

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING



The re-election of three members of the Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees was announced during the Co-op's 70th annual meeting of members held March 17 at the Paulding High School gymnasium. Re-elected were Ronald Neiswander of Con-

voy, Karl Koenig of Paulding and Rex Feasby of Payne.

Voting took place by mail-in ballot prior to the meeting.

During his address to members, Board President John Saxton reported that Cooperatives return \$4,832 million to members in the

form of capital credits. "This is the big difference between a cooperative and an investor-owned utility," Saxton said. "You own Paulding-Putnam Electric and receive a share of any profit. Profit is not the driving force for a co-op. We are much more concerned with efficiency, economy, service and reliability."

Saxton reported that Paulding-Putnam Electric purchases power for the members from Buckeye Power, Inc. "Financially, Buckeye Power is ranked in the top five generating companies in the United States", Saxton said. The Cardinal facility, Buckeye's main generating plant, is ranked in the top 10 cleanest generating units in the country and getting cleaner."

Buckeye is installing scrubbers to all of its emission stacks, Saxton said. When completed, the emissions leaving the stacks will have 90 percent of the carbon monoxide and 98 percent of the nitrous oxide and mercury removed. The addition of these scrubbers have cost Buckeye Power and all its consumers \$600 million and the equipment is good for 30 years. These scrubbers are part of a program by Buckeye Power to comply with EPA standards for reducing greenhouse gasses.

Saxton reported that Paulding-Putnam is growing and this growth is demanding expansion and modernization of facilities. "This we will do through capital

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ABSTINENCE EDUCATION FUNDING IN JEOPARDY

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

This past week, the governor introduced the state operating budget for the next two fiscal years. The bill, House Bill 119, contains spending proposals for state agencies, education and services such as Medicaid. While my colleagues and I are busy examining the contents of this bill, there are a few proposals that have caught my attention and are deserving of extra scrutiny.

Since 1999, Ohio law has required local school districts to adopt health curriculums that emphasize abstinence as the only 100 percent effective protection against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including the virus that causes AIDS. These programs have been funded by federal grants and by \$500,000 in state money allocated through the state budget.

Unfortunately, Governor Strickland has proposed eliminating the state's contribution to these programs and has no plans to reapply for federal funding once the current grants expire at the end of September. Abstinence programs in Ohio received more than \$23 million in federal money over the last three years. These programs stress that sexual activity should

be delayed until marriage and teach about the potential emotional, psychological, physical, and social side effects of pre-marital sex, including unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, they also teach students about the laws and costs associated with having a child out of wedlock.

Ohio's rate of teen pregnancy has decreased in recent years, from 42.3 pregnancies for every 1,000 females ages 10 to 19 in 1997 to 33.1 pregnancies in 2005. Although we cannot be sure that abstinence programs are directly responsible for this reduction, I believe that by giving teenagers real and honest information and allowing them to make their own decisions, many of them are choosing to be responsible and delay sexual activity until marriage.

By eliminating state funding for abstinence programs and not applying for federal funding, the governor is sending a powerful message to our children. I think our children deserve to know that the consequences of their actions could be fatal and that there is only one foolproof form of "prevention," which is abstinence. We often get lulled into a false sense of security, but in this area, such thoughts could result in a virtual death sentence! I believe

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Our troubles seemed very small as all of you came together to share in our burden and grief. From all of the wonderful food and beautiful flowers to each token of remembrance that was given. For each kind word that was spoken and each time you remembered us in prayer, we felt the love through each and every one of you. The care and kindness that came from the Visiting Nurses, Paulding County Hospital and Doolley Funeral Home was that of pure excellence!

You can never quite be prepared to lose the ones you love, but with the love of God pouring out through each one of you, it made our experience that much easier.

We thank the Lord God for the time that we were allowed to share with Gerry in this life and we are encouraged by the eternity that we will spend together with him one day.

May God pour out an abundance of Blessings upon you and may you find joy in Him everyday.

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from faces more uncertainty than I do, when all I need to do is go as far as my kitchen when I get hungry. But, I believe how we perceive uncertainty goes deeper still.

There's a "spiritual" component to how we perceive things in the world around us, especially things that cause uncertainty. Let me explain what I mean by a "spiritual" component. How we perceive uncertain times also depends on where we are with God. As a Christian, a husband, a dad, and a pastor I have had people ask me these same questions. The only way I know how to answer them is like this.

Some of us can look around and see the wonders in nature, for example, the order that's seen when the seasons change, or when a baby is born. We can see all that and say, "Wow, there has got to be a God." There are others who will see those same things, except they'll say, "yes, those miracles are great, but how could this God allow all these bad things to happen in the world?" They'll point to all the wars and famine, the natural disasters, and to the rampant pandemics that health officials warn us about almost daily as their proof that we live in a God-less world. There are still oth-

ers who believe that there is a God, based on their perception of things. But, He was only a kind of "cosmic watch maker", who created this world long ago, but He has long since left us to our own unwinding, or undoing.

I have seen great blessings flow from the God I know personally. A God whom I know more intimately than I know any other person. A God who is more real to me than anyone else. I have been there and prayed for people and seen God heal them of diseases that were going to take their lives. I have seen Him heal people I love dearly of allergies, migraines, the list can go on.

I have also seen people's bodies slowly (and not so slowly) being eaten away by cancer. I have seen people's hope erode as their bodies lost its ability to function properly. Perhaps the most cruel turn, is when the disease left their mental capacities in tact, so they were aware that their very life and vitality was being sucked out of them. I've also seen it work the other way around. The mind is stolen while the body remains relatively in tact, at least for a while. I watched this happen to someone who was very dear to me.

My grandmother was one of the most godly people I have ever known. She taught me a lot about life and unconditional love. She also taught me what it meant to be on the receiving end of "spare the rod and spoil the child". Believe me, I was never in danger of being too spoiled with grandma around! My sisters and I spent a lot of time at her house. Even though she only lived a mile or two away in a tiny one bedroom house, it was in the city, so it was an adventure. Sometimes she would give us a dollar or two so we could walk on real city sidewalks to my uncle's grocery store and buy pop and candy bars. Grandma was really old fashioned about a lot of things. One of those things was that kids didn't belong in the house till it was too dark to do your chores or play. With grandma around you'd better have a fever or something if you were inside the house while the sun was up. And we didn't even think about turning on the TV until after we finished any homework and it was too dark to play outside. That was no big deal then though. There was no Playstation or Xbox to play with and this was back in the days before cable and satellite dishes. The days when you only got three channels, and one of them we could never see because there was too much static. Whatever the other two channels were planning on broadcasting was preempted by the latest Billy Graham crusade! Well, at least it seemed that way to me. The only options after dark at grandma's house was reading her stack of National Geographic magazines, or watch Billy Graham. A kid can only read so many magazines before you went stir crazy. So there we'd sit and watch as Billy would speak to thousands of people, grandma always following along with her Bible in her lap. At times I saw tears come to her eyes as the people came by the hundreds to receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Those are some of the best memories I have of her. Given the choice back then I wouldn't have chosen to do those activities at her house, but now they are the times I treasure more than money in my pocket. There are other memories of her I wish I didn't have.

We buried my grandmother in the winter of 1995, just shy of her 90th birthday. That alone would seem like a full life right? Well, it wasn't that simple. Her last few years were stolen from her, her mind that had been as rugged as a steel trap was eaten away by Alzheimer's disease. She lived long enough though to hold our youngest daughter Rachel a few times. She would sit and rock her, while she sang all the words she could remember of some Christian hymn in her cracked voice. She gave Rachel the best she had to offer. "She's a beautiful baby," grandma would say, "Who's is she?" My mom would answer her, "that's Rachel, mom, she's your grandson Rich's daughter." She would look at me like it was the first time she'd ever seen me. "She's a beautiful baby." There were many nights I would go home and cry in frustration and anger over what was happening to her. I always swore that I wouldn't go see her again, I couldn't. But, I always did.

When my grandmother died I cried like I hadn't cried for anyone (to that point in my life). At the funeral I stood alone at the back of the church for as long as I could. I had no intention of looking at her, I couldn't even look down the aisle at her casket. I watched as my wife and kids sat down in their seats., I was a pall bearer so I had to be seated last with my other cousins. As I waited, my mom came over to me. "Have you seen grandma yet?" I just shook my head no, I was afraid that if I tried to talk I'd make a crying fool out of myself. Mom wouldn't give up that easily though, evidently some of grandma's stubbornness had swam into my mom's gene pool! "Son, you really should see her." Again, I shook my head no. I even started to walk away from her. Then mom did something I didn't see coming. She reached out and hooked her arm in mine, she looked at me with tears in her eyes and said, "please take me to see my mother." I straightened

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we must send our children out into the world armed with the knowledge and tools to keep them truly safe.

