

KING/QUEEN AND PRINCE/PRINCESS OF RELAY FOR LIFE TO BE CROWNED ON JUNE 2

The King/Queen and Prince/Princess of Relay for Life will be crowned on June 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

Again this year there will be two categories with children ages 3-5 and 6-9 years old. Children will be asked a few questions and then judged by their answer and appearance.

Donated prizes will be awarded to the King, Queen, Prince and Princess and the first runners up. All participants will receive a gift from Marathon Moms. The fee to enter the contest will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Registration forms may be picked up at your local library or the Village Apothecary. Should you have any questions please contact Sue Young at 419-399-2380 or Jayme Landers at 419-506-1913.

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PAULDING MASTER GARDENER TO HOST PLANT SALE

PAULDING, OHIO—The Paulding County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 during the Paulding Garage Sale Days. Betty DeLaet will be hosting the plant sale at her home located at 902 Kay Nora St. Items being offered for sale this year include flowers, vegetable plants, and other plant items. Please direct all questions and phone calls to the Paulding County OSU Extension Office at 419-399-8225.

ANTWERP WINS FIRST ROUND OF SECTIONALS IN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

On Thursday, May 10, the Antwerp Boys Baseball team took a swing at the boys of Delphos St. John's and hit it out of the park. Winning the first round of sectionals they return to the field tonight at Coldwater High School to pit themselves against Ft. Recovery. Their game will begin after the 4:15 game.

PAULDING FFA ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION



Paulding County was well represented at the State FFA Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, the first weekend in May 2007, where five students of Paulding FFA Advisor, Sarah Noggle, were awarded their State FFA Degrees in an impressive ceremony in the Ohio Expo Center.

All five agreed that the rigorous requirements to achieve the State Degree are well worth doing as they all feel there is a definite future for agriculture in Ohio. Before the application process can be started, these hard-working students completed 360 hours of school instruction in ag education, as well as earning at least \$1,000, or working at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time (or a combination thereof) in a supervised agricultural experience program.

In addition, a speech presentation, participation in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level, and maintaining an excellent scholastic record are among the requirements.

To have five students earn their State Degrees

speaks especially well of their advisor, Mrs. Noggle. She has been the FFA advisor at Paulding High School for seven years, and has the "right stuff" to motivate her students. It is clear they think highly of her and are inspired by her to do their best.

Amber Gebers includes serving on the finance committee and Jr. Fair Board, as well as singing with the State FFA Choir and helping run the kiddie tractor pull at the Fair some of her memorable activities in FFA. She also works on her family farm and grooms her grandmother's yard and garden. She intends to attend Ohio State in the Business Adm. program.

David Fickel has FFA "in his blood" as he is following in his father's footsteps by earning his State Degree. He raises market hogs, helps on his family's farm and works for a local turkey processor. His plans include college, working toward a medical degree.

Elizabeth Gottke's two terms as chapter secretary and performing with the All-Ohio FFA Band, as well

as representing her chapter on the Jr. Fair Board have kept her very busy. She also raises turkeys to show at the County Fair. Her plans after high school are to attend the OH State Beauty Academy and possibly have her own business.

Jerrod Knodel knows machinery and uses them by plowing snow in the winter, mowing lawns, as well as spreading fertilizer and landscaping area yards. He's in his second term as chapter treasurer and participates in a variety of chapter activities. Studying criminal justice at Ohio State after high school is in his future plans.

Caleb Schlatter helps farm more than 1,000 acres with his dad, and helps care for some 2,000 hogs on the family farm along with raising dairy feeder calves for the Fair. He is very active in all aspects of his chapter, and is in his third term as a chapter officer. He's looking forward to majoring in ag business at Ohio State.

All five interviewees agree that without the assistance of their sponsors and family, they would not have been able to excel in their chosen field of endeavor.

—Cara L. Strahley

PAULDING COUNTY PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE "MOST AFFORDABLE" HOLDS NEXT MEETING

The Paulding County Promotional Committee will hold the next "Most Affordable" meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Paulding County Extension Building at 7:00 p.m. All those interested in the promotion and improvement of Paulding County are invited and encouraged to attend.

CORRECTION

The directions for the Pioneer Christian Ministries Food Pantry was posted incorrectly in the April 25 issue of the West Bend News.

The food pantry is located in the old Blue Creek Church on County Rd. 108 at the corner of SR 637 just north of SR 613.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS AND PATRONS OF THE WEST BEND NEWS

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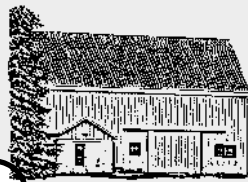
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth C. Walden, 88, formerly of Bryan, died at his home in Silver Springs, MD on May 6, 2007.

He was born on November 7, 1918 in Farmer, Ohio the son of Carl C. and Gladys T. (Cook) Walden.

He was a 1936 graduate of Farmer High School. He married Frances Spaulding in 1950 in Newville, Indiana. She preceded him in death.

He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran and a member of Farmer American Legion post 137. He was a machinist at The Aro Corporation, Bryan, for 35 years. He retired in 1981.

He is survived by a son, Dane A. Walden of Silver Springs, MD; two step-sons: Samuel F. Haines of Bouverde, TX and David Haines of Palmetto, FL; six step-grandchildren; eleven step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Eldean) Yarger of Edgerton, OH.

He was preceded in death by his wife; three brothers: Gaylord, Arthur, and Roland.

Funeral services were at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, on May 11 with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was at Farmer

Cemetery, Farmer, OH with military honors by Farmer American Legion Post 137. Preferred memorials to American Heart Association or Kidney Foundation.

Gloria Jean Williams, 75, of Scott, died May 10, 2007 at the Van Crest Health Care Center, Van Wert, OH where she had been a patient for one month.

She was born October 15, 1931 in Detroit, MI the daughter of Benjamin and Edna (Sholes) Harlow. On July 22, 1961 she married Ralph K. Williams, who survives. She was a member of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, Payne.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Williams of Scott; three sons: Ben Williams and Robert (Karen) Williams both of Payne, and Barry (Sandi) Williams of Atoka, TN; four daughters: Linda (Tom) Carlisle and Jean (Jerry Sr.) Mobley both of Paulding, and Barbara Mattson of Payne and Diana (Stephan) Garrod, Tampa, FL; a brother, Charles (Ivy) Harlow of Moore, OK; 26 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Brian Williams; two grandsons: Joey

and Christopher Williams; and two brothers: Arthur and Robert Harlow.

Funeral services were May 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Rev. Jim Langham officiating. Burial was in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice.



Mable I. Simpson, 81, of Paulding, died May 10, 2007 at her residence.

She was born March 31, 1926 in Blue Creek Township, Paulding County, the daughter of William and Sophia M. (Dunham) Hartwick. On June 5, 1947 she married Robert I. Simpson, who survives.

She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Rachel Circle, Paulding, John Paulding Historical Society, Cecil Grange #2735, Crane Farm Women's Club, Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary, and Gideon's International.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Simpson of Paulding; two sons: Kenneth R. (Dee) Simpson of Cecil and Charles E. (Susan) Simpson of Cecil; two daughters: Delores K. (Joe) Howell of Convoy and Cathy L. (Tim) Callahan of Maumee; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Charles and Otto Hartwick; and two sisters: Elsie and Estie Sinn.

Funeral services were May 15 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding with Rev. Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church; John Paulding Historical Society; Gideon's International or Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary; or Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

VANTAGE BOARD VISITS RACE STREET RENOVATION HOUSE

After the pledge of allegiance and roll call for the regular May meeting, the Vantage Board of Education visited the Race Street Renovation project to see the progress made by the Building & Grounds Maintenance class. The interior of the house has been gutted and re-framed, a new roof and new windows have been installed, and there is now a new front porch with newly poured concrete.

The treasurer's report included the approval of the March 29, 2007 regular board meeting minutes and the financial statements for the month of March, 2007. The board also approved resolutions to amend the FY07 appropriations and revenues and to approve the updated 5 year forecast.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Mercer welcomed Superintendent-elect Staci Kaufman, who then addressed the board. Director Bob Vennekotter gave the director's update, which included information about the Carpentry House Open House scheduled for Saturday, May 19, OCAP testing, interviews for the Cosmetology opening and the recent lunch program inspection. Principal Keith Rydell reported that all entry year teachers have passed the Entry Year Program and those who have received their Praxis III results have passed. He also reported on the recent Vantage Bloodmobile and GOALS field trip for 75 students. Steve Peters presented information on the new 3-D Rapid Prototype machine, which converts computerized designs from AutoCad and Solid Works software into three dimensional polypropylene prototype parts. It is anticipated that students in Precision Machining, Interactive Media, Industrial Mechanics and Electricity will utilize this equipment. Adult Workforce Education director Jim Grant provided the board with information on spring courses and adult activities.

