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## THE OHIO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Pictured is Bernie Schmidt who created the quilt blocks for the Paulding County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. The Ohio Retired Teachers Association is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In commemoration of the event, each chapter will submit two quilt blocks. One block will be included with the 89 other chapters

in an anniversary quilt. The second block will be individually mounted along with historical and topical information about each chapter.

The quilt will be on display during the Ohio Retired Teachers Association 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in September at the Ohio Historical Village.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the food, flowers, cards and memorials during the illness and death of our husband and father Willis Messman. All your kindness was greatly appreciated.

—Norma Messman, Kathy & Tom Kemerer & family,  
Denise & Guy Hoag & family,  
Diane & Dan Miller & family,  
Brenda & Mike Stuckey & family

## GARMAN – HERBER



Tim and Gail Garman of Troy, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra, to Bob Herber, son of Bob and Sonya Herber of Antwerp, Ohio.

Kendra graduated from Vandalia Butler High School in 2003 and The University of Toledo this past May with a degree in secondary education.

Bob graduated from Antwerp High School in 2003 and The University of Toledo this past May with a degree in secondary education. He will begin his teaching career this fall at Bishop Fenwick Catholic High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A July 14<sup>th</sup> wedding is being planned in Troy, Ohio.

## LOCAL PIANO STUDENTS RECEIVE SUPERIOR RATING NATIONAL GUILD AUDITIONS

Six local piano pupils from the class of Rebekah N. Smith, 202 Mervin St., Antwerp, registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a member. This group of young pianists performed in the National Piano-Playing Auditions, held at IPFW Campus, Fort Wayne, and strove for Pledge, Local, District, Hobbyist, Duet, Ensemble, State, National or International honors. The American College of Musicians evaluated the students' performances based upon their presentation of baroque, classic, romantic and modern works. Each student performed in the presence of a professional adjudicator chosen by the National organization who examined their repertoire.

Throughout the U.S. and abroad, over 100,000 enthusiastic piano pupils participate in the annual National Piano-Playing Auditions which are held in over 880 music centers. Each entrant is given a certificate, a gold, silver or bronze embossed pin, a report card, and a year's membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

Established in 1929 by Dr. Irl Allison, the first Auditions were held at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. The National Headquarters is maintained in Austin, Texas.

Information regarding the American College of Musicians and Guild Auditions can be obtained by contacting the organization at PO Box 1807, Austin, TX 78767.

The names of the local entrants are Ross Knapp of Antwerp—10 piece, National program; Alaine Wetli of Antwerp—5 piece, District program; Ellise Wetli of Antwerp—5 piece, District program; Ashlyn Strahley of Paulding—10 piece, National program; Stephanie Gerschütz of Paulding—5 piece, District program; Jon Ross of Paulding—10 piece, National program.

All entrants earned a Superior rating.

## ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT WITH ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND

The Antwerp Community Band will present its Annual Spring Concert on Thursday, June 14, 2007 (Flag Day) at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local School.

On the program: The Star-Spangled Banner, Sibelius' *Finlandia*, selections from Brahms' *German Requiem* and from the movie *Dr. Zhivago*, some Count Basie, a Sousa march and more.

## Entertainment Schedule for 2007 Relay For Life:

### Friday, June 1st

5:15pm Survivor Registration  
5:30pm-11pm Brighter Days DJ's by Gary Looser  
6:00pm Opening Ceremonies and Survivor Lap, • Welcome & Introduction of Relay Committee, • Performance by Stephanie Schweller & Ashlynn Straley • Raising of the Flag by Paulding VFW • Dove Release • Ribbon Cutting to start Survivor Lap  
6:30pm "Kids for a Cure" Lap, All Children and Youth Lap  
6:00pm-8:00pm Children's Games by Soaring Eagles  
6:00pm-9:00pm Pop & Water Sales by Hawthorn Court  
6:00pm-11:00am Relay Afghan Raffle by Hawthorn Court  
6:00pm-9:00pm Face Painting, Balloons by TNT Clowns  
6:00pm-10:00pm Leis In Memory/Honor of by Fins of the Flatland  
6:00pm-11:00am Food & Drink Concessions sponsored by Stabler Carpet Cleaning  
6:00pm-11:00am In Honor/Memory of Buttons sold by Marathon Moms  
6:00pm-9:00pm Gold Fish Bowl Toss and Gold Fish Races by First Federal Bank  
6:00pm-9:00pm Pizza & Pop by Jesus Joggers  
6:00pm-9:00pm Tacos in a Bag by Marathon Moms  
6:00pm-9:00pm Air Freshener Ribbons sold and Kids Games by Team Raptor  
6:00pm-9:00pm Hot Dogs, Brats & Cream Chicken Sandwiches, Water sales by Soaring Eagles  
6:00pm-8:00pm Kids Games, In Honor of and In Memory of Buttons by Cancer Crashers  
6:00pm-10:00pm Dessert Bar and Relay Gear by Chief Supermarket  
6:00pm-11:00am Raffle by Stahl, Stoller and Meyer Insurance, Marathon Moms and Paulding Carnegie Library  
6:00pm-8:00pm Ice Cream Sundaes, Cotton Candy by Paulding Carnegie Library  
6:00pm-8:00pm Fish Pond/Duck Pond by Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool  
6:00pm-9:00pm Cheeseburgers In Paradise by Fins of the Flatland Parrot Head Club  
6:00pm-10:00pm Sno Cones sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church  
6:30pm-8:30pm Reunion Band  
7:00pm-8:30pm Fear Factor by Paulding Carnegie Library-Registration begins at 6:00pm.  
7:00pm Corn Hole Tournament by Paulding VFW Ladies Auxillary

7:00pm-9:00pm Hair Braids, Twists; Hand massages, Locks of Love by Lindsey & Co. Hair Salon  
7:00pm-9:00pm Fishing Game sponsored by Marathon Moms  
8:30pm Oakwood Community Band  
8:30pm-10:00pm Kids American Idol contest sponsored by Entou "rog"  
8:30pm St. Johns Crusaders team walk (St. Johns Catholic School)  
8:30pm "Luck of the Fall... Horseshoe Drop by State Bank & Trust  
10:00pm Luminary Ceremony featuring St. Joseph's Catholic Church Choir, Poems read by Carol Cowell and Roseanne Laker  
11:00pm -12:30am Adult American Idol contest sponsored by Entou "rog"  
11:00pm- 12:00am Relay Gear Hour-wear your coolest Relay Gear!

### Saturday, June 2nd

12:00am-1:00am Glow in the Dark Hour-wear all your glow necklaces/bracelets, see who has the most!!  
1:00am-6:00am DJ Music provided by Johnny Martinez  
1:00am-2:00am Pajama Hour-wear your pajamas!  
2:00am-3:00am Crazy Hat Hour-wear your craziest hat!  
3:00am-4:00am Dancing Music Lap-YMCA, Macarena, Electric Slide, Chicken Dance, Conga, etc  
4:00am-5:00am Backwards Hour-walk backwards, wear clothes backwards, etc.  
5:00am-6:00am Wear your favorite College Gear Hour  
6:00am-7:00am Mixed Match Hour-Wear Whatever!  
7:00am Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by Stabler Carpet Cleaning  
8:00am-10:00am Dooley Drive Christian Rock Band  
8:00am-10:00am Children's Games by Soaring Eagles  
8:00am-11:00am Derma Scan and Blood Pressure checks sponsored by Paulding County Hospital  
9:00am-11:00am Relay Gear by Chief Supermarket  
9:00am Morning Aerobics by Carol Simonin  
9:00am-10:00am Cake Walk Hour by Fins of the Flatland PHC  
10:00am Prince & Princess and Little King & Queen Contest sponsored by Marathon Moms  
11:30am Raffle Drawing, Closing Ceremony, Awards Ceremony to follow Final "Celebration" Lap

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**Goza T. Shelton**, 84, of Grover Hill died May 25, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was born January 16, 1923 in Sand Creek, Lincoln County West Virginia the son of Herbert and Lethie (Lambert) Shelton. On September 9, 1944 in Huntington, West Virginia he married Lessie Rakes, who survives. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. In 1981 he retired from Diamond Shamrock Coal Mining Company of Lundale, West Virginia as a mechanic after 38 years of service.

Surviving are his wife Lessie Shelton of Grover Hill; three daughters: Mrs. Gail (Alvin) Gribble of Grover Hill, Mrs. Karen Kreisler of Convoy, OH, and Mrs. Terri (Marty) Lewis of Beaver Creek, OH; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; three brothers: Herbert Shelton Jr. of Midkiff, WV, Ishmael Shelton of Oakwood, and Larry Shelton of Hawthorne, FL; three sisters: Ruth Black, Melissa (Robert) Brumfield and Lorraine (Ronnie) Nelson all of Ranger, WV.

He is preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: Lester, Clifford, Victor, Eugene, and Order Vernon Shelton; four sisters: Dorothy Staley, Beatrice Moore, Claudia Elkins and Marcella Vance.

Funeral services were conducted on May 30, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Pastors Ronnie Nelson and Lonnie Lambert officiated. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Lattty Township Paulding County.

Memorials to Paulding County Area Visiting Nurs-

es and Hospice.

**Mary L. Moore Ashbaugh**, of Convoy, died May 24 at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born in Paulding County to the late Gracie Fae (Sherry) Fohner and John Jay Pershing Fohner. On January 19, 1958, she married John Robert Moore. He died August 7, 1990. On August 21, 1992 she married Gayle Ashbaugh. He survives in Convoy.

Other survivors include her children, Sandra (Tim) Ruskaup of Antwerp, Marsha Banta of Fort Wayne, IN; step-children: Randy (Susan) Ashbaugh of Morrow, OH and Doug (Lynn) Ashbaugh of Van Wert; two brothers: Junior (Wilma) Fohner and David (Judy) Fohner both of Oakwood; a sister, Betty Fohner of Apopka, FL; a grandson, Mike Banta of Fort Wayne and 11 step-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ashbaugh worked at the Van Wert Times-Bulletin as city editor for many years until 1977 when she took a position at the Aeroquip/Eaton Corp. in Van Wert where she retired in 2002. She also worked on the family grain farm. She was a member of Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Van Wert.

