

SCHOOL SAFETY

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

The final weeks of summer are upon us, which means the beginning of the new school year is just around the corner. As students prepare to return to the classroom, members of the Ohio House of Representatives are continuing their work on a number of bills that seek to ensure school buildings continue to be safe places for our children to learn and grow.

Earlier this year, a high school in northeastern Ohio was closed for several days after receiving false bomb threats. To help prevent this type of incident for happening at other schools in Ohio, we passed House Bill 142. This bill makes the crime of inducing panic at a school or institution of higher education a second-degree felony and extends the prohibition of inducing panic at a school to include all of Ohio's colleges, universities, and career colleges. Although incidents involving false threats against a school are rare, this bill shows we will not tolerate the disruption of a student's learning and will take action against anyone who threatens a school.

In addition to keeping school facilities secure, we are also working on legislation

that will provide greater protection for school employees. House Bill 183 would make assaulting any school employee a fifth-degree felony when the offense is committed while the employee is carrying out their duties. Previously, the law only applied to teachers, school administrators and bus drivers. Altercations between students and school officials are infrequent; however, when they do appropriate action needs to be taken to ensure the safety of those working in our schools.

Another bill that will help keep children safe is House Bill 181. Under this bill, all public and non-public schools would be required to mark the records of students reported to be missing children. Schools would then notify law enforcement when they receive a request for those records. Thousands of children are reported missing each year in Ohio, and this bill will provide families and law enforcement with another method to help track and hopefully recover these children.

While it is essential to keep school buildings safe and secure for students and staff, it is also important to make sure students have a safe journey when traveling to and from school. Staff from the

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WELCOME TO PAULDING COUNTY... A PLACE WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE!

As you enter Paulding County on one of the major highways, you will see the brown sign welcoming you to "Paulding County... A place where memories are made!" For most Paulding residence we remember the fun we had at school, our summer vaca-

health and welfare agencies. They created an organization to serve as an agent to collect funds for local charities, as well as to coordinate relief services, counsel and refer clients to cooperating agencies, and make emergency assistance grants in cases which



tions, our friends and families. For numerous families it may be the memories of a helping hand when they needed it. In 2006, over 13,000 individuals in Paulding County were helped by agencies funded by United Way of Paulding County.

Many people think United Way is a government agency. It is not! United Way is a community where neighbors help other neighbors through their monetary donations and their services.

"In 1887, a Denver priest, two ministers and a rabbi recognized the need for cooperative action to address their city's welfare problems. The Rev. Myron W. Reed, Msgr. William J. O'Ryan, Dean H. Martyn Hart and Rabbi William S. Friedman put their heads together to plan the first united campaign for ten

could not be referred. That year, Denver raised \$21,700 and created a movement that would spread throughout the county to become the United Way. Over 118 years later, United Way is still focused on mobilizing the caring power of communities and making a difference in people's lives." Source: United Way of America

In 1992, a similar process began in Paulding County. David Kennedy, then the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Director realized that many Paulding individuals appealed to local organizations for food and health aid. Kennedy began working to organize a United Way in Paulding County. Twelve members made up the first United Way's board of directors. Members and orga-

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PAULDING COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARIES EXTENDS HOURS

The new Cooper Community Library (Oakwood) and the Antwerp Branch Library, branches of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, announce increased hours beginning September 1, 2007. "The Antwerp Branch library is our system's busiest branch," states Susan Pieper, library director. "Our staff there will be adding additional hours on Thursday to meet the demand. The Cooper Community Library in Oakwood will begin new hours when they open in their new building, scheduled for September 1st. Their new schedule will include early evening and Saturday hours."

New hours are:

Cooper Community Library (Oakwood): Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Antwerp Branch Library: Monday, Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information about the library and branches call 419-399-2023 or visit the library's website at: www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

If you mailed 10,000 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2600 not including printing cost. A postcard size ad only cost \$60

THANK YOU

Dear Paulding friends: What a wonderful event! "Blast from the Past" deserves a big, big thank you from residents of Paulding Village and Paulding County! Special recognition is in order to Mrs. Pieper and her staff for a job well planned and executed! So much planning, effort and time invested. Mrs. Pieper and her staff literally donated and invested their summer in this event which was an overwhelming and meaningful experience for merchants and the graduates!

This successful event proves once again that Paulding Village and Paulding County are indeed a "friendly village" And a great place to live, work, play, and worship!

Thanks to all! It was indeed a "Blast from the Past"!

—Clip Clippinger,

President, Paulding Chamber of Commerce

THANK YOU

Day In The Park 2007 was Saturday the 11th and the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has a long list of helpers to thank. We know that we will overlook some, but a few of you are: Dan Pierce for his preparation and park maintenance, the Antwerp Archer Football and Cross Country Teams for their help moving tables around, Max Zuber for the use of the straw bales, the American Heritage Girls for organizing the parade and helping clean up the park, Antwerp Community Band for the use of their sound system, all the organizations that served food and provided games, those who entertained

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CORRECTION

There was an error on the front page story entitled "Laisure - Green" in last week's paper. Nathan Lynn Green is the son of 'Tony' and Diane Green, not 'Troy' and Diane Green. We apologize for this oversight.

—WBN editors

In Loving Memory of Eric Rettig

Aug 15, 1977 - Feb. 7, 2007



Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard still loved, still missed and still very dear.

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OBITUARIES

Warren W. Anspach, 82, of Avon Park, FL former Oakwood resident, died August 10, 2007 at his residence.

He was born in Allen County, Ohio, on May 15, 1925, the son of Walter and Iva (Berry) Anspach. On December 13, 1944, in Austin, TX, he married Helen Harmon, who preceded him in death on May 6, 1992. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the 10th Mountain Ski Division Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment. He was a former superintendent for the Paulding County Ohio Department of Transportation. He was a member of Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, F&AM Lodge #570, Continental; Scottish Rites Valley of Toledo; Gideon's International; V.F.W. Post #587, Paulding; and American Legion Post #341, Oakwood.

He is survived by a daughter, Gloria Ropp of Avon

Park, FL; a son, Glenn (Sue) Anspach of Van Wert, OH; two sisters: Evelyn Bowyer of Cleveland, OH and Mary Alice Augsburg of Lima, OH; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers: Ralph, Stanley, Wayne and Oscar Anspach; and sister, Sarah Keith.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Greta Ehlers officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance with military graveside services.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. with Masonic Services at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 16 and one hour prior to services on Friday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Nurse On Call, Avon Park, FL, or Hope Hospice, Sebring, FL.