In new business, the board:

—Approved employment of the following employees: Mike Knott, math teacher and Mary Ann Hall, Robert Hall, G. Marie Bentz and Karen McGilton, all summer maintenance;

—Approved extended service contracts for the following: Adam Lee, Marcia Osenga, Dee Howell, MaryJo Wilhelm, Susan Farr, Jim Fisher, Vern Fischer, Pam Knodel, Shirley Jarvis, Jennifer Waltz, Pat Winicker, Roger Ruen, Larry Mengerink, Tammy Deitsch, Cindy Krizan;

—Approved stipends for curriculum development to Duane Sheets, Alisha Coplin, Tony Francis, Theresa Mengerink, Adam Lee, Marcia Osenga, Cindy Krizan, Pat Winicker, Linda McKitterick, Nancy Moore, Linda Bales, Bob Hall, Robin Burns, Amy Grothouse, Barb Huber, Marty Bishman, Roger Ruen, Theresa Ratliff-Dotter, Laura Stocksdale, Larry Ray, Linda Morris, Kristy Bidlack, Susan Gertsen, Beth Evans;

—Authorized payment of stipends for staff development to Barb Huber, Amy Grothouse, Duane Sheets, Alisha Coplin, Tony Francis, Rachael Harpel, Kristy Bidlack, Robin Burns, Jean Minnig, Kelly Hilvers, Mike Knott, Kari Druckemiller, Robert Hall, Linda Bales, Linda McKitterick, Steve Peters, Marcia Osenga, Larry Ray, Roger Ruen, Mary Ann Falk, Theresa Ratliff-Dotterer, So-

nya Yenser-Hammon, Laura Stocksdale, Beth Evans, Theresa Mengerink, Adam Lee, Mary Ann Hall, Cindy Krizan, Pat Winicker and Susan Farr;

—Approved employment of the following Adult Education instructors, as needed, as scheduled: Jeremy Wenning, Jennifer Moody, William Good, Linda Morris, Susan Barnhart and Barb Showalter;

—Accepted the resignation of Marty Bishman, junior Cosmetology instructor effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year;

—Approved a resolution revising the classification of educational aide/lunch cashier and its job description;

—Authorized the superintendent to request August 21 as a waiver day for staff development;

—Authorized the Superintendent to enter into a purchase agreement for a building lot for the school's 2007-2008 house construction project;

—Accepted with thanks a \$250 donation from Grief Brothers towards student expenses for national BPA conference and a \$675 donation from the Lima Area Club of Printing House Craftsmen towards the Interactive Media program.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vantage science lab.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES IN GROVER HILL

Observance of Memorial Day in the Grover Hill area is being planned by the members of Grover Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2873 and its Ladies Auxiliary for Monday, May 28.

Starting the day off will be a free-will offering Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Serving will be from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the post all on South Main Street in Grover Hill. The public is invited to attend and spend some time visiting with neighbors. Takeouts will also be available.

At 11:00 a.m. the Post and Auxiliary will be holding Memorial Day services at the veterans' monument located in the Middle Creek Cemetery southeast of Grover Hill. The Wayne Trace Band, under the leadership of band director Michael Archinal, will be providing music for the event, and veteran Dennis Hanneman of Kalida will be presenting the Memorial address. Also planning to participate are members of Boy Scout Troop #64.

Our veterans fought for the rights and liberties we enjoy each day. Memorial Day gives our citizens an opportunity to show appreciation for their sacrifices (some giving the ultimate sacrifice) by taking time from our holiday week-end to pay special tribute.

The Paulding County Chamber of Commerce as Part of John Paulding Days is having a Church Music Trailer on Saturday, June 9th.

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400 Relay - Paulding, Antwerp, Ayersville, Fairview, Continental

1600 Sprint Medley - Continental, Paulding, Antwerp, Fairview, Ayersville

Weightwoman's Relay - Wayne Trace, Fairview, Paulding, Antwerp, Continental

800 Sprint Medley - Ayersville, Paulding, Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Fairview

3200 Relay - Continental, Ayersville, Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Paulding

Shuttle Hurdles - Ayersville, Fairview

800 Relay - Antwerp, Ayersville, Fairview, Wayne Trace, Continental

Distance Medley - Ayersville, Continental, Wayne Trace, Antwerp, Paulding

1600 Relay - Continental, Paulding, Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Ayersville

Pole Vault - Fairview, Paulding

Shot Put - Paulding, Ayersville, Fairview, Continental, Antwerp

Discus - Paulding, Ayersville, Wayne Trace, Continental, Antwerp

Long Jump - Continental, Paulding, Fairview, Wayne Trace, Antwerp

High Jump - Paulding, Continental, Antwerp, Fairview

Boys Team Scores - Paulding 102, Ayersville 100, Fairview 86, Antwerp 76, Continental 60, Wayne Trace 20

6400 Relay - Fairview, Ayersville, Continental, Antwerp, Paulding

400 Relay - Paulding, Ayersville, Antwerp, Wayne Trace, Fairview

1600 Sprint Medley - Continental, Fairview, Paulding, Antwerp, Ayersville

Weightman's Relay - Antwerp, Ayersville, Paulding, Continental, Fairview

800 Sprint Medley - Paulding, Ayersville, Wayne Trace, Antwerp, Fairview

3200 Relay - Fairview, Ayersville, Antwerp, Continental, Paulding

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Discus - Ayersville, Paulding, Fairview, Continental, Antwerp

Pole Vault - Paulding, Ayersville, Fairview, Antwerp, Continental

High Jump - Fairview, Antwerp, Paulding

Shot Put - Ayersville, Paulding, Fairview, Continental, Antwerp

Long Jump - Ayersville, Continental, Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace

ZINSER - NICHOLSON



Russ and Mary Zinser proudly announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jessica Rose, to Trenton Lloyd, son of Kathy Nicholson.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Antwerp High School. She is employed by

the Teaching Tree in Fort Wayne. Her fiance is a 2004 alumnus of Heritage High School (Monroeville, IN). He is employed by Schrock Drywall, Inc.

The ceremony will be held on June 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 25 and Monday, April 30, 2007.

Becky Suvar, Waste Management Education & Awareness (WMEA), met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, April 25, to present her funding proposal for the carryover dollars from 2006 allocated to Paulding County by the Four County Joint Solid Waste District. Ms. Suvar recently learned of Paulding County's \$33,645.46 fund distribution from Tim Houck, Coordinator of Four County Joint Solid Waste District, serving Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties. Her proposal included a summer litter crew, purchase a new recycle trailer, purchase 100 recycling totes for schools and new businesses, and purchase a larger recycling van. Ms. Suvar explained the Four County Joint Solid Waste District operates very efficiently, utilizing grant funds to manage and recycle solid waste.

The Commissioners continue to work very closely with Sheriff Harrow, Paulding County Auditor Susan Simpson, and the Board of Elections Director Jan Commers on the proposed tax levy for the maintaining and operating of the new jail. The levy will be on the fall ballot. A Jail Levy Promotion Committee has been formed to better educate the public on this very important issue. The Committee had its first organizational meeting Tuesday, April 24. Anyone wishing for additional information may contact any Commissioner or Committee chairman Ron Lane.

Mr. Kevin Burns, Wells Fargo Insurance Company agent, spent most of the day

Wednesday enrolling county employees for the new health and life insurance program to be effective June 1, 2007. The county's Insurance Committee recently opted to change from a fully-funded policy to partially self-funded policy. This decision came after several meetings and much deliberation. It is the Committee's desire to be able to keep annual increases in premiums to a minimum without compromising benefit coverage.

Monday morning, the Commissioners reviewed Co Rd 179 where a portion of the west side of the road has experienced sliding into the Auglaize River. Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey, closed that portion of the road until repairs can be made to stabilize the road.

Jane Gray, Director of MR/DD, informed the Commissioners on their program updates on Monday. She gave information on program calendar for 2007-2008. The PC Workshop is currently planning a 30th Anniversary Celebration in August. She reports the last day of school at Parc Lane is May 31.

Monday afternoon the Commissioners attended the Four County Solid Waste District held in the Economic Development conference room. Reports were given by each participating county's Waste Management Education and Awareness directors.

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.

PAULDING PTO SERVES TEACHERS "FIRST CLASS LUNCH"

The Paulding Elementary PTO wanted to show the staff that they appreciated all of their hard work and dedications, so they served them a "first class" lunch on Thursday during Right to Read week.

In keeping with the week's theme of "Launch into Reading", the PTO transformed the elementary library to resemble the first class atmosphere of an airplane. Elementary librarian Ann Wilhelm says she feels delighted every year that the organizers put so much effort into creating an elegant luncheon. "They always do something with the food and decorations to go along with the theme," says Wilhelm.