Services were held May 29, 2007 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert. The Rev. Paul Miller officiated. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Preferred memorials are Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, IN or Van Wert Community Health Professionals Hospice Program or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to agfhc@earthlink.net

**ONE DAY VBS AT HICKSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

First Baptist Church of Hicksville would like to announce that we are having a one day vacation bible school (VBS) on June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The activities are open to children from 3 years old through 5th grade.

Parents and family members are welcome to join us for the closing program and a free barbecue at 3:00 p.m.

**FREE HEALTH CLINIC TO OPEN IN HICKSVILLE**

Area physicians have partnered with the Hicksville Community Service Center and Community Memorial Hospital to organize the Fountain of Faith Medical Clinic.

The clinic's main objective is to provide free health care to individuals and families with high insurance deductibles or whose insurance plan doesn't cover office visits. "There are so many hard-working people who have to choose between health care and meeting basic needs", states Susan Wiley, project coordinator, "this is the population we're trying to reach".

The first clinic will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in specialist clinic #3 at Community Memorial Hospital. Normally the clinic will be held the first Saturday of each month, however due to the 4th of July holiday, July's clinic will be on the second Saturday. Patients will be treated on a first come, first serve basis eliminating the need to schedule appointments.

Todd Wiley, M.D. and his wife Susan, a Registered Nurse, will staff the first clinic. "Many doctors and nurses have expressed interest in volunteering their services and we hope to expand hours once we get up and running", states Susan. Initially only basic services will be offered, however, the goal is to expand to include baby shots, special procedures, and clergy and counseling services.

The clinic will be funded mainly with donations although grant funding is being investigated for electronic medical record equipment. If you'd like more information or are interested in donating to this worthwhile project contact the Hicksville Community Service Center at PO Box 43, Hicksville, Ohio 43526. Please note that your donation is for the Fountain of Faith Medical Clinic.

**GIVE BLOOD IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT PAULDING COUNTY EVERY DAY**

Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) is sponsoring the first statewide Fallen Officers Blood Drive campaign. "It is my dream to have this statewide blood drive," said Janice Starnes, co-president of COPS. It's just one way Starnes believes she can help give back, pay tribute to and support men and women serving our communities.

Starnes' late-husband, Sergeant Daniel Starnes, was killed in the line of duty in 2001. He received many units of blood during the 27 days he survived after being shot. "Many of Dan's co-workers, friends and family kept asking how they could help, and I just did not know," said Starnes.

After watching her husband receive a blood transfusion, she realized there was a way for others to help. "I ask that everyone please understand the importance of this worthwhile cause and help promote Indiana's first statewide blood drive. Honoring our fallen officers so that the surviving family members will have the comfort in knowing the sacrifice their officer made will never be forgotten."

You can honor all fallen officers by helping to save a life through blood donation Thursday, June 28 at First Christian Church from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church is located at 1233 Emerald Road Paulding. All presenting donors at this blood drive will receive a t-shirt.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good

general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Please call 1-800-448-3543 to schedule your donation appointment. Remember to bring your ID.

**WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS IS COMING**

Living Water Ministries invites everyone to a very different kind of praise and worship service, on Sunday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. We're moving everything outside to the east lawn of the First Financial Bank in downtown Payne for the first of three summer gatherings call Worship Without Walls. It's going to be a great time of live worship, work, ministry, free food, fun, and fellowship. This is an opportunity to tear down some walls and "take the church to where the people are."

It doesn't matter how old you are or how young you are. It doesn't matter how you dress, or if you know the

words to the contemporary worship songs or not. Come as you are, bring your beach blankets or lawn chairs, eat some great food and let's hang out together.

When Worship Without Walls is over we hope that we've all made some new friends, or maybe we've gotten reacquainted with some old ones. But most importantly we hope that everyone will see, hear, and know beyond a shadow of a doubt how much Jesus Christ loves you! So everyone grab someone you love, or someone you would like to love and bring them with you, and we'll see you at Worship Without Walls.

Our next two dates are Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, August 5. For more information call 419-263-2728 or by e-mail rjphelan@bright.net

So, you like reading the West Bend News? Call or Stop on in and let us know.

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**WHERE: East Lawn of the First Financial Bank in downtown Payne, Ohio**

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**SPRING PIANO RECITAL PRESENTED BY STUDENTS OF REBEKAH N. SMITH**



Students entertained their families and friends on May 6 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Hicksville. Those performing were Ann Reinhart, Emily Derck, Jon Ross, Sierra Short, Danielle Daugherty, Joshua Steiner, JC Weaver, Abbey McDougall, Stephanie Gerschutz, Matthew Dooley, Jenna Wilson, Emily Moore, Nicole Hughes, Shawn Dooley, Ashlyn Strahley, Jesse Arnold, Ellise Wetli, Alaine Wetli.

Receiving Suzuki Piano Certificates were Emily

Derck, Emily Moore, Nicole Hughes, Matthew Dooley, Shawn Dooley for completion of their Twinkle Recital level, Joshua Steiner for completion of Half Book Recital from Book One and Ross Knapp for completion of Book One Recital.

Ellise Wetli received a Superior rating and Alaine Wetli an Excellent rating at Junior High Solo and Ensemble Contest. Six students were declared winners in the 2007 National Piano Playing Auditions.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I read with interest the article by Byron Rasey concerning the after affects of gun confiscation in Australia. I would like to make an addition. A few years back, a group known as Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (www.jpfo.org) did a study of gun confiscation in the twentieth century. They found that seven times in the last century governments confiscated guns from the citizens and that genocide against those same citizens then occurred. The group also found that governments had

killed more of their own fellow citizens than all of the wars in the last century. An obvious example would be Nazi Germany, but don't forget the regimes of Pol Pot of Cambodia or Mao Tse Tung of China. These mass murderers are all documented in JPFO's videos and books which can be found at their web site.

Is it any wonder that George Washington once said "The traditional enemy of the people has always been government" or that Alexander Solzhenitsyn once said, "Tyranny will come to your door in a uniform"?

—Phillip Piersma

**HOUSE PASSES GILLMOR BILL TO PROTECT AMERICAN ECONOMY**

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) joined a select group of legislators today as his bill to restrict commercial companies from owning banks passed the U.S. House. Gillmor's legislation, the Industrial Bank Holding Company Act, is one of only a dozen substitute bills sponsored by a Republican to pass the House this year and only the second bill sponsored by an Ohioan to be approved. The bill passed the House by a vote of 371 to 16 with strong bipartisan support including that of Gillmor's cosponsor, Barney Frank (D-MA), the Chairman of the Financial Services Committee. Gillmor said the vote was a credit to the sensibility of both Republicans and Democrats when it comes to protecting the health of the American economy.

"Many people are unfamiliar with the issue of commercial companies owning banks. However, unbeknownst to them, most Americans are familiar with the effect of commercial companies owning banks. There was a time when commercial companies, such as a modern-day Home Depot, could own banks. And it was the failure of some of these banks which contributed to the massive collapse of the banking system and the crisis of the Great Depression," Gillmor said.

By 1933, the President had signed legislation which would restrict commercial companies from owning banks. However, decades later the industrial loan company (ILC) loophole has become the new means to open banking to retailers. It is this loophole which Gillmor's legislation seeks to close. Because the deposits of banks operating in America are insured by the federal government with up to \$100,000 in taxpayer dollars, Gillmor says the mixing of banking and commerce puts taxpayer money at risk if a large commercially-owned bank was to fail.

"The risk of letting a commercial company own a bank is simply too high. What if Enron or WorldCom owned a bank? The collapse of a bank owned by a major retailer could easily cost taxpayers billions of dollars," Gillmor said.

Recognizing the impact of commercial companies engaging in banking, the FDIC extended a previously-installed moratorium by one year on approving any new commercially-owned ILC's. The moratorium had been requested by Rep. Gillmor and 106 of his colleagues while the House debated the Industrial Bank Holding Company Act. The bill was also supported by both Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and former Chairman Alan Greenspan.

"Chairman Frank and I have been fighting to close the ILC loophole for many years. This bill has been trumpeted by both Republicans and Democrats alike because we all recognize the need to maintain the historic separation between banking and commerce. As our legislation continues through the process, I will continue to advocate for the strongest restrictions on the mixing of banking and commerce and

look forward to getting a bill to the President by the end of the year," Gillmor said.

During the ILC debate, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. had applied for an FDIC chartered commercial bank. Gillmor showed strong opposition to the Wal-Mart application and at a Capitol Hill press conference he revealed the details of an e-mail from a Wal-Mart executive attempting to change the lease agreements with in-store banks. Gillmor called the e-mail the "smoking gun" that Wal-Mart was attempting to engage in full-service banking and the next day, the giant retailer withdrew its application for a federally insured bank.

The Industrial Bank Holding Company Act awaits debate in the U.S. Senate where identical legislation was introduced this month by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH). Any differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill may be resolved in a conference committee before the bill can be forwarded to President Bush for his signature into law.

**ROBERT F. KAMMEYER APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK**

The Antwerp Exchange Bank Company is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert F. Kammeyer to the Board of Directors. Mr. Kammeyer was appointed to fill the unexpired term of James P. Spriggs, who retired after 30 years of service to the bank. Mr. Kammeyer has been associated with Kammeyer's IGA in Antwerp since 1973 after his graduation from Bowling Green State University with a degree in business administration. Mr. Kammeyer took over ownership of the family business after the death of his father, Fred Kammeyer, the founder of the business.

Mr. Kammeyer resides in Antwerp with his wife, Patti, who is a teacher at Antwerp Local Schools. They are the parents of two children, Dr. Joel Kammeyer, who is at the University of North Carolina and Jodi Abbate, who is a CPA in Columbus, Ohio. He is a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and Antwerp Rotary Club.

**SMITH - SCHROEDER**



Pam and Charles Smith of Antwerp would like to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Lisa, to David Schroeder, son of Tim and Kim Schroeder of Paulding.


Both David and Lisa are graduates of Antwerp High School. David is employed at Carson's Industries in Napo-

leon. Lisa is employed at Hawthorn Court in Paulding.

The couple are planning a June 9<sup>th</sup> wedding at the Rock Church in Oakwood.

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*A full year has passed and Stephanie Schweller of Paulding remains pain free.*

2,500 treatments on patients who thought there was no hope, some even had prior surgery," says Dr. Hughes D.C. "In one preliminary study, up to 86 percent of those treated with this technology had significant relief following therapy."

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some cases, the pain resolves within the first few minutes of being on the machine.