I am proud to have been a co-sponsor on the original legislation that mandates sexual education focus on abstinence. Abstinence programs provide valuable information to our children and they should be allowed to continue. As we continue through the budget process, I plan on working with other interested groups and House members to see that the funding for these programs is restored.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns or need assistance working with a state government agency, please contact my office. I can be reached by mail at 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by phone at (614) 466-3760.

up and walked with her down the aisle. I felt like every eye in the joint was on me, they probably weren't but it sure felt like it. It seemed to take forever to get down that stupid aisle, and all the way mom kept telling me things like, "she looks so natural" etc. It's never polite to tell your mom at the funeral of her mother that she's nuts, so I didn't. I had been to funerals before and have heard the lines "oh, he looks so natural," or "she looks like she's sleeping," etc., etc. I never fell for it, they always looked the same to me, dead. That's about as far away from natural as you can get.

When we got to the casket a true miracle happened that melted my anger and arrogance. The last few times I'd seen her, the lines on her face had been deepened by the years of frustration of not

being able to remember who anyone was. Now as I looked at her, those lines were gone, she didn't even seem to have the wrinkles that a 90 year old would normally have. To this day, I swear that there was even a slight smile on her face. Then it hit me, she was free. Grandma was finally with her Jesus. She was in a place where her cares and worries were over. She would now have a body that would never get any older and it would never again die. And no tear would ever stain her face again. I was not a Christian the day of her funeral and I could not fully understand these things then, but I received the only gift that the Lord could give me on that day—Grandma was home, and I knew it.

Since then the Lord has

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14 and Monday, March 19, 2007.

Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Director, provided his monthly report to the Commissioners on Wednesday morning. Langham schedules his report to follow the monthly meeting of the Paulding County Economic Development Board of Trustees' meeting. This allows him to include information on the most recent directions provided to him by the Board of Trustees. Langham listed the projects he is working on to encourage economic development. At the top of his list is the new U.S. 24 project. Langham recently testified in front of the full Ohio House Finance Committee to support continuation of the improved road. Langham's list of projects included fifteen economic development projects. They run from small employers to far larger possibilities for the county. Many of the projects are ongoing, such as U.S. 24 and the Antwerp projects. Other activities are in the planning stage. Most often, Langham noted, "a business or industry looking at Paulding County, or any other location, requests confidentiality as they re-

search information important to them. This means we collect information, put it into an appropriate format but are unable to report publicly on the activity."

Randy Shaffer, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, recommended to the Commissioners that the single bid opened on March 12 for the Communications Shelter be accepted. The Communications Shelter is planned to be a small building designed to house communications equipment that will allow the new 400 foot tower, located across the road from the Fairgrounds, to be used for the new county-wide radio communication system. The single bid, submitted by Schweller Electric was for \$21,000.00, which is less than the architect's estimate. The Commissioners agreed to accept the bid. Shaffer will now work with the architect to obtain State approval of the proposed pre-built building.

Lou Ann Wannemacher, Paulding County Treasurer, was also on the Wednesday agenda with her investment report. Wannemacher is responsible for insuring that adequate funds are available for the checks written each week and invests the remainder in interest earning accounts. She reported that some funds are kept in "laddered" securities and certificates of deposit (CDs) to allow cash to

be available when needed and also to gain the advantage of improving interest rates. The term laddering refers to the timing of the investments with maturity dates throughout the year. Wannemacher also uses STAR Ohio for overnight investments. The acronym STAR stands for State Treasury Asset Reserve. Operated by the State on behalf of all levels of government, the STAR Ohio program allows local governments to invest available cash overnight to earn interest yet be available the following day for use.

The County Treasurer invests the county general fund and the funds handled by the county on behalf of many other agencies. The total of all the other funds handled by the Auditor, Treasurer and Commissioners' Office can exceed forty million dollars in any one year. This large amount is because the funds for many countywide activities, such as ditch maintenance, Job and Family Services, the Engineer's office and all the property taxes processed by the county on behalf of all county local governmental units are accounted for by the County Treasurer and Auditor.

During the Monday, March 19 meeting Susan Simpson, Paulding County Auditor, reported on efforts to upgrade computer software for the property assessment process. Simpson noted that it is necessary to plan several years ahead to insure that contracts are in place for the actual process of reappraisal and the supporting computer records. Simpson said the reappraisal process is ongoing. Each year there is new construction to assess and the three-year update and the six-year full reappraisal require preparation prior to the actual work.

Commissioners attended the March 15 meeting at the OSU Extension center regarding the honor given to Paulding County by being designated as the "most affordable rural county" in the country. This recognition was extended by "Progressive Farmer" magazine. Items of discussion were ways Paulding County could promote this distinction outside of the area to assist with development. Tony Langham, Director of Paulding County Economic Development, organized the meeting.

At the same meeting the Commissioners discussed reports that Governor Strickland intends to end the reciprocity agreements with surrounding states with regard to sales tax on vehicles purchased in another state. As Paulding County is a border county there is interest on how this proposal would impact sales tax revenue. Another proposal discussed in the Governor's plan would increase the Homestead Exemption to assist elderly and disabled citizens. Although an advantage to citizens, the Commissioners want to be sure that the cost be covered by the State budget and not the County budget.

The Commissioners shared what was learned from a series of recent meetings. Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, attended

a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO) on Friday, March 16, 2007. Harmon also sits on the new Communications and Education Committee to represent the interests of Paulding County. Harmon noted that he was told that the Local Government Funds for counties and townships will remain the same for calendar year 2007. There may be a small increase in this funding for 2008 and 2009 under the new Governor's budget. This revenue source currently amounts to \$394,553.00 (approximately 10%) of the county general fund budget) each year and is designed in Ohio law to increase annually.

Commissioner Ed Straley reported that his attendance at the Thursday night meeting of the Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) allowed him to learn about the programs they support. Examples are the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels and Head Start. Straley represents Paulding County as a member of the NOCAC Board.

All three Commissioners attended the annual meeting of the Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-op on Saturday, March 17. The meeting was held in the Paulding Exempted Village High School gymnasium. The Commissioners were impressed by information on the history of the electric co-op program and the college scholarships provided to area students.

The Monday, March 19 meeting also saw one of the final jail construction meetings at the new jail site. The meeting dealt with finishing touches to the jail and Sheriff's Office. The contractors and the architect are installing final floor coverings and testing the extensive electronic systems for security and communication. Bob Iler, County Director of 911, is working to complete the wiring for the new location.

As always, citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information. The Commissioners office is available for assistance in deciding which county office to contact with questions.

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays.

GOLDIE GETROST TURNS 95!



Goldie was born March 23, 1912 to Frank and Dora Aschleman Boland. She was married to Bud Getrost in 1933 and for 28 years, until his passing in 1961. She also has lost two sons Jerry and Jim, a grandson James and a brother Kenneth. Goldie has six grandchildren, Randy Getrost, Kathy Whitney, Ronnie Getrost, Barbara Butzen, Robert Getrost and Amy Waszak. She has eleven great-

grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Goldie was a housewife, taught piano lessons for many years, and was the organist and pianist for the Antwerp United Methodist Church. She has played for hundreds of weddings and funerals over the years in Antwerp and the surrounding areas. Her loves include music, gardening, feeding the birds, painting and rainbows.

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 continued to teach me from His word, and I now know that death, war, famine, sickness, and disease, those things that cause uncertainty were never His idea. They were never in the original plan that God had for us. We were created to have a relationship with Him. He as our Father and we as His children who are made in His image. We were made to have dominion and authority here on earth. But, God gave man a choice. A choice between life with Him, and the ability to choose our own path. Our first parents chose the wrong one. They chose to go their own way, the way of sin, rebellion, and death. God only gave to Adam and Eve what they asked for. This is not what God wanted. He never wanted my grandmother to know what it was

like to lose everything that was dear to her. He never intended for our loved ones to waste away from cancer. He never intended hatred and greed to fuel the wars that dot the earth He created. He never intended His children to go to bed with their bellies bloated from starvation. But, that course was charted long ago as to which path we'd take. However the great and glorious thing about our God is that He did not leave it there. He was not content with that course, so He put another one into motion.

He did not wind up this place like a giant cosmic watch, He didn't abandon those whom He created in His image. He provided the way back to Him. He Himself provided a Lamb. A sinless spotless Lamb who would take all of our sins and diseases upon Himself (Isaiah 53, Matthew 8:17), and nail them to a cross of shame and death. From the beginning when Adam and Eve made their choice that changed the world, Jesus, the Son of God, the only begotten Son of our Heavenly Father was destined to be born as a man, and become the Lamb. So that you and I can have life with Him. So we can be with Him when we die? Yes. But also, so we can walk with Him right here and now.