This year the teachers' invitations were fashioned after airline boarding passes, and they were greeted at the door with sparkling apple juice. Once seated, they were served a box lunch and a bowl of soup. For the duration of their "flight", they were encouraged to enjoy their lunch and the fellowship of other teachers.

Fourth grade teacher Randi Jones said that she

was waiting for the seat belt, seat flotation and oxygen mask presentation from the "stewardesses."

"Everything from the invitation, to the presentation, to the food," said elementary secretary Sue Arend, "was first class." First grade teacher Sarah Deisler said that Joanie Mott, who organizes the lunch, and her "crew" spoil the teachers.

Mott says that the effort is worth it for the teacher's morale. "When they say 'thank you', we say, 'no, thank you.'"

"This is the highlight of the year," said special education teacher Emily Miller.

Kindergarten teacher Judy Mumma said that the luncheon was "better than first class."

"Paulding Elementary had a very nice flight," said elementary aide Sandi Vance.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RAFFLE WINNERS

Oakwood Library Association announces 300 Club winners, drawn at their recent meeting. Winning \$50. were Eva Wellman and Connie Warner, while Donna Roughton and Jennifer VanCleve each won \$100.

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT BUS SAFETY



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers learned about bus safety and courtesy recently. Mr. Jeff Strahley (transportationsupervisor at Paulding Exempted Village Schools and a past preschool dad) came in and talked to the children about how to be safe on a bus. Then, Mrs. Kathy Manz took the children for a ride over to visit kindergarten! While there, Mrs. Jan Kohart showed

the children around and introduced them to the other kindergarten teachers and staff. We had a great time!

Shown here in front are: Darrick Bowersox, Austin Bidlack and Gracie Burtch. In back are Mr. Strahley and Mrs. Manz. These children are in the morning class of four and young five year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 2, and Monday, May 7, 2007.

Monday afternoon, April 30, Paulding County hosted the Four County Solid Waste District meeting, which includes Paulding, Fulton, Williams, and Defiance Counties. The meeting was held at Paulding County Economic Development conference room. It was decided to distribute \$33,645.00 to each of the four counties' solid waste programs. This money was awarded as a one-time conservation grant to the Four County Solid Waste District.

Board of Election's representatives; Jan Commers, Brenda Crawford, and Tony Langham met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, May 2. Discussion focused on storage of the new electronic voting machines and the increasing costs incurred to insure fair and accurate elections. Mr. Langham serves on the Board of Directors and he commended both Commers and Crawford for their efforts in running efficient elections.

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, also met with the Commissioners on Wednesday to discuss the progress on repairing CR 179, stating work had already begun. CR 179 had to be closed due to a sixty-five (65) feet long slide into the Auglaize River. The Commissioners had declared it an emergency to suspend the normal bidding protocol due to the urgency in repair efforts to maintain traffic. McGarvey reported on several projects scheduled to begin soon; including CR 209 (Eagle Ditch), the widening of CR 60, and the

Joint Township 2007 Sealing Project.

Wednesday's scheduled appointments concluded with Kevin Burns, Wells Fargo Insurance agent; and Karla Linville, Pro-Claim, Inc. representative. In an effort to help contain rising health insurance costs, the County Insurance Committee recently voted to change to a partially self-funded policy through Wells Fargo Insurance with Pro-Claim as the Third Party Administrator. Mr. Burns and Ms. Linville explained new billing and claims processing procedures. County employees have been given the opportunity to enroll, if eligible, for the new policy effective June 1, 2007. New insurance identification cards and benefit books will be distributed before the effective date.

Commissioners Martin Harmon and Edward Straley attended ODOT's District One Government Day at the Ford UAW building in Lima on Friday, May 4. District One encompasses eight counties in northwest Ohio. Mr. Tim Burkeypile is the District's Deputy Director. During the meeting, ODOT announced the US 24 project from the Indiana state line to US 127 had been awarded to Mosser-Beaver. Their bid came in at \$72.8 million. It is anticipated work will begin in June.

Monday, May 7, Ms. Merium Underwood and Mr. Ed Collins representing Experience Works, a non-profit organization based out of Lima servicing eight area counties. Experience Works places senior citizens in non-profit organizations for job training. Most workers are placed in a 20-hour a week temporary position at \$6.85 per hour.

Business concluded on Monday by reviewing the county employee's health insurance benefit plan to mirror the county's current benefits. Wells Fargo Insurance representative, Mr. Kevin Burns, Pro-Claim, Inc. representative, Karla Linville, and Paulding County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher joined the meeting to share their input. The county employees will be making a change to a partially self-funded health insurance policy on June 1, 2007.

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.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL OFFERS ADVENTURES IN PARENTING CLASSES

Paulding County Hospital maternity-OB staff will teach classes designed to provide expecting parents a combination of practical advice and medical information.

The classes will be held at the hospital on Wednesday, June 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registered nurses will cover many important topics including: growth and development of the unborn baby; labor and delivery procedures; infant care; growth and development of the newborn; infant first aid; car and toy safety; and general parenting skills.

It is open to all expectant mothers and their coaches whether they plan to deliver at PCH or not. There is a fee for the class, however, no one will be turned away because they cannot pay.

For more information or to register, call the hospital's OB department at 419-399-1116 or 800-741-1743, extension 116.

DEFIANCE, PAULDING, FULTON & WILLIAMS COUNTIES TO HOST POND CLINIC ON CHEMICAL APPLICATION

DEFIANCE, OHIO—The Ohio State University Extension Offices of Northwest Ohio will hold a pond clinic on applying chemicals to your pond on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Defiance County.

The clinic promises to be an educational and informative night with topics such as: planning your aquatic herbicide application, demonstrations on application techniques, discussion on when to apply products to your pond, and proper safety measures when using aquatic herbicides. The speaker for this clinic will be Bill Lynch, Jr., OSU Extension Specialist, Aquatic EcoSystem Management.

This clinic is free and open to the public. Please call your local OSU Extension office with any questions, or if you are interested in attending please call for location information.

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HILL ELECTED TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

PAULDING, OHIO—Susan Hill, Director of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, has been elected as a Councilor-at-large for the American Library Association (ALA). Forty-one members have been elected to the Council for three-year terms. The terms begin at the conclusion of the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., and extend through the end of the 2010 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with more than 64,000 members. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information. ALA offers professional services and publications to members and nonmembers, including online news stories from American Libraries and analysis of crucial issues from the Washington Office. The Washington Office was established in 1945 as a conduit between ALA members and federal legislators on Capitol Hill.

the University of Alabama in Huntsville and her Masters in Library Science from Clarion University (PA) where she concentrated her studies at the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship. Her ALA activities have included serving on the Equality Award Committee and on the Rural Library Services Committee of the Public Library Association, a division of ALA. As a member of the Alabama Library Association she served as Moderator of the Paraprofessional Roundtable. In Ohio, she has served on the Small Libraries Conference Planning Committee for Ohio Library Council and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) Training Advisory Committee. Susan was also a database trainer for OPLIN in the mid 1990s.

In 1990 Hill received the Outstanding Youth Services Librarian Award for the State of Alabama for her efforts in providing bookmobile library service to urban housing projects and geographically isolated rural populations. She received a Finnish Consulate Grant to research youth library service in Finland and presented a story telling workshop to library students at Tampere Univer-

sity. She is a 1993 graduate of the inaugural Ohio Library Leadership 2000 class and is a certified Ohio Public Librarian. In 2004, Hill was elected to council for the Village of Paulding and has served locally as president of Kiwanis, 4-H leader, and United Way co-chair.

Susan began her library career in 1984 as bookmobile librarian for the Huntsville-Madison County (AL) Public Library. In 1991 Hill assumed the duties of editor for the Rural Library Services Newsletter, a publication distributed nationally and in Canada. In the mid 1990s, as a youth services regional library consultant in Northwest Ohio, Susan had the opportunity to work with hundreds of Ohio library staff and address a number of library issues, trends and challenges. In 1997 she was appointed director for the Paulding County Carnegie Library. She continues to be a popular regional and national workshop presenter. She has presented to audiences at past Public Library Association conferences on a variety of topics, the most recent being in Boston in 2006 - Right of Center and Still Balanced. In January 2007 she was invited to serve as one of thirteen national participants at a Rural Library Summit held in Clarion, Pennsylvania. Representatives from nine states, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WebJunction, and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) discussed challenges facing rural libraries throughout the country and strategies for training and networking. As an elected member of the ALA council, Hill will bring a passion for rural librarianship with a conservative view to what is many times seen as a liberal profession.

For more information about the American Library Association visit their website at www.ala.org. To discuss issues facing America's libraries contact Hill at shill@pauldingcountylibrary.org.