"Most patients I see have tried everything from medication to surgery. Thanks to this technology, I am able to help patients quickly without any of the risks or side effects of surgery," explained Dr. Hughes.

For more information call 419-232-3322.

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## ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS PLAN ACTIVITIES AND ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Antwerp—At its latest meeting the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club updated plans on several upcoming activities including a golf outing, all-weather track informational brochure and a 5K run.

The Boosters will be hosting the Red, White and Blue golf scramble on June 30 at the Pond-a-River golf course near Woodburn, Indiana. The 18-hole, foursome event will tee off at 8:30 a.m. There will be special prizes for different competitions like closest to the hole and longest drive. After the golf, lunch will be on sale at the club house.

All funds raised by the golf outing will be used for the All-Weather Track project. Interested golfers can contact Cindy Schlatter at 419-542-6577.

The All-Weather Track sub-committee has printed brochures that will be distributed door-to-door by junior high track members and by other methods to better inform the community about the project.

The Boosters are also selling discount cards of specials at the Antwerp and Edgerton Subway restaurants.

In administrative business, Barbie Wales and Shelly Walters were elected to the positions of secretary and

treasurer respectively.

The Boosters will be sponsoring at least one 5K run this summer. The run will be held in conjunction with the Arts in the Park community event on August 11. The club also discussed the possibility of holding a second run to coincide with Rods, Hogs and Dogs auto show in July being organized by the Antwerp Community Development Committee.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 9; Monday May 14; Wednesday, May 16 and Monday, May 21, 2007.

During the May 9 meeting the Commissioners awarded the Underground Pipe and Valve, Inc. a contract in the amount of \$5,676.00 to replace fire hydrants in Payne. The funding will come from the approved 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Paulding County.

At the May 14 session the Commissioners considered and unanimously approved a ballot issue to appear at the November general election to support the operation and maintenance of the newly opened jail. The ballot issue will ask voters to approve renewal of the existing  $\frac{3}{4}$  mill issue and an increase of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mill. The wording of the ballot will place the two items into one vote. Approval of the

ballot issue will allow collections from 2008 through 2012. The original  $\frac{3}{4}$  mill was calculated back in 2001 based on information available at the time. More up to date knowledge of the actual costs of meeting the guidelines of the Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) and planning ahead to the year 2012 caused the Commissioners to recommend the increased amount to county voters.

Additional action at the May 14 meeting approved the 2007 Joint Township Sealing Project as recommended by Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer. This program allows interested townships to gain the advantage of lower costs by having their work combined together into one bid. The County Engineer provides this service to the townships by coordinating the information, advertising, letting the contracts approval and organizing the payment of the contractors. The 2007 contract was awarded to the Ward Construction Company in the total amount of \$220,374.85. Various road-sealing projects will be accomplished in Auglaize, Benton, Blue Creek, Crane, Jackson and Paulding Townships.

Following months of study by an advisory committee and the Commissioners it was decided to create a partially self-funded insurance health benefit plan. The reason for the change is that the exist-

ing fully insured plan does not allow the advisory committee or the Commissioners to know the actual health care costs and administrative costs. The partially self-insured plan is structured to establish a set administrative cost per covered employee and to account separately for total health care costs actually incurred. Stop loss insurance is purchased under this style of plan to cover any unusually high claims per person or for the group as a whole. The new plan will become effective on June 1, 2007.

The Commissioners complimented the Better Homes and Garden Club for the work they perform annually on the flowers around the building and the square.

The Commissioners visited the OSU Extension building on Monday, May 14 to inspect improvements being made to the building. Funding for the improvements is coming from the sale of the Health Department building. Changes underway include painting of the hallways and washrooms; new kitchen counters, sinks, cabinets and microwave and new floor tile. A new door will replace the badly worn double metal doors leading to the large hall on the west side of the building. The Commissioners use rental revenue to operate the Extension facility but the costs annually exceeds the revenue.

Preparing for county government tours, the Commissioners joined Paulding High School faculty member Sam Hatcher for lunch at school on Wednesday, May 16. At lunch plans were made for the offices to visit and the time schedule for moving groups of students in the building.

Jane Gray, Superintendent of the Paulding County MRDD program, provided her regular report to the Commissioners on Monday, May 21. Gray noted with pride that Abby Gochenour graduated May 18. The annual early intervention infant program is scheduled to begin May 31 and begins through the summer. The last day of MRDD school is now June 1 due to a recent fog day. Five athletes will represent Paulding County at the Summer Special Olympics in Bowling on June 22 and 23. Gray announced that Paulding-Putnam REA recently donated computers.

Jim Lopshire and Sylvia Altenburger, OSU Extension Agents, and Cheryl Farley, Family Nutrition Program and Parenting Coordinator, met with the Commissioners on Monday, May 21. Lopshire focused on training seminars that had attracted good attendance. One was on pesticide applications and another concentrated on agronomy. The total attendance for the two programs was one hundred and thirty. Agent Altenburger highlighted the twenty-one first time juvenile traffic offenders who participated in the Ohio 4-H CARTEENS program. This program is taught by teens. The goal is to reduce the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders. Once a teen has completed this program they may then become leaders themselves gaining leadership experience and work development skills. Cheryl Farley spoke about her nutrition education work with the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program sponsored in the Paulding

## RESIDENTS PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY



The boy scout troop 143 along with the VFW and American Legion prepared veterans graves for Memorial Day at the local cemeteries.

County Health Department. She reported fifty-five participants in the nutrition education program.

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.

## STATE TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES ON CLEAN DIESEL INITIATIVE: ODOT TO ASSIST WITH NEW RETROFIT TECHNOLOGY ON OLDER ENGINES

Columbus—Governor Ted Strickland today directed the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to change how Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding can be used, allowing local communities to retrofit older diesel engines with new, clean diesel technology.

Strickland's order marks a change in policy by ODOT, which historically did not allow Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to use CMAQ funds in this manner. Opening up CMAQ funding for these types of projects is part of the ongoing mission of ODOT Director James G. Beasley to review how the funding sources administered by the department can best be used.

"Allowing local communities to make this investment will put them ahead of the curve in decreasing air pollution and helping our cities get closer to federal air quality attainment," Strickland said. "The Ohio Department of Transporta-

tion will work closely with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and our local communities to make the air we breathe better.

MPOs will now be able to use CMAQ funds budgeted to them over the next two years, and any unprogrammed funds from past years, to immediately address diesel-retrofitting efforts. The MPOs can retrofit older diesel engines on public transit, truck and construction fleets with new, clean diesel technology.

"CMAQ funds have a very specific purpose: to mitigate congestion and improve air quality," said Director Beasley. "By giving local communities these new tools, we are also giving these communities more options to consider as they work with us to fight traffic and air quality problems."

The Ohio EPA will work in partnership with ODOT to ensure CMAQ funds are properly administered to projects that will help bring areas in Ohio, particularly in northeastern Ohio, in attainment with federal air quality standards.

"This initiative by ODOT adds much-needed support to our diesel retrofitting of school buses in communities that do not meet federal air quality standards for fine particulates," said Chris Korleski, Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Ohio EPA created the Clean Diesel School Bus Fund in 2006 to encourage school districts to install pollution controls on diesel school buses, and use cleaner fuel to reduce diesel emissions and improve air quality. Ohio EPA reports that its retrofits will eliminate more than four tons of air pollution, including carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and fine particulate emissions.

# To minimize your wait for the blood profile at PCH's Family Health Day Pre-register

Pre-registration packets and instructions can be picked up at any of the following locations:

- Paulding County Hospital switchboard
- Dr Halachanova & Dr Spangler's offices, PCH Medical Office Building, 1032 W Wayne St
- Dr. Gray's office, Antwerp
- Dr. Hendrickson office, Paulding
- Dr. Kreit's office, Oakwood
- Dr. Kuhn's office, Payne
- Dr. Fishbaugh's office, Paulding
- Ross' Gas Station, Grover Hill

**Completed packets must be returned by June 20 to any of the above locations**

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This is a picture of Antwerp High School's Girls Softball Team of 2007. They ended with a 16-3 record and also District Champs. This is a little better than last year's record with a number of new players.

I want to draw your attention to the awards and honors to this team. Look them over good and see how this small town team has three players with State Recognition. These girls have lots to be proud of. They lost in Findlay 3-0, but they don't need to hang their heads. You bet, we are flat out proud of them.

Mindy DeLong is the only senior. Yes, we will miss her because she is a good right

fielder. Next year, some one will have to step up and take her place. Next year's team can be just as good, they have the ability.

I was able to see some of the games. I know a few of the players, but mostly I knew their parents and grandparents. Girls, your team is certainly part of Antwerp's History. For the rest of your life, you can and will look back to this season with pride and heartfelt emotion.

All of these stats and info was given to me by Peggy Savage. The school superintendent's secretary. I would like to add that whenever I go to the school for history or info they always bend over backwards to help me. Yes, I'm very proud of our school system and the people who operate it.

Antwerp Lady Archers Softball Team 2007

Pitching - Bryn Schlatter (Jr): 1st Team All State, 1st Team District Seven, 1st Team GMC, Voice (Van Wert Paper) Player of the Year.

Catching - Christy Kortokrax (Jr): Honorable Mention All State, 1st Team District Seven, 2nd Team GMC.

1st Base - Kelsey Bashore (Fr)

2nd Base - Amanda Riebersal (Jr): 2nd Team All

State, 1st Team District Seven, 1st Team GMC.

Shortstop - Darcie Reinhart (Fr)

3rd Base - Kole Schlatter (Soph): 2nd Team GMC

Left Field - Audra Woodcox (Soph)

Center Field - Michele Stuart (Soph)

Right Field - Mindy DeLong (Sr)

Other Outfielders - Ashley Carr (Fr), Nit Major (Jr), Ana Garcia (Fr)

Mgr./Stat - Whitney Bok (Soph)

Antwerp Archers 2007 Softball Awards:

Most Valuable - Amanda Riebersal, Bryn Schlatter, Christy Kortokrax

Rotary Award - Mindy DeLong

GMC First Team - Amanda Riebersal, Bryn Schlatter

GMC Second Team - Christy Kortokrax and Kole Schlatter

GMC Honorable Mention - Kelsey Bashore

Northwest District - First Team: Bryn Schlatter, Amanda Riebersal, Christy Kortokrax

All State Recognition - First Team: Bryn Schlatter; Second Team: Amanda Riebersal; Honorable Mention: Christy Kortokrax

Varsity Letter Winners - Mindy DeLong, Sr. 1 award; Christy Kortokrax, Jr. 3 awards; Amanda Riebersal, Jr. 3 awards; Bryn Schlatter, Jr. 3 awards; Ana Garcia, Soph. 1 award; Nit Major, Soph. 1 award; Kole Schlatter, Soph. 2 awards; Michele Stuart, Soph. 2 awards; Audra Woodcox, Soph. 2 awards; Ashley Carr, Fr. 1 award; Kelsey Bashore, Fr. 1 award; Darcie Reinhart, Fr. 1 award; Whitney Bok, Mgr/Stat

Some of the players had parents who entered in sports for A.H.S.