Josephine (Jo) Huguenard, 87, formerly of Payne,

died July 16 in Panama City, FL.

She was born September 18, 1919, the daughter of John W. and Anna B. (Schall) Linder.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert Huguenard; and children: Judy, Mary, Diana, Jean, Jane, Joseph, John, James, Thomas, Robert, Charles, and William and their families.

Other survivors include five sisters: Genevieve Wilson, Sister Helen Linder, and Sr. Jean Linder all of Tiffin, OH, Rosemary Perrine and Theresa Baumle of Payne; and two brothers: Maurice of Fort Wayne, IN and James of Payne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters: Catherine Gonya, Marie Linder and Rita Linder.

Funeral services were held July 18, at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Panama City with burial in the church cemetery.

Randy Clay Flynn, 45, of Paulding, died August 4, 2007 in Dublin, Georgia.

He was born in Paulding County on November 17, 1961 the son of James C. and Ivadelle (Vaughn) Flynn. He was a former employee of Herbert E. Orr Manufacturing of Paulding.

Surviving are one son, Bryce Flynn of Dublin, GA; two daughters: Sarah and Ashley Flynn both of Paulding; his mother, Ivadelle Hawk of Dublin, GA; and one brother, Danny (Kim) Flynn of Kunkle, OH.

He is preceded in death by his father, James Flynn; his step-father, Max Hawk; and a niece, Brandy Flynn.

Funeral services were August 9, 2007 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

Memorials to the family of Randy C. Flynn.

Roberta "Bobbi" Mcvey, 54, of Antwerp, passed away August 12, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Marion, Ohio on June 27, 1953, the daughter of the late Dillard Clayton and Betty Jean (Salyer) Power who survives her of Antwerp.

She worked as an Inspector/operator at SpecTemp, Antwerp, for 18 years.

Bobbi was a member of Paulding Eagles Aerie 2405, Antwerp American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary and a Life Member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087 Auxiliary. Bobbi enjoyed playing cards, camping, traveling and spending time with her family.

On May 16, 1981, Bobbi married William "Bill" McVey, who survives.

Bobbi will be sadly

missed by her husband; mother; son, Steven (Amber) Steele of Paulding; daughter Sara McVey of Antwerp; step-daughter, Holly (Lucio) Flores of Grover Hill; sisters, Rose (Doug) Pitts of Camden, Clay VanCleve, Toni Pieratt, and Crystal Hill all of Antwerp; brothers, Ronnie (Debbie) Power of South Lebanon, Michael (Donna) Power of Middletown, David (Louise) Power of Franklin, Jimmy Power of Antwerp and Scott (Emily) Power of Trenton; and seven grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dillard Clayton Power and brother, Ernest Power.

You are invited to participate in her funeral service at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

You may call Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Thursday, one hour prior to service, at Dooley Funeral Home. A VFW Auxiliary Service will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Penny Wendt, 49, of Cecil, died August 12 at Paulding County Hospital.

Penny was born February 21, 1958 the daughter of William and Rosemary (Kline) Neace in Dayton, OH.

Penny was united in mar-

riage to Roy Wendt on April 30, 1984.

Penny is survived by her husband, Roy of Cecil; mother, Rosemary of Paulding; four daughters: Billie Wendt of North Carolina, Jenny Lynn (Charles) McGuire of Dayton, OH, Peggy and Meagan Wendt of Cecil; two step-daughters: Jenny Marie Wendt of Findlay, OH, and Molly Sue (Jay) Osterburg of Fairborn, OH; two grandsons; two sisters: Diane Vielma of Paulding and Lily Zimmer of Montpelier, OH; two brothers: William Neace of Dayton, OH and Charley Neace of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at the Nazarene Church, Hicksville on Saturday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers memorials should be made to Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

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This year The Chamber had found itself short of male participation and we had relied on our spouses for much of the heavy work and several of them have health issues. So what we are saying is it takes a lot of planning, organization, and muscle to accomplish the task of an all day community event such as Day In The Park. We've found that it grows each year, bringing the community together for a enjoyable time, and it is the hope of The Chamber to continue for many years to come.

Again we say "Thank You" to each one of you who helped in any way, you know who you are and we appreciate all you have done.

Next year's event will again be the second Saturday in August, August 9.

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be September 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the Essen House.

—Antwerp Chamber of Commerce

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August 17 and 18, 2007

St. Paul United Methodist Church in Payne will be having a Free Give Away, August 17 and 18. We will be sharing our slightly used clothes, toys, furniture, household items and appliances with our community neighbors Friday, August 17 from 9 am to 5 pm. and Saturday, August 18 from 10 am to 2 pm. The church is located at the corner of SR 613 and SR 500 in Payne.

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NEW CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OFFERED AT BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bethel United Methodist Church is reaching out to young people and those young at heart who might be looking for an upbeat way to praise God. On Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., we will have our first contemporary service at the corner of County Roads 73 and 192 east of Antwerp, just off US 24. We will be praising God with lots of upbeat, newer music with the words to songs on the screen. This is an evening to break away from the conventional hymns and routine of Sunday morning services but still praise God. We will have a staffed nursery available so don't be afraid to bring the children. After the service there will be time for visiting and refreshments.

Call your friends and tell them you heard about something new in the area. This is a non-denominational service, everyone is welcome. This should be a very exciting evening of singing and praising God. Maybe you will find something you've been missing.

NORTHWEST PLAINS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CELEBRATING FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The Northwest Plains United Methodist Women will be celebrating the first annual meeting of the Northwest Plains district at the Findlay St. Andrews Church located at 120 W. Sandusky St. Findlay, Ohio on September 23, 2007. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m.

A variety of items will be taken care of throughout the day, including the adoption of the new standing rules, election of new officers for 2008, mission today reports, and a memorial for deceased members.

The afternoon speaker will be Rev. Mabane McMahon. Theme for the day will be "Here We Go! Navigating Life's Passages."

We hope you will attend. Reservations should be sent to Amy Sellers, treasurer of the Northwest Plains UMW. There is a small cost for registration. Registration will be due by September 12, 2007. Amy's address is 6725 Lincoln Highway, Convoy, Ohio 45832.

Please let us know if you will need child care. You will need to bring a lunch for your child.

UPDATE ON JEFF ROBISON (HEYMAN)

Almost five months have passed since Jeff was diagnosed with advanced metastatic melanoma cancer with complications. Dr. Susan LeGrand and her colleagues at the Cleveland Clinic informed Jeff that his condition was not treatable and he would not survive. At that time he was given a few weeks to a few months, he was sent home with hospice care.

