

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING CLUB NEWS

March has been a busy month for the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club. The following are the results from several tournaments the kids competed in.

Archbold Tournament held on March 16:

First place - Shayna Temple, George Clemens IV, Tyler Sipes, Sawyer Temple, Aaron Harris, Myranda Stahl, and Tyler Arnett.

Second place - Worth Clark, Hunter Showalter, Jordan Offerle, Brendon Dingus, Zaine Cotterman, Levi Noggle.

Third place - Nate Showalter, Max Rassman, Henry Merriman, Lucas Dull, Jacob Roop.

Fourth place - Austin Young, Aaron Miller, Jacob Blair, Nick Blair, Lindsay Mathews, Tim West, and Daniel Rolf.

Wayne Trace Wrestling Tournament held March 24:

First place - Zaine Cotterman, Kameron Clemens

Second place - Max Rassman, Shayna Temple, Nick Blair, Sawyer Temple, Myranda Stahl, Aaron Miller,

Jake Reuille.

Third place - Aaron Canfield, Austin Young, Brendon Dingus, George Clemens IV, Trent Church, Tyler Sipes, Tyler Arnett, Katie Clemens, Cody Stahl, Danny Rolf, and Rob Long.

Fourth place - Jordan Offerle, Worth Clark, James Coyne, Levi Noggle, Aaron Harris, Tim West, Joe Stahl, and Reese Etzler.

Paulding Wrestling Tournament held March 31:

First place - Worth Clark, Brendan Dingus, George Clemens IV, Myranda Stahl, and Sawyer Temple.

Second place - Kameron Bevis, Nate Showalter, Shayna Temple, Mike Now Jr., Justin Pierce, Shane Stahl, Zack Wesley, Aaron Miller, and Joe Stahl.

Third place - Reese Etzler, Arin Canfield, Anthony Rooks, Levi Noggle, Lucas Dull, Nick Blair, Lindsay Mathews, and Tim West

Fourth place - Austin Smith, Austin Young, Hunter Showalter, and Robbie Long.

IDENTITY THEFT

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Each year, millions of Americans discover their identities have been stolen by criminals, making identity theft one of the top fraud complaints in the United States. In addition to the invasion of privacy, victims often must spend an enormous amount of time, energy, and money in order to repair the damage. As a result, lawmakers around the country have been working on legislation designed to help victims of identity theft.

Members of the Ohio Legislature have also been working to decrease the frequency of identity theft. During the last General Assembly, House Bill 48 passed into law, which was sponsored by Representative Jim Hughes. This bill increases the penalties for committing identity theft against the elderly or disabled and also creates the Identity Theft Verification Passport through the Ohio Attorney General's office. The passport is a document an identity theft victim can display to law enforcement officials, creditors, and financial institutions to prove they are victims of identity theft and as a way to confirm their identity. The passport can also be used to help speed the recovery process.

In addition to assisting victims, members of the House are also working to help prevent identity theft. House Bill 46, which was introduced earlier this year by Representatives Jimmy Stewart and Tim DeGeeter, would allow an individual to place a security freeze on their credit report. A security freeze prohibits a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in an individual's credit report without their authorization. When necessary, a consumer can temporarily lift the freeze to allow access to their credit report for a specified amount of time.

This bill can help people whose personal information may have been compromised from being further victimized by preventing thieves from obtaining new credit lines and massing large amounts of debt in the victim's name.

Although bills like these (Continued on Page 5)

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": VANTAGE STUDENTS VISIT HAITI



The Vantage Haiti team: (front row) American Studies teacher Peg Bollenbacher, Eden Briner, Krystal Slusher, Superintendent of the Bordes School Marius Turienne and his neighbor, Lillie. (Back row) Curt Horstman, Mike Recker, English teacher Sonya Yenser-Hammon and Principal Keith Rydell.

By: Vantage Principal Keith Rydell

Four Vantage students and three staff members ventured to Cap Haitian and Bordes, Haiti for a week long trip from March 18 to March 26, 2007. The Vantage delegation included students Krystal Slusher (Jr. Cosmetology/Lincolnview), Eden Briner (Sr. Cosmetology/Continental), Curt Horstman (Sr. Carpentry/Ft. Jennings), and Mike Recker Sr. Industrial Mechanics/Kalida), along with staff members Peg Bollenbacher, Sonya Yenser-Hammon, and Keith Rydell. Throughout the week, the Vantage "team" was able to experience Haitian culture, present some Haitians with American products that are considered rare in Haiti, as well as work together to strengthen the partnership between Vantage and a vocational school in Bordes, Haiti.

Four years ago, after hearing Bordes Superintendent, Marius Turienne, speak to

Vantage social studies students about Haitian culture, the Vantage student body voted to "adopt" the Bordes school and work hand-in-hand with them to provide vocational services to its students. They would organize this endeavor through a student formed "Haiti Committee". This original committee began with two ad-

visors and twelve students. During the second year of its existence, the Haiti Committee partnered with the Van Wert Rotary Club and associated itself as a Rotary Interact Club. While the primary purpose of the Interact Club was to strengthen the partnership between Vantage and the Bordes School, they

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Carl E. Ayres, 94, formerly of Fort Wayne, IN died April 2, 2007 at Braden River Care, Bradenton, FL.

He was born February 10, 1913 in Fort Wayne, IN to the late A. S. and Ethel (Jones) Ayres. He married Phyllis Rank, who survives in Bradenton, FL.

He was a retired professor with Heidelberg College, Tiffin, OH and a minister of several United Methodist Churches. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Bradenton, FL.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Rank of Bradenton, FL; a son, David Ayres of Punta Gorda, FL; and a brother, Arlie Ayres of Fort Wayne, IN.

Funeral services were April 7, 2007 at Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Grover Hill with Rev. William Sherry officiating. Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Memorials to Middle Creek United Methodist

Church Mission Trip.

Arrangements handled by Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, OH.

Wanda G. Miller, 88, of Paulding died April 3, 2007 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

She was born July 10, 1918, in Grover Hill, the daughter of Ora G. and Iva L. (Stores) Uhlenhaker. On July 10, 1938 she married Virgil F. Miller, who preceded her in death on August 31, 2006.

She is survived by four daughters: Myrna (Norman) Cook of Paulding, Diana (Robert) Eisel of Findlay, OH, Marlene (Dan) Hartwick, of Plano, Texas, and Nylice Lawson of Bear, Delaware; ten grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother, Philip.