You can remember how good an athlete Cindy Savage Schlatter was. Well, I was at an Antwerp basketball game in the 1960's all the players took off for the other end of the gym where the action was, except Benny Schlatter. He was down on his knees under the basket by himself trying to wipe the floor or that's the way it seemed to me. I said, to my friend, "what in the world is Benny doing?" He said he probably lost a contact lens. Antwerp soon got the ball and called a time out. A couple teammates helped him and the lens was soon found and the game continued. But that was something new for me, those contact lenses have become a boon for athletes who need them.

This next little anecdote is also about Bryn and Kole's forefathers.

Years ago we had a man in town called Pete Savage. He was a good husband, father, provider and Water Works man. But long about there, the credits thin out. He was also an ice fisherman. That was a terrible duo for one man to have. You see, Bass fisherman, such as myself, are faired honest, we rate right up there with Honest Abe. A Blue Gill fisherman will say, "boy, we hit 'em good, we got 10 or 12 big slabs".

When actually they probably had 10 or 12 five or six inch little ones. But, with Pete, when it came to a fish story, nothing was sacred. Well, case in point, his name wasn't even Pete, it was Rex.



**AHS girls softball team 2007. First row - Nit Major, Christy Kortokrax, Amanda Riebersal, Mindy DeLong, Whitney Bok. Second row - Ana Garcia, Ashley Carr, Darcie Reinhart, Kelsey Bashore, Kole Schlatter, Michele Stuart, Audra Woodcox.**

Now right there you start to have some doubts.

Pete is gone now, but he and I drank a lot of coffee and told a few fish stories, and he told me this one (Pete is the grandfather of Bryn and Kole).

He said, "I was up in Minnesota fishing for Pike of any kind. Just to have some luck, the bigger the better." He said, "I had about a six inch wild shiner on for bait for quite a spell, with no action, then my bobber disappeared. O Boy! some action, maybe.

"I waited for the bobber to come back up, but it didn't. I waited and waited, it never emerged. So I thought I had waited long enough because he was slowly taking live off my reel. I leaned over and took up the slack and then with the line almost tight, I set the hook into a big one, tough one. He started down the river like a locomotive. My line was fairly flying out. After awhile of this, I started to apply a little pressure on the outgoing line. He started to tire and I was able to bring some of the line back in on the reel. Well, this went on for a few minutes and I'm thinking to myself, I would like to know what is out there. I would like to just see whatever it is and how big it is 'cause this guy is a killer.

"After awhile, we come to an impasse, he wasn't taking anymore line and I couldn't reel any line in, but I was still on the line because I could feel him tug on my line.

"It so happened there was a scuba driver in the area. So I called him over and told him the story. I asked him to go down and see what I had on, I had to know. 'See what it is, how big it is and see if he can get him for me.' So he agreed and down into the river he went.

"He emerged after awhile and I was anxious to see him. He said, 'what you got is a huge Northern, but I can't get him for you'. He said, 'there is a lot of junk on the river bottom. It looks like an old Model T body down there full of river water and this big fish is still on your line just swimming around inside this car body'.

"Well, why can't you walk over and get him out of there for me?"

He said, "Every time I get up close, he rolls the window up."

Yes siree, the Warricks, the Savages, and the Schlatters are certainly part of Antwerp History. See Ya!

**ROB PORTMAN TO HEADLINE GILLMOR'S LINCOLN HAYES BANQUET**

Tiffin, Ohio—Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) announced today that the Honorable Rob Portman will be the featured speaker at the annual Fifth District Lincoln-Hayes Banquet. Portman will speak at the banquet at Bowling Green State University's Bowen-Thompson Student Union on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Rob for the 2007 Lincoln-Hayes Banquet," Gillmor said. "Rob has a distinguished record of service to our country and our nation has benefited greatly from his knowledge and experience. I am very glad to be welcoming my friend to our Lincoln-Hayes Banquet," Gillmor continued.

The Honorable Rob Portman is currently the highest ranking Ohioan in the White House. Mr. Portman has served in the President's cabinet in various capacities including as the U.S. Trade Representative after serving as a Congressman for Ohio's Second District. While in Congress, Mr. Portman served as Chairman of the House Republican Leadership and liaison between the House Leadership and the White House. Among his many legislative accomplishments, Mr. Portman authored significant laws on issues ranging from curtailing unfunded federal mandates to the first comprehensive reform of the Internal Revenue Service in 50 years.

Paul Gillmor is serving in his tenth term representing Northwest Ohio's Fifth District in Congress. He currently serves on the Financial Services Committee where he is the top Republican on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. He is also the Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. Gillmor served 22 years in the Ohio Senate including five terms as Republican Leader and three General Assemblies as Senate President. Congressman Gillmor is an Air Force veteran and is married to Karen L. Gillmor, a former State Senator who currently serves as Vice Chairman of the State Employment Relations Board. The Gillmors have two daughters, Linda and Julie, and three sons, Paul Michael, and twins Connor and Adam.

The Lincoln-Hayes Banquet is a low-cost, grassroots event hosted annually by Congressman Paul Gillmor. For many years, Gillmor's Lincoln-Hayes Banquet has been one of the largest Republican events in the State of Ohio bringing together conservatives from each of the sixteen counties in Gillmor's Northwest Ohio district. The event honors one of the most prominent Republicans in our nation's history, President Abraham Lincoln, along with one of Ohio's favorite sons, President Rutherford B. Hayes. Tickets may be obtained through your local Republican Party organization. For more information, visit [www.gillmorforcongress.com](http://www.gillmorforcongress.com).

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## TOP IN CLASS OF 2007 AT PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

James L. Manz of Paulding



ing earned the status of Valedictorian with an outstanding 4.064 GPA. His parents are Kenneth and Gwendolyn Manz.

James is a member of NHS, the Engineering team, and P.A.C.E. club.

Academic awards he has earned include: Americanism Test winner, Buckeye Boys State Delegate, Most Outstanding Citizen at Boys State.

James was a member of the school's track team for two years and the basketball team for one. He was also involved with the school choir for three years, Quartet—JV for one year and Varsity for one.

Volunteer work that James has been involved in are Hurricane relief in Florida and Mississippi.

His favorite class in school

was AP Calculus because James says, "I like Math."

James is bound for the University of Akron with plans to major in Computer Engineering. Currently, he works for InSource Technologies, Inc. and plans to continue work there through college and beyond.



**Cody Wolfle** of Paulding earned the status of Salutatorian with a memorable 4.036 GPA. His parents are Bill and Brenda Wolfle.

Academic activities that Cody was involved in were the Science Olympiad and the Engineering team.

Outside of school Cody was an active participant in his church and a community softball team.

When asked for a favorite teacher or class, Cody responded, "Miss Williams, because she makes me challenge myself."

Cody is college-bound for the University of Cincinnati

and majoring Mechanical Engineering. He would like to work in the alternative energy industry after college. Currently he is employed by Cooper Hatchery: Grain and Feed.

Cody describes himself as a passionate, responsive, intelligent, determined and calm person. He says this about his most memorable experience of High School, "I have too many to pick from, but most of them are linked to a car somehow. Whether it was working on the racing them, driving them to kill time, or the things we did in them driving home from Fort Wayne in a snow storm; the cars will always represent the best times from high school."



Third in this class of 2007 is **Ashley Clark** of Paulding with an impressive 4.0 GPA. Her parents are Jeff and Brenda Clark.

She was involved in NHS and P.A.C.E. Academic awards she received included highest honors, the French Hinard, Scholar-Athlete award, and Math award. Sports she participated in through the school were basketball 4 years, and volleyball 4 years. Awards pertaining to her sports involvement were: Basketball—the Bryan Holiday Tournament All-Star Team - 2 years; 3-year Scholar-Athlete award; Paulding County Player of the Year; Paulding County Second team; Northwest Conference 1st team; Northwest Conference 2nd team; VWTimes.com Team; Coaches Award; MVP; Volleyball—Paulding County 2nd team; Paulding County 1st team; Northwest Conference 2nd team; Northwest Conference 1st team; 3-year Scholar-Athlete; District 7 Volleyball team; Coaches Award; MVP.

Other activities Ashley participated in was Yearbook and the Awakening.

Ashley is college-bound for the University of Saint Francis to major in Radiology. She would like to work in

a small community hospital after college. Currently she is employed at Paulding County Hospital.

## SIX SCHOLARS OF 2007 TAKE THEIR PLACE AT THE TOP AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL

Each year the Wayne Trace senior class recognizes its top students. Since high school is filled with complicated and challenging courses that test our minds to their ends, this award is a great honor. This year, six talented students have managed to beat the system and graduate with an outstanding 4.0 GPA. The lucky students for the graduating class of 2007 are the following:



**Terel Arnett** is the daughter of Fred and Toni Arnett and the older sister of Shawna Arnett.

Throughout her past four years of high school, she has remained very involved. Terel participates in the National Honor Society, the Spirit Committee, Basketball, and Softball.

During her four years in high school, Terel has received many awards such as the four year Merit Honor Roll, Student of the Month, and the Health and Physical Education Departmental Awards.

Terel says her favorite class is Physics, and her favorite teacher is Miss Fisher because, "she always encouraged us to do our best and not to stress out over everything."

When asked what she will miss about high school, Terel replied, "seeing all of my friends everyday and the close relationships with teachers." On the contrary, Terel says she is looking forward to "having the new experiences and meeting new people" next year at college.

**Kara Lynn Benschneider** is the daughter of Gary and Jane Benschneider.



Throughout her past four years of high school, she has remained very involved. Kara participates in Volleyball, National Honor Society, and Teen Institute.