After a month or so of many wakeful hours of pain and suffering, Jeff decided to fight for his life. We contacted Dr. Thomas Olencki's office at the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center-Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard G. Solove Research Institute. Dr. Olencki agreed to treat Jeff's condition due to his age, physical condition and mental status. Jeff was informed that it would be a difficult battle with no guarantees of survival. Dr. Olencki and his staff treated Jeff's condition to the fullest of their abilities at that time. They monitored his condition weekly for many weeks, as Jeff received three different types of chemotherapy. It is necessary for him to travel back and forth to Columbus, Ohio for treatments.

On August 7, Dr. Olencki informed Jeff that his condition has improved. He no longer has fluid in his lungs or abdominal area; however, his tumors are still present. Jeff has been offered a different treatment for his cancer. Dr. Olencki, no longer wants to treat Jeff's cancer, he wants to cure it! He believes if Jeff is capable of building his physical endurance, by walking one mile and able to tolerate the different treatment he could be cancer free in 1½ years. But with this new treatment comes extended hospital stays (one week in, than home for one week for a total of six weeks followed by a total of three months home if the treatment works as planned. There is no known cure at this time, but miracles accrue daily.

Again, all your prayers and continued financial contributions to the Jeff Robison's benefit account at the Antwerp Exchange Bank in Antwerp is greatly appreciated. Without the assistance of the community we would not be able to travel back and forth for all of his appointments. If anyone would like to contact Jeff please do so at 419-258-7605. He really enjoys hearing from friends.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSALS

- Admissions:**
 8/9 - Rebecca Mayer, Paulding
 8/10 - Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance
 8/11 - Elizabeth Pepper, Paulding
 8/12 - Roma Frey, Paulding
- Dismissals:**
 8/6 - Eugene Nelms, Paulding
 8/10 - Rebecca Mayer, Paulding
 8/12 - Nahelma Schlegel, Defiance

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/22 THROUGH 8/28

- Panther Paw Cafe - Breakfast**
 8/22 - Continental breakfast, juice, milk
 8/23 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 8/24 - Sausage gravy w/ biscuits, juice, milk
 8/27 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 8/28 - Tator tots w/cheese sauce, sausage links, juice, milk
- Panther Paw Cafe - Lunch**
 8/22 - Pepperoni pizza or cheeseburger on bun, corn, spiral fries, assorted fruit, milk
 8/23 - Corn dog, baby carrots w/dip, chips, assorted fruit, milk
 8/24 - Turkey deli club sandwich, cheddar munchers, assorted fruit, milk
 8/27 - Chicken nuggets, bread, whipped potatoes w/gravy or ham chef salad, bread stick, fruit, milk
 8/28 - Italian dunkers, green beans, assorted fruit, milk
- Paulding Elementary - Lunch**
 8/22 - Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, fruit cup, milk
 8/23 - Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, fruit cup, milk
 8/24 - Pizza, corn, fruit cup, milk
 8/27 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, fruit cup, milk
 8/28 - Chicken fajita wrap, lettuce, fruit cup, milk
- Oakwood Elementary - Lunch**
 8/22 - Hot dog on a bun, corn, fruit, milk
 8/23 - Chicken Wrap, lettuce & cheese, green beans, fruit, milk
 8/24 - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fruit cup, milk
 8/27 - Hamburger on a bun, pickles, oven potatoes, fruit, milk
 8/28 - Cheese pizza, pocket w/sauce, cheese snack, mini carrots, fruit, milk



PAULDING CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

By: Sue Knapp

Chamber members gathered for food, beverages and socializing at Tri-County Roofing's new home at the airport hanger.

Miguel Gomez, singer and musician from Defiance entertained and mingled with the crowd. Kim's Katering took care of the food.

Bill Voirol, owner of Tri-County Roofing has been in business for 13 years. He will soon be adding another phase to his business. He will call this Tri-County Home Repair.

Bill introduced all his employees including Randy Prine who was celebrating his 10 year anniversary with the company then thanked all for coming.

Chamber President Clip Clippinger then introduced new members to the Paulding Chamber for 2007 and spoke on coming activities concerning the Chamber.

The After Hours get together are one way for the business people to keep in touch with each other and to keep track on what's going on in Paulding. This can only help in the town working together for the betterment of the community.

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Opinions, Opinions, Opinions...

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I can recall when I was young, waiting with great anticipation for the Sunday paper. I would toss aside the front page, metro section, sports and classifieds and rush to read the comics. I couldn't wait to read Garfield, Hagar the Horrible, Beetle Bailey, even Ziggy.

It was a lot of fun to forget the real world and get lost in the comic dream land full of imaginary monsters and half-witted heros. I thought that part of my life was behind me now, but, instead I find myself racing home from work on Wednesdays wondering what the pages of my newspaper will hold. It very rarely fails me. There is almost always an article from a would-be political candidate or a conspiracy theorist, or an editor telling us who or what to be afraid of.

My kids have complained there are no funny papers in the West Bend News, I just smile and reassure them, "Of course there are, you're just not old enough to appreciate them yet."

Hats off to you fellows, your articles may not be accurate, plausible or even true, but there sure is a lot of entertainment value.

I say keep doing what you can, with what little you've got, because it's better to have you at home with a pencil in your hand, than walking the streets of this fine county.

—Jon McCreery

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Dauten:
You have made some pretty strong accusations about our elected officials in this county. You ask if anyone sees or knows of illegal actions and abuses from any elected official—stand up and let the taxpayer know. These are your exact words.

You are the one that seems to know, you stand up and tell us who they are, who got threatened and by whom, who took money, who protected their buddies and families, who abused their positions and destroyed our towns and who thinks they are above the law. We want names and proof and we will not elect them again, in fact, maybe we'll put them in our new jail.

—Kirk Hopkins

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Chuck Miller and we need to talk about the recycle trailer.

First, I take the recycle trailer over to Kohart's at Broughton, OH to be emptied on Sunday evenings after 5:00 p.m.

Second, the recycle trailer is generally returned late Monday evenings. Kohart's have to have time to empty it and some times I am in Detroit, Cincinnati, or Indianapolis when they call and tell me that the trailer is ready to be picked up. Then I have to go all the way back to Antwerp with the Semi-Truck and get in the car and drive another 30 minutes over to Kohart's to pick up the trailer and then drive another 30 minutes back to Antwerp to park the

trailer so it is ready for everyone to use again. Once in a great while, I can't get back in time to get the trailer till the next day.