Funeral services were April 7 at Den Herder Funer-

al Home, Paulding with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, throws/afghans, statuary, etc, the Wanda Miller Family requests that all donations be made to Gideons International; Paulding United Methodist Church Children's Department; or to a charity of the donor's choice only.

Edna L. Bidlack, 91 of Portage, MI died April 2, 2007 at the Laurels of Galesburg, MI. She was a former resident of Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born in Cloverdale, Ohio on May 15, 1915 the daughter of Joseph and Mary (McMichael) Claypool. She retired in 1977 from the Fort Wayne Indiana Newspapers Inc. as a Compositor for 25 years.

Surviving a daughter, Pamela (Randy) Hitchcock of Kalamazoo, MI and three grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Guilford (Bud) Claypool.

Graveside services were April 4, 2007 at Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials to the Donor's Choice.

John W. Koch, 87, formerly of Payne died March 31 at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born August 23, 1919 in Paulding County, the son of Wilhelm H. and Mary A. (Schaefer) Koch. On January 8, 1949 he married Bernardine M. Nix, who survives. He was a retired self-employed beekeeper. He was an Army veteran serving during World War II. He was a former president of Ohio Beekeepers Association. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, Holy Name Society, a Third and Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Payne American Legion Post 297.

He is survived by his wife Bernardine of Fort Wayne; two sons: Brendan (Peggy) Koch of Parma, OH and Jerome (Marlene) Koch of Huntsville, AL; a daughter, Rita Phillips of Costa Mesa, CA; two brothers: Vitus (Ruth) Koch of Auburn, IN and Benjamin (Josephine) Koch of Fort Wayne, IN; two sisters: Hedwig "Heddy" Moeller and Margareta Moeller of Albion, IN; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; four brothers: Daniel, Carl, Justus, and Rudolph Koch; and sister, Catherine Koch.

Funeral services were April 10, 2007 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church cemetery, Payne.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

John C. Mitchell, 22, of Toledo, died March 29 in Bowling Green, OH.

He was born in Paradise, California, on July 17, 1984 the son of John M. and Tippi S. (Turpin) Mitchell.

He is survived by his father, John M. Mitchell of Eugene, OR; his mother, Tippi S. Turpin of Paulding; a daughter, Tatyana Carr Mitchell of Kansas; step-father, Russell Armstrong of Paulding; three sisters: Connie M. Snyder of Cottage Grove, OR, Sherri A. Linn of Paulding, and April Mitchell of Eugene, OR; grandparents: Gary Turpin of Los Gatos, CA, Mary Label of Leesburg, FL, John Mitchell of Sacramento, CA; aunts: Wendy Hooper of Aliso Viejo, CA, and Cindy Facha of Rockland, CA; step-grandparent, Martin Hudak of Chico, CA; nieces and nephews: Sammy and Gavin Ostrander, and Porter Snyder, all of Cottage Grove, OR; and step-aunt, Michelle Porter of Chico, CA.

He is preceded in death by grandparents: Sandy Hudak, Dolores and Charles Witzke.

Funeral services were April 6 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Jim Stinehelfer Jr. officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Johnathan Jay Ridgway, 26, of Hicksville, died April 4, 2007 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Johnathan was born July 7, 1980 in Bryan. He was the son of Allan Ridgway and Jackie (Hall) Watson.

He was employed at Parker Hannifan in Hicksville. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and joking with his friends and family.

He is survived by his daughter, Savannah Ridgway; his girlfriend Brandi Osmun; and his mother, Jackie Watson all of Hicksville; father Allan (Lisa) Ridgway of Antwerp; a brother, Christopher (Mandy) Ridgway; a sister, Tina (Judd) Price all of Hicksville; a step-father, Brian Watson of Defiance; two step-brothers: Nathan Pierce of Pekin, IL and Kristopher Markley of Van Wert, OH; a step-sister, Lindsay Gutt of Fort Wayne, IN.

Also surviving are his grandparents: Ralph and Marylen Hall and Audry Ridgway and three nieces and a nephew all of Hicksville.

Johnathan was preceded in death by a grandfather, Jay Ridgway; and a cousin Tyler Parker.

The funeral service was at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville on April 10 with Scott Marsee, Antwerp Community Church, officiating.

Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Savannah Ridgway.

Maxine Hill, 86, of Paulding, died April 7, 2007 at Van Crest Health Care Center, Van Wert, OH.

She was born January 14, 1921 in Latty, the daughter of O. Lewis and Mildred (Bimer) Neal. She was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding, Paulding Eagles Post #2405 Auxiliary, and Paulding VFW Post #587 Auxiliary. She was employed by SK Wayne Tool Company, Defiance, retiring in 1976. She was also previously employed by VFW Post #587 for eight years, and the former Grizzley Manufacturing, Paulding for 17 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly (Robert) Dillery of Phoenix, AZ, and Leisa Gustafson of Tomahawk, WI; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Myron "Mick" Hill; two brothers: Rexford and Kermit Neal; and a sister, Lelah Neal.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday,

April 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding at a later date.

Visitation will be at 9:00 a.m. until time of services on April 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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A fellowship meal will be provided at 5:00 p.m. in the lower level, followed by the Praise and Worship at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Rosa will be at her best as she introduces the session by her rendition of "TELL IT!!" as her friend Donna cuts loose on the piano.

You will be blessed as we share testimonies, praises, and gospel tunes. Mark your calendars for this spirit-filled event!


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Class Reps meeting of PHS is Saturday, April 28 at the Red Owl at 1:00 p.m. Event Chairmen are to be there also.

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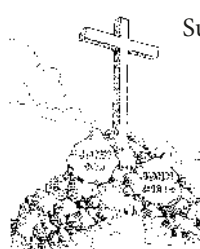
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tony Blair's Comments ...
In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity, we should remember England's Prime Minister Tony Blair's words during a recent interview.

When asked by one of his Parliament members why he believes so much in America, he said, "A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many people want in ... and how many want out."

"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: 1. Jesus Christ, and 2. The American G.I."

"One died for your soul, the other for your freedom."

It seems many of us have forgot both of them.

—Tony and Kay Langham

LISA LEHMAN TO SPEAK AT PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Lisa Lehman, Nazarene Missionary on assignment to Thailand, will be speaking at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene on Wednesday, April 18. Service time is at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSIONS, AND DISMISSALS

Births:

4/3 - Marci Goings, Latty daughter, 4:55 p.m., 6 lb. 3 oz.