During her four years in high school, Kara has received many awards such as the four year Merit Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and the Math, Science and English Departmental Awards. She also received many awards during her volleyball career. Such awards include, the Most Valuable Player, the Most Improved Player, Honorable Mention District 7, 1st Team GMC, and 1st Team All-County.

Kara says Physics is her favorite class, and when she was asked what teacher had the most influence on her in high school, she replied, "Mr. Lentz, because he taught me to see the forest."

When asked, what will you miss most about high school, Kara said she will miss her friends and teachers.



**Zachary Hamrick** is the son of Jeff and Sue Hamrick and the older brother of Rebecca Hamrick.

Throughout his past four years of high school, he has remained very involved. Zach participates in the National Honor Society, Band, Scholastic Bowl, and Cross Country.

During his four years in high school, Zach received many awards such as the four year Merit Honor Roll, and the Susan B. Anthony/Fredrick Douglass Leadership Award.

Zach says Accounting is his favorite class, and he says his favorite teacher is "Mr. Mayberry because he expanded my mind to question the world."

When asked what he will miss most about high school, he replied, "the lockers." Zach says he is looking forward to meeting new people next year in college.



**Wade Bradley Sisson** is the son of Brad and Jo El-

len Sisson and the younger brother of Nicole Sisson.

Throughout his past four years of high school, he has remained very involved. Wade participates in the National Honor Society, the Scholastic Bowl, the Drama Club, Choir, Show Choir, Student Council, and Cross Country. This year, Wade also took time out of his busy schedule to plan the senior National Honor Society trip to New York, and he did an outstanding job. His hard work really paid off, and his fellow senior members cannot thank him enough.

During his four years in high school, Wade has received many awards such as the four year Merit Honor Roll, the English Departmental Award, the Presidential Scholar Award, and he was the "Freedom of Democracy" runner up.

When asked what he will miss most about high school, he replied, "my friends and the good times we had together." Wade says he is looking forward to the independence in college next year.



**Kathleen Mary Sponseller** is the daughter of Jim and Lori Sponseller.

Throughout her past four years of high school, she had remained very involved. Kathleen is the president of the National Honor Society, and participates in the Scholastic Bowl, the Drama Club, Choir, and Show Choir. This year, Kathleen also had the opportunity to represent Wayne Trace in the annual Peony Pageant, and she received 2nd runner up.

During her four years in high school Kathleen has obtained many awards such as, the two year Social Studies Departmental Award, the Business Departmental Award, the four year Merit Honor Roll, and Student of the Month.

When asked what teacher has had the most influence on you, Kathleen replied, "Mr. Schaper, because he wants us to work harder than we normally have to and that will get us ready for college. He also challenges us and makes us think outside the box." Kathleen says she is looking forward to "meeting new people and doing more of what she wants to do" next year in college.



**Seth Wenninger** is the son of Larry and Joyce Wenninger and the youngest brother

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of Larisa, Erica, Doug, and Chet.

Throughout his past four years of high school, he has remained very involved. Seth participated in Football, Basketball, Yearbook, and he was a Homecoming attendant.

During his busy four years of high school Seth has obtained many awards such as, the 2006 Bauscht Lomb Science Award, an Americanism Test Winner, the Presidential Academic Award, a National Merit Semifinalist, and the English, Social Studies, and Math Departmental Awards.

When asked "what teacher has had the most influence on you", Seth replied, "Mrs. Sinn, because as my science teacher, Mrs. Sinn has influenced me greatly. She has instilled in me a love for science, especially Chemistry, and that will help me greatly in my future career."

Seth says he is looking forward to "the fact that I will be studying for the career of my choice. Also, I am ready to have a place of our own where Casey, Xavier, and I can live and call "our own" next year.

**DREAM TO ACHIEVE: CLASS OF 2007 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTORIAN FOR ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL**

By: Kathryn Laney, Freshman

This final issue of The Archer Spirit for the 2006-2007 school year is dedicated to the Class of 2007. They've worked vigorously to achieve their goals and dreams over the last 14 years of their lives. Two seniors in particular have reached a pinnacle in their academic journey. In this interview, you will learn how valedictorian **Becky Goudy** and salutatorian **Jessica Smazenko** pushed their way through high school and made it to the top of their class.



Becky Goudy

Goudy and Smazenko are extraordinary people who have dedicated their high school careers to maintaining a high GPA and grades that are better than the rest. These two girls have overcome their fears and have worked through all of their challenges. Both of the girls' families, friends, and loved ones are proud of how far they have come to reach this



Jessica Smazenko

success. With a hope that Goudy and Smazenko will devote their lives to learning and conquering the obstacles they face, congratulations to them, and may they have a successful and fulfilling life ahead of them.

KL: What motivated you to work hard to become valedictorian or salutatorian?

Goudy: Good grades have always come easy to me.

Smazenko: I have always been a self-motivator, as long as I can remember. I expected a lot from myself, to be the best I could be.

KL: What, for you, was the hardest part of getting through high school?

Goudy: Getting up every morning for school, especially this year. Things are only hard in high school if you let them get to you. If you want something to be easier, then you have to make it that way for yourself.

Smazenko: The hardest part has been dealing with the everyday stresses of high school.

KL: What is a memory you have from your high school experience that helped you learn from your mistakes?

Goudy: I let myself be hurt a lot because of other people when I was younger, but now I realize that you have the choice of whether or not you are happy. It's your fault if you are letting people make you feel bad. So change yourself and get what you want, and make yourself happy.

KL: Are there any teachers, administrators, coaches, etc., who helped or inspired you in some way on your journey through high school?

Goudy: Mr. McMichael is the one who suggested looking into radiography and who kept pushing me to take the ACT's and apply for college.

Smazenko: Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Reinhart have helped push me to go the extra mile in everything I do, not just academics, but everything.

KL: Now that all of your hard work has paid off, what are your plans for after high school? What university will you attend, and for what major and/or minor?

Goudy: I plan to move to Toledo in the fall with my boyfriend Nate and best friend Summer. I will be attending Owens Community College because the school is paying for everything, and, of course, they have my major. I will major in radiography because it only takes two and a half years to complete, I will make a lot of money, and it's

not that hard of a job. After I finish there, Nate and I are moving to Florida, and I will further my education there.

Smazenko: I plan on going to Mount Vernon Nazarene University because it is a small university, has a Christian atmosphere, and is close to home, but not too close. I will major in Christian Education and possibly minor in music. I have a passion for kids and music, so this is just perfect for me. After graduating, I will have a minister's license and will work as a youth pastor. I'm unsure of where I will work, but it's a long way down the road.

KL: Do you have any advice for underclassmen aspiring to be valedictorian or salutatorian?

Goudy: Keep up the hard work, and don't be too disappointed if you don't get it because it's just a title. What matters is that you know you can work hard.

Smazenko: You have to strive for something bigger in life besides just valedictorian or salutatorian. These are just an added bonus along the way. As for academics, don't wait until the last minute to study for tests!

KL: What do you plan to do for your speech on graduation day?

Goudy: I plan to inspire people to just live the way that they want and to be happy. I'm all about that quote, "You only live once!" So do it all! You don't necessarily have to go to college or be a genius to have a successful and fulfilling life.

Smazenko: I have no idea!

KL: How do you plan to spend your summer preparing for college?

Goudy: I plan to go to Florida a couple times, just for fun. I have to go to Toledo a few times to find a job and an apartment up there. Other than that, I'm all registered and set for college, so I hope to have a fun-filled, exciting, and memorable summer this year.

Smazenko: Relaxing and hanging out with friends.

**"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": THE VANTAGE CLASS OF 2007 SAYS GOODBYE**

Cap and gown pickup, memory books, senior pictures, graduation party invitations, celebrations, future plans... the halls at Vantage were buzzing with excited students who were on the verge of concluding their high school careers and moving toward their futures. As the class of 2007 prepares for graduation, many students are torn between the comfortable environment of their school and the anticipation and excitement of the future. I had a chance to talk to several seniors recently and here's what they had to say about their two years at Vantage.

Dusty Schnipke, a senior Welding student from Ottawa-ville said, "Coming to Vantage was a great experience. I liked meeting new people at Vantage. I was also able to earn 3 AWS (American Welding Society) certifications through my welding program." Dusty was on early placement, working at Nelson Manufacturing in Ottawa.

Andrew Williamson, a Crestview senior in the Network Systems program said,



This group of Vantage seniors - (front) Brooke Schwarzman, Shellie Rhodes, Ericka Spangler, Kayla Crider, (back) Tyler Maag, Mike Recker, Zach Horstman, Andy Miller and Rick Hahn - enjoy one last time together before graduation.

"My two years at Vantage were fun. I learned a lot in my program." Andrew will start using some of those skills this fall as he heads to IPFW to major in Computational Chemistry (which is a branch of chemistry that uses computer programs to calculate the structures and properties of molecules and properties).

Shellie Rhodes, a senior Cosmetology student from Lincolnview is looking forward to the future. "I'm really glad I came to Vantage for high school. I plan on using my cosmetology skills to help finance my college education. I was even a Vantage preschooler when I was just 3 or 4 years old!" Shellie is heading to Indiana Tech to major in Public Relations with a minor in Business Administration/Sports Marketing. One day Shellie hopes to be a Public Relations specialist and stylist for NASCAR.

Auto Technology senior Rick Hahn from Delphos Jefferson has decided to serve in the military. Rick has joined the US Army and leaves for basic training on July 5, 2007. "One of my favorite things about Vantage was meeting a bunch of people that I got along with."

Ericka Spangler and Kayla Crider, seniors from Van Wert and classmates in the Early Childhood Education program, really enjoyed working with the preschoolers. "The preschoolers just made us laugh. They were fun to be around." Kayla is looking forward to representing Vantage at the FC-

CLA National Conference this summer. Ericka plans to work for a year before continuing her education.

"My time at Vantage was life-changing," says Anthony Bradtmueller, a senior from Antwerp in the Network Systems program. "Coming to Vantage gave me career focus and I learned a lot in my program. I met new friends and had fun too." Anthony will attend International Business College in Ft. Wayne and major in Analytical Computer Programming.

Paulding senior Melissa Figert from the Interactive Media program loved "meeting new friends at Vantage. It was fun having a preschool

buddy too!" Melissa will be attending the University of Northwestern Ohio and majoring in Digital Multi Media.