Even though I don't believe that Jesus wants us sick, and that He paid for our sicknesses along with our sins, it doesn't mean that I always understand it when a believer like my grandma dies in that way. It just means I need to hold onto His word as the truth, and that I need to trust Him to do as only He can do. My faith is not shaped

by what I can see happening around me, but by what the Lord tells me is true. It's not a blind faith however. It's a faith that is based completely upon my relationship with Jesus Christ and His word. I am still learning to trust Him more than what I can see, hear, tasted, touch, or smell. It doesn't man that I ignore those things around me, it's that God's word and His perspective dictates how I perceive them, and what I do about it. Even with our imperfect understanding, when things happen that we cannot explain, we can continue to walk in faith/trust in Jesus. A lot of people in this world don't understand that, but it's part of a Christian's job to point that out. The world watches Christians to see how they will respond to tragedy, turmoil and uncertainty.

I think the key for us is to learn to live as the apostle Paul did. I know some of you are saying "he was an apostle, I'm not!" That is certainly true. But, I also want you to see that he was also a man, a human being just like you and me. A man who had to learn how to walk with Jesus just like we do. Besides, he told in I Corinthians 11:1 to pattern ourselves and our lives after his. If that's true, then we can do it because the same Holy Spirit who lived in him, now lives in us. I think one of the greatest examples of living in uncertainty and strife is found in Acts 16.

Paul and Silas have been arrested for preaching the Gospel in a town named Philippi. After they are whipped and beaten severely, they're placed in shackles and chained to the wall in a dirty dark prison cell. They are due to have a "trial" the next morning. They literally have no idea if they'll be alive by that time tomorrow, life was an uncertainty. I think if anyone had the right to a little complaining or a few pointed questions asked of their maker it would be Paul and Silas right? Let's face it, had that been you or me we'd probably be complaining, banging on the bars, demanding to speak with the American ambassador, and ranting to God about how we don't understand why He'd do that to us. Why He would leave us forsaken, to die as criminals. Well, they didn't do that. Instead they do about the last thing anyone could have suspected. They began to praise God!

Here they were beaten, and shackled to the wall, and they were singing songs of praise to God. Again, they weren't sure what tomorrow would bring them, it could mean their deaths, yet they praised. As they were singing to God the walls of the prison began to shake. Suddenly the chains dropped off their bodies and the cell doors flew open! Everyone is so stunned at the recent turn of events that they just hang out together in a group with their collective jaws hanging open. When the jailer runs to see what's happened he finds not only Paul and Silas still where he'd put them, so were the other prisoners as well. No one had left!

My point in telling you this was that Paul and Silas praised God even in the midst of uncertainty. In the midst of misery and pain. Yet even with all that in mind, and the chains that kept them down,

they worshiped God as men who were free. Why? How could they do that? Because they were free! They were free long before they were beaten, placed in chains, and thrown into a stinking prison cell. The chains were just a physical annoyance, they could never chain who they were in Christ. As a matter of fact the one who was really a prisoner was not Paul and Silas. It was the man who had the keys to the cell, the jailer himself. He was the true captive, a spiritual captive. It was for his freedom that Paul and Silas stayed behind. Read the rest of the passage in Acts, it's incredible.

This is how I can look upon all the suffering going on around me, the wars, the famines and the hurricanes raging, and not be dragged down in fear and uncertainty. Because I know that this is not how God made things to be. This doesn't mean that I'm not affected when I see and hear the tragic event unfolding in our world. It doesn't mean that I don't weep for those families who lost children when a bus crashes on a busy highway in Atlanta. My heart breaks for them. In spite of that, I still know that death and sickness etc. was never intended for us. But, in Christ I can choose to live as a free man. I worship God because I have been made free like Paul and Silas, freed by the blood of Jesus Christ. My sins paid for by Him who has no sins. My way back to relationship with the Father has been laid out before me. It's now my job (and the job of those who call Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior) to stick around and minister that same life and freedom from sin and death to those around us. We're now standing in the place of Paul and Silas, our chains have fallen in a rusted pile on the ground.

But wait, can you see them? There's someone next door, maybe someone you work with, or maybe there's someone in your own house who needs the freedom you enjoy. Maybe you who are reading these words right now, are there chains around your wrists and ankles? When the world erupts around you, you have an opportunity. An opportunity to give someone the keys to freedom and life.

Well, this is what I say whenever I'm asked for my take (my perspective) on all the bad things happening around me. Being certain in a time of uncertainty is first and foremost a spiritual issue. It's a certainty that's found only in Him who freely gives you life and peace. There are some who will hear the words of Jesus spoken to them, and they will find comfort. While some will just hear words. Some ask me if I am bitter at god that a good portion of my grandma's "golden years" with her family was taken from her. I say the same thing. One day when my time here is done I am going to see my grandmother again in heaven. I know that reunion will be glorious. She'll look nothing like she did before she left this place. Gone will be the wrinkles and the deep worry lines. With her chains long gone, she'll say with a knowing look in her eyes, "I know you my boy, there's Someone here who wants to meet you." How can I be certain of this? Because I know Jesus. And that's all the certainty I'll ever need.

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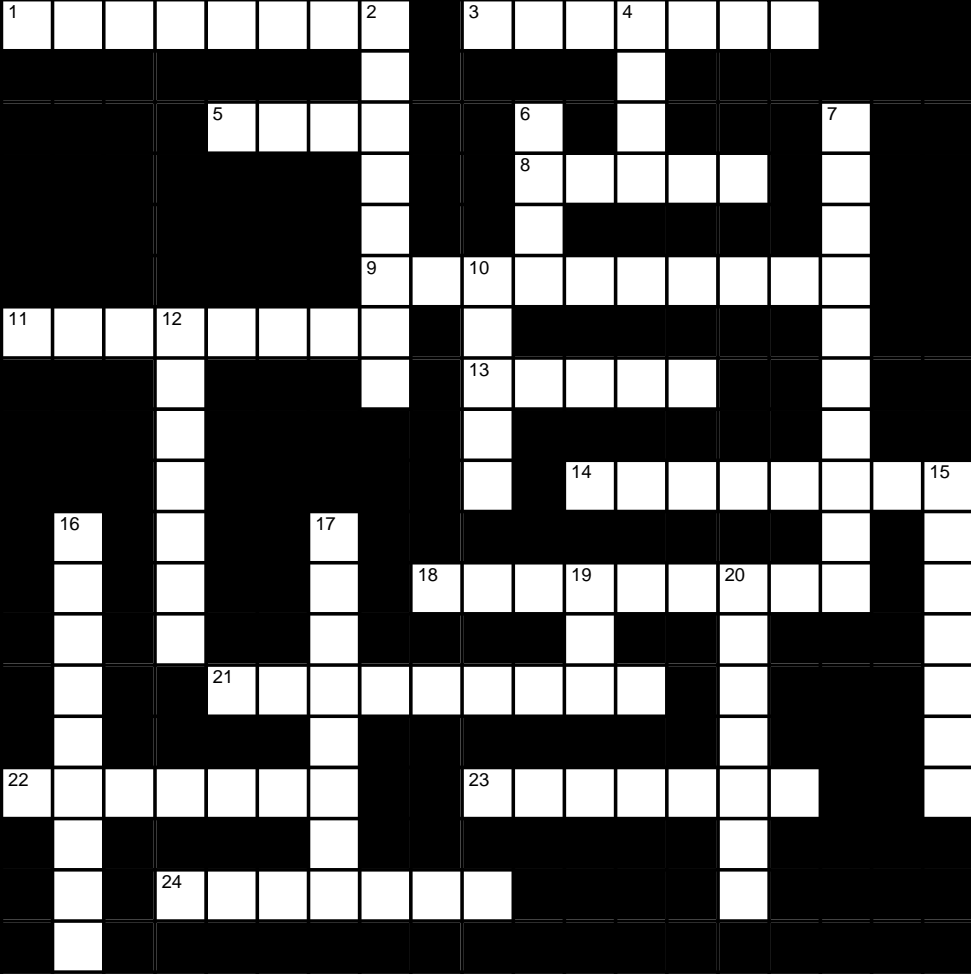


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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. A game that is played with red and black pieces on a red and black board.
3. The number of people surveyed for a Family Fued survey.
5. This is how many colors in Rummikub.
8. This is the name of the company that makes the game, Toss Across.
9. This game has the terms "point", "blot" and "die".
11. "Traps", "drives" and "yards" are terms used in this game.
13. This is the number of squares that are in one row on a chessboard.
14. If you were playing this game, you could sell Boardwalk.
18. This is how many squares on a checker board.
21. If you had a Charley Horse and Adam's Apple, you would be playing this game.
22. This card game makes books and melds---red three is a must.
23. In this game, guess the word or you'll be dead.
24. If you hear the words "foul line", "split" or "turkey", what are you doing?

Down

2. In this game an "x" is worth eight points and a blank is worth zero.
4. These game pieces were first made out of bones.
6. This game involves taking over the world.
7. This is the number of squares on a Bingo card.
10. This game has different pieces including one named a bishop.
12. In this game, you tie yourself up in knots.
15. This game was invented on a yacht.
16. Play this game alone to pass the time.
17. This summer time game uses the term "worm burner", "frozen rope" or "grand salami".
19. You use this many ropes when you play Double Dutch jump rope.
20. An "old" card game played by children.

