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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": OUTSTANDING STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL CONTESTS



FCCLA National Contestant Kayla Crider (Van Wert) shows off the trophy she won at the state competition!

Five Vantage Business students and one Early Childhood Education student will be competing for the gold at national contests in the upcoming months.

The five business students will be competing at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2007 National Leadership Conference, "Destination Success" in New York City, May 8-12.

Three business students from Van Wert find themselves heading to the national competition. Amber Thatcher, a senior in the Business Information Tech-

nology program, returns to the national competition for the second time in as many years. This year, she will be competing in the Integrated Office Applications contest. Amber placed first in the state contest. Interactive Media senior Chazz Roger took second place honors in the Digital Media Production at the state competition and will be going for the gold in the same contest at nationals. Jenna Wilson, a senior in the Medical Office Management program heads to the Big Apple for her first trip to Nationals to compete in the Medical Office Procedures competition. Jenna placed first at the state contest.

Lincolnview's Kayla Wells, also a senior in the Medical Office Management program, earned her first trip to nationals by placing second in the state in the Medical Office Procedures contest. Carlette Coppes, a senior Business Information Technology student from Wayne Trace who placed fourth in the state contest, will be competing in the Basic Office Systems and Procedures event.

Four other students earned medals for their top ten finishes in the state contests. Andrew Ross, a junior in the Network Systems program from Wayne Trace, finished in the top ten in the Novell Network Administration competition. Katie

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BLUE CREEK TOWNSHIP HISTORY

What do "Dague", "Folmer" and "Tipton" have in common? They were all railroad stops in Blue Creek Township in the late 1870's. To find the location of these places, look on page 89 of the Atlas referred to at the end of this article.

Present-day Haviland, Ohio was named after a well-known anti-slavery proponent named Mrs. Laura Smith Haviland. She has a fascinating history and articles have been published about her... check out your local library!

Trustees are: Jamie Hughes, Brad Mills and Doug Laukhuf. Chuck Dunham fulfills the role of fiscal officer for Blue Creek Township to date, they have not adopted a township flag.

In 1837, first settler Robert Barnhill erected a log cabin on the southwest quarter of Section 14. In 1839, three more families arrived and settled in sections 14 and 15.

It was dense forest at the time, so their food was obtained by hunting until the land clearing was sufficient to allow farming. The soil is rich black loam and very fertile.

George Hakes was the first white child born in the township, and he later entered the Union Army early in the Civil War, but died of disease in Tennessee. Maria Barnhill and Robert McDaniel were the first to wed in 1839.

Organization took place in 1846; however, no election was held until 1857 when Joseph Bowyer, Hiram Davis and Roswell Haskins were elected Trustees. The only stream is the "Blue Creek" from which the township name derived.

Religion did not enter the township in a formal sense until 1848 when a Free Will Baptist gave the first sermon. By 1850, the first school was erected. The post office did not appear until 1872 at Point Pleasant.

Farming was the primary industry until the winter of 1870-1871, when the first saw mill came, followed by a Lumber Works and a Hoop and Stave Factory. There were no flour mills. 1880 census recorded a population of 2,406; and by 1890, the population decreased

to 2,243 (possibly residents branched out to other townships?)

Further information on this township and others in Paulding County can be gained from the 1892 Historical Atlas on sale at the John Paulding Historical Society, or from local branch libraries and/or schools. Museum hours are: 10-4 every Tuesday, and 10-3 the first Saturday of each month.

—Les Weidenhamer, JPHS President

MR. BLAISE WINTER PRESENTS "THE POWER OF MIND AND BODY" TO PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Paulding Middle School was recently treated to Mr. Blaise Winter for an assembly covering "The Power of Mind and Body". Mr. Winter was a professional football player that had stints with the San Diego Chargers, Indianapolis Colts, and Green Bay Packers. He was born with a cleft lip and palate, underwent many surgeries and long hours of speech therapy. He had tumors removed in each ear and one resulted in deafness in one ear. Still he managed to attend Syracuse University and play football there and then went on to the pros. His message was that if one works hard and perseveres, like he did, anyone can achieve if they believe.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of our friends and neighbors for the cards, food, and words of inspiration in the illness and passing of our daughter and sister Penny Bell. Thanks to Hospice and Parkview Hospital for their loving care. Special thanks to Pastor Barlow and Doolley's Funeral Home and the Lutheran Church ladies for the food and preparation of our lunch.

Most of all, thanks for your prayers. It is a joy to know that Penny touched so many lives.

—Harold & Eunice Bell, Randy & Cindy Bell, Patty Bell

SHRIDER - GREVE



Bryce and Marie Shrider of Paulding would like to announce the engagement and forth-coming marriage of their daughter, Heather to Josiah Greve, son of Robert Greve and Jodi Gourley, both of Defiance.

The bride-elect is a 2005 alumna of Paulding High

School. She is employed by Rainbow Promise Preschool and Child Care. Her fiance is a 2003 alumnus of Living Word Christian School. His is owner of J & M Remodeling and Construction LLC.

The couple are planning a May wedding in Paulding United Methodist Church.

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He is preceded in death by his parents: Charles Walters and Flora Walters Mosier; two sisters: Dorothy Biederman Slusser and Clara Maye Sanderson; half-brother, Elmer Mosier; and nephew, Carl Clarence Sanderson.

Funeral services were April 28, 2007 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Rev. Don Rogers officiating. Burial was in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding County.

Donations may be made to Grover Hill EMS or American Heart Association.

Brian Craig Albright, 32, of Paulding died early Friday morning, April 27, at the Vancrest Health Care Center in Van Wert.

He was born on September 21, 1974 in Fostoria, OH. The son of Kevin and Nancy Albright and sister to Krystal Joyel Suzanne Albright.

Surviving are his parents Kevin E. and Nancy S. (Ross) Albright; and a younger sister Krystal Joyel Suzanne

Albright all of Paulding; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents Charles and Elouise (Rodman) Albright and William and Bernice (Workman) Ross.

He was a 1992 graduate of Paulding High School.

Arrangements are pending.

MANY NEEDY PEOPLE HELPED ON RECENT MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

On March 19 an 18 person medical mission team from Harvest Field Pentecostal Church of God left the states for Guatemala City, Guatemala. During the four day brigade in Guatemala the team circulated about 550 people through to see the doctors, learn to brush and floss their teeth, wash their vegetables, purify their water, receive prayer, and get their needed medication. There was a real need for medical attention in these areas. The places where the clinics took place were close to Teculután, Guatemala. They took place in two different locations so that the needs of the area could be met as well as possible. The team gave small toys and candy to the children who came through the clinic. "As a team we were there not only for the medical needs of the citizens of this area but also the spiritual needs. The best part about the trip



was the 30+ souls that were saved," said team member Kristen Maenle. "It was a lot of hard work in a hot area, but it was totally worth it! I have left part of my heart there with the people," said Chrissy Sinn, another team member. This team was blessed with the support of the entire congregation of Harvest Field Pentecostal Church of God, in Scott, Ohio. In six short weeks the entire amount needed to send the 18 person team was raised. The businesses in the area also blessed the team both financially and with various items to take with them. The following businesses agreed to be a part of the discount/fundraiser card that the team is selling for \$10 a piece:

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 - East of Chicago Pizza, Paulding
 - Curves, Van Wert
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- The following business donated goods such as toothbrushes, toys, toothpaste, medications, floss, funds and many other needed items:
- Northwest Ohio Sports
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- Baker Built Products
 - Fraternal Order of Police Van Wert Lodge # 62
 - Sanderson's Meat
 - Friends Chapel Church
- The entire team thanks each and every one of these businesses and all of the individual people who donated to this worthy cause. If we inadvertently left your business off of this please forgive us! We

are very thankful to you too! Harvest Field Pentecostal Church of God is located at 13625 Rd 12, Scott, Ohio (about 1 mile east of US 127). Services times are Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m., Sunday Night at 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. A heart felt word of thanks goes out to all of the people who made this trip happen!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After reading the letter to the editor from Mr. Bidlack last week it just makes me wonder what some people are capable of. I don't know about you, but my parents mean the world to me. Growing up, my brother and I might not have had the nicest and name brands items, but we always had what we needed even if Mom and Dad had to go without. My parents always put us first and foremost when it came to our well-being and I am sure Mr. Bidlack did the same. I can tell this by reading about the hurt he has endured from the treatment of the "other four" children. These children have totally taken advantage of him. I really do not understand how someone can steal from their own parents like this. It just makes me sick. I know at this point in my life, I am 27 and settling in for the long haul called life, there isn't anything I wouldn't do for my parents if I was able to do it. I can only imagine how it is going to be when they reach

an older age where they rely on me a little more to help them out, as I have done them for so many years. I think someone would have to stick a knife in me to stop me from helping them in any way I could, yes, even if I had to put myself on the back-burner to do it.