This brings up a couple of other points that need to be brought to everyone's attention: If the trailer is not there, Please don't leave your recyclables lying on the ground; take them home with you and bring them back later. A few weeks ago, evidently someone didn't think the trailer got back on Monday soon enough and piled over 34 paper bags full of newspapers right in the middle of the parking pad. I couldn't even get the trailer on the pad until we had picked up every bag and carried it to the trailer to clear the pad so I could park the trailer. I know they didn't just read all those papers in one week.

We can get a lot more plastic bottles in the trailer if everyone would flatten their bottles before putting them in the trailer. If you have to, just lay the bottle on your counter top and push the bottle flat and then put the bottle cap back on so the bottle remains flat.

The guys at Kohart's have to climb inside the trailer to empty it. Please, rinse out your jars, cans, and bottles before disposing of them. It only takes an instant to rinse them out with water. Everyone knows how bad milk can smell when it gets sour, try climbing inside a closed container with a bunch of bottles and cans that have soured.

Those of you that use the recycle service will note that the Rotary Club had the trailer all refurbished and painted. It really looks nice. It took longer than we thought, but the wait was worth it. People really look it over as I pull it down the road.

The Rotary works hard to provide this service to the community and then puts back everything they get, back into our community. So whoever is taking all the aluminum out of the trailer is stealing from our own community, because that is money that can't get back to provide more benefits for the people and projects that need it.

By the way, did I mention that Eleanor and I donate all our time and expenses of two hours and 60 miles each week to empty the trailer and return it so it is ready to use the next week.

I appreciate the Rotary providing us with a means to recycle and thank the people for their continued support and use of the recycle trailer. Keep recycling.

—Chuck Miller

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In reference and response to letters from Tim Dauten, July 25, August 1, August 8:

July 25 - E-mail on Taxes. This one got to me, but I let it go, just thinking it was someone who didn't know very much about the State of Ohio taxes and/or the need for them. The sentence that got me most was when it stated, "not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago." This is so totally wrong. Residents of Ohio have been paying taxes for at least 200 years. Which included personal property tax

on cattle and horses. I don't like paying taxes and don't know anyone that does. But think of where we would be if we didn't. I for one don't want to drive on dirt roads. Our children would probably still be going to a one room school house. I don't know if you have school age children or not. Stop and think for a moment where education would be if we didn't pay taxes. We need taxes if we want to continue to grow as a nation.

August 1 - Poverty. You wrote about a homeless person dressed all in red. Did you offer her a job? Did you offer her a room in your home? Did you offer any of them food? You also wrote about health care. You grumbled about how your costs keep going up. You should feel fortunate that you do get a raise every year, that helps you pay for health care insurance. Many Paulding County residents aren't as fortunate.

August 8 - No Compromise. This letter really touched my pride, my history, my feelings of respect for the County where I live. Your letter to the Editor regarding this showed me how little you really know about Paulding County, the State of Ohio, and the small villages that bring it all together. You say you have lived in Paulding County for five years and just recently found out about our county motto. Where have you been? The information has been available for a long time.

I have some questions for you:

Have you ever been to the Paulding County Courthouse? Or maybe the Historical Museum? How about the Paulding County Library? They have many books there that pertain to local history. Do you know that Paulding County has a bell commemorating 200 years of Ohio statehood? Do you know when or where it was made? Do you know where it is now? Do you know where the canal flowed through our county? Do you know where the boundaries were for the Reservoir? I could go on and on, but I won't. If you can't answer "yes" to these few questions, you better do a lot more study.

As for our elected officials, remember they were elected. By the people, for the people. I do respect them as being the majority's choice. Everyone may not agree with the choices, but everyone does have the right to vote.

This will be the only response I have to your letters. I do not want to carry this on as a debate. I just think you need to do a little research.

—JoAnne Webb

VIEWES FROM THE OUTSIDE

by Brad Dysinger



BOARDS MATTER

Boards matter. I'm not talking about the wooden boards of a house (although if you've ever lived in a place that has termites you realize that termites eating at the boards of a building quickly destroy the value and safety of your home), and I'm not talking about "the board" that was used by high school principals during school days past to help insure the proper attitude of a school's students, (an attitude adjustment often needed, maybe even more so today than in my day). No, I'm talking about government boards, school boards, health boards, fair boards, soil and water boards, national, state, and local boards. Any government board can make decisions every meeting that effect you the voter, most times financially, but every once in awhile decisions made by boards cost lives. Boards matter.

Take the recent example of the Connecticut State Parole Board and its decision to parole two convicted felons. These two ex-cons followed home two young sisters, raped them, raped their mother and strangled her to death, and then beat and shoved their father down into the basement. Oh yes, before killing the mother they made her go to a bank and withdraw money. After doing all this, the killers poured gas around the girls and set the house on fire. Somehow the father escaped but the two young girls died in the fire. Tragic you say, yes, but more tragic is that this Connecticut government board paroled these killers in violation of the board's own rules. The board didn't follow the procedure; the board skipped steps and released two cold blooded killers upon the public. Why, who knows? Will anything be done to the parole board? What do you think? I doubt it; it wasn't any of the parole boards' relatives who died. I'm sure the board will be reprimanded; probably by some other government appointed board. The parole board will say it won't happen again, that the members of the board are sorry. Maybe a special commission will be appointed. The bottom line is this; two young girls and their mother are dead. They are just as dead as if one of the board members had set the fire themselves. Sometimes sorry isn't enough, at least not in my book. Boards do matter.

Board members of a county or local board often serve with no compensation and this sometimes makes it hard to find people to be on a board, but paid or not, it's the responsibility of board members to do the best job they can once they are on a board. I know about this personally. I have been a board member "supervisor" of the Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District since 2003. (For those of you who don't know what the SWCD does, we give technical assistance for projects like wind breaks, wetlands, filter strips, and also SWCD oversees the county ditch maintenance program and works with the FSA and NRCS with farmers' projects and programs such as CSP, CRP, and CREP)

As I see it, my job as a board member is to help insure that SWCD both serves the public good and to also oversee that tax payer funds in trusted with the SWCD and ditch maintenance program are spent wisely and effectively for the good of the public, and the good of the environment. I can honestly tell you that the SWCD has some of the most dedicated employees I have ever worked with, plus they do a fine job. Financially SWCD gets about \$68,000 from the county; by the way there has been no increase of county money since I've been on the board. "Five years with no new taxes or levy." The SWCD then receives a match from the state of about the same amount, one dollar local money, one dollar state money. So every dollar the county spends on SWCD one dollar is matched by the state and comes into Paulding County. The projects that SWCD help oversee bring in about \$2,000,000 a year to land owners and farmers in Paulding County, not bad for a \$68,000 investment. Four full time and two part time employees work for SWCD and ditch maintenance; and as a board member I am confident in saying that "Paulding County Taxpayers" are getting their money's worth.