4/4 - Taryn Sarver, Paulding, daughter, 7:01 a.m., 6 lb. 11 oz.

Admissions:

4/2 - Marci Goings, Latty

4/3 - Sally Jones, Antwerp; Carole Overmyer, Payne

4/4 - Taryn Sarver, Paulding; Albert Walters, Grover Hill

4/5 - Katherine Dohoney, Paulding

4/8 - Ruth Hitchcock, Paulding; Franklin Warner, Paulding; John Kauser, Paulding

Dismissals:

4/3 - Joann Perl, Paulding

4/4 - Sally Jones, Antwerp

4/5 - Taryn Sarver & daughter, Paulding; Marci Goings & daughter, Latty

4/7 - Carole Overmyer, Payne

31ST ANNUAL WAYNE TRACE TRACK INVITATIONAL

The 31st annual Wayne Trace Track Invitational will be held on Saturday, April 14, at Wayne Trace High School. This is the longest running annual track meet in northwest Ohio. Teams participating in the annual event include Antwerp, Ayersville, Continental, Edgerton, Edon, Fairview, Fayette, Hicksville, Holgate, Lincolnview, Stryker, Tinora and Wayne Trace. Call Wayne Trace Local School for ticket information.

PAULDING COUNTY "MOST AFFORDABLE" COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

At the April 3rd meeting for Paulding County "Most Affordable" county, approximately 14 people attended the meeting.

A review of discussed items at the March 15 meeting was covered and new ideas were brought up.

The need for expediency was agreed upon by all present.

I explained that I needed to be replaced as chair because other job responsibilities.

Tiffany Beckman and Jeff Rhonehouse were in attendance and they said they were in this year's class of Leadership in Action and would take "most affordable" on as a project with their committee.

I thanked them for stepping forward and that I would give them all the information that was collected thus far.

Tiffany and Jeff then took over the meeting and the group had more discussion for what actions needed to be taken first.

It was agreed this is a county-wide marketing project and that all chambers and promotional organizations would be needed.

Also, everyone involved should have a voice in the decisions made. All agreed this would work best.

Tiffany suggested that perhaps the meeting place could be moved around from time to time.

As for a contact address it was agreed the Paulding Chamber, Main and Caroline, Paulding, OH 45879 would be most efficient.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension building at the fairgrounds.

—Tony Langham

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/11 THROUGH 4/17

Breakfast:

4/11 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk

4/12 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk

4/13 - Turnover, milk

4/16 - Pizza, milk

4/17 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:

4/11 - WT: Falitas, tossed salad, fruit, milk

4/12 - GH, PE, SJ: Ham/cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, chips, juice bar, milk

4/13 - Breadsticks/cheese sauce, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk

4/16 - Toasted cheese sandwich, mixed veggies, mixed fruit, milk. WT: Bacon/cheese burger

4/17 - French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage, 100% juice, milk



Vantage students are pictured with the entire Bordes School Carpentry class and their teacher. All the students are wearing Vantage Interact Club T-shirts.

(Continued from Page 1) also agreed to tackle service projects that would benefit local constituents. To date, the Vantage Interact Club has almost 175 members.

One major accomplishment of the Interact Club was establishing and maintaining a carpentry program at the Bordes School. By creating a carpentry program at the Bordes School, Vantage has taken an integral role in helping teach Haitians skills that will benefit them for their entire lifetime. Over the last four years, Vantage students have raised nearly \$20,000 for the Bordes carpentry program, while also making annual trips to Hai-



Vantage senior Mike Recker from Kalida is very happy to give little Ashley a ride on his back.

ti. Peg Bollenbacher, social studies teacher at Vantage, said "Adopting the school at Bordes was a student led initiative. Our Vantage students wanted to reach out and work with Bordes students to provide opportunities that they otherwise would not have".

The primary purpose of the trip this year was business. Students and staff members delivered the funds that were raised this year, and once in Haiti, purchased lumber and a generator to help sustain their four year partnership with the carpentry program at Bordes. Members of the Bordes community were very hospitable to the Vantage team. During the week, we shared Haitian meals with our hosts, Marius Turienne and his family. Several trips were made to the Bordes School to deliver supplies, complete minor renovations to the school, and share stories between Haitian and

Vantage students. Also, in an effort to break down language barriers, Vantage students developed scrapbooks and photo albums of both Vantage and Bordes students. These were presented to the Bordes students, and it was clear that they were grateful of our gift to them.

Bordes members and Vantage students and staff also visited the ruins of King Henri Christophe's Palace and Citadel (fort). The Vantage delegation finalized the week by participating in two Creole church services. At the conclusion of the church services, Vantage team members took photographs of the entire church membership and students will create a directory for the membership as a class project. In many instances, this opportunity was the first time the church members had

their pictures taken.

At the conclusion of the week, every person who participated in the trip was awestruck at the hospitality of the Haitian people. Without a doubt, participants grew both as individuals and as a service organization through their encounters in Haiti. Everyone who went on the trip believed that their experiences have made them become more conscientious, concerned and caring people.

For more pictures from the Haiti trip, visit the Vantage website at www.vantagecareercenter.com and click on Student Organizations and then click on the Interact Club. If your group would like more information or a presentation about the Vantage Interact Club, please call Peg Bollenbacher at 419-238-5411 ext. 182.

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Like all prospective mass murderers, the Chinese Communists see themselves as humanitarians. And so, it is only natural for them to have qualms. Chi Haotian described the inevitable fight between America and China is a tragic necessity. He spoke of the horror and cruelty of the work ahead. "Biological weapons are unprecedented in their ruthlessness," he acknowledged, "but if the Americans do not die then the Chinese have to die, and that figure would be more than 800 million people!" The Chinese land cannot support 1.3 billion inhabitants indefinitely. The eco-system of China is already collapsing. So China has no choice. "From a humanitarian perspective," said Chi, "we should issue a warning to the American people and persuade them to leave America ... to the Chinese people." Of course, such a warning would hardly be effective. Therefore China has only one choice. "That is," said Chi, "use decisive means to 'clean up' America, and reserve America for our use.... Our historical experience has proven that as long as we make it happen, nobody in the world can do anything about us. Furthermore, if the United States as the leader is gone, then other enemies have to surrender to us."
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Operations, Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The couple were engaged in June 2006, and plan a May 12, 2007 wedding at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. After a honeymoon cruise, they will reside in Macomb, Michigan.