I would like to challenge these "other four" children of Mr. Bidlack's to take a look back at their childhood. Did your father ever do anything to you that deserves so much betrayal? I mean come on, he has had to get a restraining order on two of his own kids. You have cost him thousands of dollars by him having to defend his own competency in court. I think just reading his letter could have told anyone that his competency is not in question.

In ending, Mr. Bidlack, I would like to wish you the best of luck in getting your farm back and in all other matters that you have to endure with the "other four" children, and my God bless you along the way. I tip my hat to you, fine Sir.

—Donnie Egnor

CURVES FOOD DRIVE BRINGS IN 1124 & 1470 POUNDS LOCALLY; ALMOST 11 MILLION POUNDS WORLDWIDE

Hicksville/Paulding, Ohio—Curves, the world's largest fitness franchisor, today announced that the 2007 Curves Food Drive brought in 1124 pounds in Hicksville and 1470 pounds in Paulding which will benefit Christ Cupboard and The Antwerp Christian Pantry Food Banks, and County Food Banks. Around the world, Curves members donated nearly 11 million pounds of food to their local food banks.

This was Curves International's ninth food drive and Hicksville's second time and Paulding's first time to participate. Every year in March, women have the opportunity to donate a bag of groceries in lieu of paying the Curves membership fee. Hundreds of thousands of women take advantage of this opportunity to help themselves become healthier while contributing to the needs of their community's less fortunate residents.

The Food Drive accounted for 22 new memberships at the Hicksville Curves and 36 new memberships at the Paulding Curves, and added more than 166,000 new members to the Curves family worldwide.

"Curves and our members are delighted to help our community," said Jerrica Steffens, Hicksville Curves franchise owner. "The food drive is an excellent program that fits perfectly with the Curves philosophy—promoting the health of the whole woman. The opportunity for our members to give back to the Hicksville community promotes the spirit of giving."

"Curves and our members are delighted to help our community," said Sonya Herber, Paulding Curves franchise manager. "The food drive is an excellent program that fits perfectly with the Curves philosophy—promoting the health of the whole woman. The opportunity for our members to give back to the Paulding community promotes the spirit of giving."

In the past decade, Curves franchises have collected and distributed more than 50 million pounds of food to local food banks throughout the world.

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I HAVE A TOSS UP FOR TEN POINTS ... ONE LAST TIME



By: Angel Steiner

Last Sunday, April 29 saw the ending of another successfully completed season of Bible Bowl. The young people at Antwerp Church of Christ who chose to participate this season took on a truly noble task. They dedicated themselves to six months of reading and memorizing scriptures from I Samuel and II Samuel 1-6. The history of Samuel, King Saul, and David and Jonathon will forever be imprinted in their young minds.

Their coaches held an awards ceremony on April 29 to recognize these kids on a job well done. The junior team which consisted of Brandon Pendergrast (2nd grade), Jarison Steiner (2nd grade), and Joshua Steiner (4th grade) with coaches Tianne Pendergrast and Nellie Beerbower, ended their season with 3 third places, 2 second places, and 1 first place standing. The senior team which included

Adam Steiner (senior), Jeramy Barkman (sophomore), Naomi Barkman (7th grade), Aleisha Delegrange (junior), and Ryan Delegrange (freshman) with coaches Angel Steiner, Deb Barkman, and Judy Delegrange ended their season with 1st place every month.

Antwerp Church of Christ is involved in a ministry called Tri State Bible Bowl Fellowship. It is a group of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ with the goal of educating their young people in a fun, competitive atmosphere. Bible Bowl does just that. The churches involved for this past season were: St. Joe (IN) Church of Christ, Newville (IN) Church of Christ, Antwerp Church of Christ, Bronson (MI) Church of Christ, and Christ's Church at Georgetown (IN). Every month a set number of chapters from the designated Bible text is assigned and they are required to learn the scripture in order to answer the "Toss-

ups" and "Bonus" questions at competition. The questions are straight scriptures, no interpretations or translations.

The Bible Bowl season, for the young people, starts up in October (well, September practice begins) and goes on through to April with a month's break in January to get settled from the holidays. For the coaches and volunteers it begins in mid-June with the planning of obtaining the appropriate Bible text from National Bible Bowl headquarters in Cincinnati, OH.

All the coaches and volunteers from the participating churches give of themselves because they believe in this ministry and see that these young people are the future leaders of the Church, and we want to do everything we can to train up strong men and women who know what the Bible says so that "they can be ready to tell others of the hope that they have."

POLITICAL SIGNS, OBJECTS FORBIDDEN IN STATE RIGHT OF WAY

LIMA—The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 is advising that the placement of signs or objects within state right of way is prohibited.

The placement of objects is not permitted on state highway right of way under Section 5515.02 of the Ohio Revised Code said Tim Burkepile, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

"Each year at this time we see numerous violations of the code. We are especially seeing a number of political signs and signs advertising garage and yard sales being placed within the highway right of way outside of municipal corporation limits," said Burkepile.

The code states that any individual, firm or corporation that uses or occupies any part of a road or highway on the state highway system with lines, pipes or any object or structure, without legal permit, shall remove same from the bounds of the highway.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Burkepile said highway personnel have been instructed to remove any such signs and objects discovered within the right of way of any state highway. The items will be stored at the local state highway garage for a short time where they may be claimed during normal working hours which are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Going to Nationals! Showing off the hardware they earned at the state competition are Vantage Business Professionals of America National Contestants (front l to r): Jenna Wilson (Van Wert) and Kayla Wells (Lincolnview). (Back row): Carlette Coppes (Wayne Trace), Chazz Roger (Van Wert) and Amber Thatcher (Van Wert).

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Diment, a Parkway junior in the Medical Office Management program was a top ten finisher in the Keyboarding Production skills contest. Cristy Branham, a junior from Continental in the Interactive Media program, teamed up with classmate Linzi Hundley, a Parkway junior, to place in the top ten in the Website Design Team contest. Junior Andrew Ross will be attending the National Conference as a delegate this year.

Five Early Childhood Education students attended the state FCCLA Leadership Conference and Skills Events in Columbus on April 19 and 20 and one advances to nationals. Kayla Crider, a senior Early Childhood Education student from Van Wert, competed in the Early Childhood Star Event. At the contest, Kayla planned

and presented to evaluators an activity related to a theme in response to a case study provided during the event and an oral presentation describing the activity. Kayla received a very high Gold rating which qualified her to compete at nationals in Anaheim, California this July.

Four juniors competed in the Early Childhood Team event. Megan Taylor from Crestview, Jennifer Roberts from Wayne Trace, along with Kendra Branham and Michelle Miller, both from Paulding, planned, prepared and presented developmentally appropriate activities in a preschool session. These students received a Silver rating.

Congratulations to all the contestants and Good Luck to those advancing to the National Competition!

OAKWOOD SPRING TEA HUGE SUCCESS

It was a beautiful spring day both inside and out when the Oakwood Library Association opened the doors to their second Spring Tea on Saturday, April 21. Ladies from throughout the area were invited to hostess the 14 tables at the Cornerstone Fellowship Hall in preparation for guests who had purchased the twelve dollar tickets. Hostesses are given first chance to fill the tables of eight and the remaining tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. Much to the delight of the Association, tickets to their events have been selling with little advertising. In the past year a Luau, two Chocolate Extravaganzas, and now two Spring Teas have been sold out events that have generated funds for renovations to downtown buildings that will house the branch library.

On Saturday guests entered the hall to a sea of beautifully adorned tables all decked out in the finest crystal and china. Each hostess selects a theme and dresses their table accordingly with centerpieces, place cards, and favors. Susie Thrasher, chose "Splendid Journey" as the theme of her table setting. She mailed passport charms with invitations to her guests and they were met with a beautiful blue and yellow table complete with travel journals and photo albums for their next journey. She also took pictures of all the beautiful tables the night before and had them inserted in the photo album for a priceless memento of the day. Guests of Sharon Peck were treated to a red gift bag of Laura Ashley gifts tying to her "Touch of Scarlet" theme. White flowers and dishes with just the right touch of scarlet completed her table décor. Mary Rickard attended the Tea last year as a guest and offered to hostess a table if one was available. Luckily for her family and friends a new hostess was needed and they were met with a beautiful Victorian table with the theme of "Old English Rose Tea". They were pleasantly surprised to find something in the table settings they had gifted her with over the years. Mary, who also participated in the Style Show, chose an outfit that matched her table.

