their phone number is 399-9728. The Defiance County Humane Society takes dogs, pups, cats and kittens. Their phone number is 419-658-2298.

P. Drake . . . call me. I might be able to help you with your cat situation.

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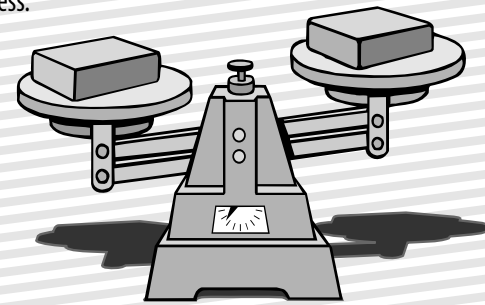
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Sheila has been Mayor Womack's Court Clerk for 6 years. She also worked as EMS Clerk.

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**To minimize your wait for the blood profile at PCH's Family Health Day**

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- Dr. Hendrickson office, Paulding
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- Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill

**Completed packets must be returned by June 14 to any of the above locations**

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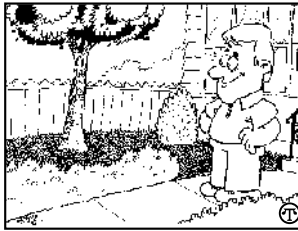
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# Home Ideas

(NAPSA)—Before you start to see “red” because of the overwhelming choices of paint colors available, you may want to visit Web sites that offer help in coordinating colors and choosing from this season’s latest color trends. A fun example is The Voice of Color site designed by Pittsburgh Paints. There, you can discover a pleasing palette for your home by playing the Color Sense Game and by learning more about the latest color collections. The game factors in various aspects of your personality and refers you to one or more of The Voice of Color Harmony Collection palettes. Visit [www.voiceofcolor.com](http://www.voiceofcolor.com).

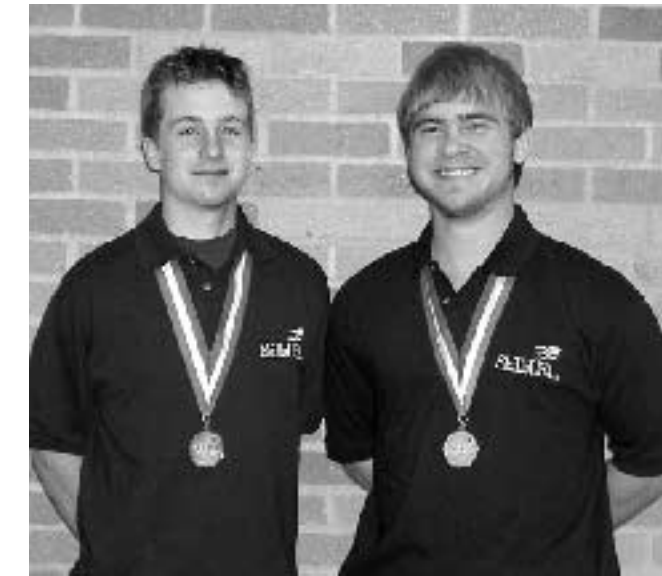


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## “FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:” VANTAGE DUO TO COMPETE AT NATIONAL SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS



Vantage SkillsUSA national qualifiers Ross Warnecke (left) from Kalida and Nathan Shobe (right) from Delphos St. Johns, are all smiles as they show off their gold medals from their first place finish in the Ohio SkillsUSA Robotics and Automation contest.

The SkillsUSA state contest was held recently in Columbus, and a two-man team from Vantage now finds themselves headed for national competition. Junior Electricity students Nathan Shobe (Delphos St. Johns) and Ross Warnecke (Kalida), took top honors in the Robotics and Automation state contest. This event challenges two-person teams to demonstrate the operation of a 5-axis servo-robot along with a set of sensors and motorized devices to resolve a simulated production process problem. The students must demonstrate and set-up a robotic workcell from a word problem task. In addition, the team must create a flow chart and sequence of operation.

Nathan and Ross advance to the SkillsUSA national championship competition in Kansas City in late June.

Senior Electricity student Jeff Martin from Ft. Jennings placed second in the state in the Residential Wiring competition. Other individual student competitors at the state competition were Carie Byrne (Ottoville) who participated in the Cosmetology contest, Mark Carrier (Crestview), who competed in the Welding contest, Matt Woodcox (Antwerp), who represented Vantage in the Job Interview contest and Casey Hoersten (Ottoville) who competed in the Cabinetmaking contest.