Some students have already started on their career. Brooke Schwarzman from Continental passed her cosmetology state board exam a few weeks ago and is working at Smart Style Salon. Marc Heizman, an Auto Body senior also from Continental, is working in the body shop at H & K Motors. Colin Harting, an Industrial Mechanics senior from Crestview is the operator of barn 2 of CW Farms, LLC. He'll be taking night classes at the University of Northwestern Ohio,

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The Car and Bike Show will be located at the corner of S. Main and 127 downtown Paulding. This event is sponsored by St. John's Tire.

Door prizes, 50-50 drawing, hot dogs, sloppy joes, hot chicken sandwiches, popcorn and pop will be available. Free will donation, gas cards and dog food donations will be accepted too. Proceeds go to "Friends of the Paulding County Dog Shelter."

For more information call Lynne Mansfield at 258-1442 or Becky Beech at 399-2023.

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majoring in Ag Equipment Technology.

Brian Paige, a senior Automotive Technology student from Van Wert, said that he's "really learned a lot at Vantage - coming here was a great decision for me." He would like to save money for school and major in Business Administration.

Although Wayne Trace senior Sheena Simindinger passed her state cosmetology board exam, she would like to continue working as a dietary aide at Convoy Care Center. "I loved coming to school at Vantage. We were treated more like adults here. It was way good!" Janae Sinn, a Wayne Trace senior from the Health Careers program felt the same way. Janae plans to enroll in the LPN to RN program at Vantage through Northwest State.

Antwerp's Seth Smith, a senior in the Ag Diesel Mechanics program, enjoyed his time at Vantage too. He even got an unexpected benefit. For his senior project, he restored a 1955 John Deere model 70 tractor and now he's very interested in pursuing other restoration projects. He'll be attending the University of Northwestern Ohio majoring in Diesel Technology.

Vantage is very proud of the 171 seniors in the class of 2007. Fifty-four percent of the seniors are either working already or plan to work their first year after graduation. Thirty-five percent are planning to further their education by attending a technical school, college or university. Eleven percent of the seniors are entering the military. The University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima enrolls the largest number of Vantage seniors. Interest is high in mechanics and business technologies.

Whether already working, taking some time off from school, joining the military or heading off to college in the fall, Vantage congratulates the senior class of 2007. Best wishes always!

**JOHNSON - GOYINGS**



Jessica Johnson and Jeremy Goyings would like to announce their upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be's parents are Bill and Angie Johnson. Jessica graduated from Paulding High School in 2000. She is a Mary Kay Consultant and helps out on their farm.

The groom-to-be's parents are Doug and Diane

Goyings. He graduated from Paulding High School in 2002. Jeremy then went to Ohio State University where he graduated from in 2006. He is a full time farmer in Paulding.

Jeremy and Jessica have a June 16, 2007 wedding planned at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Paulding. They plan to farm for the rest of their lives.

**PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS SIX SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR**

The Paulding County Area Foundation has announced the recipients of the third year of five years of scholarships to six Paulding County Graduates. The \$1,000.00 scholarships have been awarded to:

Dustin M. Sensabaugh, Antwerp Local School graduate. He plans to study Medium and Heavy Diesel at University of Northwestern Ohio. He is the son of David and Carla Sensabaugh.

Seth C. Smith, Antwerp Local School graduate. He plans to study Diesel Technology at University of Northwestern. He is the son of Marc Smith and Tawnya English.

Joy L. Nice, Paulding High School graduate. She plans to study Accounting and Finance with a minor in Agriculture Business at Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Dave and Jane Nice.

Cody J. Wolfle, Paulding High School graduate. He

plans to study Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Alternative Energies at University of Cincinnati. He is the son of Bill and Brenda Wolfe.

Kara L. Benschneider, Wayne Trace School graduate. She plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Tri-State University. She is the daughter Gary and Jane Benschneider.

Zachery K. Hamrick, Wayne Trace School graduate. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Ohio Northern University. He is the son of Jeffery and Susan Hamrick.

The Paulding County Area Foundation will grant scholarships for two more years to the three Paulding County Schools. These scholarships are due to the generosity of an Anonymous Donor.

If you would like to be a donor of the scholarship contact the Paulding County Area Foundation at 419-399-8282.

**FAMILY FUN DAY AT PAULDING FISH AND GAME CLUB**

The Paulding Fish and Game Club is planning a Family Fun Day on June 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

There will be fishing, archery and BB gun shooting. Refreshments for the day include hot dogs.

Have the family come and enjoy a day at the club house.

**GILLMOR INTRODUCES RESOLUTION ADVANCING HIS FIVE POINT IMMIGRATION PLAN**

WASHINGTON, DC— For more than a year, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) has been traveling Northwest Ohio discussing his five principles for comprehensive immigration reform. As the U.S. Senate begins debating legislation which Gillmor calls "fundamentally flawed," the senior Ohio Republican is encouraging his House colleagues to debate his five points. Today, Gillmor introduced a resolution for his house colleagues outlining his five principles for immigration reform.

"There are some topics which will always be on the minds of the American people; immigration is one of these issues. Two years before I entered the House, Congress told the people they had concluded the final chapter of our immigration crisis when it approved the Immigration Control and Reform Act. At that time there were three million illegal immigrants who were given amnesty with a promise that strong border security would ensure the influx of illegal immigrants came to an end. Just two decades later, we have an estimated twelve million illegal immigrants inside the United States. Obviously, the American people were sold a broken plan and a broken promise," Gillmor said. "As the House has worked to pass legislation to secure the border, I have been telling Northwest Ohioans my five principles for immigration reform. Soon, we will begin the immigration debate again and I am encouraging my colleagues to honor my five principles for comprehensive immigration reform."

Gillmor's Resolution (H.Res. 440) states that immigration legislation considered by the House of Representatives should commit to the following:

- Strengthen border security by providing increased resources to federal and state authorities to assist border patrol efforts;
- Enforce our laws banning the hiring of illegal immigrants coupled with the establishment of an instant employment verification system;
- Design a limited temporary worker program to allow documented foreign workers to live in the country legally for a fixed, but limited period of time;
- Oppose amnesty for those who have broken our laws;
- Change the focus of legal immigration to give a priority to law-abiding, highly-skilled immigrants applying for legal entry.

"We accept more than a 500,000 legal immigrants every year and I am committed to continuing our tradition as a welcoming nation.

But our borders have more holes today than a bag of hula hoops. Our open borders are one of the largest security threats our nation faces and they must be closed. We must also eliminate the economic magnet by enforcing our laws against hiring illegal aliens," Gillmor said. "As many of our Northwest Ohio farmers will tell you, there is a real need for farm labor and I support renewing a limited temporary worker program to allow a certain number of foreign workers to live in America for a fixed time. I also believe we should place a priority on highly-skilled immigrants who will benefit our nation."

"I have listened to the people of Northwest Ohio and I know that my five principles on immigration reform are the guidelines they want Congress to follow. The plan which was introduced recently by a group of U.S. Senators meets several of my five points but it falls very flat on the merits of opposing amnesty. Negotiations are always difficult and require some compromise, but compromising core principles should never be an option. I expect the Senate plan will meet a very cold welcome in the House," Gillmor said.

The U.S. Senate is expected to continue debating comprehensive immigration reform over the next few weeks. When the House debate begins, Gillmor says he hopes his colleagues will consider his five points.

**FROM THE PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office has again taken a report of an organization calling itself the United States Deputy Sheriffs' Association telephonically soliciting donations to be used towards the purchase of bullet proof vests for Deputy Sheriffs. This is completely untrue. They have not nor do not give any of the funds collected to any Sheriff's Office. In the past they have also solicited funds to be used toward the purchase of police dogs. This also is not true.

In the past they have also called themselves Ohio Deputy Sheriffs' Association. This organization also doesn't give any portion of the funds collected to any Sheriff's Office.

The only legitimate Sheriff's Association is the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and they do not solicit over the telephone. If they do solicit, it is by the mail.

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## THEN AND NOW

By: Sue Knapp

When I went on my UP adventure I wanted to take a book along to read to my grandchildren. *The Secret of the Lockkeeper's House* by Georgia Kohart is the one I chose.

The book is about three adventurous children that end up in the past during the canal days. Not only is there mystery (concerning a ring) and adventure but the book goes into what it was like back those days. My grandchildren listened closely as I read to them about life on a canal boat, superstitions and the thriving towns along the canal.

I don't think we can fully understand the hardships that the people back then considered just a way of life. Not only were their living quarters on the canal boat, but also quarters for the help and for the donkeys that pulled the boat. Laundry was done in the canal and hung from lines strung up on the boat. Children were required to help as soon as they were able. Work days were from dawn to sometimes way past dusk.

There seemed to be close relationships between the canal boat people and the families that ran the lockkeepers' houses. The towns were thriving with all kinds of retail, hotels, businesses and shipping of goods and people traveling from town to town via canal boats. The three adventurous children had to endure goose grease for salve, witness death from diseases we don't have to worry about and wearing layers of clothing in the hot, hot summer. The brothers, Patrick and Will worked on the canal boat while Tessa, their cousin, stayed at the lockkeeper's house.

The towns were an amazing site to the children. Will and Patrick followed the canal route and Tessa visited Junction and Charloe, via canal boat, with the family from the lockkeeper's house. They could not believe all the activity and the businesses, the favorite being the general store where they could purchase penny candy. It was so different than what it is like now.

The children needed to get back home, but how? Along with the mysterious ring and Patrick almost losing his leg to infection, the children did indeed get back.

*Secret of the Lockkeeper's House* is a book that all ages can enjoy. My grandchildren loved it and want the book for themselves. I loved the history part and the way the book was written. I felt I was right along with the three children on their adventures on the canal.

As I travel through Paulding County and drive through all the villages and towns (some have no post offices but the town sign is still there) I think about what it used to be and how much Paulding County has changed. Sometimes I get "off the beaten path" and drive through the "boonies". You hear people say "this is God's country", well "God's country" also includes Paulding County. I see some of the prettiest country I've ever seen in Paulding County. Of course, 111 following the Auglaize River to Defiance is most calming and a true sight for sore eyes, especially when driving

home after a day's work. No, there is not much to some of the villages and small towns anymore, nothing but peace from the hustle and bustle of the bigger towns and cities. The fact that everyone knows everyone and you can go into a business or town cafe and be greeted by your first name just makes a person feel good. It's fun to congregate at the ice cream places in the evenings to visit and catch up with each other. What about all the town gatherings in the summer? What fun it is to go to the different functions and see the pride that people have for "their" town. It's quiet, you can hear the birds and rustling in the bushes, you can see cattle grazing in the pasture. I have even seen some with long horns. I love traveling through the country, I love the small towns and villages, I love the history, I love Paulding County.