HARC MINISTRIES, INC. HOST ANNUAL APPRECIATION BANQUET

Every spring HARC Ministries, Inc. celebrates the generosity of their volunteers and donors. Friday, April 27, 2007 was the annual Appreciation Banquet. HARC serves the inmates at CCNO and the youth at NOJTDC with Bible study and Life Skills programs. Now in its ninth year, HARC has added a Bible study for church groups, named CAR, which is focused on helping people grow in their faith. The CAR program is currently running in two area groups. HARC can be contacted at PO Box 745, Defiance, OH 43512.

Volunteers being recognized: Steve Batterson, Kay Cattell, John Cooper, Ron Goheen, Kyle Hugg, Debbie Kaylor, Diane King, Phyllis Knouse, Dinah Kruse, Tom Markewicz, Delores Mentley, Ann Riggensch, Pam Stark, and John Wilson.

HARC Ministries (Healing Addictions through a Relationship with Christ) is a not for profit jail ministry that began its ministry in April of 1998 and currently volunteers at CCNO (Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio) and Northwest Ohio Juvenile Facility. Classes are conducted by Rev. Sharon Fox and/or volunteers trained by Rev. Fox and approved by CCNO.

The classes include HARC Bible Study for both maximum and minimum security women; HARC Women's Life Skills Program; HARC Men's Life Skills for minimum security men; HARC Youth Life Skills Program; HARC Church Youth Life Skills Program; HARC Community Life Skills Program; and CAR (Creating Authentic Relationships) aftercare program which involves local churches helping to mentor all the thousands of inmates who come through CCNO as well as new Christians.

HARC Ministries welcomes the opportunity to speak to your church, business or group about their local mission work at CCNO. To find out how you can help, become a volunteer or for more information please contact e-mail harcministries@bright.net or call 419-789-1033 or write to PO Box 745, Defiance, OH 43512.

HARC Ministries Board Members:

Tom Markewicz (chairman of the Board); Rev. Sharon Fox (Chief Executive Officer/Director of Ministries); Patricia Ferrell (Secretary); Maria Sandoval (Director of Helps); Gerald Ridgebach (Treasurer); Brenda Shock (Director of Resource Development)

Volunteers: John Cooper, Ron Goheen, Debbie Kaylor, Pam Stark, Kyle Hugg, Steve Batterson, Dianne Wright, Kay Cattell, Diane King, Phyllis Knouse, Ann Riggensch, Deloris Mentley, Dinah Kruse.

HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE TO RECEIVE FACE-LIFT

Worshipful Master Schilb opened a Lodge of Master Mason's and the pledge was given. There were 11 Past Masters in attendance and Doyle Johnson, Joe Ross, Derrill Kline, Dick Schilb, Fred Shaffer, Elmer Woodcox, and Charles Carey made up the 50-year members answering the role. Other Masons present included Russell St. John, Randy Brooks Sr., Jim Kline, Scott Ruppert, Ron Farnsworth, Lee Kallsen, Walter Schilb, Dick Savage, Charles Carey, and George Underwood.

Widow's night was finalized and the reservations all made. There will be a serving committee and clean-up committee working that night. Susie Kline will cater the meal and WB Schilb and his band will furnish the entertainment with his band "Revelation".

The Chicken Bar-B-Q is set for June 9th. All proceeds go to the Hicksville Masonic Scholarship fund. This year there will be two scholarship recipients. Jessica St. John of Hicksville and Victoria Knuckles of Antwerp are the two seniors that will receive a check for \$250.

Birthday cards were

signed and sent to Jimmy J. Volkert, Estel Cottrell, Carl Clark, Robert Elliott, Doyle Johnson, Gene Paul Volkert, Steve Metz, George Walter and Elmer Woodcox.

The new Murals are in the process of being painted on the walls of the Temple. The plan is to place two murals on the walls. The ceiling and walls will receive a new coat of paint and then the new carpet will be installed. This is quite an undertaking, but the old paint, walls, and carpet are in need of this attention. The next stated meeting will be May 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSIONS, AND DISMISSALS

Admissions:
5/7 - Carlyle Pio, Payne
5/8 - Michael Seslar, Antwerp
5/13 - Reba Herman, Defiance

Dismissals:
5/8 - Beth Dachenhaus & daughter, Paulding

5/10 - Carlyle Pio, Payne, transferred to Dallas Lamb, Payne; Berneta Verlaillie, Paulding; Michael Seslar, Antwerp

5/11 - Helen Hook, Payne

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

At Antwerp High School, it is graduation time again. In the past we used to have an Alumni Banquet, but over the years that has fallen by the wayside. Years ago they always sort of honored the 65 years class. Well, I am in that class and we are going to do that right here in West Bend News.

We graduated in 1942, but the pictures you see here are the 1941 pictures of our class. World War II was on, and certain objects were scarce so the Antwerp High School did not print a yearbook for 1942.

We are going to give a short note about our classmates if we can. Some are gone and some gone forever.

Rowena Lehman married Max Fetzer and lived in Hicksville and Fort Wayne. I think she had two girls.

Helen Zuber married Virgil Thompson and lived south of Payne. I see her once in a while. She looks good.

Wade Welty lived east on the Canal Road for years. He was in a bad motorcycle accident and it slowed him up alot. He is gone now.

LaVonne Bissell married Paul Smith and had a nice family. They lived on a farm in the Cecil area. We used to see her often, but she is gone now.

Lois Anderson: she entered the United States Cadet Nurses Training Corps, but had to leave after she and Wayne Fleck got married after the war. Wayne played baseball for the White Sox. They lived in Ohio City for a while and then they lived in Antwerp. Lois always keeps busy.

Stanley Jordan married his high school sweetheart Pauline Powell. They had one

child, a boy, Gale. He retired as a Rural Carrier out of the Antwerp Post Office.

Yvonne Chester: she married classmate Robert Taylor. They lived in Fort Wayne and had two daughters.

Norma Jean Gordon, she married Irvin Hughes. She taught school and they moved to Nogales, Arizona. After she retired she taught art and painting classes without compensation. I understand she was very good at painting.

Thomas Marlin, he married Pat Byanskie and has lived around Antwerp. He farmed and worked at Zollner. I see Tom pretty regularly and we discuss old times. They had eight children.

Elanor Armstrong, a very pretty girl, and a good singer. Their family used to entertain the town people on Thursday nights with special music. She recently passed away while living in North Platte, Nebraska.

Ola Mae Richardson, her father was a minister and shortly after graduation he was moved to Michigan, and we lost touch of her.

Richard Hemrick, he drove truck most of his life. He lived in Hicksville, but he is gone now.

James Taggart, he managed and then owned The Rowe Orchards, but he passed away a few years ago.

Eileen Culler, married Ned Kasner, they lived on SR 37 in Indiana. I think they had three children.

Carol Gattan, she married John Brezivokie after school. But I think they divorced and she has lived in Fort Wayne and worked as a Long Distance Telephone Operator.

Allen Neidhart, he married Pat Parker and they lived in Fort Wayne. Later he was in the grocery business in California. He met Lois and Eloise in Arizona one winter. Eloise says he lives in Oregon now.

Phyllis Overmyer, she married Walt Hart and lived in Hicksville. She worked for years in Quisno's Hardware here in Antwerp. She and Walt are both gone now.

Wanda Nelson, she married Robert Wholf. The Wolf's manage a bakery at the north end of S. Smith & Sons building Wanda and Bob lived in Maumee, Ohio. Bob is gone now. Wanda is busy in the

Republican Party when she has time.

Dale Ewing moved to Holgate, Ohio and raised his family there. They were all good students. Dale is gone now.

Virginia Bissell, she worked for years for The Fort Wayne New Sentinel. She and her husband had three children and lived in Waynedale.

Glenna Stevenson, she married a man named Carpenter and lived in the Defiance area.

Wilbur Miller, a good student. I think her married a girl named Riggerbach. He retired from the Harvester and in the later years moved to Florida.

Lois Gorman. I think she got married but then lost her husband in WWII. I think she lives in the Paulding area.

Lelah Bainbridge, every ladies' friend. She married Raymond Ewing and they owned the Ewing Nursery in Hicksville. She is gone, but not forgotten.

Estell Kauffman served in the Air Force as a Chaplain assistant. He retired after 30 years and was an ordained United Methodist minister. He raised a fine family, and some of them are good Antwerp families.

Iona Sue Booth, she married Seymore Hand and they are big farmers on Road 230. They work hard all summer, and then loafed in Florida in the winter. I talk to their son David pretty regularly.

Wanda Outland, after she graduated she moved to Fort Wayne. I understand she has done well and now lives in St. Louis.

Noah Slusher, everybody's friend. He married May Lou Meyer and raised a dandy family here in Antwerp. Noah was the youngest pupil in our class, I think, his birthday was December 6.

Robert Taylor, he married his classmate Yvonne Chester. They lived in Fort Wayne and raised two daughters. Bob was a licensed referee and umpire. He worked nearly all the leagues in Fort Wayne for many years.