HAWTHORN COURT MARKS NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY 2007

Hawthorn Court is taking time out on National Doctors Day, March 30, 2007, to thank and recognize all the physicians in the area who provide care, especially for the elderly population of the community. To mark the occasion, the long-term care facility is to honor the facility's medical director, Joseph Kuhn, D.O.

Dr. Kuhn, who has served as Hawthorn Court's medical director for 16 years is a graduate of Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has a special interest in geriatric medicine and has been providing long-term medical care for 19 years.

Says John Parsons, administrator of Hawthorn Court, "we feel very fortunate to have a professional such as Dr. Kuhn contributing to the health and well-being of our residents." "His commitment to quality elder care is a major contributor to the quality of life we are able to offer here at Hawthorn Court."

The first Doctor's Day observance was March 30, 1993, in Winder GA. The

AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

It's no April foolery; for the first time since 1990, Antwerp is having a full-fledged, weeklong Spring Break. Hallelujah! I'd thought the time might never come, but what a lovely little surprise it was to realize that our break couldn't be truncated due to snow days this year. Yippee!

Speaking of April foolery, there's a little less than a week until the first day in April. You know what that means: don't look down when you're told your shoes are untied. That leads to such things as tripping, walking into people, doors, etc. I am not speaking from experience. Okay, maybe a little.

The fifth issue of The Archer Spirit, is being sold at lunch throughout the week to high school students, and is available to elementary students through their classroom teachers. They are \$.50 each, and chock-full of entertaining and informative regular columns as well as feature stories. The sixth and final edition will be a special senior issue, coming out towards the end of the year. You do not want to miss out on these!

Word of the Week:
Farcical \fahr-sih-kuhl\ adjective

1. Pertaining to or of the nature of farce
2. Resembling farce; ludicrous; absurd

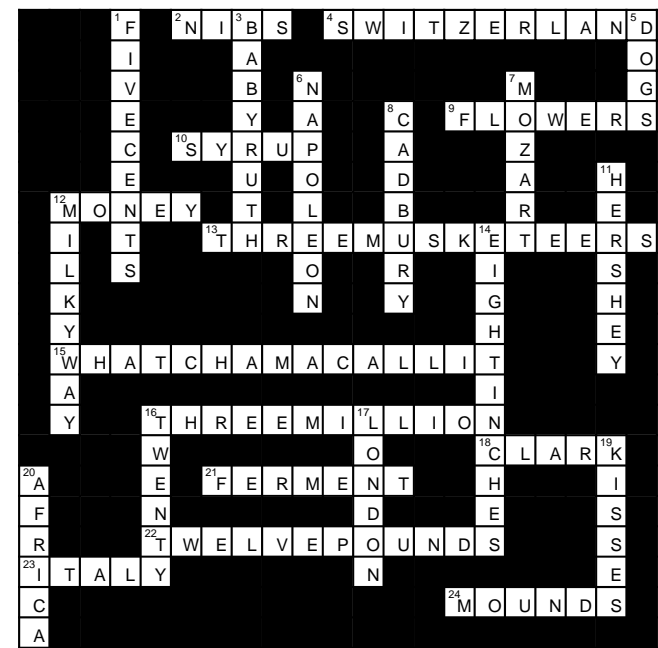
Example: "To even consider going back to a yearly schedule sans a true spring break would be farcical."

That's right, don't even think about it, all y'all that create the school-year calendar. It just wouldn't be right to tease us with it once, only to rip it away for another decade-plus hiatus. You get mad props for giving us an entire week; keep up the good work!

date was selected because it commemorated the anniversary of the first use of general anesthetic in surgery. The Barrow County (GA) Medical Society Auxiliary proclaimed the day Doctor's Day and celebrated by mailing cards to physicians and placing flowers on the graves of deceased doctors. The U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution commemorating Doctor's Day on March 30, 1958. In 1990, legislation was introduced into the U.S. House and Senate to establish a National Doctors' Day. President George H.W. Bush signed the resolution and the first National Doctors' Day was celebrated in 1991.

National Doctors Day will be commemorated this year on Friday, March 30, 2007.

Last Week's answers to "Chocolate Lovers"



RED CROSS RECOGNIZES HOMETOWN HEROES

In observance of 2007 National Volunteer Week, April 15 - 21, the Red Cross is celebrating all of our hometown heroes.

Volunteers constitute 96 percent of the total American Red Cross work force to carry on the organization's humanitarian work.¹ American Red Cross volunteers donate nearly half the nation's blood supply, reconnect more than 8,000 families separated by conflicts and disasters around the world through international tracking and Red Cross messages, and respond to 70,000 disasters annually.² These and many other "ordinary people" have accomplished something extraordinary.

Join other hometown heroes by giving blood at one of the following blood drives:

—Friday, April 20, at Taylor Made Glass from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Taylor Made Glass is located at 407 N. Maple St. in Payne. Please call 263-2313 to schedule

your blood donation appointment for this drive.

—Thursday, April 26, at the Apostolic Christian Church from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The Apostolic Christian Church is located on U.S. 127 and Township Road 82 in Latty.

Visit www.redcross.org/hometownheroes to meet hometown heroes from across the nation, submit your own definition of a hometown hero, or to send an e-card thanking someone for being your hometown hero.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

The above Souvenir Booklet was loaned to me by Mardell Jackson because this lady school teacher, Miss Joy Burley, is his great-aunt. These were her pupils in the Champion School in 1910. The school sat on the north side of Road 204 at the end of Road 13. That was about a mile and a half west of the house where Raymond and Leona Taylor lived.

That school was torn down about 1960 by Henry Donnell and 'Blue Jay' Kerns. In 1910, there was two houses near by to the west on the north side. I think some people named Champion lived in the closest house. Later on, Ralph Champion lived there and later, Leonard Peppers. A little to the west was where Walden Powell lived, that home was destroyed by fire in the early 1930's. Across the road a little west of Leona Taylor's house, was a big house and their name was Munger. I don't remember them being around there much. I think they spent their later years in Florida. The last people I remember living there was Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kemerer. They had 2 boys, Gary and Hal. After they moved away, the big house was demolished and not destroyed.

The list shows a Ruth Ames. Well, I don't know about her, but I did know a Lauren Ames who could be from that family. Harve Manges had four girls, Goldie, the twins, Nola and Ola and Della who married Lauren Ames and they lived in Bellville, Michigan and Lauren was a carpenter for Henry Ford. Most of the time at the Willow Run Plant, that is where they made the B-24 Bombers in WWII. That was my wife's aunt and she

went to school at the Stinger School on the corner of SR 49 and Road 204.

Later on, in the last house on the right, before you got to the state line a nice old lady lived there by the name of Ella Champion. Later on there was a Charlie Champion who married Anna Dell Reed and lived in Antwerp. I don't know if they were kin or not, Charlie died in a house fire years ago over on Buffalo Street.

I see it lists two gals named Keesler. I couldn't find out anything about them. In the early 1930's there was a James Keesler who lived on West Washington Street in Antwerp. I don't know if there was a connection there or not.

It lists Grace and Gertrude Rogers. Well, they were twins and the daughters of 'Old' John Rogers. Gertrude married Mark Mettert and Grace married Tommy Mettert. I knew all these people and they were fine folks. They had a brother, Harry Rogers, who was the father of the Johnny Rogers that you know. John and Bernadine had two boys and five girls, Joe Jim, Pam, Paula, Patty, Penny and Peggy, and I'm proud to say they are cousins to my wife.

In the late 1910's, Goldie Manges married a Virgil Taylor. They had a daughter, Dorothy, who married Joe Powell, a son, Raymond, who married Leona Hisson and in 1923, had a son, Robert, who married Yvonne Chester and lives in Fort Wayne. But, Virgil Taylor died in 1924. Later Goldie Taylor married Harry Rogers and they had two children, Johnny and Alice.

Gertrude married Mark Mettert and they had a daughter, Bonnie, who is married to Frances Coughlin and live at the Mettert home place.

It lists some Richardson children, I couldn't find anything about them, but I did know an Ed Richardson who lived on Road 19. That was close to the Champion School and it might be the Richardson Homestead. Virginia Kunesh lives there now.

I see there was a Ray Fleck there as a student. Well, the Flecks owned the place on Road T-7. That's where Attorney Floyd Ramsier lives now. Ray had to walk about a mile each way to school. In



later years the Flecks moved to town and lived on what is now Waldo's Hill.

On the right side, after you pass road T-7 going west was the home of the Purdy's. There was a number of the Purdy boys, maybe some girls but I'm not sure. There was Lawrence, Ed, Charlie and Dewight.

I don't know if that was all one family or not. I remember my father-in-law T. J. Powell say that Charlie Purdy was a first class mechanic and also dredged gravel out of the Maumee River.