Oakwood's own version of Martha Stewart, Marsha Henke, selected "Roses, Roses, Roses", as her theme. And guests were awed by her beautiful rose topiary surrounded by pink jeweled chiffon, roses and ribbons on their chairs, and roses as napkin rings. A fresh bouquet of yellow and white tulips fit the "Springtime Tea" theme chosen by Marsha's daughter Jeanine Keyes who presented her first table. Obviously inheriting her mother's talent guests were not disappointed and were gifted with their own beautiful vase of small tulips as their favor.

Kay Langham and Heather Miller joined forces this year as co hostesses for their "April Showers Bring May Flowers" theme. A beautiful centerpiece with raindrops adorned their table and white chair covers were completed with flowers and bows. Guests were favored with little watering cans filled with candies. Those at Sandy Weidenhamer's table experienced serenity fitting her

cleverly chosen theme of "Tulips, Tea, and Tranquility". A beautiful fresh bouquet of tulips, Blue Willow china, and just a touch of lime green accents, including a lime ribbon on their chairs and on their favors of crocheted coasters added to the beauty of her table. Several hostesses gifted their guests with potted flowers. Michelle Sidle gave large cookie flowers in a clay pot to guests who sat at her "Once Upon a Tuscan Day" themed table. A massive live floral arrangement and burgundy napkins and place mats made her table an immediate eye catcher. June Skiver chose "Flowers of the Garden" and gave live potted plants as favors that blended beautifully with here blue flowered china and blue and yellow centerpiece and place mats. Loretta Olds had a hand pump in her centerpiece complete with running water fitting perfectly with her "Rustic Retreat" theme. Raffia adorned their seats and guests received their flower pot favor adorned with a rustic star and raffia. Both June and Loretta were first time hostesses.

Cindy Skiver's "To Everything There Is a Season" table was all aglow with a fresh flower centerpiece topped with a white china teapot with lit candle. Her table was elegantly set with beautiful crystal and china accented with silver framed place cards, napkin rings, and teapot. Diana Coy's "Celebrate Spring" theme fit perfectly with her pastel colors of yellow, mint, and pink in table linens. The fresh potted spring flowers of her centerpiece were gifted to each guest at her table and were potted in a white tea cup with ivy and a beautiful butterfly.

Anada and Suzanne Cooper chose "Money Talks, but Chocolate Sings" as their theme and guests from all tables envied the elaborate selection of fine chocolates that served as both centerpiece and favors. Tall crystal candle sticks with pink candles completed the pink and chocolate brown theme of the table. One of the more unique themes was that of Jan Price and Barb Shubert as they chose "Teapot Tango". The centerpiece held various black high heels and pink feather boas. The black chair covers and black lace place mats were an excellent backdrop for the pink depression china. Completing the beautiful setting and given as favors were a stemmed glass decorated with beading and containing pink and white M

& M's and homemade chocolate truffles with a beaded hat pin representing a stirrer in their faux mixed beverage.

Guests were treated to a typical tea menu consisting of Pastel Pasta Salad on a bed of lettuce, a Crab Salad Cucumber finger sandwich on a flowered shaped slice of bread, an Olive Pecan Canape, a fresh fruit kabob, and relish and cracker plate with cheesy dip. Dessert included a Sherbet Bombe of rainbow colors and a Caramel Scone.

Guests were entertained with a Style Show emceed by Terra Gorrell as they dined. Several models chose their own new purchases, but most fashions came from Christopher and Banks and C. J. Banks stores in the Defiance Mall. In addition to Mary Rickard, hostesses including Jan Price, Barb Shubert and Michelle Sidle took part in the fashion show. Other models included Connie Dobbelaere, Mary Price, Kim Butler, Heather and Jordan Shull, Ellie and Estee Miller, Abby Hornish, Shelly Shinnors, and Anna Lamb. As an added bonus this year Darlene Howard was on hand with a display of her jewelry creations. Some were made to coordinate with fashions modeled by Abby

Hornish and several were available for purchase.

Ladies were sent home with delightful memories of a lovely day and one lucky lady from each table was also the recipient of a door prize.

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- Admissions:
4/23 - James Van Horn, Paulding
4/24 - Debra Stallbaum, Paulding; Raymond Gross, Sr., Paulding; Helen Doster, Paulding
4/25 - Jaron Pogue, Paulding
4/26 - Margaret Mansfield, Paulding
4/29 - Dovie Neer, Paulding
Dismissals:
4/23 - Ivy Puckett, Paulding
4/25 - Helen Doster, Paulding
4/26 - Debra Stallbaum, Paulding; James Van Horn, Paulding
4/27 - Jaron Pogue, Paulding; Raymond Gross, Sr., Paulding, transferred to Lutheran
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REP. GILLMOR NAMED MAIN STREET HERO

WASHINGTON, DC—The nation's largest community bank trade group, the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), honored Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) today with its prestigious Main Street Hero Award for his leadership in supporting the community banking industry and communities nationwide. Gillmor, the ranking member of the House Financial Institutions Subcommittee, spoke at the ICBA Washington Policy Summit this morning before accepting his award.

Upon receiving his award Gillmor said, "I have enjoyed working with the ICBA over the years, beginning even before I became a Member of Congress. Community bankers represent leaders in their community and the ICBA is a strong advocate for their members. To be honored by them is a privilege."

"Community bankers everywhere know Rep. Gillmor best as a long-time friend of community banking, and more recently as a co-author of the Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007 - the legislation that will permanently close the ILLC loophole and keep commercial firms from owning FDIC-insured industrial banks," said James P. Ghiglieri, Jr., ICBA chairman and president of Alpha Community Bank, Toluca, Ill.

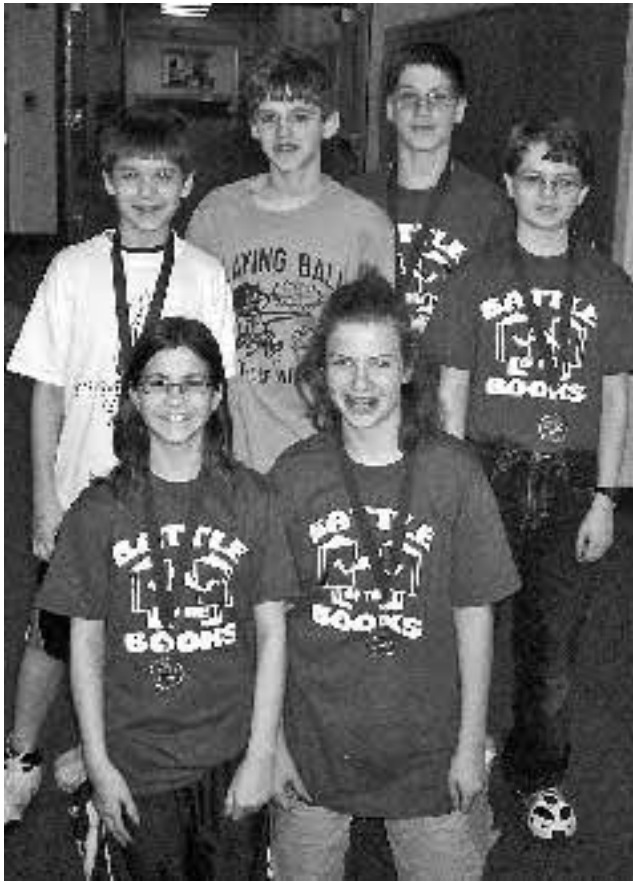
stands that maintaining the separation of banking and commerce is necessary to protect the safety and soundness of our financial system and to preserve financial diversity in our nation's communities. We thank him for taking such a strong leadership role on this issue," said Ghiglieri.

During Gillmor's address to the ICBA members, he spoke about the need to pass his compromise legislation which would restore the historic separation between banking and commerce by preventing commercial companies from owning banks. Rep. Gillmor also discussed the agenda of the Financial Services Committee including the debate over issues such as subprime lending and foreclosures, data security, credit card practices, foreign investment, and terrorism risk insurance before taking questions from the audience. The text of Gillmor's speech can be found on his blog at <http://www.gillmorblog.com/?p=230>.

ICBA created the Main Street Hero® award to recognize public officials who promote the vitality of local communities by supporting the work of community banks and the important role they play in towns and cities across America. The ICBA represents the largest constituency of community banks of all sizes and charter types in the nation, and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry.

Rep. Gillmor under-

ANTWERP LOCAL TEAM WINNERS OF 2007 PAULDING COUNTY "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"



Back row: Kyle Ryan, Noah Ganger, Cameron Huss, and Shawn Dooley. Front row: Rachel Stewart and Morgan Williamson.