Parents of the couple are Daniel and Eileen Layton of Lagrange, Indiana and Thomas and Priscilla Kulback of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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4/17 - Breakfast hot pocket, juice, milk

Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch
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4/12 - Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, potato soup, assorted fruit, milk
4/13 - Popcorn chicken, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
4/16 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/country gravy, or beef stew w/biscuit, assorted fruit, milk

4/17 - Sub Sandwich, celery & carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk

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4/12 - Chicken noodles, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread w/margarine, or peanut butter, fruit cup, milk
4/13 - Corn dog, baked beans, fruit cup, milk
4/16 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
4/17 - Rib-e-que on a bun, vegetable, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Lunch
4/11 - Hamburger on a bun, pickles, curly fries, fruit, milk
4/12 - Chicken strips, oven potatoes, bread, fruit, milk
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(Continued from Page 1) are useful tools in combating identity theft, there are also steps you can take to decrease your chances of becoming a victim. Do not give out personal information over the phone or by e-mail unless you know with whom you are dealing or you have initiated the contact. Place passwords on your credit card, bank and other important accounts. Remember to shred credit card offers you receive in the mail, as they can be used by identity thieves to open new accounts in your name.

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reaus and have a fraud alert placed on your account, so that no new accounts can be opened without your approval. You may also want to have vulnerable accounts closed or changed so a thief does not have access to the funds. Additionally, you should contact your local law enforcement to file a report and contact the attorney general's office to obtain the Identity Theft Verification Passport I mentioned earlier. Visit www.ag.state.oh.us or call 1-800-282-0515 for more information about identity theft.

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.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture of the 1931 Antwerp High School Football Team was loaned to me by Donnie Schaffer. It was the property of his father, Gerald Schaffer. We really really appreciate getting to use it.

The first man in the first row is Bob Friend, he later served in the Army in WWII. Then he and his wife, Betty, had four children, and he retired from Weatherhead. He passed away in 1992.

The next man is Rolland Fisher. His father had a cabinet shop on the east side of South Erie Street. Ray Pier tells me that Rolland worked in the Crain Hardware in Paulding for many years.

The next man is Harry Stiner. He served many years in the Ohio National Guard and served in the Army in WWII. He married Esther Watson and they lived on US 24 for many years. Harry retired from Phelps Dodge Copper Products. He was very knowledgeable about trees and spraying fruit trees and trimming, etc. He loved to fish and be outdoors. He passed away in 2002.

Rex Billman left for the service with "A" Company. He served many years as first Sgt. In the South Pacific.

Rex was a volunteer fireman for many years. He worked as an upholsterer and as a lather. He was a good cook, sportsman and outdoorsman. He passed away in 1981.

The next man is Curtis Swann called "Ducky" by lots of people. He served with "A" Company in WW II in the South Pacific. I think he retired as a lather. He died in 1958.

Harry Hitzman is the next man. He was a farmer for years northwest of Antwerp. He had three children, Nikki, Steve and Harry. He retired from Weatherhead after many years. He passed away in 1992.

Gerald Schaffer is the next man. He was known by a lot of people as "Niffy". He and Eileen had two children, Donnie and Toddy. Gerald retired from the Weatherhead Corp. After many years. He also drove a school bus for many years.

The next man is Willard Ewing. He went to Fort Wayne shortly after graduation. But I know that he was a good boxer in the Golden Glove Circuit. He won many fights and some in Chicago. I think he retired from the Postal Service in Fort Wayne.

Wayne Keating is the last man in the first row. He married Helen Curtis and they had four girls, Karen, Kathy, Joyce and Debbie. Wayne was a prosperous farmer and he died in 1983. Debbie tells me her mother, Helen, is in a rest home but enjoys this paper.

Dale Parrett is the first man in the second row. Dale went to Fort Wayne after graduation and I don't know much more about him.

The next man is Wendell and he had four kids. He was into farming and real estate. He lived a good long life in the Hicksville area and passed away in 2005.

Max Smith is the next player. Max was in business with his father for many years, known as L. Smith & Son. Max and Hope had two children, Carol and Robert. Max is about 92 years old now and still walks to the Post Office everyday. Max, we wish you many more good years.

The next man is Bob McCreery. I know he married

Margaret Webber and they owned a factory in Xenia, Ohio. It was destroyed by a tornado back in the 1970's. I know they rebuilt and went back in business. I knew Bob quite well, but that's about all I could find out about him.

The next man is Carl Reinhart and I don't remember him at all. I talked to some other people and I couldn't find out any history of him.

The next man is John Reeb. John was also a decorated veteran for WWII. For years he was shop foreman for Leinard's Garage. He married Marie Reeb and they done a lot of fishing, which they both enjoyed, Marie is gone now and Johnnie is in a rest home.

The next man is Harold

Langham. He was a good lineman and his nickname was "Blimp". I think he had three children. Eloise tells me that he worked as an upholsterer and lived in the Berne, IN area. One of his children is Rev. Jim Langham who lives in Payne, Ohio.

The next man is Herbert Hart and all I remember about him is, they lived on the north end of Harmann Road and there was three boys and a girl.

Basil Murphy is the next player. Dale was a Captain in the Artillery in WWII. I know he had some decorations. He had a nice family and passed away in 1999. Bob McLaughlin is the next man. He managed a Sinclair Station after graduation

and then when J. W. Seslar owned the Park Station Bob managed that for him. I lost track of him after WWII.

Don Sudlow is the first man in the last row. There was about four of the Sudlow boys and they lived down east on the Canal Road on one of the Otha Harmann's places. Don was a good boxer and was in a number of bouts in Chicago. He was a good athlete and a nice looking boy. I think that after the war he was associated with the Seyfert's Company of Fort Wayne.

The next player is Leonard Vail, he was called "Annie" by about everyone. Joe Vail tells me that he lived most of his life around Mark (Continued on Page 7)



Shown above is the 1931 football team of Antwerp High School. Front row - Bob Friend, Rolland Fisher, Harry Stiner, Rex Billman, Duck Swann, Harry Hitzeman, Gerald Schaffer, Willard Ewing, Wayne Keating. Second row - Dale Parrett, Mud Savage, Max Smith, Bob McCreery, Carl Reinhart, John Reeb, Harold Langham, Herbert Hart, Basil Murphy, Bob McLaughlin. Third row - Don Sudlow, Leonard Vail, Bob Murphy, Wendell Mettert, Pedro Schmunk, Andy Schilb, Roy Mill, Tom Schilb, Coach Archie Bell. PHOTO by Ehrhart Studio.