Jaunita Smitley, she married Jack Carr and they have a beautiful home here and one in Florida. They live just north of Maumee Cemetery.

Betty Carr, a good friend, a good student and pretty too. She retired from some

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First Row: R. Latham, H. Zuber, W. Welty, L. Bissell, L. Anderson, S. Jordan, Y. Chester. Second Row: N. Gordon, T. Marlin, E. Armstrong, O. Richardson, R. Hemrick, J. Taggart, E. Culler. Third Row: G. Gotton, A. Neidhart, E. Overmyer, W. Nelson, D. Ewing, V. Bissell, G. Stevenson. Fourth Row: W. Miller, L. Gorman, L. Bainbridge, E. Kauffman, I. Booth, W. Outland, N. Slusher. Fifth Row: R. Taylor, J. Smitley, B. Carr, R. Hemrick, D. Edens, P. Drexler, B. McCalla. Sixth Row: B. Langham, D. Kinzig, Ruth Brubaker.

place in Fort Wayne, but she now lives in Las Vegas. I saw her a few years ago and she still looks good.

Robert Hemrick, Bob farmed all his life just northwest of Antwerp. He and his wife had a nice family. Bob was always a good friend.

Dan Edens, a good student and a good friend. He married Dorothy Wonderly and lived in Paulding. I think, they had two children. Dan is gone now.

Frances Drexler, she married Leroy Slattery in late 1943. Leroy was busy in the lumber business and Frances was very active in the church. They raised two boys. I interviewed Leroy last fall, he will be 90 in October.

Betty McCalla, after school she married Dean Hepler and they lived in the Detroit area. I saw her at her

brother Junior's funeral, but she didn't know me.

Eloise Langham, everybody's friend. She married Rex Hopkins and they had two children, Kirk and Karlann. She keeps in touch with a lot of our classmates. She and Lois are a great help in this respect.

Darl Minnig, a good student and good friend. He worked around Hicksville in one of the hardwares for years. He has been gone for quite a while now.

Ruth Brubaker, she graduated with us but moved to Fort Wayne soon after school. I never heard from her, but she was some relation to the Oliver Reeb family

Robert Smitley, he is not pictured here, as soon as the WWII started, he enlisted in the Navy. He served two hitches in the Navy and then

joined the Air Force. He retired after his 30 years. Then he worked for the government in Jacksonville for many years. He was the headman in the Shriners for a couple terms. He raised two sons, and lives in Orange Park, Florida. I hear from Bob pretty regular.

I received a lot of help on this from Lois and Eloise. I should feel ashamed for this next story, but I don't.

When we were in the eighth grade, Eloise asked the teacher Mr. Burnett, if Rotterdam was a swear word. He said, "Oh, no that is a big industrial city, in an industrial nation with the best economy of any country in Europe. Why do you ask?" Then Eloise said, "If Lois Anderson don't stop chewing gum, she's going to Rotterdam teeth!" See ya!

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DEFIANCE AND PAULDING COUNTY TO HOST POND CLINIC

DEFIANCE, OHIO—The Ohio State University Extension Offices of Defiance and Paulding County will hold a Pond Clinic on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Defiance County Fish and Game Club.

The 2007 Pond Clinic will be an informative night covering topics such as: Identifying and managing weeds, managing your fish population, tips to avoiding fish kill, and facts about pond aeration. Speakers for this year's pond clinic will be Bruce Clevenger, Defiance County OSU Extension and Jim Lopshire, Paulding County OSU Extension.

The clinic is free and open to the public. Please direct any questions to the Defiance County OSU Extension Office at 419-782-4771 or 1-800-745-4771.

CPR CLASSES OFFERED AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Paulding County Hospital cardio-pulmonary services staff will teach American Heart Association CPR classes on Tuesday, June 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The classes are held at the hospital.

Instructors will teach participants CPR and choking maneuvers for the conscious and unconscious victim. Participants may choose adult CPR from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and/or child and infant CPR from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants should dress casually and class size is limited.

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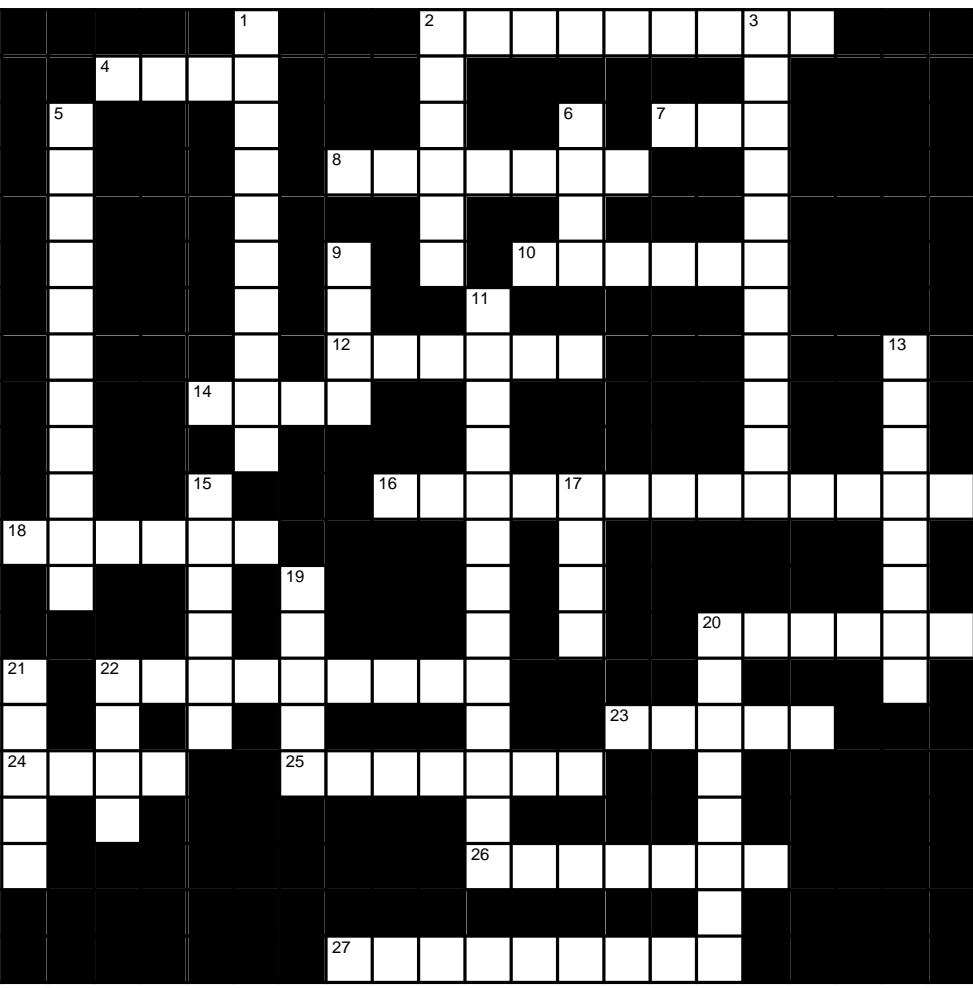
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4. In the NBA, I am the number of men on the basketball court for each team.
7. I stink in life, but smell good in death. What am I?
8. I have a tail and head but no body. What am I?
10. I have not flesh, feathers, scales or bones. I have fingers and thumbs. What am I?
12. What can be heard and caught but never seen?
14. I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?
16. I am a rock group that has four members, all are dead, one was assassinated.
18. Who makes it has no need for it. Who buys it has no use for it. Who uses it cannot see or feel it. What is it?
20. I was carried in a dark room and set on fire. What am I?
22. What is it that when you take away the whole, you still have some leftover?
23. I'm lovely and round. I shine with pale light and grow in the dark. What am I?
24. I build castles and I tear down mountains. What am I?
25. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
26. What is red & blue & purple & green & no one can reach it?
27. It runs forever and never moves. It has no lungs or throat but roars. What is it?

Down

1. You can see nothing else when you look in my face. I will look you in the eye and never lie. What am I?
2. It is as light as a feather, yet no man can hold it for long. What is it?
3. When I am up it's light, when I am down it's dark. What am I?
5. I have two arms, no fingers; I have two feet but can't run. I carry well, with my feet off the ground. What am I?
6. It speaks with a hard tongue, it cannot breathe, it has no lung. What is it?
9. I'm not alive but I grow. I don't have lungs but indeed air. I don't have a mouth but water kills me. What am I?
11. I have a big mouth and am loud. I don't gossip but get into everyone's dirty business. What am I?
13. I can go up a chimney down, but cannot go down a chimney up. What am I?
15. I am an ancient invention that allows people to see through walls. What am I?
17. Mountains will crumble and temples will fall and no man can survive its endless call. What is it?
19. When they are caught, they are thrown away. When they escape, you itch all day. What are they?
20. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and gray when you throw it away?
21. At the sound of me, men may dream or stamp their feet. Women may laugh or weep. What am I?
22. I pass before the sun but make no shadow. What am I?