Antwerp Local's team, "The Rockets", won the 2007 Paulding County "Battle of the Books" competition. These six students were required to read and study 50 different books, a mixture of fiction and non-fiction titles, from the beginning of the year until the final contest on April 24. At a preliminary competition

held at Antwerp Local, "The Rockets" defeated three other teams to earn the right to compete in the final competition in Paulding. Hours and hours were put in by both the students and their parents, resulting in a victory for Antwerp over five area schools including: Wayne Trace, Paulding, St. John's, Oakwood, and Payne.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TO CONTINUE

The Paulding County Carnegie Library had announced that the 2007 Battle of the Books would be the final competition. But, according to Susan Hill, library director, "Our staff is willing to try another year to organize and sponsor this popular reading competition." Reasons for discontinuing the battle had included lack of cooperation from some of the county schools, heavy school workloads on students and their lack of time to read the books, censorship issues, and staff time. "We have been evaluating this popular program every year for the past nine years," stated Hill. "We have modified the rules and adjusted the amount of titles that had to be read. We will tweak the rules further and select fifty new titles for next year's battle. The schools will be notified of the new rules and the book list next fall." For more information on the Battle of the Books and how you might be able to assist, contact Susan Hill at 419-399-2032.

PAULDING LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET IN OAKWOOD

The May meeting of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Board of Trustees will be held at the Oakwood Branch Library on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will tour the new branch facility. The public is always welcome to attend board meetings. For more information call: 419-399-2032.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC MEETING

Last Wednesday WM Walter Schilb opened a Lodge of Master Masons and the pledge was given. Birthday cards were signed and sent to Guy Boylan - May 6th, Jim Flory - May 4th and Greg Headley - May 2nd.

There were nine Fifty-Years member in attendance. These included Doyle Johnson, Gene McClellan, Derrill Kline, Charles Carey, Estel Cottrell, Joe Ross, Elmer Woodcox, Fred Schaffer and visiting from Flat Rock Lodge was Russell Ross. Other members attending were Tim Betts, Russell St. Johns, Lee Kallsen, Jim Kline, Bob Druschel, George Underwood, Terry Derck, Randy Brooks Sr., Dick Savage, Scott Ruppert, Ron Farnsworth, Gerry Shidler, Norm Byers, Walter Schilb and Bill Metz. WB Hanson "Curley" Lilly was a visitor from Bryan Lodge.

Communications were read from Bro. George Walter, Masonic Widow Frances Monroy and the current Deputy Grand Master Ron Winnett who thanks Hicksville Lodge for the fine Grand Master's Reception that he attended. It was reported that Hicksville Lodge had some unclaimed money that was published in the paper. This matter will be looked into. Reservations are coming in for the annual Widow's night which will be held May 12 at the Presbyterian Church.

Hicksville's newest member, Robert Druschel, who was inducted at the Grand Master's One Day Class, was present at the meeting. Bro. Scott Ruppert, WB Jim Kline and WB Tim Betts gave presentation on the three degrees to Bro. Druschel. With no further business, all retired to the dining room for food and fellowship.

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8th Annual Paulding County Hospital Family Health Day

When: Saturday, June 23
7:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: PCH Medical Office Building
1032 W Wayne St

Pre-registration forms available May 21 at the following locations

Paulding Ct Hospital switchboard; Doctors Halachanova and Spangler's offices in PCH Medical Office Building; Dr. Fishbaugh's office, Paulding; Dr. Hendrickson's office, Paulding; Dr. Gray's office, Antwerp; Dr. Kuhn's office, Payne; Dr. Kreit's office, Oakwood; Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill

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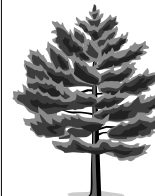
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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of the J.B. Johnson Furniture Co. It was taken from the front door of the Peoples Elevator looking to the southeast. What you see there in the west wall of "The Chairs Factory". It is just across the road of what is now the Antwerp Fire Department. The VFW is sitting on this corner now. The factory covered one half of a city block, and the VFW does also. I think this picture was taken in 1936. But I think the autos you see are of the late 1920's models. It is in the summer because the windows are open for cooler air. It shows a number of maple

trees on the Railroad Street side, which is the north side of the building.

Not too long after this picture was taken, J.B. sold the business to some businessmen from Chicago and they renamed it "Antwerp Parlor Furniture". Now this other picture was taken probably in 1939 or 1940. J.B. left them a good reputation and turned out good furniture also. By the time of December 7th, 1941, they had well over 100 employees, and doing well.

As every other business, the WWII changed everything. A lot of the men went into the service. Some of the men went into more important war jobs. Then this factory was turned over to making shipping crates made of wood for war materials. Exact size and construction was mandatory for overseas shipment.

When the war ended and the boys came home and the factory could get the good kind of wood they needed for the chairs and living room furniture, business picked up right away. Over those 4 or 5 years, a lot of the young folks got married and were needing the living room type of furniture made here.

By now it is 1947 and '48. The going wage is about \$1.05 to \$1.20 an hour. But some of the workers here were on piece rate and by working hard and fast, some could make \$100.00 per week. Now that was darn good money for those times and not all could do it. You see, a good upholsterer needs one strong hand all the time and sometimes two hands. Well, some would throw a handful of tacks in their mouth, and with their tongue they would turn the flat side of the tack out between their teeth. Then bring their magnetized tack hammer to their mouth and the tack would stick to the hammer head ready for the next blow. These boys were fast, but they turned out good furniture. Later in the 1940's it was sold to some other people and they changed the name again.

This time it was The Antwerp Furniture and Bedding. Things were going pretty good at this time. They even sponsored a darn good softball team, Bob Johnson, Bud Lichty, Pete Griggs, Zeb DeLong, Gene Hughes and a lot of other good young boys. When they held a Little World Series with "Schilb's



Reds", the ball diamond would be packed.

Well, in March of 1950 on a Saturday, the factory caught fire, and it had oiled floors and all was wood, it burned fast and hard. There was a number of fire departments that came to help but all they could do was save the other buildings.

The burned out shell stood for a couple years and then was declared unsafe and the big cement piers and bricks were all hauled down and dumped in the ravine where The Antwerp United Methodist Church now stands.

"The Chair Factory" was a boon for Antwerp. It even had some employees working during the "big depression". It certainly was a big part of Antwerp History.

The big picture of the west wall was loaned to me by Barbara Reeb Cleland. The other picture was loaned to me by Cord Ehrhart. And I certainly appreciate them letting us use them.

I could sit here and talk about those times, but over half of my readers, never knew about "The Chair Factory", but to people my age, it was a bigger part of Antwerp.

I can sit here and close my eyes and go walking west on Railroad Street on the south side where the sewers would be making the covers. The

windows are open and all those odors from the new fabrics fill the air. I knew most of the ladies sitting there at those commercial sewing machines. The humming machines, the banging of the hammers. It was a different time, a different era and even a different world, and at times, I think, a better one. Maybe by next week I will have landed.

A couple of weeks ago we ran a story and picture of the 1931 football team from AHS. I want to share with you this fine letter that I received concerning that column and picture.

"Hi Stan,
Just a note to give you some more information on one of the 1931 Antwerp Football team members. Herbert Hart was my uncle and his wife Kathleen is still living in Fairborn, Ohio. He had three children and passed away several years ago. He also had five brothers and a sister and lived in Antwerp until he married. He was in the CCC and went to Manila and was in a prison camp for three years in Saulo Thomas during the Second

World War.
"I really enjoy your articles about years past in Antwerp. My mother was Herbert's only sister and graduated from Antwerp in 1931. The only member of Herbert's siblings that is alive is Russell Hart and he lives in Cape Coral, Florida.
"Keep up the good work!
Shaaron Whitman"

I called Mrs. Whitman and we talked for a long time. I remembered some of the Hart family, because we attended church and Sunday School at the old Church of God on East Daggett St. I remember Robert and Russell but the others were all older than me. They lived on Harrmann Road just a little south of the Clay Coleman residence. That was in the early 1930's. I think they moved to Payne a little later, I think Russell graduated from Payne about 1939. I was really glad to talk to Mrs. Whitman, it really brought back a lot of early memories for me. I'm always glad to talk to anyone, anytime.

See ya!