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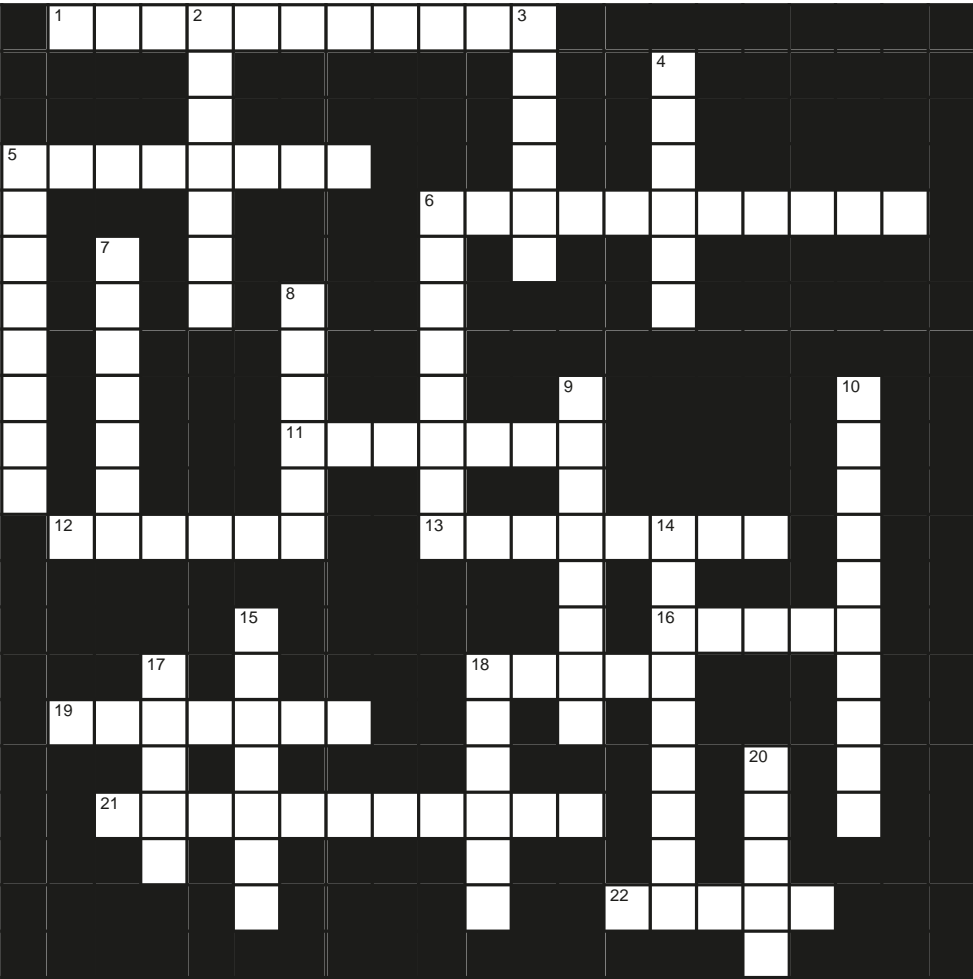
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Across

1. An Asian country whose unit of currency is the Peso. (PP)
5. Lazy or inactive. (GG)
6. Recording business transactions. (OO, KK, EE)
11. A situation necessitating a choice between two equally undesirables or alternatives. (MM)
12. A sweet made from sugar or treacle boiled with butter and nuts. (FF)
13. A board game using lettered tiles to form words. (BB)
16. The name of the oil tanker that dumped gallons of petroleum off Valdez. (XX)
18. Smooth and glossy. (EE)
19. A young child. (DD)
21. A sign of the Zodiac. (TT)
22. To hang or incline downward. (OO)

Down

2. Suitcases packed for a journey. (GG)
3. Learn to read and write here. (OO)
4. A mechanical model of the Solar System. (RR)
5. An Eurasian legless lizard which has a brownish-grey snake-like body. (ww)
6. A commercial or industrial establishment such as a firm or factory. (SS)
7. A country in Northwest Africa. (CC)
8. To scribble or draw aimlessly. (OO)
9. Extending in the same direction, equidistant at all points, and never converging or diverging. (LL)
10. A thick creamy sauce eaten with salads or sandwiches. (NN)
14. A person who keeps bees. (EE)
15. The main evil character in a story. (LL)
17. A spiral horned antelope inhabiting desert regions in North Africa. (DD)
18. To travel on skis. (II)
20. The brother of Moses. (AA)

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AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

Shh... families with students in the eighth grade visiting Washington, DC this week, enjoy the quiet while you can! Much of the class of 2011 embarked on the annual excursion to our nation's capitol this Tuesday evening, due to return Sunday night. Embrace the calm.

Eighth grade students not making the trek will visit the county courthouse this Friday, getting the opportunity to learn more about the legal system at a local level. As always, permission slips are a must! Y'all know what to do.

Now, the moment we've all been waiting for... Tickets for the 2007 Prom, "Hollywood Premiere", will be on sale throughout the week. Yes, the April 28 date is fast approaching; we juniors are hard at work creating a fabulous atmosphere for the evening that will make everyone feel like a celebrity. Prom Court will be announced this week at school and included in next week's column. Remember that all class dues must be paid through the current year in order to attend, and that if you are planning to bring a date that does not attend Antwerp, you need to register them prior to the evening.

On your mark, get set, go to a spring sporting event!