GILLMOR ANNOUNCES WINNER IN FIFTH DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) recently phoned Kacy Clifton of Van Wert, Ohio to inform her she had won his online Congressional Art Competition. Clifton's pencil drawing, Drawing in Elegance, will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel which connects offices of Members of Congress with the U.S. Capitol Building. "Once again, the congressional art competition was a hit. There were nearly 700 votes for artwork from across Northwest Ohio and because constituents chose

their favorite, Kacy's drawing will truly represent the Fifth District," Gillmor said. "Constituents and I walk through the Cannon Tunnel on a daily basis to go to the Capitol Building and Kacy's artwork will be viewed this year by literally hundreds of thousands of people from across the world." Gillmor's art competition is unique from most congressional art competitions because it allows students from across Northwest Ohio to display their artwork on his website. In all, 11 entries from five counties were displayed online where constituents could vote for their favorite. Kacy Clifton is a junior

at Van Wert High School. Gillmor said voting was very close in the 2007 competition and he also recognized first runner-up Kyle Stevens of Wauseon High School (Wauseon, Ohio) and second runner-up Brandon Lang of New London High School (New London, Ohio). Kacy Clifton has been invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 28th in Washington, D.C. where her drawing will be unveiled in the Cannon Tunnel. Kacy is the second Van Wert student to win Gillmor's online art competition. Alex Motyka of Van Wert won Gillmor's contest last year. Gillmor thanked the nearly 700 Northwest Ohio

AHS Angle



By: Chelsea Vail

Senior exams: the penultimate (See below.) peril of high school. Passing those tests, which will be administered this Thursday and Friday, will lead them to the Promised Land. After that, their biggest concern will be tripping on their way up to receive their diplomas. As for us peons not taking our final finals, testing will begin next Wednesday with a blocked eighth period exam. Periods one-four will be tested on Thursday, and Friday will bring tests 5-7, with an early dismissal at 1:15 p.m. High school students aren't required to attend classes for which they are not taking exams, but middle school students will be obliged to stay at school for the entirety of the test days. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet in the high school office for those with Pride Card privileges that wish to exempt exams. Remember, any late arrivals will be asked to return on May 29 to take any missed exams due to tardiness. So, be there, or be the poor soul stuck in school while the rest of us are out enjoying our first day of freedom.

JV Baseball: Thursday, May 17, TBA, JV Tournament (Antwerp)

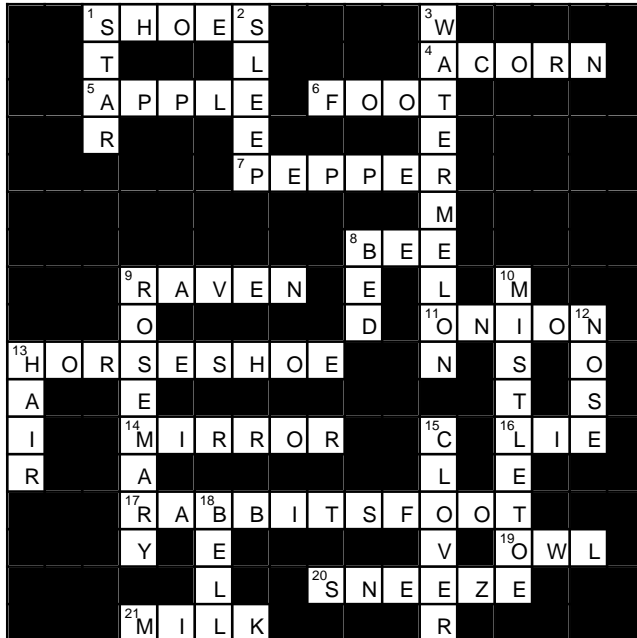
Word of the Week: Penultimate \pi-NUHL-tuh-mit\ adjective

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Have no fear, I'll be back next year! Well, next week, actually. Make sure to tune in, as I'll be presenting the grooviest Word of the Week you've seen to date. Hint: after these 38 weeks of beefing up your vocabulary with all the unusual words I've thrown your way, it should describe you. If anyone can guess the word before I post it next week, I'll throw you a party. Yeah, it's that good.

residents who voted in the competition for their participation. "I felt it was important to open this decision up to the entire Fifth District because this artwork represents the entire Fifth District. Between the artists, their teachers, their parents and nearly 700 voters, this truly was a district-wide success," Gillmor said. For more information on Gillmor's initiatives such as the art competition and his Service Academy program visit his website at www.house.gov/gillmor.

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Answers to "Trivia"



WASHINGTON D.C. HERE WE COME: GIRL SCOUT TROOP 419 OF PAULDING PLAN TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Girl Scout Troop 419 of Paulding is planning a trip to Washington D.C. on June 8-10, 2007 for the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouts Sing-A-Long. The Sing-A-Long will occur at 1:00 p.m. on June 9. The participants of the Sing-A-Long will include Girl Scouts from all over the United States in addition to Girl Scouts from around the world. Girl Scout Troop 419 will be holding a car wash and bake sale on May 19, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Advanced Auto Parts in Paulding, Ohio. The cost of the car wash and bake sale will be a free will donation.

This trip will be a once in a lifetime event for many of the girls in Troop 419 to participate in a nationwide event let alone a world-wide one. Support your local Girl Scouts and help create some memories that will last a lifetime. Contact Ellen Townley at 419-399-3799 for questions. Washington D.C. here we come!

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VIEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger

Opinion Column

PLAY BALL !!!!!!! - Continued from last week

Another interesting stat is the migration in and out of the county. Migration means people moving into or out of the county. From 1993 to 1997 the in-migrants and out-migrants were about even with just a few more moving out each year than in, but since 1998 the out-migrants have increased and the in-migrants decreased. There's an ever widening gap between them now that amounts to several hundred each year. A few hundred a year may not seem like a lot but year after year it adds up. Reading these stats convinces me that the county should be trying to do some things to keep the resident's we have, like lowering taxes, instead of worrying and talking about finding potential new ones.

Another interesting statistic is the employment numbers, in 2002 there were 5,233 employees covered under Ohio UC law but in the year 2003 the number had fallen to 4,937 a difference of 296 less employees county wide. The private sector employed 4,009 of these workers in 2002 but by 2003 private sector workers had fallen to 3,695 which is a loss of 314 overall. You can see the decline in both workers and privately employed workers for just this one year period, but now look at this interesting fact.

In the Government Employees in the County sector (which includes all government workers Federal, State and Local) in 2002 there were 1,224 government employees but by 2003 government employees had risen to 1,242. Federal government jobs went down from 57 in 2002 to 55 in 2003 a drop of two, and state workers went from 31 to 30, down one in the same years.

The numbers for local government employees for these two years are 1,193 for the year 2002, but for the year 2003 when both total number of employees county wide and private employees went down local government added employees and went up to 1,212. Remember this is during the same time period that the levy to build the jail was passed, new schools were being built and the taxes for them increased, and many county towns were in the process of or had already added income taxes, all a boon for local government employees, but with less people and less private sector jobs to pay for them in each instance.

These numbers are three years old but anyone driving around the county can see all the "House for Sale" signs so I feel safe in saying things aren't better today than 2003. When I took economics in school I was taught that you don't add government employees, raise taxes, and expect an economic situation to improve, especially when you have less privately employed people.

Remember, these numbers don't reflect the new county sheriff employees it takes to run the new jail, even though they were added six months ago to the county payroll in the anticipation of the jail finally getting done and opening.

On this whole jail matter the concept of paying someone to be trained for a job escapes me. Why not just hire trained help in the beginning? I guess I could be accused of letting my 35 years of being in private business and lack of government experience cloud my judgment.

I'm afraid we're stuck with a new jail building we can't afford to operate just the same as we're stuck with new school buildings we can't afford. Unfortunately there's not much of a resale market for used government buildings the size of the schools or jail in Paulding County.

I'm not the manager, but as a fan I don't think were headed in the right direction, and all the positive spin, the hope, the blaming the messenger, the excuses of no money from the state, won't change the stats. One thing any manager of a team should know is the opposing team's stats. They seldom lie.

Sometimes as a fan you have to live with the team you have until the owners change the players or management and you get the team you hope for. But I always root for the team even when the stands are empty of other fans.

One thing I found out a long time ago was when there's not many other fans at the game it's a lot easier to be heard by the owner way up there in his luxury sky box when I yell "Come on get us someone that can manage this team, what kind of a move was that, fire that bum and while you're at it try and find us some starting pitching too!!!"