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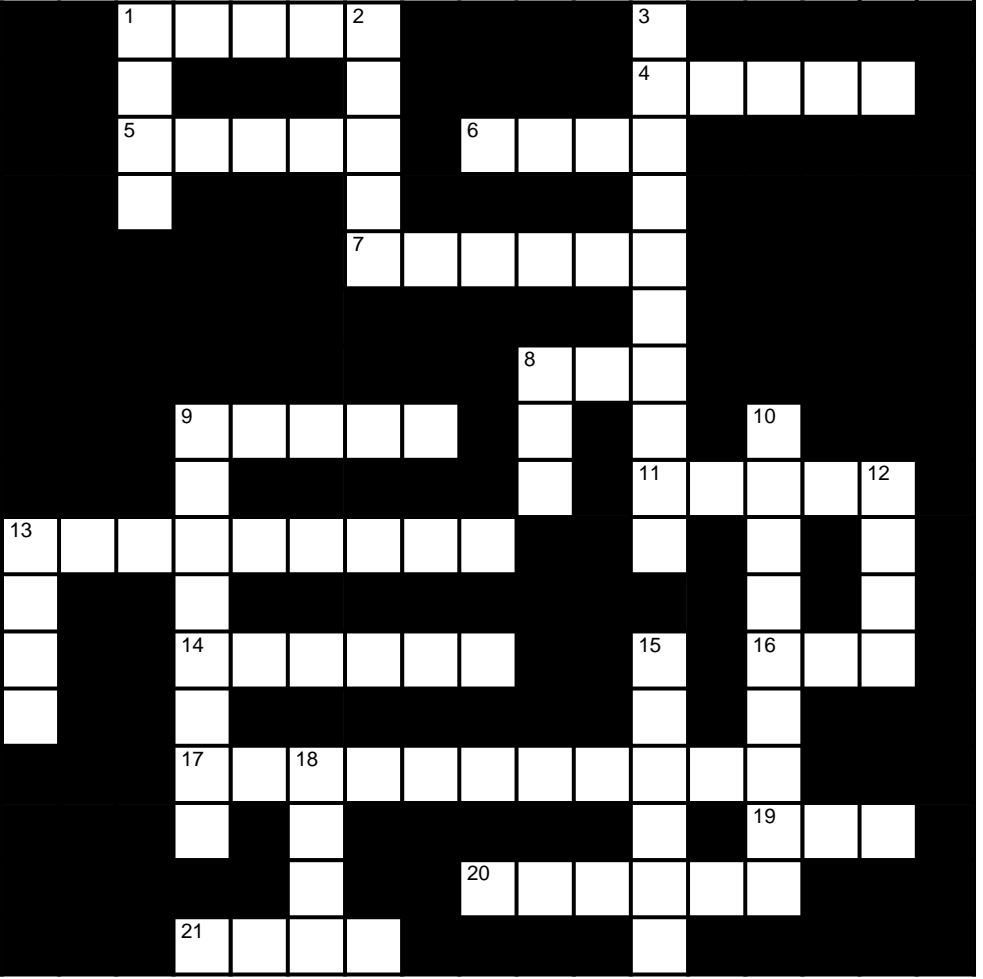
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- 5. Eat this once a day and keep the doctor away.
- 6. If the bottom of this "walker" itches, you are going to take a trip.
- 7. If you spill this spice, you will have a serious argument with your friend.
- 8. If this buzzer enters your house, it's a sign you'll have a visitor.
- 9. To kill this bird is to harm the spirit of King Arthur.
- 11. Cut this vegetable in half, put it under the bed of a sick person to ward off fever and poisons.
- 13. Hang this above your door for good luck.
- 14. To break this means 7 years bad luck.
- 16. If you bite your tongue, then you must have told one of these.
- 17. Carry this in your pocket for good luck.
- 19. It is bad luck to see this bird in sunlight.
- 20. Put your hand to your mouth when you do this or you may lose your soul.
- 21. It is bad luck to let this boil over.

Down

- 1. Wish on this "shooter" and your wish will come true.
- 2. You need to do this with your head to the north and your feet to the south.
- 3. Swallow this kind of seed and it will grow inside you.
- 8. Placing this piece of furniture north or south brings misfortune.
- 9. Plant this herb by your doorstep to keep witches away.
- 10. This Christmas flower in a house protects it from thunder and lightning.
- 12. If this itches, you will be kissed.
- 13. Pull one of these out and 10 more will grow back in its place.
- 15. It's good luck to find this four-leafed plant.
- 18. When this rings, an angel receives wings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently I had become aware of a flurry of gun control measures at the federal and state levels. Almost right on cue, along came the V-tech massacre. Perfect timing for the gun grabbers. But what was the problem at Virginia Tech? There was nothing there but a host of would be disarmed victims—perfect hunting ground for a mass murderer.

It seems to me if every one was armed and trained in the use of firearms these psychos wouldn't get to far—but then a prostituting mainstream media wouldn't have much to talk about besides movie stars. You can count on these mainstream prostitutes to do there gun control propaganda as always.

By the way, what was it that the communist rules for revolution hold dear? "Register all firearms under any excuse with a view towards confiscation and leave the population defenseless". Could it be that communism isn't really dead as proclaimed by the mainstream but has infiltrated deeply into the structure of our society?

—Phillip Piersma

AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

Ah... The school year is winding down. It's hard to believe that in a little less than a month Antwerp will be graduating the Class of 2007 and welcoming in the Class of 2008 as seniors. Nix that, it is downright terrifying! It wasn't so long ago that we were just kids stuck along the wall at recess.

Speaking of being stuck on a wall, this year's after-prom provided me with an excellent opportunity to revisit those days. You see, I was surprisingly adept at maneuvering myself to the top of the inflatable climbing wall, but getting down was a significantly different experience. Parents who helped organize the event, thank you. The night's festivities were a perfect capstone to the glitzy evening of dinner and dancing at Grant's Reception Hall. Really, you guys rock!

Run, Forrest, run to the next sporting event before the weather decides to be obstinate again.

JH Track & Field: Thursday, May 3, 4:30, @ Tinora/Holgate; Tuesday, May 8, 4:30, @ Fairview/Holgate

JV Baseball: Thursday, May 3, 4:30, Ayersville; Friday, May 4, 4:30, @ Paulding; Tuesday, May 8, 5:00, Crestview

Varsity Baseball: Thursday, May 3, 4:30, @ Continental; Friday, May 4, 4:30, Paulding; Tuesday, May 8, 5:00, @ Crestview

Varsity Softball: Friday, May 4, 4:30, @ Edgerton; Tuesday, May 8, 4:30, @ Hilltop

Varsity Track & Field: Saturday, May 5, 9:00, @ Montpelier Invitational; Monday, May 7, 4:30, @ Wayne Trace Relays

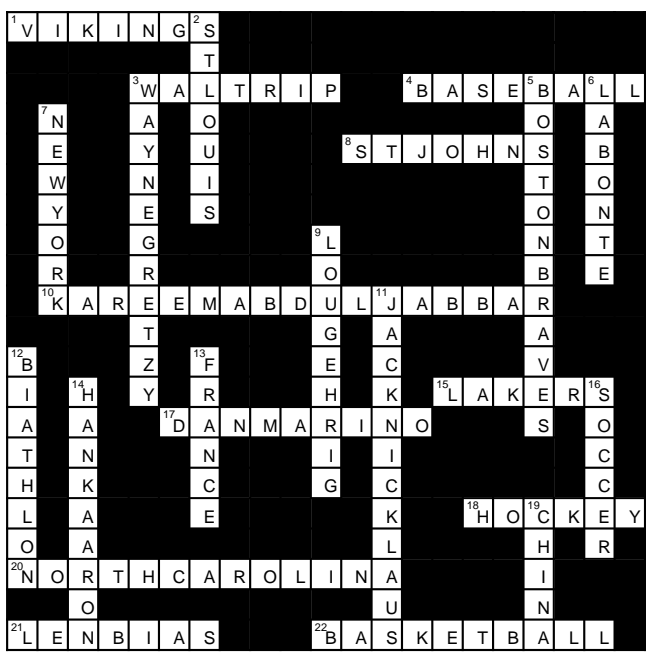
Word of the Week: Descry \dih-SKRY\ trans. verb

1. To catch sight of, especially something distant or obscure; to discern

2. To discover by observation; to detect

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Answers to "All About Sports"



HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. FAIRVIEW

Wayne Trace drops its first game of the GMC against Fairview on Tuesday, April 24. Fairview scored first in their half of the third inning, and again pushed four more runs across the plate in the sixth to defeat the Raiders by the score of 5-0. Lady Raiders did little offensively, with only two hits by Senior Chelsea Holtsberry and Sophomore Sara Priest each getting a single. Leading batters for Fairview K Bostater 2-2 with a triple, single and one run scored, Tonneas going 1-3 with a triple, two RBI and a run and Eicher going 1-3 with a single, RBI and a run scored.

Winning pitcher K Samples, going seven innings, giving up two hits, one walk and striking out 10. Marcie McDougale records her second loss of the season, going six innings, with six hits, two strikeouts and one walk.

Score by inning:
Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 0 0; with 0 runs, 2 hits, and 1 error.