Norma, Lela and Carl Langham attended that school, but they lived over in Indiana on the corner where James Thompson, Sr. lives now. I called my old school mate Eloise Langham Hopkins and she helped me with this part. Her father was Carl Langham and he was seven years of age when this booklet was printed. She said the above Norma Langham married Charlie Purdy and at one time managed Frank Lamb's Hotel. That sat in the empty parking lot just east of Oley's Laundry. She had a brother named Harold, who assisted her at the hotel. I remember him, because he was quite heavy and they called him 'Blimp'. I remember he was a fine football player. I think that Rev. Jim Langham who lives in Payne is Harold's son. Well, anyhow, I know he is a good writer.

It must have been shortly after 1910 that John and Eda moved to town. They lived to the south across the street from The Pit Stop and a little to the west. Wilber wasn't born until 1915. For some reason lots of people called him 'Bunch'.

Carl married Eva Wilson and they had one child, Eloise. Wilbur married Isabelle Sunday and they had two children, Karl Anthony, 'Tony', he lives in Paulding, and does a super job for the Economic Development for this area. He makes many trips each year to the big boys in Columbus. We wish you well, Tony. Wilbur had a daughter, Susan, who taught school in Kentucky most of

her career. I understand she has retired now and lives in Arizona. I saw her at the '06 Alumni Reunion. I liked her, she was always glad to see you. Just between you and I, I'll bet she misses Antwerp. Well, I miss her too.

In the mid 1930's where the dry cleaner is now, beside the Busby Building, that was a vacant lot, but it had sort of a band stand that was up against the side of Busby's Barber Shop. On Thursday nights, sometimes, the Chamber would sponsor free entertainment for the town people. On certain nights Carl played the mandolin, Wilber a guitar, Galen Cussen the piano and her husband Jerry Cussen was one of the singers along with his brother, Dan Cussen. All these boys could sing and were great entertainers, when the boys played the crowd was S.R.O. In the mid 1920's Carl operated a Ford Garage where the Hunt Boy's are now. At the end of WWII he and Wilber managed a Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership what is now the parking lot for The West Bend Printing Co. I bought two new Plymouths from them. Carl died in 1949 and Wilber in 1978.

The last man on the last row is Dayton Wann. Over the years I knew him very well. His brother, Everett, went to school at the Stinger School, as at that time they lived about a half mile north on CR 45. The Wanns must have moved up west on 204 somewhere. Harold Wann helped me with some of this report. As the years went by, Everett bought the farm west on U.S. 24. Mr. Wann, the father, went to Fort Wayne and owned and managed a coal yard. Dayton, after a fashion, he and two others built The Starlite Motel in Auburn. After a while, Dayton bought the others out. At that time, west on U.S. 6 in Auburn, the only place along there was a Dairy Queen. Dayton realized he needed a restaurant for his patrons, so he influenced the Richard's Restaurant people to open a restaurant there. It has been a success ever since that day

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in the 1950's. In fact, it has been moved and made bigger twice since then. Dayton and his wife Alta, were very successful business people.

The School Board, at that time, was Harry Snook—now that was Harry T. Snook (not the one called Junior) Elles Fields, Clair Hughes, Ed Purdy and George Murphy.

Thank you, Mondell, for the loan of this booklet. See, Ya!

SPRING FLING

The John Paulding Historical Society has planned a program we dubbed the Spring Fling. It will start off with a dinner and an entertaining evening for Saturday, April 14 at the museum on 600 Fairgrounds Road, Paulding.

The dinner is at 5:30 with the program to follow. Reservations are needed

so we have an idea of what to prepare for. Come and join us for the fellowship and be entertained with local Paulding County talent and help support your museum. The talent will be from Paulding, Payne and Oakwood.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORY

In my Township (flag) series, I now feature a township which has not yet adopted an official flag, but is very worthy of mention—Washington Twp.

Occupying the SE corner of Paulding County, it is located next to both Van Wert and Putnam Counties on its southern and eastern boundaries. Its Trustees include Burton Merriman, Lynn Noffsinger and Kenneth Simindinger, with its Fiscal Officer being Claudia Fickel.

A "hardy" pioneer named Joseph Mellinger built the first cabin on Section 22 in the year 1826, becoming the first actual settler. He was followed in 1827 by Wm. Harrell (father of the 1st white child born), D. Mackereel, John Curtis (father of another white child born in 1827), Ben Kniss and D. Ridenour on Section 10, where they began clearing away the forest. Wm. Harrell hosted the first election in 1840 (year of twp. organization) with 11 voters casting ballots.

The small hamlet known as "Murat" became the site of the first grist mill with saw mill connected in 1842, erected by Wm. Harrell, who was, by then, also a trustee. Lydia Harrell taught 12 pupils in the first school house erected in 1843. Soon, 11 schools dotted the township with two of them being especially for colored youth, taught by colored teachers. Several of these were township office-holders and were

well educated, and were former slaves in Kentucky, liberated before the war.

Doylestown became the name of the first post office, located on the canal, south of Timberville. It was so named by S. Doyle, Sr., who ran a packet line on the canal carrying the U.S. mail from Cincinnati to Toledo.

Religion began in the township with the appearance of a circuit riding Methodist minister named J.J. Hill, who began at St. Marys and eventually traveled 300 miles, more or less, before he once again was back at St. Marys, for only \$105.00 per year. Rev. Hill most likely followed, in his travels, the Big Auglaize, the largest township stream. The Little Auglaize enters the township near its SE corner and flows northward through its central part.

In 1880, the census reported a population of 1,346; but by the 1890 census, growth revealed itself with a report of 1,901 persons in the township.

All of the foregoing is provided from the "1892 Paulding Co. Atlas" which is available at all local library branches for reading and can be purchased at the John Paulding Historical Society (JPHS) Museum on Fairground Road in Paulding. All county schools have original copies of the atlas for students and teachers as well.

Be sure to visit YOUR museum and partake of history as displayed by local volunteers.

—Les Weidenhamer, JPHS President



NEW HOSPICE CENTER ACCEPTING PATIENTS

DEFIANCE—The newly constructed Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center, located at 06817 State Route 66 N., 2 miles north of Defiance, is now accepting patients daily between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A free-standing, nonprofit residential facility, the Inpatient Hospice Center

offers comfort and support to individuals with life-limiting illnesses, which are no longer manageable at home. The facility serves Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Williams and counties throughout northwest Ohio. For more information about admission criteria and how to arrange transfer, call Mary Ellen Rittenhouse at 419-782-4131.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Scott and Courtenay McMichael of Antwerp, Ohio would like to announce the birth of their son, Zaine Dawson McMichael. Zaine was born March 3 at 1:38 a.m. at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Zaine was welcomed home

by his brother Gaige and sister Aewyn. The grandparents are Terry and Pamela Zartman of Antwerp, Denny and Wendy Lengacher of Paulding, Robert and Colleen McMichael of Wilmington, great-grandmother Ruby, nee of Antwerp, Rae McMichael of Paulding, and Martha Lengacher of Hicksville.

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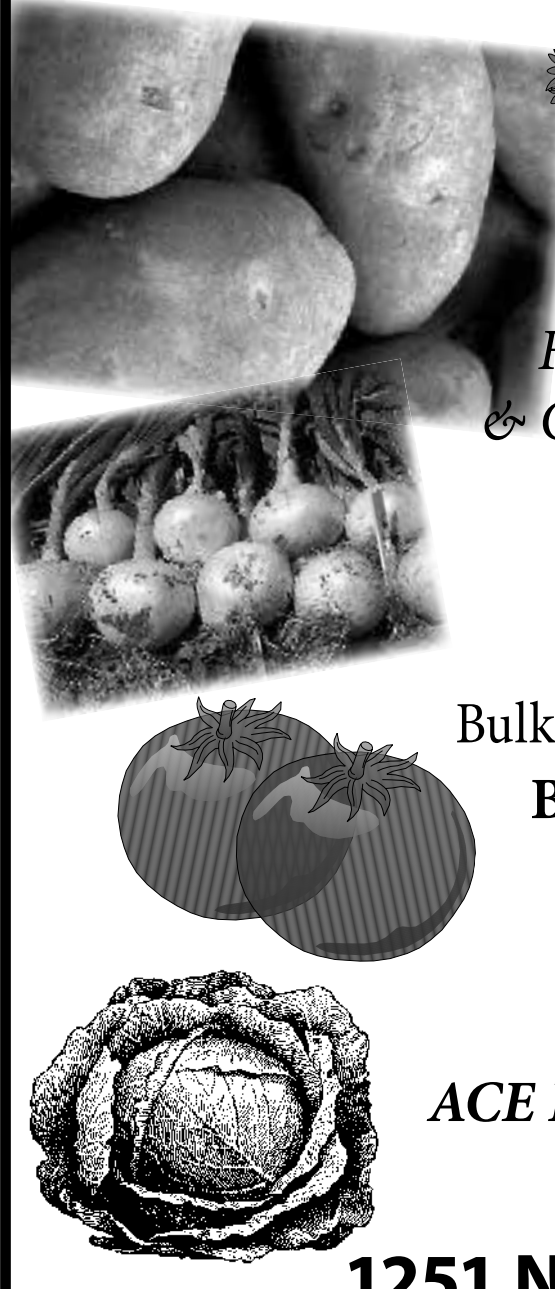
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SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION FROM PAULDING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Severe Weather