I enjoy being on the SWCD, and as it's mission and goals are similar to my own personal goals, it makes doing the right thing easy for me, but saying this, at no time, should I allow my own personal goals or any political pressure put on me as a board member to affect, what I see as my most important job, that of looking out for the public's tax money. What I or any board member (not only on the SWCD board, but, on any board in the United States) owes the public is "to do what is best for the majority of the public." Sometimes boards find this hard to do. Sometimes boards get to be too chummy with their employees or become to closely associated with the special interest groups that the board oversees, and the services the board administers. When this happens to a board its effectiveness is compromised. A board should also not be used to repay political debts either real or perceived, but in honesty a board does reflect the political philosophy of the ones appointing it.

The Connecticut parole board has probably turned many other criminals loose upon Connecticut over the years. Where these criminals have gone and been allowed to commit crimes are no doubt not limited to just Connecticut. Who knows maybe the murder of the woman from Indiana that was discovered earlier this summer near Cecil was committed by an ex-con from Connecticut. We will probably never know, especially with Paulding County's history of solving murders, but in any case this is the point, boards matter and this boards failure in Connecticut affects more than just what we know has happened, it affects what could have happened and maybe what has happened elsewhere that we can't explain. I'm sure this isn't the only case of this board's failure. Boards matter.

As citizens and voters of Paulding County I ask you to stop and take a look at the various boards of county government. Whether it is a school board, a health board, a fair board, or any other board in the county, decisions made by these boards affect your taxes, your personal property freedoms, and many times your way of life. We should look for board members that will do not only what is right and moral but also what is financially prudent and possible. Remember "Boards Matter" to each of us at sometime, and when boards are being appointed they should matter to the ones doing the appointing too. Boards do matter, at least to me, and they should matter to you too.

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

My sister, Grace Jordan Gross, retired from the Paulding County Hospital on November 1, 1992. The three winters before that her husband, Ray, and I ran off down to Florida for some bass fishing. Ray had an old blue Chevy pick-up truck that he used in his painting business. We called it "Old Blue" and I believe that truck had a soul. It never refused to run. It seemed to enjoy going to Florida for the winter.

We rented a two bedroom trailer on those trips, then later on the same trailer when Grace went with us. It was laid out with a bedroom, then the living room and kitchen together, then the bathroom and my bedroom on the other end.

Marshall and Ruth owned the trailer next door. I fished with Marshall alot and sometimes with Grace and Ray.

At night, if the weather

was okay, we would have a bonfire down in front of cabins 8 and 9. Probably 20-25 men and women would come and talk and watch the flames dance around in the fire. We talked about fishing but usually about our kids and grandkids. The last three years that I fished a lot with Ray and Marshall, Marshall said that this was the sequence of action when Ray and Stan fished together.

Ray says, "Stan, get the landing net. Stan, put him in the boat. Stan, take the hook out of him. Stan, put him on the stringer, will you? Stan, you better measure him. Stan, pour us a coffee, okay? Stan, hand me a twinkie please. Stan, get the landing net please."

Yes, Marshall got me with this one, he sure got a kick out of that. He was a top notch fisherman, but he never got a ten pounder. He had some eight and nine pounders but he never hit that coveted ten pound large mouth bass.

There was a man in camp from Central Michigan named J.R.O. Berry. He could play the guitar and sing around the camp fire at night. More on him later.

There were three Ray's in camp. Ray Gross, Ray Henry, he retired from Eastern Michigan University as an electrician. He and Kate were fine people and lived a little east of Clare, Michigan. Ray Dishman and his wife would stop in camp for about a week in February as a rule.

On one of the nice evenings we were sitting at the bonfire visiting or singing a little. Ray Gross told the story about the farmer who shot the chickens. When it was over, everybody laughed except Mrs. Dishman. She said to Ray, "I don't understand that, I guess I didn't hear it all, would you tell it again?"

So, Ray said it must have been a summer night with the windows up, because the farmer heard a noise in the chicken coop. He just put on his hat and work shoes without tying them up. He had on his long handled underwear with the slit in the seat. He slowly slipped up to the door with his shotgun ready to kill that varmint, or whatever it was, disturbing those chickens. As he slid open the coop door his big "blue tick" hound dogs, cold nose touched him (and you can guess where) and it startled him. He pulled both triggers and he killed 13 chickens.

Well, this time, Mrs. Dishman heard it and got the joke. She laughed and carried on so much she told Ray she wet her pants. After that everything was funny and whenever she laughed we all laughed with her. Usually, the second telling of a story doesn't net that much but this one did, what a laugh.

Those folks only stayed a few days as they would go up in North Florida and go to Tent Meetings and some camp grounds for some active churches.

There was another fellow down at the bonfire that I haven't told you about and this might take a few lines. But I have to tell you a little bit more about Stewart Bishop.

I don't know if Stu and his pretty wife, Lucile, came north to Michigan before the war or after. I know he served in the Navy in WWII. They had two boys and when I met them they lived in South Gate MI.

Stu fixed up a tractor from a dump truck and became a trucker. He met a man named Otis who had come north from Alabama to Michigan. They both trucked for Jones Motors out of Cleveland. They generally trucked together, and after retirement even went to Florida together.

We were sitting by the bonfire one evening and Otis said, "Stan, yo told me to reel in very slowly for bass fishing, that right?" When you're using plastic worms or anything plastic for bass in the weeds, you cast out and let your bait sink for a few seconds and then slowly reel in so your bail will go over the hydrilla weeds and then fall into any holes or crevice on the way back to the boat. Then you feel on the rod handle for any jerk or bump or anything unusual. Otis said, "I was reeling in so slow, that my first eyelet at the tip of my rod had a cob web in it." I said, "By golly, Otis, that is slow enough."

Then Otis was telling about growing up in Alabama. On cold nights his mother would heat up a stone and put it on the foot of his and his brother's bed. The dogs, Link and Bruno, would curl up around the stone and their body heat would warm up both boys feet.

As near as I can remember, Otis and Stu both drove for Jones Motors, a big outfit out of Cleveland. I think they both had flat bed trailers and usually from Cleve-

land to Baltimore. Stu said he hauled into the Harvester Plant in Fort Wayne a couple of times.

After retirement Otis attended a lot of flea markets all over the area. He went to Shipshewana a few times.