JH Track & Field: Thursday, April 12, 4:30, North Central/Edon/Hicksville; Tuesday, April 17, 4:30, Paulding

JV Baseball: Thursday, April 12, 4:30, @ Fairview; Tuesday, April 17, 4:30, @ Edgerton

Varsity Baseball: Thursday, April 12, 4:30, Fairview; Friday, April 13, 5:00, @ Lincolnview; Saturday, April 14, 11:00, Hamilton/Stryker; Tuesday, April 17, 4:30, Edgerton

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Varsity Track & Field: Saturday, April 14, 9:00, @ Patrick Henry; Monday, April 16, 5:00, @ Hicksville

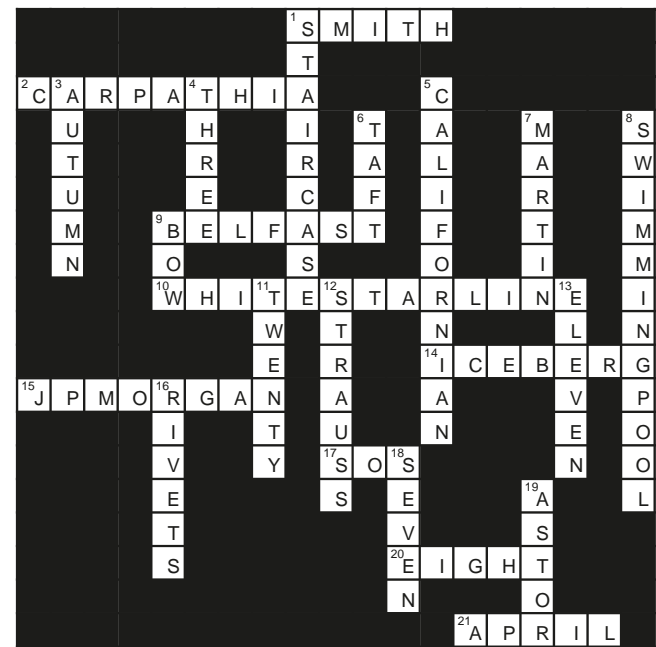
Word of the Week: Pernicious \per-nish-uhs \adjective

1. Causing harm or ruin; injurious; hurtful

2. Deadly; fatal

Rumors, viruses, sometimes even the weather: all can be pernicious. Speaking of weather, it's been rather pesky lately, hasn't it? That 55 degree fluctuation in temperature was ridiculous. Thirty degrees in mid-April: give me a break (of that Kit-Kat bar)! Seriously!

Last Week's answers to "Titanic"



(Continued from Page 6) Center. He worked in the construction business. He had two children, Billie Jean and Mike. Leonard is buried in the Charloe area.

Bob Murphy is the next man. He and his wife, Evelyn, had two daughters, Marjorie and Marilyn. For many years Bob was a mechanic for L. Smith & Son Buick & Pontiac dealer. He and his buddy, Bob Thompson, made hundreds of fishing trips to northern Indiana. He died in 1995.

Wendell Mettert was in the Air Force in WWII and was shot down in a B-17 in December of 1943 and all hands were lost. He is buried here in the Maumee Cemetery.

Raymond "Pedro" Schmunk was tall and a good player. He was engaged in farming and cattle raising. He passed away in 1997.

Andrew Schilb, after college, served in the Army in WWII in Europe. He was affiliated with the Schilb and Sons Funeral Home and the furniture business, a long time businessman in Antwerp. He and Kathryn had two children, Jack and Linda. Andy died in 1981.

Roy Miller was a businessman in town and worked for many years for the B.A. Smith Lumber Yard. He

was an avid fisherman and made a lot of trips with Bob Thompson and Bob Murphy.

Roy and Rose had four children, Larry, James, Toby, David and Beth. Roy passed away in 1990.

Tom Schilb is the next man. After college, he was in the funeral and furniture business with his brothers. Tom was a good athlete and sportsman. I have told you in the past how the Schilb's and their ball team were very instrumental in getting us a lighted ball field. In the 1940's, money was pretty tight. After Tommy quit playing ball he became a very good golfer. After he and Ruth moved to Florida, he was the head man at the Sebring Country Club for a couple of terms. He and Ruth had two children, Walter and Mary. After an eventful life Tommy passed away in 1981.

The coach at that time was A.O. Bell. To every student he was "Archie". He coached football until Mr. Horney came. Archie was principal for many years and Superintendent when I graduated in 1942. He and Exie had two children, Richard and Peggy. He was loved and respected by everyone. He passed away in 1960. He is buried in the Sherman Cemetery in Brown Township.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 28 and Monday, April 2, 2007.

The Commissioners reviewed the Monday jail construction meeting at the beginning of the Wednesday, March 28, session. The Commissioners noted that contractors were working on the complex wiring that will operate the dispatch and 911 programs. Also, a sub-contractor was working on cleaning all areas of the new facility.

Commissioners reviewed the history leading up to this point of the jail project. Commissioner Tony Burkley recalled the planning for a new jail goes all the way back to the 1980s. At that time there was public discussion about joining in what is now the Correctional Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO). Considerable resistance to joining in a regional effort with limited local control over policies and costs was apparent. In the 1990s a joint effort of Putnam and Paulding Counties to build a jail actually appeared on the ballot. It was defeated and the feeling was that any new jail should be limited to Paulding County to maintain local control.

Lack of funding caused any serious planning to be delayed for years. Finally, in the year 2000, the State of Ohio indicated that a grant of \$1,820,000.00 for a 52-bed facility might be available to Paulding County if the County could demonstrate the financial ability to operate the new facility. At the November 2002 general election the voters of the county approved a ¼ mill levy for operations with the understanding that the County would apply for the grant. The grant was awarded. Then, in November, 2005 a bond issue was approved which allowed construction to begin in 2006.

Commissioner Harmon noted his introduction to the complexity of the new facility when he took office. "At the time I asked why we could not keep using the existing jail," said Harmon. Harrow responded, saying, "The Bureau of Adult Detention was in the process of taking this option away from us." Harrow continued, "They (BAD) approved the existing facility for use only because there was planning actively going on for a new jail." The Sheriff emphasized his concern for the safety of prisoners and staff in the old facility and his real concern for liability in the existing structure.

The Commissioners agreed, once again, that the

new facility was truly important for the county. They lamented the delays and difficulty in planning for operating costs. Not having a local jail would have created havoc for the county general fund due to housing and transportation costs.

Arrangements are currently underway for an open house at the new jail. Further details will be available at a later date.

Don Foltz of the Foltz Insurance Agency met with the Commissioners on Monday. Foltz is the local agent for the county insurance policy that covers facilities, vehicles and liability. The policy is purchased through the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA). CORSA is composed of sixty-two counties. Foltz had recently attended the annual meeting of CORSA membership and has updated the list of facilities, contents and vehicles covered by the policy.

The County Commissioners purchase the policy for a number of different county organizations and then bills many of them for reimbursement. Examples include the Paulding County Library, the Paulding County Hospital, Soil and Water Conservation and the Parc Lane and PC Workshop. The total policy cost is \$123,259 and of this \$66,378.00 is reimbursed leaving only \$56,881.00 to be paid from the general fund for items such as the Courthouse itself, the Sheriff's Department, jail and vehicles. The Commissioners' Office works with Foltz Insurance to calculate the costs and invoice those agencies that reimburse the county for the coverage.