Brad Dysinger 419 587 3557

If you want to hear more from Brad catch him four times a day on WPAU 1620 AM radio or listen on the web at www.wpaulive.com

TWO NEW SPECIALISTS JOIN PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL'S OUTPATIENT CLINIC

"Henry Gerad, M.D., has replaced Lisa Duhaime, M.D. in the hospital's oncology clinic," hospital CEO, Gary Adkins reported at the recent board of trustees meeting. "It was a seamless transition and we are very pleased to have Dr. Gerad provide this critical service to our patients." His clinic is held on Friday afternoons.

Adkins also informed the board that orthopedic surgeon, Robert W. Moore, D.O., from Bryan will be joining the outpatient clinic staff soon. "We are working toward scheduling a Monday afternoon clinic," Adkins reported.

Chief financial officer Rob Goshia reported a March net profit of \$11,687 and a year to date profit of \$67,485.

In other financial news, Adkins told the board that it is unlikely that any additional funds will be available from the Supplemental Medicaid Upper Payment Limits Program. The program is used to offset Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls for public hospitals.

More positively, it seems likely that reimbursements for Medicaid inpatient costs for all hospitals will be updated as proposed in Governor Strickland's budget. The current reimbursement levels have been frozen since 2003.

Chief operating officer Randy Ruge's reported that the Discharge Education System has been installed. "We're confident that the new system will enhance patients understanding of what they need to do to complete their recovery upon discharge," Ruge said.

The board also heard:

—The PCH Foundation held its annual dinner meeting. The PCHF now has approximately \$100,000 in the bank. The organization's goal since its inception in 2000 has been to have enough money saved so that its healthcare related programs can be funded from the interest earned.

—Use of PCH's Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Program (Swing Bed) continues to increase. "We are pleased that more of the community is learning about and using the excellent services we provide for patients that are ready to leave the hospital but not quite able to go home," Ruge said. "The favorable reimbursement

structures we offer are certainly a part of the program's increased usage."

—Architects are scheduled to visit at the end of May to discuss the remodeling of patient rooms on the medical-surgical care unit. A top priority is to add restrooms to minimize the necessity for patients to share facilities.

—Remodeling of the ER department, which will add an additional room for patients, continues. It is anticipated that the additional room will reduce waiting time for Prime Care patients and other services.

—The smoke free campus policy will be effective June 1.

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5/17 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

5/18 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk

5/21 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

5/22 - Cook's choice

Panther Paw Cafe - lunch

5/16 - Taco salad or breaded chicken on a bun, vegetable, assorted fruit, milk

5/17 - Turkey manhattan, roll, assorted fruit, milk

5/18 - Pepperoni & cheese bread stick w/sauce, crosstrax potatoes, assorted fruit, milk

5/21 - Cook's choice

5/22 - Cook's choice

Paulding Elementary - lunch

5/16 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

5/17 - Ravioli, mini carrots, bread, fruit cup, milk

5/18 - Pepperoni bread stick w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit cup, milk

5/21 - Cook's choice

5/22 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk

Oakwood Elementary - lunch

5/16 - Cold turkey breast on a bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

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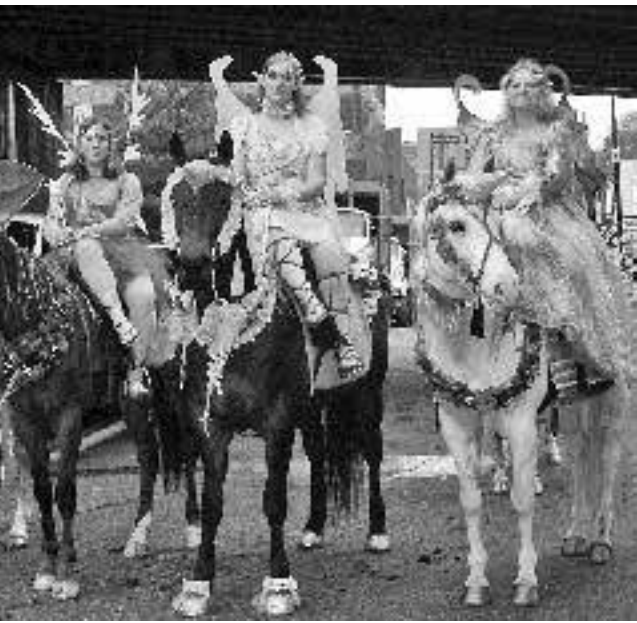
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On May 3, Deb Bidlack, Ashley Bidlack and Heather Hershberger all from the Grover Hill area along with sixteen other sidesaddle riders from eight states plus Eng-

land joined together to ride in the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade. The parade theme this year was "Wizards, Wonders, and Wands", so the women dressed as fairies and wood

nymphs many riding horses dressed up as unicorns.

This was Deb's third year riding and Ashley's second year riding and Heather's first year riding with this group of special ladies. The fairy outfits and horse wear were all designed and sewn by Deb.

DEFIANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS MAY 21

The next meeting of the Defiance County Genealogical Society will be Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Defiance County records center. The records center is located at 510 Court Street, Defiance. Court St. is the short street just north of the Defiance County Court House between 1st and 2nd Streets. Parking is available on 1st Street and limited parking on Court St. Non-members are welcome and members are encouraged to bring guests.

The program for the evening will be a tour and overview of the records available at the Defiance County Records Center with Rhonda Casler, archivist at the Center since 2004. Rhonda is a lifelong resident of Defiance County and has been a genealogist since 1985. She has a BA in History from Ohio State University.

If time permits, each person can look up one record. So bring a Defiance County ancestor's information with you to the meeting. Fliers explaining records contained in the records center will be available.

For more information about Defiance County Genealogical Society contact them at P.O. Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512 or by email defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com. Explore the society's website www.rootsweb.com/~ohdcgs/

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THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE INVOLVES THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

In communities throughout Ohio, people are gathering together to help fight cancer at a unique event called Relay For Life. Relay is the American Cancer Society's national signature activity that brings together teams of families and friends from local companies, schools, clubs and organizations to go around the track in relay fashion. All proceeds raised from this event are used for cancer research, education, prevention and quality of life services. Similarly, the event provides a wonderful venue for the promotion and delivery of cancer control activities, including advocacy, prevention and early detection education.

About 64 percent of cancer patients diagnosed today survive at least five years after diagnosis, and this survival rate can be increased through more research and greater community awareness of health issues. Relay For Life combines a way to share vital cancer education and programs with community members and a way to raise money to fund more cancer research.

The success began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt (a Tacoma, Washington surgeon and American Cancer Society volunteer) ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, traveling a total of 81 miles and raising \$27,000. Since Dr. Klatt's one-man marathon, thousands of people nationwide have passed the "baton" and raised millions of dollars for Relay For Life's battle against cancer.

Since 1995 Ohio has been hosting Relay For Life events and there will be nearly 200 communities participating across the state this year.

While events vary from location to location, Relay For Life events share many of the same elements that make it such an enjoyable and successful experience. The first lap of the Relay For Life is traditionally the Cancer Survivor's Walk. It recognizes anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer, whether they are currently undergoing treatment or have been in remission for 50 years. When the sun goes down, luminaria surround the track in honor of those who have fought the battle against cancer. This traditional ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which every participant will continue to fight against this disease. Additional activities are planned throughout the event that make it fun for every age group.

The American Cancer Society is the leading nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. The Paulding County Relay For Life will be held June 1 and 2 at the Paulding County fairgrounds. For information about Relay For Life or about cancer, call toll-free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" VANTAGE CARPENTRY PROJECT OPEN HOUSE



The 2007 Vantage Carpentry House project at 1085 Bruns Avenue is in the final stages of being built. Siding is being installed and masonry work is being completed on the front of the home. Stop by and see it during Open House on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

On Saturday, May 19, you will have the opportunity to see "The House That Vantage Built". From 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon, Vantage will host an Open House at the construction site. This year's house, a 1900 square foot ranch home, is located at 1085 Bruns Avenue, in the Washington Place subdivision in Van Wert. Highlights of the home include a full basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a living room with 10 foot ceiling, stained front door with decorative side lights, brick front with vinyl siding and an attached 3-car tandem ga-

rage, with interior steps to the basement. The Vantage junior carpentry class built and installed custom oak cabinets for the kitchen, laundry room and baths, along with oak woodwork and 6 panel doors.

This year's house has already been sold to Tom and Melinda Muntzinger.

Plans are to build next year's house on the lot next door.