He said he took his pickup truck and trailer and went to Decatur, IN and put on an old car body. There he said he stopped on US 127 at the small town of Paulding in Northwest Ohio. On a street that goes by a hospital he found an old junk Model "T" Ford Truck somewhere in the 1920's. He wanted \$200.00 for it, so Otis loaded it up and went home. He set it off by the fence out front until he got a place for it in the back. In a few days a man stopped by and said, "how much do you want for that truck?" Otis said, "I got \$2,200.00 in it." The man said, "Do you have the papers for it?" When Otis said yes, the man said, "I'll take it." I guess the man had one for each year in the 1920 Ford Truck and he needed that one. Otis said the man would have paid another thousand or two, I guess money wasn't much of an object.

Otis's wife, Jeanette, didn't fish, so sometimes Otis fished alone. They had four girls that lived around South Gate, MI. Janette told us around the fire one night that Otis had bought her a Cadillac automobile. She said, "that ain't me, so I won't drive it." By golly, I think she was right, she was more of a Ford Fairlane girl. But she is a fine person.

In the late 1990's, Otis was mowing the yard in South Gate when he passed away. He was a nice fellow and we all missed him.

The people at that campfire were all great people and came from all over the east and had different particularities. Marshall, when he said the word 'hour' it sounded like "r", like in, "we have to go back to camp in an 'r'".

Sam Baker, who retired from GM at Flint, MI, but was born in Alabama, his favorite line was, "This is more fun than watching the hogs root." If you asked Sam if he caught any he would reply "nary un".

Jerry Mason, who was the top man at the unemployment agency in Lima, to him anything over one was a "bunch". I saw him heading for the cleaning shed to clean fish and I said, "How many did you do?" "We got a bunch", he said. I looked in his five gallon bucket and he had two crappies.

At that time we had about five families from Lima, about five from Michigan, about five families from all over Ohio, three from Indiana and one from up state New York and one from Colorado. I liked everyone of them. All retired folks who liked to fish or just get out of the cold weather.

We had two people from Merrillville, IN. When Ray and I made our first trip to Mossy Cove Fishing Resort we didn't have any reservations so we stayed at a motel a little south of Lake Placid. Well, these people heard of it and threw their house open to us and wanted us to stay with them. But we hem-hawed around a little and sure thanked them. We sure thought that was just too much for her.

Mike wore a white t-shirt a lot that read 'If you can't run

with the big dogs, stay on the porch'. You know that ain't too far off.

My pal, Stu, had a hat that read, 'I got this hat for my wife, good trade, huh!?'

Friends, I have been jumping all around with these stories which covers over a fourteen year period. I said this would be the last one. Well, I think there will be one more yet. I haven't said much about my sister, Grace, yet. I hope it is okay with you.

See, ya!

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Finally, please watch your speed in the coming weeks when driving through neighborhoods and near schools during the mornings and afternoons, as children will be walking to and from school or waiting for the bus. Also remember to obey the posted signs when traveling through a school zone, as fines are increased for speeding through these zones.

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

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organizations they represented included: Kennedy, Paulding Chamber of Commerce; Mike Arend, Paulding Lion's Club; Louise Miller, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce; Robert Glancy, Grover Hill Lion's Club; and Karen Gray, Antwerp Rotary Club. Also Tom Parrett, Auglaize Valley Kiwanis Club; Gene Olwin, Payne Chamber of Commerce; Randy Swary, Paulding Kiwanis Club; Trent Flaugh, Payne Jaycees; and Ken Lighthill, Mike Jones, and Wayne Stoller, members at-large. The purpose of the United Way in Paulding County was the same as the one created in Denver in 1887, to serve as an agent to collect funds for local charities, as well as to coordinate relief services, counsel and refer clients to cooperating agencies, and make emergency assistance grants in cases which could not be referred. That first year United Way in Paulding County raised \$36,994 from residents and businesses in Paulding County to fund fourteen local agencies.

Every year United Way of Paulding County has a fund raising drive in the fall. During this time, United Way tries to contact as many businesses and individuals as possible to ask for monetary donations to help fund the local social service agencies. The money raised in Paulding County stays in Paulding County except for the annual dues of less than a thousand dollars to the Ohio United Way and United Way of America. The United Way Campaign will begin August 13, 2007 and will end November 31, 2007. Our goal for this year is \$33,000. Our goal thermometer will be placed on the court house lawn the middle of August and will be taken down the middle of November. The results of the campaign will be posted

in the newspapers.

Some businesses allow United Way or agency representatives to come and speak to their employees about United Way and the agencies funded that year. Some businesses allow payroll deductions to be taken out of the employees check and given to United Way. This is the most ideal situation for many employees. Many people want to help these agencies but may not be able to write a check or have money in their pocket at that time. Through payroll deductions the employee can donate money to United Way a small amount throughout the year. The employee could set up payroll deductions to have one, five, ten, twenty dollars taken out of each paycheck. This would greatly help United Way and the funded agencies; and may not seem like too much each week to the employee.

During the past fifteen years, thousands of Paulding County residents have been helped by the generous donations from their neighbors and local businesses through United Way of Paulding County. In 2008, United Way of Paulding County plans to provide funding to twelve agencies providing service to Paulding County residents. The twelve agencies and the programs funded include: Women and Family Services, Rape Crisis Center; Youth for Christ, Young Parents; American Red Cross, Disaster Services, Armed Forces Emergency Services, Blood Services, and Health and Safety Services; Paulding County Salvation Army, Salvation Army Services; Paulding County Senior Center, Transportation; OSU Extension, Camps for Youth; The Turning Point, Youth Leadership Develop-

ment; Center for Child and Family Advocacy, House of Ruth; Paulding Visiting Nurses, Hospice and Skilled Program; Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Bigs in Schools; West Ohio Food Bank, A Hunger Free West Central Ohio; and PC Workshop, Life Enrichment/Snoezlen Program.

All twelve of these agencies have great programs that help Paulding County residents. During the next twelve weeks one agency a week will be providing a description of their program funded by United Way of Paulding County. The funds provided to the agency collected by United Way may not entirely fund the program but will help in providing that program to Paulding County residents.

If you would like to contribute to United Way, would like someone to speak to your business or organization, or have any questions, please contact Nancy Hessler, Executive Director, 220 North Main Street P.O., Box 357, Paulding, OH 45880 or 419-399-5300, pcuw@paulding-net.com.