## CORNHOLE AT RELAY FOR LIFE

Cornhole or Corn Toss is similar to horseshoes except you use wooden boxes called cornhole platforms and corn bags instead of horseshoes and metal stakes. Team (two people) players take turns pitching their corn bags at the cornhole platform until a team reaches the score of 21 points. A corn bag in the hole scores three points, while one on the platform scores one point. It's great fun for the whole family.

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 587 will be hosting a cornhole tournament at Relay for Life on June 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. The tournaments will be double elimination, but if you are eliminated you may pay to get back into the tournament. Pay out will be determined on participation, all donation to go to the American Cancer Society. Call Angel Pease 419-399-4498 if you have questions or if you want to get registered prior to relay.

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL BIRTHS, ADMISSIONS, AND DISMISSALS

### Births:

5/21 - Alfonso Gonzales & Christine Albert, Paulding, son, 4:14 p.m., 7lb. 15oz.

5/24 - Aaron & Nancy Erford, Ottawa, daughter, 8:07 a.m., 8lb. 4 oz.

### Admissions:

5/21 - Christine Albert, Paulding; Joe Huie, Melrose; James Van Horn, Paulding

5/22 - Cochise Cooper, Paulding

5/24 - Nancy Erford, Ottawa; Peggy White, Paulding

### Dismissals:

5/22 - James Van Horn, Paulding; Joe Huie, Melrose

5/23 - Cochise Cooper, Paulding

5/24 - Christine Albert & son, Paulding; Marjorie Hutchins, Payne, transferred to Dallas Lamb, Payne

5/26 - Peggy White, Paulding, transferred to Parkview, Fort Wayne

5/27 - Nancy Erford & daughter, Ottawa

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## AUTHOR, LOUIS SIMONIS, VISITS JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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**WEEKLY COLUMN BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WACHTMANN**

During the last several years, members of the Legislature have sought to provide parents with a variety of alternative educational options for their children, recognizing that no one school meets the needs of every child and that different learning environments can help students reach their full learning potentials. Through initiatives authorizing charter schools and voucher programs, thousands of students across Ohio have enrolled in schools that best meet their individual needs and abilities while giving them the tools they need for future success.

However, the governor's executive budget proposal included provisions that would have prohibited any new charter schools from opening until 2009 and eliminated the Educational Choice Scholarship Program. Members of the House understood how important school choice is to both students and parents and worked to retain these valuable programs in House Bill 119, the state operating budget.

The Educational Choice Scholarship Program was created two years ago and provides up to 14,000 eligible students with scholarships to attend the participating private school of their choice. The amount of the scholarship varies depending upon the grade of the student, and only students from schools rated in academic watch or academic emergency are eligible to apply. The program currently serves more than 2,700 students and 7,957 applications were received for the upcoming school year.

Eliminating this scholarship program would have forced parents to send their children back into failing schools, a move my colleagues and I refused to allow. In addition, the large increase in

the number of applicants to the program demonstrates the desire of parents to have flexibility in deciding where to send their children to school.

Members of the House also chose not to prohibit new charter schools from opening their doors to students, ensuring parents continue to have the opportunity to seek out alternative learning options for their children. The House's decision also means that highly successful programs such as the Knowledge Is Power Program will be able to open schools in Ohio as planned.

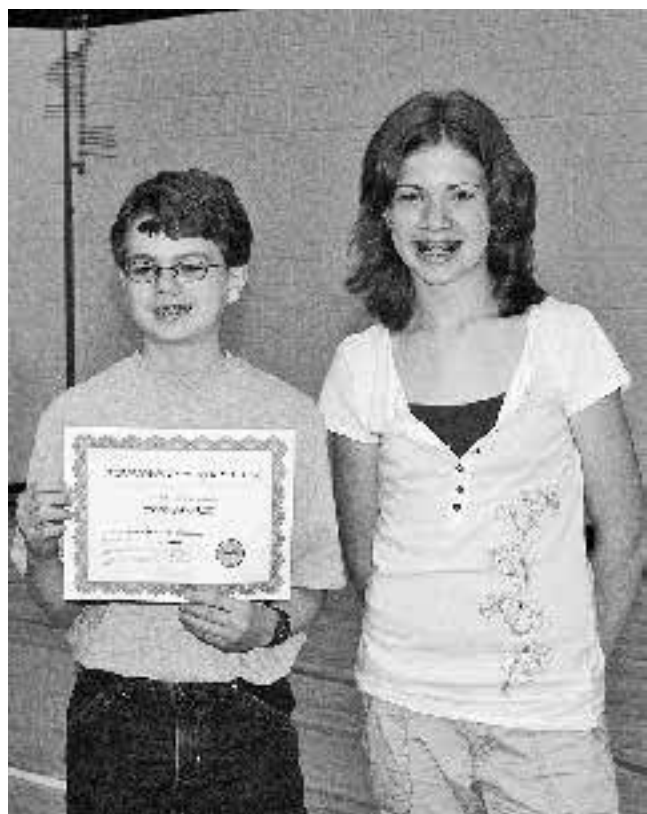
Additionally, House Bill 119 contains measures that would strengthen the fiscal accountability of charter schools by giving new powers to the auditor of state when performing audits. If the auditor determines a charter school to have incomplete or incorrect fiscal records, the sponsor and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will be notified. If the school fails to bring the records into an auditable condition, ODE will immediately cease all payments to the school. Payments will resume once the school sponsor provides or corrects the information.

Ohio's students deserve a quality education, whether they attend a public, private, or charter school. By retaining the Educational Choice Scholarships and allowing new charter schools to open, my colleagues and I ensured that parents have the ability to select a school that best fits their child's learning style while preparing them for both college and the workforce.

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

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**ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY**



**All "A" Year-end Averages all Six years: Shawn Dooley and Morgan Williamson**

On Friday, May 25 the Antwerp Elementary School held its end of the year Awards Ceremony.

American Citizenship Awards:

- 3A - Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell, Jacob Sukup
- 3B - Allison Taylor, Sam Williamson
- 4A - Sarah Neace, Samantha Provines
- 4B - Joshua Steiner, Hannah Mills
- 5A - Derek Smalley, Nathan Zuber
- 5B - Brock Taylor, Garrett Jones
- 6A - Cameron Huss, Rachel Stewart
- 6B - Shawn Dooley, Ryan Girardot

All A's & B's All Year:

Third grade - Mikayla Boesch, Erik Buchan, Cainan Carlisle, Emily Derck, Elizabeth Hawley, Audrie Longardner, Joshua Longardner, Anne Miesle, Drake Neace, JoAnne Powers, Brittany Smith, Allison Taylor, Cayla Woodcox.

Fourth grade - Steven Bowers, Maria Bradbury, Michaela Burns, Tristan Carwile, Trenton Copsey, Alston Doctor, Lane Hunt, John Huss, Collin Perry, Samantha Provines, Magdalene Reinhart, Alisha Schroeder, Joshua Steiner, Olivia Tempel, Kelsey Titus.

Fifth grade - Madison DeLong, Bethany Dunderman, Dalton Gremling, Nathan Hawley, Katie Hunt, Justin Langham, Tiffany Romero, Derek Smalley, Colton Stout, Brock Taylor, Devin Wenzlick

Sixth grade - David Altic, Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Shawn Dooley, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Alexis Jones, Kyle Ryan, Rachel Stewart, Jesse Wilson, Lydia Yenser.

**RESERVOIR SOFTBALL/ BASEBALL LEAGUE RESULTS**

- Mens Tuesday Night League*
1. Easy Street Café 5-0
  2. Bud Select/Red Owl 5-0
  3. AW Root Beer 4-1
  4. Guilford's R.E. 2-3
  5. Syndney's 3-3
  6. Bucks/E.D. Jones 2-3
  7. Calling A Chef/Bud Lt. 1-4
  8. Calling A Chef/Defiance 2-4
  9. Warriors 0-6

All A's All Year:

Third grade - Serena Drake, Aaron O'Donnell, Iann Roebel, Jacob Sukup, Sam Williamson.

Fourth grade - Nicole Hughes, Sarah Neace, Jacob O'Donnell, Jessica Ratliff, Alexander Vail.

Fifth grade - Nathan Zuber.

Sixth grade - Morgan Williamson

Perfect Attendance All Year:

Kindergarten - Keaton Altimus, Chelsea Johanns, Jared Sukup, Joshua Sukup, Madalyn Turpening.

First grade - Brandon Laney, Callie Perry.

Second grade - Becca Johanns.

Third grade - Erik Buchan, Anne Miesle, Aaron O'Donnell.

Fourth grade - Alston Doctor, Jack Godeke, John Huss, Tony Kaufman, Jacob O'Donnell, Kyle Peters, Bailee Sigman.

Sixth grade - Katlyn Bissell, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss.

President's Award for Academic Excellence:

David Altic, Katlyn Bissell, Nicholas Bragg, Shawn Doolley, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Cameron Huss, Rachel Stewart, Morgan Williamson.

President's Award for Academic Achievement:

Ricky Richards  
Antwerp Elementary Student Council:

Third grade - Joshua Longardner, Jacob Sukup, Sam Williamson, Allison Taylor.

Fourth grade - Alex Vail, Olivia Tempel, Nikki Hughes, Kyle Payton.

Fifth grade - Bethany Dunderman, Brock Taylor, Derek Smalley, Nathan Zuber, Madeline Reinhart.

*Mens Thursday Night League*

1. River Rats 5-1
2. Miller Lawn Care 5-1
3. Atwood 4-2
4. La Roofing 3-3
5. Barney's 3-3
6. Lake Recycling 2-4
7. Red Owl/Coors Lt. 2-4
8. Uncle Fudd's 0-6

*Wednesday Night Women's League*

1. Carpet Wholesalers 6-0
2. Jay Dangler Excavating 4-2
3. Red Owl/Budweiser 4-2
4. V.F.W. 1-5
5. Sinners Bar 0-6

**HOUSE PASSES GILLMOR'S SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS BILLS**

WASHINGTON, DC— This week Congressman Paul Gillmor has seen the House pass three of his proposals. Yesterday, the House passed Gillmor's bill to restrict commercial companies from owning banks. And today, two amendments authored by the Northwest Ohio Congressman to enhance the rights of American shareholders have been included in legislation to increase the oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Gillmor's legislation to require greater disclosure by these public companies, received the strong support of the House of Representatives. The legislation was included in the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act which passed the House by a vote of 313 to 104.