Foltz reviewed the policy coverage with the Commissioners. He shared the list of buildings and vehicles, which the Commissioners reviewed for accuracy. Foltz thanked the Commissioners for taking the time to review the list and to raise questions.

During the Wednesday, March 28 session the Commissioners discussed an evening program on Tuesday, March 27 they had attended. The meeting was sponsored by the John Paulding Historical Society and featured high school exchange students

from four different countries. All three county districts have a foreign exchange student this school year. The students are from Germany, Mexico, Vietnam and Venezuela. The Commissioners commended the Historical Society for sponsoring the annual program and the host families for opening their homes to foreign students.

Marty Harmon, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, shared his attendance on Tuesday at the Manure Management System workshop sponsored by the North West Ohio Livestock Producers' Association. The workshop was held at the Youth Leadership Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Straley noted he would be representing the county at a Thursday evening meeting of the Area Office on Aging. The meeting is in Toledo with the primary topic being access to justice.

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.

THANK YOU

The Buckeye Area FHFH would like to thank Justin Flemons, Terry Martin, Brad Berger, Jay Dachenhaus, Larry Hope, Brad Sinclair DNR and Duane Bailey DNR. These individuals donated a deer to the Buckeye Area FHFH. Also, we would like to thank Ebel's Butcher Shop for processing the deer. The venison is given to the local food pantries to help feed the hungry.

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25 years: (l-r) Kim Bowers, Barb Grant, Betty Andrews, Pam Crone. Not pictured: Marsha Henke.



2006 retirees receiving their retirement gifts: (l-r) Rose Munger, Sue Beck, Harold Buchanan, June Koenig, Jeanne Paisley, Carol Schaefer.

DOT ASKS MOTORIST TO HEED THE SIGNS IN WORK ZONES

LIMA—Charlie Weidel has worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation for 23 years as a project inspector alongside contractors in hazardous traffic conditions.

"Anyone who's worked on the highway has likely witnessed some kind of work zone incident," said Weidel. The majority of the incidents he's seen have involved rear-end accidents which often occur when motorists entering a zone do not heed the signs to slow down." An orange and black sign means there is work ahead and workers on the roadway. Motorists need to pay attention to the signs which indicate their normal driving patterns may change," he said.

According to the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), the theme for this year's work zone safety campaign is Signs of Change. The theme refers to the roadway advisory signs that warn motorists of several conditions found in roadway work zones and conveys the message that variance from the routine is, in itself, a potential hazard motorists

should recognize.

There were 1,074 work zone fatalities in the U.S. in 2005. That figure compares with 1,068 in 2004 and 1,028 in 2003. The vast majority of these fatalities are motorists, not the workers themselves.

"We feel it is important to communicate the message of work zone safety for the sake of our people and that of the motorists passing through our zones," said Tim Burkepile, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. "The work that takes place on area highways is for the good of everyone and we ask for caution, cooperation and patience from the public as we carry out this important work," said Burkepile.

To do their part, when driving in work zones, motorists can increase safety by following these guidelines:

- Stay alert and give driving your full attention
- Follow all posted signs and obey flaggers.
- Don't tailgate or speed; most crashes in work zones are rear-end collisions.
- Expect the unexpected; work zones are changing environments.
- Be aware that normal traffic patterns may be shifted.

DEDICATION OF WAYNE TRACE LADY RAIDERS SOFTBALL FIELD



Ceremonial First Pitch at Raider Field - The Lady Raider Softball team played their first home game of the year at the new Raider Field. Throw-

ing out the ceremonial first pitch was: from left to right, Roy Klopfenstein, Terry McClure, Rob Davis, and Scott Kemler.



Raider Field Dedication -

Through all of the hard work of the Booster Club, Athletic Department, Wayne Trace Board of Education, and many generous donors, an addition to the Wayne Trace Sports complex was completed and the Wayne Trace Lady Raider Softball team has a new field to play on. Pictured above are,

(From left to right) - Rob Davis, Deb Ruble, Scott Kemler, (Representative from Baughman Tile), Lori Hockenberry, Roy Klopfenstein, Lisa Holtsberry, Mark Holtsberry, and Terry McClure. Not pictured is a representative from Haviland Drainage who also graciously donated towards the project.

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VARSITY SOFTBALL: EDGERTON VS. WAYNE TRACE

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Edgerton jumped out to an early lead in the top of the second inning, but the Raiders responded in the third inning, putting four runners across the plate and another three in the fourth. The Raiders scored their final two runs in the bottom of the sixth. The Bulldogs came back in the top of the seventh inning scoring three runs, but the Raiders were able to stop the rally.

Freshman Marcie McDougale picks up the victory, going 5 innings, giving up 5 hits, 2 walks and striking out 5 batters.

Leading the way at the plate for the Raiders was Se-

VARSITY SOFTBALL: EDGERTON VS. WAYNE TRACE

nior Chelsea Holtsberry going 2-2 with 2 singles, 2 runs and a walk. Junior Becky Ruble went 2-4 with 2 double and 2 RBI's. Sophomore Leah Ross also went 2-4 with 2 singles and 3 runs scored. Freshman Marcie McDougale commemorated the event with a 2 run home run in the bottom on the sixth inning, helping to seal the victory for the Raiders.

J. Rude went 2-3 for Edgerton with 2 singles, a walk and one run scored. D. Pettit went 1-4 with a single and a run scored.

Edgerton moves to 3-2 on the season, while the Raiders improved to 3-0.

Winning Pitcher : Marcie McDougale (2-0) started the top of the 3rd inning other pitcher: Shelby Critten

Losing Pitcher: T. Wheeler

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To the Paulding Sheriff reserve and the Payne American Legion for the support you gave to honor our father.

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US 24 CONSTRUCTION TO BE DISCUSSED

LIMA—The Ohio Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting to discuss the ongoing and upcoming construction of US 24 in Paulding, Defiance and Henry counties.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, at the former location of Stykemain Pontiac Buick GMC, 20891 US 24, Defiance, located just west of Ohio 424 near Mark Moats Ford.

A presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m. which will then be followed by a general open discussion of the projects.

The purpose of the meeting is to share the maintenance of traffic plan and any known specific dates relating to construction of US 24 from the Indiana line and Napoleon.

ODOT officials will share general information relating to the projects west of Ohio 424 and more specific dates and the maintenance of traffic plan for those projects east of Ohio 424 to Napoleon.