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Yenser, Seth
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4A - Mr. Snyder

Arend, Connor
Bielser, Domyonyque
Canfield, Justice
Clemens, George
Clemens, Kenzie
Harper, Quinton
Jones, Petra
Krouse, Jonnathan
Leiter, Joshua
Leverton, Jacob
Martinez, Astraea
Mead, Courtney
Nance, Mayah
Noggle, Levi
Now, Michael
Perez, Mercedes
Prieto, Eduardo
Raudabaugh, Haley
Rivera, Robert Jr.
Rooks, Ashley
Speice, Justin
Thrasher, Carrie
Wenninger, Scott
Winebrenner, Austin
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 8/23 - Chicken nuggets or smoked sausage on bun, corn, pineapple, milk; no salad bar or french fries
 8/24 - Pepperoni pizza or tuna salad sandwich, salad, pretzels, pears, milk; no salad bar or french fries
 8/27 - BBQ rib patty or ham on bun, peach crisp, applesauce, milk; plus: salad bar or cottage cheese & fruit
 8/28 - Cheeseburger on bun or corn dog, pickles, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk; plus: salad bar or pudding cup

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4B - Mrs. Mohr

Baker, Brenna
 Barthold, Olivia
 Bickford, Kyle
 Bidlack, Riley
 Brandenburg, MaKayla
 Christo, Colten
 Flint, Stacy
 Franklin, Dalton
 Hibbard, Deserea
 Hicks, Andrew
 Lantow, Thomas
 Lassiter, Elizabeth
 Lehman, Jarod
 Marihugh, Liam
 Mohr, Erin
 Mobley, Brittney
 Roop, Nathanael
 Ryan, Victoria
 Shepherd, Cole
 Shepherd, ShyLyn
 Sinn, Estie
 Temple, Shayna
 Vest, Alec

6A - Mrs. Krouse

Edwards, Darian
 Hale, Darius
 Hamrick, Rebecca
 Hilkey, Cassidy
 Laukhuf, Julia
 Linder, Corbin
 Mansfield, Kenneth
 Martinez, Maria
 McMullen, Dylan
 Mobley, Damien
 Moore, Riley
 Reed, Clifford
 Saylor, Haley
 Strickler, Katie
 Zuber, Kayla
 Zuver, Austin

5A - Mrs. Gerardot

Baxter, Matt (Matthew)
 Crosby, Molly
 Dilling, Kayla
 Jones, Krystal
 Mansfield, Nicholas
 Martin, Hunter
 Pierce, Justin
 Raab, Kristen
 Rahrig, Paige
 Reel, Joshua
 Rivera, Latasha
 Shepherd, Justin
 Sinn, Hank
 Upole, Jeremiah
 Weaver, James
 Wells, Lynn
 Williams, Alicia
 Young, Sarah

5B - Miss Schaefer

Arend, Jacob
 Baumle, Blair
 Burkley, Denver

3A - Mrs. Kammeyer

Hibbard, Cody
 Johnson, Janelle
 Laney, Brooke
 Leiter, Jordan
 Miller, Aaron
 Mohr, Emily
 Prieto, Yessica
 Raudabaugh, Ricky
 Sherry, Jared
 Smith, Miranda
 Speice, Lauren
 Swary, Isaac
 Reed, John
 Young, Sylvia

CLASS LISTS FOR ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KA/Mon.-Wed.

Tiera Barrett, Madison Boesch, Sayge Bonifas, William Dean (Dean) Carlson, Alexandria (Alex) Dauten, Izik Garrett, Sabrina Gergely, Adison Hindenlang, Tabitha (Tabby) Jones, Christian Klender, Jayvin Landers, Garrett Laney, Sydney Miller, Randall Mills, Khadija Planz, Lupe Lynae (Lynae) Sanchez, Kristen Sargent, Madison Schoenauer, Blake Schuette, Shaina Stebleton, Julia Steiner, Timothy (Timmy) Taylor, Kaitlyn Titus, Melanie Wann, Emma Zielke

KB/Tues.-Thurs.

Hailey Clevinger, Aleyah Cline, Alyvia DeVore, Boston Dunderman, Jacob Eaken, Madison Elston, Chase Friend, Alyssa Fuller, Natalie Grunden, Carlie Hanes, Codee Hathaway, Nicole Kashner, Destiney Kimmel, Mallory Mansfield, Nicholas McCreery, Kendyl Miller, Heather Oberlin, Alex Phillips, Holly Sanders, Xaiver Smith, Kaden Steele, Elyse Steury, Mackenzie (Kenzie) Timbrook, Shayla Wieland, Elisabeth (Ellie) Wolf

IA - Mrs. Bowers

Jakob Arndt, Nicolas Bailey, Kaylee Baker, Kendall Billman, Serenity Clark, Chet Clevinger, Jack Dohoney, Jason Dunstan, Braden Evans, Chloe Franklin, Brett Fulk, Gene Garrett, Karleigh Hook, Christina Kever, Kaleb Kiracofe, Timothy Major, Mary MaryCate Panico, Gracie Rigsby, Jake Ryan, Allen Schooley, Gage Speaks, Aubree Sproles, Joel Steiner, Kolton (Kole) Titus, Madalyn Turpening, Alexis Wright

IB - Mrs. Shugars

David Addis, Keaton Altimus, Ashton Barnhouse, Tyler Bauer, Adam Butzin, Kati Carr, Cyllus Curtis, Samantha (Sammi) Dailey, Kobe Dunderman, Adynn Elston, Fernando Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Hamman, Chelsea Johannis, Nathan Lee, Megan Marsee, Aidan McAlexander, Jordan McGough, Mackenzie Myers, Aubree Rager, Charity Roebel, Alayna Ryan, Cole Seslar, Jared Sukup, Joshua Sukup, Corey Zartman

2A - Mrs. Miller

Destiny Baumert, Kaylee Bennett, Kaitlyn Clevinger, Noah Cline, Jacob Dunderman, Courtney Eblin, Russell Farrell, Skylar George, Drake Gerken, Christian Huss, Riley McAlexander, Rebecca (Becca) McCroskey, Faith McDorman, Amelia Miller, Owen Miller, Jonathon (Jon) Pendergrast, Dylan Peters, Koleten Porter, Megaen Price, Taylor Provines, Haley Rittenhouse, Logan Stebleton, Jessica Walker

2B - Mrs. Hopkins

Kelsey Bump, Elayna Carwile, Seth Clair, Caleb

3A - Mrs. Kammeyer

Cline, Isaiah Danney, Cody Eblin, Madison Edgar, Zebastyn (Zeb) Getrost, Brian Geyer, Brooke Hatlevig, Alexandra Hindenlang, Brandon Laney, Ethan McCabe, Ashley Miller, Callie Perry, Joshua Poulson, Rebekah (Bekah) Powers, Amanda Roberts, Spencer Sells, Hope Smith, Kylee Trauterman, Rachel Williamson