Fairview - 00 1 0 0 4 x; 5 runs, 6 hits, and 2 errors.

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5/4 - Turnover, milk
5/7 - Pizza, milk
5/8 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

- Lunch:**
5/2 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, mixed fruit, milk
5/3 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, sherbet, milk
5/4 - Taco quesadilla, corn, mandarin oranges, milk
5/7 - Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, pears, milk
5/8 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, pineapple, milk

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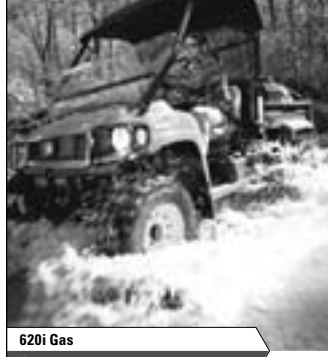
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another Point of View

In response to some of the negative press about Paulding County and its elected officials, I am prompted to write my point of view. I believe the Leo, Grabill area is one of the fastest growing areas in the Tri-State. I have witnessed hundreds of new homes under construction as I write this article. I do not believe people are moving there because their river is cleaner than the Maumee that runs through Paulding County or that they have no trash along the banks of the St. Joe River. Drive along some of the river road countrysides and you will indeed spot trash and debris such as was seen out where the old Eaton Children's Home was located in Paulding County. Check the real estate ads and you will see that they too have some older run down homes for sale.

People are locating there because of the school systems and the quick access to Fort Wayne. I believe the new 4-lane US 24 highway is our lottery ticket to enticing new people to locate in and around the Antwerp area. Shortened time travel to Fort Wayne, Defiance, Paulding, etc. can only help us to become a true bedroom community for manufacturing in these areas. Our new school can only be described as "state of the art" which can't be anything but a positive for our community. Progressive Farmer Magazine designating Paulding County as "the most affordable county" in which to live in for the entire United States of America is another

positive that I believe we, as a county should definitely use to our advantage.

Paulding County has so many positives to offer, that I think it is a shame to ridicule people trying to promote us in any way. The number one thing I believe we have to offer are the people themselves: fair, honest and hardworking people. Our children in this county are some of the finest you'll find anywhere. Ask any schoolteacher that has taught in the inner city schools or large cities outside of our area and they will testify to what I've just said. I feel these attributes carry over to our elected officials. I have had the opportunity to work with our elected officials in my capacity as president of the A.C.D.C. and I can tell you they are willing to bend over backward to be of assistance at anytime.

Brad Dysinger has called these commissioners overpaid and insinuated they are lazy. Ron Lane, Marty Harmon, and Tony Burkley have all gone out of their way to help A.C.D.C. promote Antwerp. I have not had the opportunity to work with Commissioner Ed Straley, but let's give him a chance to perform before we criticize. Paulding County Economic Development has been extremely helpful in our efforts to promote Antwerp. The same can be said for our local Mayor, Council and all the elected officials in our community. Frankly, I'm just tired of all the negative press our county has been getting lately. I don't believe our county deserves this or needs it if we're to continue to advance our county and all of its good citizens.

I too am a hunter and get very upset when I see litterbugs dumping garbage along our waterways, but I can guarantee you that a couple of eyesores will not keep people from moving here as much as negative press in our daily newspaper will. I'll find someone to help pick up the old tires and yes, the dead dog but I can't erase the impression made on peoples minds about the horrible county and leaders. Let's look for some positive news to share with those on the outside looking into our county.

I only know what I've been told about the jail levy and the new jail. In my opinion, I feel that Dave Harrow has done a good job as sheriff and if he put a patrol car out by Eaton Home 24/7, trying to catch polluters, someone would be raising all kinds of hell because he is wasting our tax dollars. As far as the new jail, the old one was built the same year that Custer was killed at the Little Big Horn. Maybe it was time to rebuild.

As for the taxes we spend for schools—the schools are probably the biggest business we have in Paulding County. They hire the most people and generate, next to farmers, the most money. This is a guess on my part, but I would say at least in the top five. The payroll, heat and electrical expenses to run most of it stays in our county, because most of the employees live here. The State gives us back some of our tax money by giving the schools approximately \$5,000 per student. I don't see the benefit of talking people out of voting for the schools.

I'm not trying to hinder Brad's chances at the coveted Commissioner's job and I have no intentions of getting into an Editorial war with anyone. These are just my opinions that I though needed to be said.

Let's be positive about our County and make it grow.

—Kirk Hopkins

HOUSE PASSES GILLMOR BILL TO REGULATE INTERNATIONAL WASTE

WASHINGTON, DC—The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved legislation today sponsored by Fifth District Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) to regulate the transportation and disposal of international waste. Gillmor had joined with Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to reintroduce his legislation which had been introduced in by Gillmor in the 109th Congress but had to be reintroduced because the U.S. Senate failed to act on it.

"I was very pleased that my bill which gives states the authority to regulate international waste received such strong bipartisan support today by my colleagues in the House," Gillmor said. "The vote was encouraging but not surprising because this is a commonsense issue in Congress. The process of planning, developing and maintaining landfills is often contentious and expensive. And our communities should not be forced to sit back and watch as their resources are overwhelmed with trash from outside the United States," Gillmor said.

In the past, once a state began accepting waste shipments, it was nearly impossible to restrict the amount or type of trash which was transported to its landfills. Under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution it takes legislation by Congress to restrict international waste shipments.

The International Waste Bill permits each state to set initial regulations for imported international trash. In addition, the bill requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a more long-term process that considers: 1) the views of the state; 2) the impact of the shipment on recycling programs as well as landfill capacity, air emissions and road deterioration; and 3) the impact of the waste on homeland security, public health and the environment.

"I have long held that states should be able to say how much and what type of trash is accepted in the landfills they paid for and permitted. This is an issue which affects national security, public health, and environmental quality and our states and communities deserve the right to protect themselves," Gillmor said. "This bill sends a message

to the world that the U.S. is not going to be their wastebasket."

According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service, the State of Ohio is the fourth largest importer of municipal solid waste in America with a net import of more than one and a half million tons of trash. The largest amount of foreign waste is disposed of in Michigan, which receives more than 4 million tons of trash from Ontario, Canada each year. Gillmor says that while Ohio's trash comes mainly from other states, the importing of foreign waste only adds to the already overburdened system.

"There is a domino effect of filling Michigan's landfills with foreign waste which has crippling results on the surrounding states and required federal action," Gillmor said. "If our states were given the authority to regulate the amount of waste imported from Canada, it could reduce the amount of trash exported to Ohio. My

fear is that because landfill space is an irrecoverable resource, as our states become overloaded with foreign trash, other states will have to fill the void," Gillmor concluded.

After passing the House unanimously, H.R. 518, the International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007, awaits debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before it can be forwarded to the President for his signature.


GRANT'S TO DONATE PERCENTAGE OF SALES FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

Local business owner Linda Grant of Wedding Dreams and Grant's Catering has graciously donated \$2.00 from every adult meal sold on Sunday, May 20, 2007 to Paulding County Relay For Life team, "Marathon Mom's" to help with the fight against cancer. Linda's donation is truly appreciated.

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NOTED AUTHOR TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark your calendars for May 22, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. if you are interested in history. Why? That is when award-winning author, Louis A. Simonis, will be the speaker at the John Paulding Historical Society located on Fairground Drive in Paulding.

The author of *Maumee River, 1835*, Mr. Simonis has pursued history related activities all his life including archaeology in the Maumee Valley and in Arizona. He is a life member of the Defiance Co. Historical Society and is concerned with historic preservation. He is a Defiance College graduate and has served as historical consultant to various publications. Among his credits is the discovery of a pre-historic Indian village site, while with John Wurst and James Hoeffel.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear and speak with this noted author and to purchase his book which was named "best regional history" by the Ohio Assoc. of Historical Societies.

—Cara L. Strahley, JPHS Secretary

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With obesity being a leading contributor to more serious diseases such as heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, etc. we are extremely excited to be able to offer this service locally.

Each participant is provided with an individually tailored program designed to help them in reaching realistic weight loss goals and in maintaining a healthy weight.

Participants must be at least 50 pounds or 30 percent over-weight or have other medical problems related to obesity.

The program is divided into three phases. During phase one, patients receive behavioral, nutritional, and exercise counseling. In addition, Optifast nutritional supplements are used during these 12 weeks.

For the next eight weeks patients transition back to food while continuing to learn about behavior, nutrition, and exercise.

The last phase, which lasts for 26 weeks, emphasizes long-term weight management through positive lifestyle choices.