Team participants included the Promotional Bulletin Board team of junior Electricity students A.J. Gilbert and Dusty Van Streader (Continental), Kyle Childs (Wayne Trace) and Keith Ratliff (Parkway) and the Mechatronics team of senior Industrial Mechanics student Kyle Sharp (Paulding) and junior Industrial Mechanics student Andy Miller (Kalida). Congratulations to all student competitors and good luck to the national contestants!

This school year is quickly winding down. The last day for seniors will be Friday, May 19th and the last day of school for all Vantage juniors will be Wednesday, May 24.



Paulding County Commissioners have proclaimed Mother’s Day Week, May 14-21, 2006 as “Marianne Jones Hospice Week” in honor of a 65-year-old retired school teacher from Ewart, Mich. who is walking through Paulding County this week on a 300-mile trek from her hometown to Greenville, Oh. Mary Ellen Rittenhouse and Peggy Carnahan of Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice were presented the proclamation from Commissioner Martin Harmon.

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: SIGN HOSPICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

The Paulding County Commissioners have proclaimed Mother’s Day Week, May 14-21, 2006 as “Marianne Jones Hospice Week” in honor of a 65-year-old retired school teacher from Ewart, Mich. who is walking through Paulding County this week on a 300-mile trek from her hometown to Greenville, OH.

Jones began her journey on April 28 and plans to arrive in Greenville on May 20. Along the way, her mission is to raise money and promote hospice care in each county that she passes through. Jones’ walk through Paulding County will benefit Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Contributions to the nonprofit hospice agency are being accepted in honor of Jones’ Walk and may be sent to: 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding.

Jones got the idea for her walk while participating in an exercise program at her local senior center that encouraged seniors to work toward taking 10,000 steps a day by taking an imaginary trip to a selected city. Each walker’s progress was charted over a four-month period based on how long they walked each day. Jones

chose Greenville because it was where she was born. At the end of four months, she had walked enough miles to make it to Greenville and back.

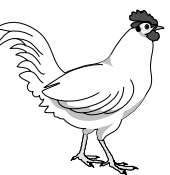
It was at that point she began thinking about actually making the walk. “I kept hearing a ‘voice’ or strong thought every time I walked that said, ‘Really do it! Really walk it!’” Jones said. “Because I consider my long walks a meditation time, I asked, ‘Why would I do that?’ and the answer came, ‘For a cause.’”

For the Michigan portion of her journey, the “cause” Jones walked for was the Mecosta County Commission on Aging/Senior Center, an agency she has been affiliated with for 13 years. In Ohio, she is walking to promote hospice in memory of her mother and two other family members who were cared for by an Ohio hospice agency in their final days.

Jones is walking approximately 16 miles per day at a pace of about one mile every 17-minutes. She begins each day at 8 a.m., leaves from the spot left off the day before at 9, and stops walking by 4:30 or 5 p.m. She has been walking since the 1970s when she and her mother used to take walks together. Jones marked her 65th birthday on Feb. 17 and wanted to make this trip at the official retirement age.

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**FORT TO PORT "A REALITY"**

**By: Louise Miller**  
 On Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. the moment arrived. The place was at the ODOT Highway Garage at Defiance. One of Governor Taft's questions was, "how many of the crowd had at sometime doubted this would come?," with laughs and smiles many hands went up. The Governor pointed out how important transportation is to N.W. Ohio. Meanwhile, in the background, every few minutes an 18 wheeler (or a few) would go down U.S. 24, also, many smaller vehicles. After a few words by the Governor, the rest of the

dignitaries were introduced. Included was a Senator, two Congressmen and several ODOT officials. The original Fort to Port committee came out of a meeting called by Congressman Mitch Harper in 1985, in New Haven. Originally, there were at least 20 people on the committee. There were also 5 Mayors of Villages along the route. The group has remained at about 16. Vera Miles, the former Mayor of Paulding (now deceased) and Jim Hooker, former Paulding County Commissioner (who lives in Arizona now) has also been a part if this committee. This citizen's committee has been used as an example in other area's of the State.

**Spring Clean Your Kitchen Mess Without The Stress**

(NAPSA)—As a notorious family gathering place, kitchens often become cluttered with everything from bills and report cards to shopping lists and fridge magnets. With spring just around the corner, it's time to say good-bye to all that clutter and Tupperware has some simple solutions to help you do it!