One of Gillmor's amendments was first approved by the Committee in the 109th Congress and would require Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to disclose significant charitable contributions to their shareholders on an annual basis. Gillmor's second amendment requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to disclose in their annual reports the level of income reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

"With over 100 million Americans currently participating in our capital markets, it remains critical that shareholders are given information about the companies they own. While most gift-giving has a legitimate purpose, corporations should have nothing to hide by disclosing charitable donations. Regarding disclosure of corporate income tax payments, I am hopeful that comparing the level of income reported to the SEC, can give shareholders a more complete picture of a company's health," Gillmor said. "Both of my provisions will benefit shareholders and make Fannie and Freddie more transparent," Rep. Gillmor added.

Gillmor's amendments are based on two legislative proposals, the Corporate Charitable Contribution Disclosure Act and the Honest Income Disclosure Act, which would apply to all public companies. These bills remain active in the House.

The Federal Housing Finance Reform Act, which included Gillmor's amendments, awaits debate and passage in the U.S. Senate before it can be forwarded to the President for his signature.

**BABY'S DAY OUT**

Babies are invited to bring their mom, dad, grandparent, etc. to the Antwerp Branch Library to have some fun!

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Henry Gerad, M.D., assumed oversight of Paulding County Hospital's oncology clinic on May 4. "Dr. Gerad brings with him an extraordinary background in the treatment of cancer and blood disorders," said hospital CEO Gary Adkins. "We are very pleased to have Dr. Gerad provide this critical service to our patients."

Dr. Gerad is Board Certified in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine. He is the founder of The Gerad Center for Cancer Treatment in Lima, Ohio.

Dr. Gerad knows that every family will be touched by cancer at some point in life. "Recognizing the impact that cancer has on the lives of patients and their families, my practice focuses on the specific needs of each individual,"

he said.

Dr. Gerad received his Doctor of Medicine from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City in 1977. He completed his internship and residency at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia in 1980.

For the next three years, he undertook Fellowship training in Medical Oncology at the Baltimore Cancer Research Program of the National Cancer Institute, the National Institutes of Health. He participated in clinical cancer treatment protocols and co-authored papers, abstracts, and book chapters.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gerad has taught medical students and residents at several prestigious facilities including the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine, and, at present, at the Medical College of Ohio.

He sees patients on Friday mornings by physician referral.

**SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK**

*Softball events:*

The Annual John Paulding Days tournament will be held June 9 at Paulding Reservoir Park for men's D/E teams and a Coed tournament will be held also. First 16 teams will be accepted.

Paulding Reservoir Park will host a USSSA men's class E national qualifier June 16th for men's class E teams only. Hit own ball. First 16 teams will be accepted.

*Baseball events:*

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**REPS. GILLMOR AND KAPTUR URGE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT FORT-TO-PORT**

WASHINGTON, DC—Today, Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) wrote to Ohio Governor Ted Strickland urging the Governor to continue supporting full funding for U.S. Route 24, better known as "Fort-to-Port."

The bipartisan letter to Governor Strickland is as follows:

Dear Governor Strickland:

We are writing to urge your continued support of full funding for U.S. Route 24, better known as "Fort-to-Port". The expansion and improvement of Route 24 is one of the most pressing economic development needs in Northwest Ohio and we are encouraged that State and local government officials appear committed to seeing the full project completed in the near future.

Improvements to Route 24 are crucial to ensuring the future of economic development in Ohio's 5th and 9th Congressional Districts. Safety along the 58.5 mile route has also been a major concern to

those traveling the highway. The realignment and expansion will insure safer travel. Without constant attention to the infrastructure needs of Northwest Ohio, it will be difficult for state, local and federal government officials to do their part in encouraging employers and new residents to take root in our area.

At the same time that we encourage progress on the new Route, please note that Congress has directed funds to ameliorate the effects of this new highway on the productive farmland and valued habitat in Henry and Lucas Counties. A task force, including representation from ODOT's District 2, has begun identifying opportunities for this type of mitigation.

We appreciate the willingness of state officials to keep members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation informed on local transportation projects and look forward to working with you to ensure that Route 24 becomes a model for the future of economic development in Northwest Ohio.

Sincerely,  
Paul Gillmor, Member of Congress  
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# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS HOSTS MOTHER'S TEA



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently held their first Mother's Tea at the preschool. The children led their mothers to their seats and served them iced tea and homemade cookies. They then performed a beautiful song in honor of their mothers along with a presentation of a planted petunia.

their tea and cookies are: Stacy McGarvey and her son, Blake; Betsy Barnett and her daughter, Lauren; and Sophia Mobley and her daughter, Morgan.

These children are in the afternoon class of three and young four year olds with Mrs. Mimi Messick and Mrs. Ann Miller.

Shown here enjoying

## MEMORIAL DAY

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Every year, on the last Monday in May, we take time to honor the many brave men and women who serve or served in our military. Memorial Day was first celebrated in the 1860s, when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers who fought in the Civil War. After World War I, the holiday was viewed as an opportunity to honor veterans of all wars, a tradition that continues today.

Ohio's military personnel, whether serving overseas or as part of the National Guard, play an important role in keeping our state and nation safe. Their service often comes with sacrifices, such as long stretches of time away from their families and friends. Members of the Ohio Legislature have long recognized the valuable contributions of our veterans, passing legislation that seeks to improve their lives and that of their families while also honoring their service.

This trend continues during the 127th General Assembly, where members of the House and Senate have introduced more than a dozen bills dealing with the military. Several of these bills would create new specialty license plates for military members and Ohioans who want to show their support of our troops. House Bill 12 and Senate Bill 19 would create an "Ohio National Guard Retired" license plate. If approved, this plate would join 21 other license plates that honor current and former members of the military. In addition, legislation has also been introduced that would create a "Support Our Troops" license plate and help raise funds for Support Our Troops, Inc., which uses the money to assist armed forces members and their families who are in financial need.

Other bills currently in the House would waive certain taxes on behalf of our veterans. House Bill 60 would allow county commissioners to provide a homestead exemption to qualifying members of the National Guard and reserve units of the Armed Forces who have been deployed outside the state. Many military families have limited finances when a family member is overseas, and this bill would help ease some of that burden by lowering their property taxes. Legislation has also been introduced that would exempt military retirement pay from the personal income tax, encouraging more veterans to remain here in Ohio where they can be closer to their family and friends while remaining active in their communities.

Senate Bill 35 would designate Interstate Routes 70 and 71 in Ohio as the "Purple Heart Trail." The Purple Heart is one of the military's most prestigious honors, awarded to those who have

been wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. military. Ohioans have served admirably throughout the years in conflicts all around the world, and I can think of no better way to honor those who were injured or lost their lives in the line of duty.

Finally, House Bill 87, of which I am the primary sponsor, would designate the Maumee River bridge in Napoleon the "Henry County Veterans Bridge." I introduced this legislation on behalf of the Henry County Veterans' Association which is comprised of the various veterans' groups and chapters throughout Henry County.

The men and women of our military have made tremendous sacrifices over the years as they work to protect us and our freedoms. While we will never be able to fully repay them for their service, we can show our appreciation through measures such as those listed above. As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, I hope you will take a moment to remember and honor the hard work and valor of all the veterans in our state.

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.

## HICKSVILLE MASONIC LODGE PLAN CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

Last Wednesday WM Walter Schilb opened a Lodge of Master Masons and the pledge was given. There were 14 Past Masters represented with Doyle Johnson, Joe Ross, Dick Schilb, Estel Cottrell, Charles Carey, Elmer Woodcox and Fred Shaffer representing the 50-year members. Other on the side lines were Ron Farnsworth, Jim Kline, Tim Betts, Lee Kallsen, Gerry Shidler, George Underwood, Jim Miller, Norm Byers, Russel St. John and RWB Richard Coffman from Tu-En-Da-Wie Lodge #195.

Birthday cards were signed and sent to Charles Carey, Scott Ruppert, and Fred Shaffer. A new petition for acceptance was read. This will make a total of three waiting for degree work. WB Lee Kallsen reported that the Mural painted on the wall is almost finished. Several Widows commented on the banquet that was held in their honor. It was one of the best and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Copies of the group picture were sent to each Widow attending.

The main order of business was the Chicken Bar-B-Q which will be held in front of the Hicksville Bank on June 9. Chicken will start being sold around 10:30 a.m. All the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for some deserving high school senior. Anyone wanting to place an order can contact a Mason.

With no further business, all retired to the dining room where everyone enjoyed the special snack and an evening of fellowship. Bro. Wayne Carr fixed his annual delicacy. The "Oyster Stew" was consumed at a hefty rate.

## HICKSVILLE, OHIO - PHYSICIAN HIRED FOR EDGERTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

Community Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of Michael Kooistra, Jr., M.D. to the Family Health Center team of physicians. Dr. Kooistra has applied for his Ohio Medical License and will begin his practice at the Edgerton Family Health Center this summer.

Dr. Kooistra did his undergraduate work at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana and earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

For the past nine years, Dr. Kooistra was a partner of the Family Practice Associates in Auburn, Indiana. His practice includes a full scope of family medicine including obstetrics, geriatrics, upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, treadmills, colposcopy, and ICU care.

Dr. Kooistra resides near Auburn with his wife and four children. He is anxious to begin serving the people

in and around Edgerton. An open house will be scheduled at the Edgerton Family Health Center (aka Boerger Clinic) in the near future.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is in regards to the Bargain Bin. It's a shock to see the closing days of the Bargain Bin. It's been a good—very good store, serving many people. Those who have things to get rid of, things they no longer need, and those who are buying things they do need. Proceeds benefit the Hospital with needed things there. Seems like a win-win situation.

Our purpose, when the Bargain Bin opened was to aid the Hospital. How can this be done with closed doors?

Perhaps we need to raise the membership. I know many people are busy and can't help. But there are people that could and would help if asked. For health reasons, I can't do it, but I have helped a lot in the past.

Let's keep the Bargain Bin open. It benefits many people and the community and the Hospital!

—Betty Larson,  
Member of the Benevolent Society

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