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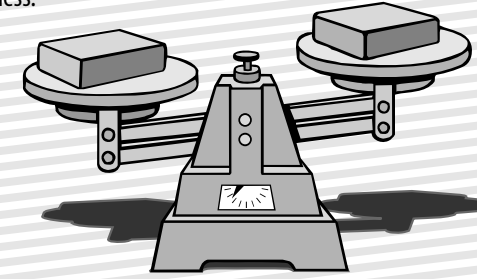
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"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THIRD QUARTER BLUE CHIPPERS AND SPRING ATHLETES



Vantage Blue Chippers for the 3rd Quarter 2006-2007: (Front row left to right): Chris Vibbert (Van Wert), Chazz Roger (Van Wert), Calvin Sinn (Wayne Trace), Nathan Arn (Van Wert) (Back row left to right): Chris Bayus (Van Wert), Katie Diment (Parkway), Casey Dull (Wayne Trace). **Not pictured:** Dustin Bidlack (Continental), Jennifer Roberts (Wayne Trace) and Chelsea Spryn (Antwerp)

Vantage Spring Sports Athletes: Row 1 (l to r): Cain Warthman (Crestview Baseball), Nathan Shobe (St. John's Track), Ross Warnecke (Kallida Baseball), Ryan Miller (Ottoville Track) and Katelyn Houts (Parkway Track).

Row 2 (l to r): David Scott, (Wayne Trace Baseball),

Sarah Benien (Continental Track), Courtney Young (Wayne Trace Softball), Meagan Egnor (Wayne Trace Softball), Stephanie Ream-Kistler (Continental Softball), Jordan Kimmel (Continental Track), Linda Conner (St. John's Track), Brady Hoersten (Ottoville Track), Cody



HEIDI MCDUGALL BECOMES ANTWERP EMS'S FIRST PARAMEDIC

Heidi McDougall passed her final portion of her National Registry test Saturday, May 6 to become Antwerp's first and only Paramedic. Heidi has lived in Antwerp with her husband Matt since 1998 and has volunteered with Matt on the EMS since moving to town. Heidi is a 1994 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and the granddaughter of Wanda and the late George Hunt, daughter of Dave Hunt and Deb Wilkinson, her step father is Norm Thomas. Heidi and Matt share five children Harold 13, Samantha 12, Kenney 10, Abbey 8, and Andrew 6.

Heidi was given the opportunity to become a paramedic when Paulding County Hospital received a grant to send three EMTs (Emergency Medical Technician) from Paulding County to school to become Paramedics. Heidi and several other EMTs from the county put their names in a pool, three names were then drawn from the pool of candidates. Heidi is the first of the three to complete and pass her Paramedic classes and exams.

Heidi began her training in the fall of 2004, during this she and the others drove to Bowling Green State University every Saturday for 18 months for classroom training. After the classroom portion Heidi would travel to Toledo to work at different hospitals emergency and operating rooms to perfect her ability to perform the medical procedures she had learned. After Heidi served her 228 hours at the hospital she then had to serve on Defiance City Fire Department as a Paramedic demonstrating her abilities to perform the advanced procedures she had learned in an EMS position. All together she has taken nearly 800 hours of training to reach this goal.

Once all the training was completed Heidi took a written test given by the state and then had to perform 12 practical stations where she had to describe in detail the proper way to take care of a patient without actually having a patient to work on. This portion of the test is actually much harder than it sounds. To imagine what it entails try to explain 12 different parts of your job in exact detail, from start to finish without leaving out the smallest of details.

Markward (Van Wert Track), Nicole Sargent (Delphos Jefferson Softball).

Row 3 (l to r): Mr. Winans (Wayne Trace Baseball Coach), Seth Smith (Antwerp Baseball), Matt Rhodes (Antwerp Track), Holden Profit (Antwerp Track), Drew Kreisler (Crestview Baseball), Jayme Denny (Wayne Trace Baseball), Adam Miller (Wayne Trace Baseball), Seth Weller (Continental Track), Amanda Litmer (Crestview Track), Bridget Baer (Lincolnview Track), Seth Blackmore (Van Wert Baseball).

Row 4 (l to r): Mr. Fisher (Delphos Jefferson Baseball Coach), Ryan Davis (Wayne Trace Baseball), Steven Carlisle (Antwerp Track), Dustin Ladd (Continental Baseball), Mike Evans (Lincolnview Baseball), Johnathan Young (Lincolnview Baseball), Dustin Babcock (Continental Track), Austin Wieman (Ottoville Track), Brent Hoersten (Ottoville Track). Not available for picture: Jennifer Roberts (Wayne Trace Softball).

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Earlier this week, the Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 119, the two-year operating budget for the state of Ohio. This bill contains \$52 billion in funding that is used for education, state-supported services, and the operations of various state agencies. Because the bill is hundreds of pages long and includes many changes to Ohio law, I thought I would take a moment to discuss some of the measures that are of interest to the people of Northwest Ohio.

Without question, the largest driver of our budget is Medicaid, with spending totaling more than \$17 billion over the biennium. In an effort to control spending and prevent Medicaid from eating up funding for other needed programs, members of the House instituted a series of controls that allow the state to continue to provide quality services for children, families, and seniors while saving money wherever possible. One of these controls was the creation of the Medicaid reserve fund, which will serve as a stop-gap measure for Medicaid spending while allowing money to be used if needed. These controls, combined with the responsible expansion of programs and spending cuts in other areas, allowed the Legislature to once again pass a fiscally responsible budget.

Although House members were concerned with the expansion of Medicaid services, providing elderly Ohioans with quality health care remained a priority. To that end, House Bill 119 includes an additional \$250,000 per year for the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program. This program provides temporary care for an Alzheimer's patient and allows regular caregivers a short break to revitalize so they are able to return to caring for the patient.

In addition, the House also included additional funding for home and community-based services such as PASSPORT and added 5,600 slots for the program over the biennium. The PASSPORT program allows older adults to receive needed care and assistance in their own home instead of having to move to a nursing care facility. Not only are these programs less costly than nursing homes, they allow seniors to choose health care options that are right for them while remaining in a familiar place with their family and friends close by.

Members of the House also worked during the budget process to address abstinence and adoption education programs. The governor's budget proposal would have eliminated \$500,000 in funding each year for abstinence programs, which teach students that abstinence is the only 100 percent effective way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. Members of the House restored this valuable funding and included an adoption focus as a safe, effective, and caring option. This funding also makes the state eligible for matching federal grants.

House Bill 119 was passed by the House unanimously and is now in the Senate,

where it will undergo several more weeks of deliberations. By law, the budget must be signed by the governor by June 30th. In the coming weeks, this column will focus on other areas of the budget, such as school choice and household sewage regulations.

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.

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WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/16 THROUGH 5/22

OPERATING OUT OF THE NEW FACILITY: THE NEW PAULDING JAIL

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Communications Center and Jail are now operating out of their new facility at 500 East Perry St. (State Route 127). There are some issues being encountered, as with any move. However, they are non-life threatening or emergency in nature and should be corrected in the coming week. Sheriff Harrow asks for your patience if you are involved in any of the issues as they work to correct them. With the move and new facility, the jail will have its own telephone at 419-399-2170. If you need to check on an inmate/correction officer or jail rules/visitation, please use this number. The facility will still provide tours to any interested group or individual by calling Sheriff Harrow at 419-399-3791.

—David I. Harrow

Breakfast:
 5/16 – Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 5/17 – no school
 5/18 – Turnover, milk
 5/21 – Pizza, milk
 5/22 – Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk

Lunch:
 5/16 – French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage, 100% juice, milk
 5/17 – no school
 5/18 – Walking taco, meat/cheese/lettuce/salsa, corn, sherbet, milk
 5/21 – Chicken nuggets, potato tots, pineapple, cookie, milk
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GARAGE SALE: Friday, May 18th 8:30-5:00 and Saturday, May 19th 8:30-3:00. Clothes (variety of sizes from children through adult), shoes, purses, knick-knacks, entertainment center, bike, electric weed trimmer, reel-type mower, M&M memorabilia collection, 2-1993 Sea-Doo jet skis, set of apple dishes and decor. Many more items too much to list ... 607 South Erie Street, Antwerp—Peters/Rohrs

POSSIBLE LOW BIDDER FOUND FOR PAU-24 PROJECT

There is an apparent low bidder for the PAU-24 project. The low bidder is a joint venture between Mosser Construction and Beaver Construction. Both contractors are well respected in their particular areas of expertise. The low bid was \$72.8M which is well below the TRAC amount of \$91.6M. Barring any significant issues with the bid, the contract may be signed as early as next week. It is thought that the contractor will get started as soon as he can, possibly in June.

Details are in the works for a ground-breaking—possibly the Antwerp School.

Rhonda Pees our public information officer will be coordinating the event on ODOT's side.

—Information provided by Kirk M. Slusher, District One Planning Admin. via Tony Langham, Director for Paulding County Economic Development

ANOTHER FFA "STAR" – WAYNE TRACE GRADUATE OF 2006

Brock Williamson, of Wayne Trace High School, through his FFA Advisor, Lori Heiby, has had much FFA success. He is a candidate for a National Level FFA Degree—that of "Star American in Agribusiness". There are only three candidates from Ohio at the National Level.

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