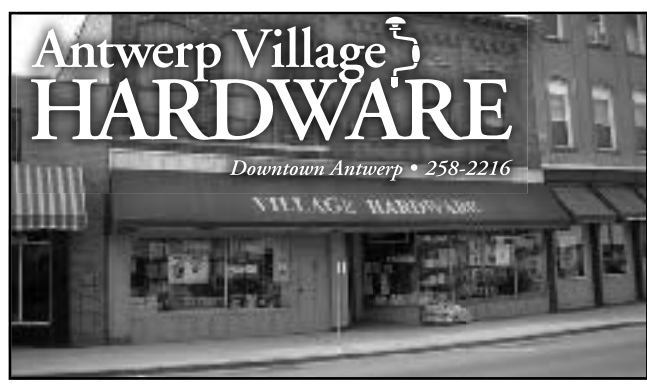
**Compress the Mess:** If there is just not enough space in your kitchen, then it's time to toss all unnecessary items. Remove objects from kitchen counters that are not essential for everyday cooking (blenders, mixers, juicers, etc.). This will make the room look more spacious and clean and will give you extra room to prepare daily meals.  
**Pantry Antics:** Before you take a trip to the grocery store, take a good look inside your food pantry—if in doubt, throw it out! It's safe to assume that the expensive jar of Spanish olives sitting on the shelf for the last five years will never be used and the cans in the back are only useful for gathering dust. If food is stored for too long and in the wrong conditions, the freshness, quality and taste will suffer. Tupperware's Modular Mates® containers are ideal for organizing cabinets and offer the perfect solution for storing dry foods such as pasta, cereal, beans, rice and sugar.  
**Fridge Feng Shui:** If items in the fridge are preventing the door from closing easily, it's time to

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**Kitchen Crackdown:** If you are prone to experiencing pangs of distress at the thought of decluttering your kitchen, stick to one simple rule: Clean as you go. Spending 15 minutes a day clearing countertops and discarding leftovers will create a stress-free environment and allow you to keep your kitchen running smoothly. Tupperware has many useful products to help reorganize your kitchen. For more information, please visit [www.tupperware.com](http://www.tupperware.com) or call (888) 919-8099.

**PAULDING MASTER GARDENERS TO HOST PLANT SALE**

The Paulding Master Gardeners will be holding their annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 during the Paulding Garage Sale Days. Betty DeLaet will be hosting the plant sale at her home located at 902 Kay Nora St. Items being offered for sale this year include flowers, vegetables plants, stepping stones and other plant items. Please direct all questions and phone calls to the Paulding County OSU Extension Office at 419-399-8225.

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### WOULD WE SURVIVE?

**By: Rose Kever**  
Have you ever 'really' sat down and thought about what would happen if we were thrown into a depression the magnitude of the "Great Depression" that started in 1929? Let's set up the scenario.

Gas prices are sky-rocketing and they are going to get worse if the price of a barrel of oil goes up to \$100.00. (I heard that on the radio)

For the most of us, if we can't drive to where we're going, we wouldn't walk or ride a bicycle. Those who work out of town aren't carpooling. Even the kids in our neighborhood don't walk to school, and we're on the same street as the school. When I was in school, back in the 50's and 60's, (you know - when we rode dinosaurs every where), if you lived in the city limits, you walked to school. For our parents and grandparents, it was even worse. For some, they walked two to four miles to school, if they went at all. Education just wasn't as important back then. "Survival" was the most important.

Now, don't get me wrong—I love having all of these modern conveniences, like heat, electricity and enough food to eat. Could I survive without them. I'm pretty sure I could just because my parents taught me many ways to survive if there wasn't any of the luxuries of today.

How many people today raise a vegetable garden? Not nearly as many as should be!

Imagine if 80% of you

lost your jobs today, (because of economics). How would you pay for your food, pay the electric or gas bill? If you raised your own food, you'd be all set. Would you raise chickens, or hogs or a few cattle? Would you plant vegetables and learn how to preserve them? How would you earn a few dollars? Would you dig ditches, block beets, sell eggs and the extra vegetables you grew?

My generation, (Baby Boomers) is right on the cusp of many lost arts.

The survival methods that I know, were taught to me by my parents and grandparents. I was always in the kitchen when canning season came. I learned how to can meat, fruits and vegetables, make relishes, pickles, jams and jellies. I know how to skin fish, wild game, sew and quilt. It was just a given that we were taught these skills.

I've taught my sons how to do all of the above mentioned skills. I have always thought that they need to know how to take care of themselves, if the bottom ever does fall out from under us.

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