For more information, or to schedule a free consultation, call (260) 435-7844 and ask about the Weight Management Center at Community Memorial Hospital.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "CHAMBER CHATTER"

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce would like to remind you of two upcoming events that we are working on for the community.

In June, the annual "town-wide garage sales" will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. Plan your sale, put a sign out, and join the fun! The Chamber will be advertising in area newspapers about the sales in general. There's no sign-up necessary to be included.

On August 11, we will again sponsor Day in the Park. We have planned for a car show, a big 50/50 raffle, a full slate of entertainment, plenty of different kinds of food, games, and a craft/flea market area for your enjoyment. Anyone wishing to participate in any of these areas, please call the Chamber at 258-1722 and leave us your name and an address where information can be mailed to you. Specify the area that you are interested in. The set-up fees are minimal. Organizational or groups needing a fund raising project are all welcome.

This will also be the day that the Chamber's 2007 Christmas ornament will go on sale. We are happy to announce that this year the A & W Drive-in will be featured on the ornament.

The Chamber of Commerce currently has 60 members from Antwerp and area businesses, the churches, service organizations, and individuals who all work very hard to make these events possible. Plan now to come out and enjoy our efforts.

HOOPS FOR HEART TURNS OVER SUM FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION



The annual Hoops for Heart contest was held on Wednesday, April 25, at Antwerp Local School. Students from the middle school and high school raised and donated money so that they could participate in or watch the event. The students raised a total of \$3,602.10, with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association in honor of Jason Reeb, a 1991 graduate of Antwerp High School. Students, such as the ones

pictured in the above photographs, had to raise \$30 per team to be able to participate in the contest. This year, over 30 teams signed up for the competition. The high school winning team consisted of junior Boston Hormann, junior Bob Bragg, and senior Tom Derck. The middle school winning team included eighth graders Dillon Sensabaugh, Logan Lucas, and Jordan Koppenhofer.

AMERICA'S HEROES

Record A Veteran's Story

(NAPSA)—A national volunteer effort, started by a unanimous vote in the U.S. Congress, has been collecting the oral histories of America's war veterans. Over the last six years, the Veterans History Project (VHP), which is part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, has collected more than 45,000 firsthand recollections—an impressive number. But it's only a fraction of the over 17 million stories the Project would like to add to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress.

This collection of stories of valor, sacrifice and love is unique in that it has been assembled by volunteers from all across the country. The stories become part of our nation's recorded history and are available to anyone who wants to share or learn from these reminiscences—either in person or online.

As an interviewer, you are, in essence, a volunteer historian, recording a story that you're unlikely to get from a textbook or a typical historical account. And just as important, you are honoring our veterans by taking time to learn about their experiences as combatants or civilians who worked in jobs in direct support of our armed



forces. It's as easy as having a conversation—only you're recording it on audio- or videotape and maybe even gathering collections of letters, photographs or other historical documents.

You can become a volunteer historian and a part of this important program. Just go to VHP's Web site and learn step by step how to get involved. All it takes is a few hours of your time and your desire to honor a veteran. Start with veterans in your extended family. Record their stories; make a copy for the Library of Congress and your own family archives. Become a part of the Veterans History Project and become a part of history. It's a wonderful way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the men and women who have given so much to their nation.

Visit VHP at www.loc.gov/vets, e-mail vohp@loc.gov or call the toll-free message line at 888-371-5848.

ART FAIR AT ANTWERP SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

On May 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. the Antwerp and Wayne Trace Art and Music Departments will present an Art Fair at Antwerp School gymnasium. The public is invited to come browse through the various art projects and hear instrumental and choral selections.

The fair will highlight the artistic endeavors of elementary, middle school and high school students and showcase the variety of ways students can become involved in the arts in their public schools. Come for a few minutes or an hour, early or late, just come and support the young talent in our county.

ANTWERP PTO NEWS

It has been quite a while since we have had a column in the paper, but that does not mean we have not been hard at work.

Each child should have received a blue sheet that mentions Teacher Appreciation Week. (May 7 - May 11) We are asking that the kids take the time to thank their teachers for the hard work and time that they spend helping them. They can draw a picture for them or use his paper to write a note on. Bring it back to school and give it to them that week. We, the PTO, want to thank the teachers also and hope that the parents out there will do the same.

Plans are underway for the Spring Carnival we are having this year in May during the school hours. The theme will be Under the Sea. I know the kids are looking forward to this and so are we. A lot of

work is being done to make this a really great event.

We are also getting ready for Field Day in May. The PTO will be providing sunscreen for the kids and popsicles and a couple of surprises. Field Day for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade will be May 22 and Field Day for 4th, 5th and 6th grade will be on May 21. Parents, especially of the younger kids, try to make the time to come and watch them have fun.

We have also picked the company we will be using for our fund-raiser next year. Look for some new items next year, as well as, some of the oldies but still goodies.

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Ec Room at the school. Please come and see what you have been missing.

—Tianne Pendergrast, Antwerp Elementary, PTO president

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Shining Star clubs receive many benefits from the designation, including window decals, Website identification, use of the Shining Star logo in their advertising, staff ID pins, and special recognition at corporate events.

"Those clubs that provide excellent service while observing impeccable business standards deserve to be recognized for their efforts," said Gilman. "Our goal is for every Curves to be a Shining Star Club."

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Saturday evening, April 28, arriving in anything from limousines to tractors, parents, grandparents and relatives lined up to see their favorite star arrive and walk the red carpet. Grant's Reception Hall was transformed into a Hollywood night complete with Oscar and lights with

movie posters covering the walls, where everyone was a star.

The "stars" enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and they danced to D. J. Sound Productions from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. The King and Queen Court was presented and everyone took home mugs and

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- **Cultivate character**—Use accents like birdbaths, water features, sundials, antique tools, benches, outdoor art, trellises or sculpture, or simply put some of your plants in big pots to add another dimension to your horticultural collection.
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OUR BACKYARD PART 2

By: Rose Kever
If you remember, a couple of years ago, one of my stories was about the wildlife in our backyard. Well, things have changed out there since then (Ah-h, our ever changing nature).

We had to move our garden to another spot. The best guess we have is the weeping willow has sapped everything out of the soil, and hardly anything will grow over there, except the weeds. We're going to plant grass seed and see if it will grow. If not, we'll have to pour a big slab of cement and paint it green!

The little chipmunks that lived in the wood pile are gone. 'Someone' trapped them in live traps, took them away, and turned them loose somewhere. I guess when it comes to chippies eating your flower bulbs and living harmoniously with us—something had to go, and since no one has moved, I guess it had to be them. It does make me sad though. I enjoyed watching them scamper around the yard and hearing their chattering.

We haven't seen many land critters back there so far, except for the 'millions' of rabbits that live under our shed. I'll say one thing, it's been a very productive spring for the rabbit population!!

Our two youngest grandchildren, Hailey and Seth, who are both two years old, think the rabbits are great. After all, not every grandma has the "Easter Bunny" living in her backyard!

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD IN GROVER HILL

On Sunday, April 22, 2007, Boy Scout Troop 64 of Grover Hill conducted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Nathan Tumblin at the Middle Creek United Methodist Church.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Scoutmaster Mike Lassiter. The opening flag ceremony had the colors posted by members of Troop 64 followed with the invocation by Rev. Bill Sherry. Tina Mead welcomed all guests. The candle lit ceremony called the Eagle Trail was narrated by members of Troop 64.

Eagle Scout Paul Suvar gave the Eagle Charge. George Suvar led the presentation; Nathan was presented with his Eagle neckerchief and badge. Nathan presented an Eagle pin to his Mom and a tie tac to his Dad.

Nathan's Eagle project was at Grover Hill Welcome Park where he supervised the scraping and re-painting of a swing set, removed a basketball backstop along with scraping, re-painting and repairing the roof of a shelter house.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank a scout can earn in Boy Scouts. Nationally only about three percent of all boys entering boy scouts ever achieve this rank.

Rev. Sherry closed with the Benediction and Troop 64 color guard retired the colors. A reception followed in the fellowship area.

Nathan is the son of Irvin and Gloria Tumblin and is currently in the eighth grade at Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School.

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PAULDING WRESTLING CLUB AWARDS BANQUET RESULTS

The Paulding Wrestling Club held their annual awards banquet on April 27, 2007 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds in the Leadership Building. The club attended 12 tournaments this year and had several wrestlers attend tournaments at the state and national level.

The club would also like to announce the retirement of Head Coach Tim Sholl. Tim dedicated about 20 years of his time to the club. His dedication to the club will definitely be missed.