Paulding County is again preparing for the possibility of severe weather this spring. We have begun repairing outdoor community warning sirens. These sirens are located in the following areas: Antwerp, Payne, Paulding (four locations), Cecil, Haviland, Scott, Grover Hill, Auglaize Township, and Charloe. Remember when the sirens are activated for an emergency please seek shelter and listen to local electronic media for further information. The sirens are most commonly used to indicate the presence or likely presence of a tornado. The emergency siren activation is a steady blast of the siren that last for three minutes. The weekly siren test is on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. unless severe weather is likely or there is another emergency occurring at the same time. The weekly tests are approximately one minute long. They may also be used to indicate an enemy attack, flash flooding, or an evacuation due to a chemical leak. Please listen to local electronic media for instructions if you should hear the siren warning and there is no severe weather present. Also it would be a good time of year to invest in a weather radio for your home or business. These weather radios are activated by the National Weather Service to give advance notice of weather warnings, watches, and advisories. Remember watches are issued when weather conditions are favorable for the formation of

severe weather, warnings are issued when severe weather is present. This year the National Weather Service is issuing warnings by area instead of by county. In the past if severe weather was entering Paulding County near Payne they would issue a warning for the entire Paulding County area. This year warnings will be issued only for the geographic areas actually expected to be impacted. So for example if severe weather was entering the southwest corner of the county the National Weather Service would issue a warning for Benton Township, and the villages of Payne, Batson and McGill. As the storm moves across the county the warning will be updated to include those areas that are expected to be affected. So knowing this it is necessary to keep a close watch on the local electronic media to ensure you are getting the latest updated information. The best places to seek shelter are underground if at all possible. Basements are good, especially if you can get under a heavy table or other structure, if you do not have a basement and there is no time to reach one, go to a room as close to the center of your house as possible, preferably a room with no windows. A smaller room is better than a large room. If you are on the road get out of your car and seek shelter in a ditch or culvert, but be aware of rising water. Do not try to outrun a tornado. If you find yourself in a large open building such as a large store find the restroom or office area, these are usually safer than the main part of the building. Remember to pack a safety kit with a battery powered radio, flashlight, spare batteries, wa-

ter, food, medicine and keep this kit where you can easily reach it in a hurry.

Severe Weather Definitions

Severe Thunderstorm: Hail 3/4" in diameter and/or wind gusts of 58 mph or higher.

Note: Frequent lightning and very heavy rains are not criteria for severe thunderstorms but both are still very dangerous. Flood warning might be issued for the heavy rain but there is no such warning for frequent lightning.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Conditions are favorable for thunderstorms to contain large hail and gusty winds. The watch covers a broad area of hundreds of square miles and is issued over the time frame of hours. When a watch is issued you should stay near a television or radio and keep an eye to the sky.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: A severe thunderstorm is occurring in the warning area. The warning area is a county or a portion of a county and is usually in effect for 45 minutes. When a warning is issued you should take cover immediately in your home or a secure building.

Tornado Watch: Conditions are favorable for some thunderstorms to contain a tornado. The watch covers a broad area of hundreds of square miles and is issued over the time frame of hours. When a watch is issued you should stay near a television or radio and keep an eye to the sky.

Tornado Warning: A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted by a storm spotter, law enforcement, or has been indicated by radar. The warning area is a county or a portion of a county and is usually in effect for 45 minutes. When a warning is issued you should take cover immediately in your home in the basement or an interior room away from windows.

Tropical Storm Watch: A tropical storm watch covers a rather large but specified part of the coast indicating the possibility of tropical storm conditions (winds 39-73 mph) within the next 36 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning: Sustained winds 39-73 mph is expected within a specified coastal area within 24 hours or less.

Hurricane Watch: A hurricane watch covers a rather large but specified part of the coast indicating the possibility of hurricane force winds (74 mph or higher) or a hurricane related hazard (such as a storm surge or flooding) within the next 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning: Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher is expected within a specified coastal area within 24 hours or less.

Winter Storm Watch: The potential exists for significant and hazardous winter weather within the next 48 hours. Significant and hazardous weather could be more than four inches of snow, freezing rain causing a glaze of 1/4" or greater, enough ice accumulation to damage trees and/or power lines, or a life threatening combination of snow and/or ice accumulation with wind.

Winter Storm Warning: Significant and hazardous winter weather is occurring or is imminent.

Winter Weather Advisory:

Snow, freezing rain and/or sleet is expected to cause significant inconvenience but is under warning criteria. Snow accumulations of two inches in the immediate Metro Area and three inches west of town or freezing rain/freezing drizzle will glaze on streets and/or sidewalks will prompt an advisory.

Dense Fog Advisory: Widespread fog is reducing or is expected to reduce visibilities to 1/4 mile or less for more than three hours.

Flood Watch: Flooding is possible as conditions are favorable for flooding to occur. Flood watch covers gradual flooding that may persist over a large area for an extended period of time. A flood watch is often issued when the ground is already saturated and a heavy and extended rainfall is possible.

Flood Warning: Flooding is occurring or imminent in a specific area or county, move to higher ground immediately.

Flash Flood Watch: Flooding is possible as conditions are favorable for flooding to occur. Flash floods usually develop very quickly lasting for only an hour or so. Flash flood watches are often issued before heavy thunderstorms move in and cover a large area.

Flash Flood Warning: Flooding is occurring or imminent in a particular county for the next 45 minutes to an hour, move to higher ground immediately.

Wind Advisory: A wind advisory is issued when sustained winds of 31-39 mph and/or wind gusts of 46-57 mph are expected both over a minimum period of three hours.

Small Craft Advisory: A small craft advisory is issued when sustained winds of 20-34 knots and/or waves of four feet or higher are expected within 12 hours. Boaters in small boats need to heed this advisory and try to get back to your mooring.

Gale Warning: A gale warning is issued for the tidal Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay when sustained winds of 35-49 knots and/or frequent gusts of 35-49 knots are expected within 24 hours.

Heat Advisory: A heat advisory is issued when heat indices are expected to develop in the next 24 hours ranging from 98 to 105 degrees for one day or longer from May 1 through June 30 and/or heat indices are expected in the next 24 hours ranging from 100 to 105 degrees for one day or longer from July 1 through

September 30.

Excessive Heat Warning: An excessive heat warning is issued when a maximum heat index of 106 degrees or higher for three hours or more for two consecutive days and a minimum heat index of 80 degrees or higher at night is expected to develop in the next 24 hours. An excessive heat warning can also be issued when a maximum heat index of 115 degrees or higher regardless of duration or nighttime minimum.

Wind Chill Advisory: A wind chill advisory is issued when wind chills of -15 to -29 degrees are expected.

Wind Chill Warning: A wind chill warning is issued when wind chills of -30 degrees or lower are expected.

Warning Siren Information

Do you know what to do when you hear the Paulding County Community Warning Sirens, or any long, unusual siren activity in your community?

The Community Warning Sirens are primarily an outdoor warning signal that an emergency may have occurred. When you hear these sirens, the best protection for your family is . . .

1. Go inside your home or other building.
2. Tune in to local radio and television stations for ongoing emergency information.
3. Follow the instructions on the television or radio station. In Paulding County the Community Warning Sirens usually mean that a tornado warning has been issued or a tornado has been sighted, however sirens can also be used to warn of a terrorist attack, a flash flood or a leak of hazardous materials.

A warning is signaled by a 3 minute long steady blast on the siren.

The Community Sirens are tested every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. unless severe weather is close or there is emergency radio traffic on the channel we use to control sirens.