"We will share as much detail as we have as this point regarding all phases of the expansion and relocation of US 24," said Tim Burkepille, Ohio Department of Transportation District One deputy director.

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GILLMOR SCHEDULES FOUR TOWN MEETINGS DURING DISTRICT JOBS TOUR

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) is embarking on a "jobs tour" next week in 10 counties in the Fifth District. Rep. Gillmor will be spending the week visiting with local businesses and business leaders in addition to holding four town meetings. Gillmor says the town meetings will be an opportunity for any person to voice concerns or suggestions about the federal government.

"I am spending next week connecting with workers and business leaders across the Fifth District to see how the federal government can help continue bringing business into our area. Among my visits will be talks with Rotarians, Chambers of Commerce, local Kiwanis, Optimist and Lions Club members, as well as stops at business expos and many plant tours across the district. I will be speaking with many groups about how our district can benefit from the ethanol boom. In addition to my other meetings, I have scheduled four opportunities for constituents to join me and discuss any issues," Gillmor said. "These meetings begin with my brief remarks about issues being debated in Congress but most of the time is reserved for the voters to share their opinions," Gillmor said.

"We have not seen the same booming growth in Ohio's economy that the nation as a whole has experienced over the last four years. While it is encouraging that the unemployment rate in the Fifth District remains the third

lowest in the state, I am still troubled that we are not benefiting from the expansion of the national economy. With the growth of the ethanol industry and progress like the 11,000 Ohio jobs created by my Brownfields Bill, I think our area is poised for great opportunities in the future," Gillmor said. "I have two goals as your representative in Congress—to get results and to continue to stay in touch with the views of the district. My jobs tour and these four town meetings will help me accomplish both goals."

"With big changes in the House of Representatives this past year, it is vital that I know how the people of the Fifth District feel on the legislation I will be considering," Gillmor said. "We have accomplished much for our nation and I am determined to continue our success by bringing your ideas to the Nation's Capitol. I am looking forward to my meetings in Wood, Huron, Henry, and Van Wert Counties to help gauge the legislation I will be considering and learn of new issues to take back to Washington."

Gillmor's Town Meetings have been scheduled in the following areas:

Wednesday, April 11, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., City of Northwood, Council Chambers, 6000 Wales Road, NORTHWOOD.

Thursday, April 12, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., City of Willard, Council Chambers, 631 South Myrtle Avenue, WILLARD

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Moose Family Center 788, 1381 Oakwood Avenue, NAPOLEON

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COMPUTER NEWS AND NOTES

Piracy Report Reward Ceiling Raised To \$1 Million

(NAPSA)—In 2006, the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital information industry, paid \$78,500 to sources who reported software piracy. Now the organization is increasing the maximum reward available under its software piracy reward program—to \$1 million.

Through its Corporate Content Anti-Piracy program, SIIA offers rewards—ranging from \$500 for a settlement of \$10,000 to \$1 million for cases with settlement amounts over \$20 million—to eligible individuals who report verifiable instances of corporate software piracy. The maximum reward, as well as other reward amounts available through the program, was raised to be consistent with SIIA's recently announced reward program for reports of content piracy (see www.siiia.net/press/releases/CCAP-reward-program.pdf).

In 2006, SIIA issued 17 rewards to individuals who reported inci-

dents of software piracy that went through to settlement. The average reward was \$4,618.

"SIIA was the first trade association to offer cash rewards to sources who report software piracy in U.S. companies," said Keith Kupferschmid, SIIA's vice president of Intellectual Property Policy and Enforcement. "The rewards program has proven to be a very useful tool in encouraging individuals to provide accurate and reliable reports of software theft."

Individuals interested in learning more about the rewards program or submitting a piracy report can do so through SIIA's hotline at (800) 388-7478 or the online Piracy Report Form at www.siiia.net/piracy/report.

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ODOT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM TAKES SHAPE

COLUMBUS—As part of the 2007 Construction Season Kickoff, Ohio Department of Transportation Director James G. Beasley, P.E./P.S., is officially welcoming the management team for ODOT's 12 District Offices located around the state.

"I am eager to work with our state's various regions and cities to ensure that all Ohioans have access to a quality, statewide transportation system," said Beasley. "This cooperation is absolutely necessary to ensure that economic development and job creation in every part of the state remain key priorities of the Ohio Department of Transportation."

The twelve new District Deputy Directors are responsible for coordinating and implementing department projects in the counties under their jurisdictions. Below is a listing of the District Deputy Directors and the location of the District Offices:

District 1 (Lima) - Tim Burkepille; District 2 (Bowling Green) - David R. Dysard; District 3 (Ashland) - John Hart; District 4 (Akron) - Eric Czetli; District 5 (Jackson) - Don Barber; Dis-

trict 6 (Deleware) - Thomas Wester; District 7 (Sidney) - Rex Dickey; District 8 (Lebanon) - Hans Jindal; District 9 (Chillicothe) - Jim Brushhart; District 10 (Marietta) - Larry Woodford; District 11 (New Philadelphia) - Richard Bible; District 12 (Garfield Heights) - Bonnie Teeuwen.

Additional information on each of ODOT's 12 District Offices, including district maps, can be found online at www.dot.state.oh.us.

WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL AT FAIRVIEW

Wayne Trace lost a nail biter to Fairview on April 3 by the score of 2-3.

The Raiders scored first in the top of the fifth inning, pushing 2 runs across. Marcie McDougale held the Apaches to one hit, going into the seventh inning. Fairview was able to finally string some hits together, loading the bases. Catcher, R. Nerad hit a base clearing triple in the bottom of the seventh inning on a full count. The Raiders fall to 3-1 on the year. They traveled to Ayersville last weekend for the Great Eight Tournament where they played Hicksville in the opening game at 11:00.

Leading the way at the plate for the Raiders was: Juniors, Morgan Lee going 2-3 with two singles and Jennifer Roberts, also going 2-3 with a single and a double. Sophomore Leah Ross went 2-4 with two singles.

Marcie McDougale suffered her first loss of the season, going 7 innings, with 7 strikeouts, 1 walk, 6 hits and 3 earned runs.

Leading hitters for Fairview: Shortstop B. Eicher, going 2-3 with 2 singles and catcher R. Nerad going 1-3 with a triple.

N. McCoy picked up the pitching victory for Fairview, going seven innings, with five strikeouts, one walk, 11 hits and two earned runs.

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