The awards were as follows:

Most Outstanding Mouseon Tournament - Reilly Heater, John Hasch
Most Outstanding Napoleon Tournament - Nathan Heater, Adam Deatricks
Most Outstanding Carrey Tournament - Charles Thomas

Most Outstanding Heidelberg Tournament - Lorenzo Salinas

Most Outstanding Ottawa-Glandorf Tournament - Cierra Hasch, Dominic Joyner

Most Outstanding Ayersville Tournament - Darion Tracy, Jacob Taylor

Most Outstanding Springfield (Toledo) Tournament - Logan Shaner

Most Outstanding Archbold Tournament - Ethan Letso, Kaleb Becker

Most Outstanding Edgerton Tournament - Dylan Laney, Taylor Deatricks

Most Outstanding Wayne Trace Tournament - Robbie Bowers, Caleb Shultz

Most Outstanding Paulding Tournament - Logan Hasch, Dylan Gamble

Most Outstanding Nelsonville Tournament - Brandon Laney, Dustin Taylor

Girls Nationals 4th Place and Indiana State 1st place - Sidney Salinas

Ohio Tournament of Champions 2nd place - Robbie Bowers, 74 pound weight class

Most Improved - (Age 6 and Under) Cierra Hasch, (Age 7 & 8) Caleb Shultz, (Age 9 & 10) Dominic Joyner, (Age 11 & Up) Taylor Deatricks

Coaches Award - Trevor Domina

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. WOODLAN (IN)

The Raiders were dominated on Monday night April 23, by the Warriors of Woodlan by the score of 15-2. The Raiders seemed to have an off night at the plate, only connecting for two hits, both by Sophomores, Sara Priest and Renee Bidlack. The Warriors were able to capitalize on the Raiders off night, connecting for 14 hits off Sophomore pitcher Shelby Critten.

Leading hitters for Woodlan, C Neal, going 3-3 with a double and two singles and two RBI's and J Randoff, going 3-4 with two singles and an RBI. J Randoff picked up the victory going 2 2/3 innings. Shelby Critten picked up the loss going four innings, giving up 14 hits, one walk and recording two strike outs.

Score by inning: Wayne Trace - 0 0 2 0 0 x x; with 2 runs, 2 hits, and 3 errors.

Woodlan - 2 10 3 0 x x x; with 15 runs, 14 hits, and 1 error.

11TH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

On Friday, May 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Porter Auction will be hosting a "Get Sold on St. Jude Kids Benefit Auction". Many businesses and individuals from the tri-state area have donated items. Among the items to be auctioned off are: NASCAR items, car washes, oil changes, motel gift certificates, pheasant hunt by R&K Ranch, microwave, 13" TV with DVD, blinds, outdoor light fixtures, 6 ft. lighthouses, second store escape ladder, 10x10 canopy, 5 speed mini drill press, china cabinet, tools, Ohio State touch lamp, Ohio State and Michigan lawn signs, tickets to "Tecumseh" drama, Abercrombie & Fitch new shirts, Fridgidaire washer & dryer set (like new, used only about one month), used electric stove, used microwave, large doll house, Bisque dove figurines, newspaper subscriptions, pizzas, Subway, groceries, food, and many misc. items.

We will be taking donations until the auction starts. So you can still donate and help the sick kids at St. Jude.

Come out and support this worthwhile cause. Refreshment stand will be available. Last year we raised \$5,517.95 and we would like to meet or beat that amount.

Also we will be having a Chinese cake auction. The cakes have been donated by Chief of Paulding. This is always a fun and crazy time. Come bring your dollar bills and see how much we can sell these cakes for.

A 50/50 cash drawing will be held as well the night of the auction.

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You asked for it, now we're offering it. How many times have you looked around your house and thought, "I should sell this on E-Bay"? The Paulding County Carnegie Library will be holding a very basic "Sell it on E-Bay" class on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The class will be held in the Gates Computer Lab at the main library and will be limited to ten people. There is no charge for this computer class, but advance registration is required. Participants must possess basic web navigating skills. For more information, or to pre-register, call the library at 419-399-2032.

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Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

In 1998, the Ohio Attorney General and the attorneys general of 45 other states entered into the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), an agreement with the five largest tobacco manufacturers that ended a legal battle between the states and the tobacco industry; the states had sued to recover money spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses. The agreement called for the states to share in more than \$200 billion over 20 years. Ohio's share of this settlement was more than \$10 billion.

Ohio uses its money from the MSA in several areas: law enforcement enhancements, education technology, providing economic alternatives to tobacco growers, public health priorities, education facilities and programs that focus on tobacco use prevention and cessation. In addition, the Legislature created the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation in 2001, an agency tasked with reducing tobacco use by Ohioans and funded with MSA dollars.

Unfortunately, in recent years, money that was supposed to go to the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation and other organizations trying to reduce smoking rates has been used for other purposes. Now, the governor has submitted a proposal that would all but eliminate funding for these organizations.

Included in the governor's budget is a proposal that would securitize Ohio's remaining tobacco settlement money. Under securitization, the state would sell its rights to the revenue stream generated from the tobacco settlement payments for a one-time payment of about \$5 billion.

The governor plans to use the money obtained through securitization to pay off debt and for the construction of school facilities, with money from the debt savings going toward a property tax reduction for all Ohio seniors.

Although I am in favor of tax reductions, the plan to securitize Ohio's tobacco funds troubles me because none of the funding would go towards anti-smoking efforts. If this does not change, the Ohio Tobacco Foundation will run out of funding in the coming years and we will lose a major player in the effort to help our citizens become tobacco free.

Ohio entered into the Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco companies to help offset the damage caused by tobacco use – not as a way to raise money for unrelated issues. While law enforcement and education are certainly important to our communities, the rising cost of tobacco use, from lost productivity to rising health care costs, cannot be ignored. In addition, a recent poll indicated that a majority of Ohioans support dedicating a portion of the revenue gained from securitization to tobacco prevention programs.

Our state has made significant progress over the years in helping people quit smoking and preventing younger individuals from starting to smoke. I believe we should take care not to jeopardize these trends by taking money away from organizations that focus on these issues.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on any of the matters we discuss here at the Statehouse. I can be reached by phone at (614) 466-3760, by e-mail at district75@ohr.state.oh.us or by writing me, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann, 77 South High Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

AUGLAIZE VILLAGE SETS 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AuGlaize Village, located on Krouse Road, three miles west of Defiance and one mile south of US 24 is busy preparing for its 2007 season.

Besides its special event weekends, the historic village will be open more weekends. These dates are the second and fourth weekends, May through October, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The first big event of the year is the Black Swamp Steam and Gas Show and Flea Market, on June 9 and 10. Registrations for the flea market, the antique tractor pull and engines need to be in by June 1. Contact people for the flea market is Tommy and Daisy Farley at 419-399-5023; for the antique tractor pull is Ron Goller at 419-784-1445; and for the engines is Jim Rath at 419-542-6565.

New this year at AuGlaize Village is the Herb and Art Faire, which was formerly held at Pontiac Park in Defiance. It will be Saturday, July 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Craft items, plants and art are the major focus of this event and those wishing to be a part of it should contact Kim Buchholtz at 419-428-2008.

Other regular events at AuGlaize Village are:

NOB Hammer-In will be held May 4-6. This will be open only to those interested in learning or improving their skills in blacksmithing. Contact Mel Hoch at 419-395-1314 for registration and/or questions.

A Car Show will take place on July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be classic, custom rods, trucks and antique cars on display this day. Call 419-782-7255 for more information.

A Hobo Supper will be held July 28 at 6:00 p.m. Join the Civil War re-enactors for an open fire iron kettle stew.

Civil War Days will be coming July 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. Sights and sounds of the American Civil War are recreated. There will be Union and Confederate troops encamped at the Village with a special visit from Teddy Roosevelt.

Johnny Appleseed happens later this year on October 6 and 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy the nostalgia of apple butter and sorghum molasses making, tractor pulls, train rides, flea market, pioneer craft demonstrations, and a pre-1840 encampment.

October 19 and 20 from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. come enjoy a Halloween and Lantern Tour. This is a guided tour of a haunted village. Dare to ride the terror train.

LOCAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUPPORTS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Paulding County Relay for Life will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, May 10 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Oakwood American Legion Hall.

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PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION AND SMOKE FREE WORKPLACE ACT UPDATES

Immunization will not be given at the Paulding County Health Department on Monday, May 7 nor will there be late hours from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for immunizations. The nurses will be at Paulding's kindergarten clinic for school immunizations.

An informational meeting concerning the Smoke Free Workplace Act will be held at the Paulding County Health Department on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. We will go over the approved rules and answer any questions you may have. Local enforcement of the Smoke Free Workplace Act will begin on May 3, 2007. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Paulding County Health Department is located at 800 East Perry Street in Paulding. This meeting is open to the public.

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