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/28 THROUGH 4/3

- Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast*
- 3/28 - Bacon, egg, & cheese muffin, juice, milk
 - 3/29 - Waffles, sausage, juice, milk
 - 3/30 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 - 4/2 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 - 4/3 - Sausage biscuit, juice, milk

- Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch*
- 3/28 - Taco salad or sandwich, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/29 - Turkey club sandwich, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
 - 3/30 - Bacon cheeseburger on a bun, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk
 - 4/2 - Chicken nuggets or breaded pork, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk
 - 4/3 - Corn dog, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk

- Paulding Elementary - Lunch*
- 3/28 - Bologna on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 - 3/29 - cook's choice
 - 3/30 - Cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 - 4/2 - Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable, fruit cup, milk
 - 4/3 - Pizza, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch*
- 3/28 - Hovering ham & cheese, flight potatoes, high flying fruit, jet fuel
 - 3/29 - Deli Blimp Subs, parachute chips, high flying fruit, jet fuel
 - 3/30 - Pilot pizza, hot helicopter corn, high flying fruit, jet fuel
 - 4/2 - Turkey/gravy, whipped potatoes, bread, fruit, milk
 - 4/3 - Cheese pizza, pocket cheese snack, mini carrots, fruit cup, milk

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is in response to the Girls Varsity Basketball editorial last week. I too am an alumnus of Antwerp High School and have watched many girls basketball games. I will have to say I agree with Ms. Berenyi's editorial. I do not agree with Ms. Womack's. You have condemned Ms. Berenyi on her opinions of Coach Jason Landers, and slammed your former basketball team players. That doesn't say much for you! As for the senior players, I too believe that they were stripped on their playing time this year. Just because you do not attend summer basketball camp, doesn't mean you don't grasp the knowledge of basketball or that you don't care enough to work hard during the basketball season. You couldn't be more wrong! When those girls were allowed to play, they were very strong on the court, making points, stealing the ball, and having many assists, not to mention their knowledge and experience of the game in which they made quick decisions on the court. You talked about how it takes time to build a dynasty, well, in my opinion, we had that in 2005-2006, in which we had six senior players along with a couple of juniors which was one of the best teams Antwerp girls basketball has had in a while, but with the fundamentals you say were fundamentally taught at practice every day as well as drills and

plays, why did we come away with only four wins out of 22 games? Was it the fact that you were all playing as individuals? Or maybe you didn't execute the plays you practiced so much or maybe you all just didn't grasp the knowledge of the game? I don't believe any of this was true, nor do I believe that the upper classmen this year were lazy, unwilling players, as you had stated in your editorial. The problem is in the coaching, if you have a seasoned team such as we did in '05-'06, or a young team such as this year, you need a coach that can pull it all together and utilize his players to make a winning season. For example, in 2003 we had two young girls coaching the girls volleyball team and they ended up with a very poor season. The very next year we got a new coach with exceptional experience and knowledge of the game and took those same girls minus one senior to a winning season and captured the GMC championship title not once but two years in a row. Yes, a coach makes all the difference in whether you have a good season or not. Unfortunately, the season is over for these seniors, but I wish the team next year good luck in whoever is coaching them.

A proud supporter of Antwerp sports,

—Cheri Stone

TWIN WILLOW'S WOODWORKING



By: Sue Knapp

John McGrath builds and repairs furniture, and can do just about anything you want done concerning wood.

He and his wife, Sharon, have been in the wood business for at least eight years. Sharon does the sewing and helps him in the wood shop. She also works as a shift manager for Rite Aide in Paulding.

In December of 2006, John decided to retire and work full time in his wood shop.

His engineering degree comes in handy as he makes his own sketches and designs for furniture.

John has also made repro-

ductions of antique furniture. He has made a Morris couch and chair for his living room plus bookcases and a window seat.

He has made rolling pins, clocks, blanket chests and much more. He is (when he has time) making kitchen cupboard doors for Sharon.

John's furniture is all over the tri-state area.

John's family has lived in Paulding County for many, many years. He and Sharon live in the house that was built by his grandparents 100 years ago. They have been blessed with daughters, one of which is an artist.

PAULDING RESERVOIR SOFTBALL LEAGUES FORMING

Paulding reservoir softball leagues are now forming for men's and women's teams.

The men will play on Tuesday or Thursday night, with the women playing on Wednesday night.

The meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th at the Red Owl Inn at 7:00 p.m.

For more information call 419-399-2981.

A GATHERING

By: Sue Knapp

'A Gathering' to offer encouragement and support for Dave Siler of Brunersburg, who has Lou Gehrig's disease, will be held at the Essen House in Antwerp, Ohio on April 14 from 5:30-7:30. A buffet will be available.

Dave, worked for the city of Defiance and also had a plumbing business. He was a former area representative of the Defiance Wings Motorcycle Club.

All of Dave's friends and family and all that know him are encouraged to come and say "hi" to Dave, to give him encouragement, support and to pray for him.

Please RSVP to Jerry and Charlotte Wolf at 419-258-2820 or Dan Siler at 419-769-2513 by April 11.

No gifts please, just your presence.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/28 THROUGH 4/3

- Breakfast:**
 3/28 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 3/29 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 3/30 - Turnover, milk
 4/2 - Pizza, milk
 4/3 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

- Lunch:**
 3/28 - French toast sticks or waffles, hash browns, sausage, 100% OJ, milk
 3/29 - Rotini/meat, breaded mozzarella cheese stick, corn, pears, milk
 3/30 - Mac & cheese, PB sandwich, WT: Bar-b-que, green beans, peaches or trail mix, milk
 4/2 - Taco quesedilla, corn, cookie, pears, milk
 4/3 - Rotini/meat, green beans, cheese stick, garlic bread, applesauce, milk

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CARTOONS

By: Rose Kever

This morning Gary and I were having our coffee, and our daughter-in-law brought our little Seth for us to babysit. We watch Seth and his big sister, Kira, while the parents work. Well, Seth brought me the remote for the TV and I turned it on for him. I don't know too much about today's cartoons, except I'm still waiting for something funny to happen in them!! Aren't cartoons supposed to be "funny"? (they were when we were kids).

We had, Daffy Duck, Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Mighty Mouse (who came to save the day), Goofy, Wil-Coyote, Felix the Cat, Speedy Gonzalez, Tom and Jerry, Dick Tracy and hundreds more. These were funny, not violent.

Even the drawn cartoons in the comic section and in comic books were good. The most violent thing about our cartoons was watching Wil-Coyote get out-smarted by the Road Runner and end up getting clobbered by an Acme Anvil, or Elmer Fudd taking potshots at Daffy or Bugs.

Today's cartoons are either stupid or very violent and the parents allow their children to sit and watch this stuff. And the Xbox and PS2 games aren't educational at all, nor are they just fun to play. The ones my grandsons have are so full of blood and guts, I'm surprised they don't have nightmares.

Blues Clues is not educational. That guy just asks where something is and the kids are supposed to talk back to him (like he can hear them). There are a very few cartoons that teach the kids something, but they aren't for advanced enough for any kid eight years old and up.

Seth loves SpongeBob Squarepants. Now that's funny most of the time, but, a talking sponge?!

I would say that the violence that kids today see in their cartoons is typical of what we see going on out in society. There is plenty of bad

things going on without these kids having a controller in their own hands and simulate some guy getting shot and blood and guts flying everywhere.

At the very least, I can say, we don't have drive-by shootings or gangs like the big cities have, but will it happen in our small towns? Who knows?! Allow it to be in front of these kids long enough and you can bet they're going to try it, at sometime or another.

Our son has told us horror stories of things he's seen in Toledo that tells me I would never live there. It's a very violent city, and there are always gunshots, sirens, and police helicopters on the prowl. There was a teenager who was shot to death because someone stole his bicycle and he went to get it back. They killed him for a \$100.00 bicycle. (I guess I'm getting off the subject now, but where did that kind of violence come from? Grand Theft Auto??? Halo 1,2,3?)

Back to the original subject now! I would love to see us revert back to the values we had back in the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Things were simple back then. You knew what you were supposed to do and you did it, with no back talk and no violence. Our values have changed so much, that the kids today would be bored out of their minds if they watched our old cartoons, so we will have to try to block our TV channels and hope for the best.

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The Request for Proposal packet may be obtained beginning March 21, 2007 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 303 W. Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio 45879 or by calling 419-399-3756. A bidder's conference will be held on April 2, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Department of Job and Family Services, 303 West Harrison St., Paulding, Ohio.

The Board's Paulding County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, and waive all irregularities in favor of the county.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSIONS, AND DISMISSALS

Births:
3/22 - Todd and Barbara Hoersten, Ottoville, son, 1:06 a.m., 8 lb. 5 oz.

Admissions:
3/20 - Andrea Klopfenstein, Paulding

3/21 - Barbara Hoersten, Ottoville; Ruth Zuber, Paulding; Paul Strahley, Paulding

3/22 - Elizabeth Konopka, Paulding

3/25 - Dianna Clemens, Paulding

Dismissals:
3/19 - Betty Clark, Paulding

3/21 - Andrea Klopfenstein, Paulding

3/23 - Barbara Hoersten and son, Ottoville

3/24 - Ruth Zuber, Paulding

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

3/28 - Wacky Wednesday; Manicure Clinic, 9:00 a.m.; Grocery shopping, 12:30 p.m.; Alzheimer's/caregiver, 3:00 p.m.; Water exercise, 3:00 p.m.; W meeting, 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

3/29 - Line dancing, 9:00 a.m.; Exercise, 10:00 a.m.; Bingo, 10:00 a.m. at Hawthorn Court; Euchre, 12:15 p.m.

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3.5-3.99 - Samantha Bauman, Jaclyn Buchman, Jacy Carter, Jessika Celli, Caci Craig, Janel Dasher, Sina Derichsweiler, Ashley Donaldson, Tyanna Erford, Amanda Gerschutz, Brittany Grindstaff, Courtney Highwarden, Amanda Hopkins, Kody Kadesch, Lindsey Mansfield, James Manz, Scott Meyer, Ashley Tope, Andy White
3.0-3.49 - Elizabeth Bogaert, Brittany Chaney, Brice Ferris, Andrea Ganter, Niki Hornish, Kandice Kelly, Joy Nice, Alex Phlipot, Jerica Proxmire, Christina Salas, Jordan Wilhelm

JUNIORS:
4.00 - Tiffany Anderson, Chris Britt, Gage Evans, Kayla Gawronski, Amber Gebers,

Julie Koenn, Tiffany Razo, Tiffany Rosenhan, Jon Ross, Chelsi Sherry, Megan Simpson, Logan Sunday
3.59-3.99 - Justis Barman, Jessica Carnahan, Kim Cline, Michelle Colley, Tyler Crutchfield, Jeanelle DeMuth, Amber Dohoney, David Fickel, Stacy Gallegos, Abby Gross, Shannon Hankinson, Ryan Jones, Kassi Kadesch, Jerrod Knodel, Derek Koch, Autumn Leininger, Amber Manson, Kevin Mumma, Kameron Owens, Jacob Perl, Jordan Phlipot, Kristen Porter, Staci Smalley, Jessica Strable, Kara Suffel, Sarah Tracy, Paul Webb
3.0-3.49 - Lareta Beckman, Dustin Carnahan, Alisha Crutchfield, Elizabeth Gottke, Michael Halter, Ben Kauser, Sierra Kennedy, Brooke Mehring, Chris Phlipot, Clint Porter, Jarod Ribley, Shelby Smith, Zachary Stallkamp, Chantell Weiden

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LOCAL BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS VOLUNTEER TIME TO FOOD PANTRY



Payne Boy Scout Troop 137 and Cub Scout Pack 137 collected 105 bags of food for the St. Paul United Methodist Church Food Pantry on March 10. Troop 137 participates yearly in the Scouting

for Food program. Pictured are: (back row) Russel Fulk, Josiah Gordon, (middle row) Nick Gordon, (front row) Matthew Proctor and Tyler Schoenauer

GILLMOR CALLS IRAQ FUNDING BILL PORK LADEN: BILL ADDS \$22 BILLION FOR DEMOCRAT'S PET PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) voted emergency legislation which he called "a package of pork barrel projects to buy votes." President Bush had requested \$103 billion for emergency funding for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as Katrina reconstruction efforts. Democrats in Congress added \$22 billion in additional funding for pet projects in Congressional districts and an August 2008 deadline for withdrawing all combat troops from Iraq.

"Democrat leaders have once again failed my constituents. I wanted to vote for the President's request for additional funds for our troops because it is imperative that we support our men and women in uniform while they are fighting the Global War on Terror. They are talented, dedicated, and professional and should have every dollar they need for success," Gillmor said.

"Unfortunately, the Democratic Party is split between abandoning our troops immediately versus abandoning our troops in two years. In order to gain enough support from the fringes of their party, Democrat leaders had to add \$22 billion worth of pet projects to the war funding bill. Rather than convince

members of their own party to support their policy of micromanaging the war, Democrat leaders decided to buy their votes," Gillmor said.

In addition to the \$103 billion which was requested by President Bush, the Democrat Emergency Supplemental Bill includes \$22 billion for projects which Gillmor says are anything but emergencies such as:

- \$25 million for spinach growers in California.
- \$252 million for milk subsidies.
- \$1.5 billion in livestock assistance.
- \$500 million to fight wildfires.
- \$74 million for peanut storage in Georgia.
- \$120 million for shrimp and menhaden fisherman.

"Maybe some of these projects can be justified but they are certainly not emergency spending for the troops. Democrats in Congress believe invented 'emergencies' such as spinach growing and peanut storage are just as important as the needs of our troops. Setting a date for withdrawal is as irresponsible as increasing a funding bill twenty percent to buy the votes of Members of Congress. Democrats are willing to jeopardize the effectiveness of our military just to make a political statement," Gillmor concluded.

The Democrat Emergency Supplemental Bill narrowly passed the House by a vote of 218 to 212 without Rep. Gillmor's support. It will now be debated by the U.S. Senate.

VILLAGE PLAYERS PREPARE FOR ODDLY-NAMED "EYEFELLGLOFFENHOOTENANNIEMERRYBERRYCRUNCH"

And some people think that "Hicksville" is a funny name for a town...

That's nothing compared to the fairy-tale village of Eyefellgloffenhootenanniemerryberrycrunch, which will be featured in the upcoming Village Players' production of the same name.

The residents of Eyefellgloff—of that town—really like the name, as it always makes them laugh whenever they read the sign proclaiming the Village's name. It makes their town a very happy place to live.

So happy, in fact, that residents of the nearby village of Grumpenclunken (who don't like their town's name at all, by the way) start moving over to the happier village next door. This, of course, angers the King of Grumpenclunken (played by Bill Murphy in his first Village Players role), who decides to solve the problem by stealing the town sign from Eyefellgloffenhootenanniemerryberrycrunch.

As it turns out, once the sign is gone, none of the villagers can remember the name of their town anymore! This upsets them greatly, and suddenly the King finds he has a new problem... the noise of the villagers crying is every bit as annoying as their laughter was before!

Well, what else is there for a mean King to do but enlist the help of a Witch to solve his problems? But which Witch should he choose? That's right! Which Witch (Kate Murphy) comes to the rescue with a plan to get the villagers to stop their crying. Give them the sign back, of course... but only if someone from the village can solve "the three trials."

Children and adults alike will get a kick out of watching the village hero(ine) Teena (Melody Guilford) as she embarks on her quest to solve the trials and bring laughter back to the village. There is puzzle-

solving, wonder-working and wrong-righting, as well as a good dose of fairy tale fun in this show, which is appropriate for kids of all ages.

The story is narrated by Amber Wort, with both new and familiar VP faces such as Becky Adams, Travis Hefelfinger, Grant, Deano and Cece Smalley and Dominique Tonneas returning to fill roles ranging from villagers and animals to carrots and grouchy tree elves. The show is helmed by Amber Garza in her directorial debut.

"Eyefellgloffenhootenanniemerryberrycrunch" will be performed at the Huber Opera House and Civic Center this Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1, with a matinee and an evening performance each day.

Prior to each performance, dozens of youngsters from around the area will take part in a VP Youth Talent Show. Singers, dancers, pianists, and many others will take part in the Talent Show, organized by Earlee Harris. In fact, so many kids signed on to be a part of it, they had to be split into two groups! Audiences at the afternoon shows will see one group of performers, while those at the evening shows will see an entirely different talent show. Either show is expected to run 30-40 minutes, followed by a brief intermission and then the performance of "Eyefellgloffenhootenanniemerryberrycrunch."

The starting time for the afternoon performance is 2:30 p.m. on both days, while the evening show begins at 7:30 p.m. Total running time is expected to be just under two hours.

The Village Players are offering family-friendly ticket prices for the show, and one ticket is good for admission to both the talent show and the main event. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.HicksvilleVillagePlayers.com.

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SOPHOMORES:

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3.5-3.99 - Mackenzie Bayless, Peter Brown, Megan Butler, Kari Gibson, Morgan Hammon, Katherine Harmon, Amber Jones, Cassie Kauser, Mara Kesler, Ashley Koenn, Jessica Miller, Andrew Mott, Isaac Porter, Briana Ripke, Haden Sholl, Selena Switzer

3.0-3.49 - Estee Arend, Tyler Arend, Eric Beck, Cody Bevins, Sarah Flynn, Rachel Hemker, Jessica Johnson, Katie Keeran, Eve Kohart, Jon Kohart, Chrystal Lukaszek, Jennifer Nafziger, Brian Porter, Michael Reinhart, Corbin Reinhart, Mercedes Rios, Chris Rohrs, Zakary Shafer, Dalton Stallkamp, Garrett Stoller, Remy Tope, Tess VanVlerah, Breanna Wilder, Brandi Yoh

FRESHMAN:

4.0 - Maycee Adams, Jamie Buchman, Chase Bur-

nett, Gary DeVault, Stephanie Donaldson, Angela Manz, Bryant Sheppard, William Wilhelm

3.5-3.99 - Brittany Bail, Jesse Bollenbacher, Elizabeth Bradford, Jaelyn Carr, Danielle Grindstaff, Samantha Habern, Taylor Hatcher, Shabrie Moyer, Amanda Porter, Tyler Rohrs, Derek Schlatter, Audrey Smiley, Dakota Vogel, Rachele Woodring

3.0-3.49 - Sydni Antoine, Jacy Barnwell, Jared Deatrick, Kelsie Deel, Shelby Erford, Ashley Fisher, Lindsey Frederick, Aaron Gross, Caryn Johnston, Kristy Jones, Brandi Kline, Trisha Manson, Blake Mehring, Zachary Miller, Billy Rios, Cassandra Sherry, Haley Vorlicky, Ali Wayne, Ben Wiswell

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