3B - Mrs. Vail

Alexie Bennett, Ashley Bowers, Emily (Emma) Butzin, Carley DeLong, Joshua Ehlinger, Marissa Elkins, William (Dalton) Foreman, James (Jimmy) Greene, Katherine (Katie) Hook, Conner Jenkins, Becca Johanns, Klayre Manella, Zachary McDaniels, Erica Meyer, Trey Mills, Brandon Pendergrast, Emilee Phillips, Mahalia (Halie) Roberts, Arron Romero, Hayden Spryn, McKenzie Turpening, Maggie Wilson

4A - Mrs. Tempel

Mikayla Boesch, Erik Buchan, Austin Bump, Domino Daugherty, Serena Drake, Tyler Edgar, Chase Gerken, Dylan Kitzmiller, Dante Klender, Audrie Longardner, Joshua Longardner, Drake Neace, Kayle Roddy, Destinee Schlegel, Jakob Schoenauer, Brittney Smith, McKenzie (Kenzie) Steele, Jacob Sukup, Casey Thomas, Haley Timbrook, Samuel Williamson, Jenna Wilson, Cayla Woodcox

4B - Mrs. Geyer

Avery Braaten, Joshua Buerkle, Cainan Carlisle, Bryan Clevinger, Sierra Cline, Emily Derck, Elizabeth (Beth) Hawley, Xavier Locust, Chase Marroquin, Michael Meek, Anne Miesle, Nichole (Nikki) Mills, Aqiyl Moore, Aaron O'Donnell, JoAnne Powers, Kirsten Price, Taylor Rettig, Iann Roebel, Juan Sanchez, Trista Smith, Allison Taylor, Austin Van Atta

5A - Mrs. Mabis

Nicholas Barnhouse, Lauren Barrant, Elaina Berry, Elizabeth Bond, Jarrett Bute, Tristan Carwile, Alston Doctor, Bryce Forrer, Jasper (Jack) Godeke, Toivia Holmes, Nicole (Nikki) Hughes, John Huss, Allyssa Jackson, Isaac Lust, Jacob O'Donnell, Kylee Payton, Collin Perry, Kyle Peters, Samantha Provines, Jessica Ratliff, Magdalene (Maggie) Reinhart, Cali Schoenauer, Sophie (Alisha) Schroeder, Bailee Sigman, Nathan (Parker) Swenson, Kelsey Titus, Claire Van Vlerah, Charles Walker

5B - Mrs. McKibben

Julia Balser, Colton Bennett, Steven Bowers, Maria Bradbury, Natalee Bump, Dionicia Burk, Michaela Burns, Lydia Carr, Trenton Copey, Alexandria Curtis, Logan Emerson, Jerett Godeke, Haley Greene, Emily Hamman, Justis Harvey, Jonathon Hudson, William (Tony) Kaufman, Jordan Laker, Alden Lopez, Rebecca Major, Hannah Mills, Sarah Neace, Jacob Patterson, Joshua Steiner, Olivia Tempel, Alexander (Alex) Vail, Gabrielle Zuber

6A - Mrs. Cooper

Alexander Boohar, Thomas Brown, Alex Delgado, Bethany Dunderman, Savanna Fetting, Courtney Foreman, Jenna Hankinson, Nathanael (Nathan) Hawley, Bailey Jones, Garrett Jones, Austin Laney, Justin Langham, Donato (Danny) Manella, Erik Miesle, Zechariah Price, Kelsey Rioux, Alyssa Romero, Tiffany Romero, David Sarsfield, Jacob Schaffer, Megan Slattman, Nathan Zuber

6B - Mrs. Schutt

Joseph Buerkle, Megan Coak, Dayna Conley, Madison DeLong, Zachary DeLong, Robert Dezanett, Christopher Edgar, Mason Gerken, Dalton Gremling, Katie Hunt, Kaiya Jemison, Megan Leinard, Tyler Messman, Lakota Price, Madeline Reinhart, Gage Rettig, Derek Smalley, Dallas Smallwood, Colton Stout, Brock Taylor, Rosa Vachon, Corey Wilson

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK OF 8/22 THROUGH 8/28

Breakfast:
 8/22 - Pancakes or waffles, sausage, milk
 8/23 - Egg/cheese omelet, toast/jelly, milk
 8/24 - Turnover, milk
 8/27 - Pizza, milk
 8/28 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, milk
Lunch:
 8/22 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, mandarin oranges, milk
 8/23 - Pizza, tossed salad, cookie, applesauce, milk
 8/24 - Nacho chips, meat/cheese, salsa, corn, pears, milk
 8/27 - Breaded chicken sandwich, fries, pineapple, milk
 8/28 - Ham/cheese sandwich, chips/pretzels, carrot sticks w/dip, sherbet, milk; WT: Ham wraps

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WOBLER RECEIVES ODOT APPOINTMENT

LIMA—Anthony Wobler of Leipsic has been appointed Business and Human Services Administrator for the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, headquartered in Lima.

He assumed the duties of the position in July.

ODOT District 1 includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot.

Wobler came to the department in 1989 as administrator in the personnel office. In his new position he is responsible for administering the auditing, facilities, information technology, personnel, quality and training offices, all housed in the ODOT District 1 complex in Lima.

The position provides Wobler with an opportunity to not only serve the residents of Ohio, but also to actively participate in Governor Strickland's Turnaround Ohio Plan.

"We are definitely working toward what is contained in the Turnaround Ohio Plan," said Wobler. "We want to make sure everyone in the state gets a quality product from the Ohio Department of Transportation."

As the administrator over personnel, Wobler said it's important to him that the employees of ODOT District 1 enjoy their jobs and know how important they are to the department and to Ohio. "Governor Strickland continues to emphasize that it's time to believe in Ohio again and to look to our own strengths for the jobs we need," said Wobler.

"Transportation plays a key role in Governor Strickland's plan as Ohio's world-class transportation system is a definite strength of the state. This strength positions

Ohio well to be a hub of economic growth which is a key component of the Strickland plan," said Wobler.

Wobler said he is enjoying the new challenges of the position and is grateful to be working with Tim Burkepille of Continental who was appointed deputy director for ODOT District 1 in January.

Originally from Paulding County, Wobler graduated from Payne High School. He studied to be a master electrician and electrical engineer through International Correspondence School. He owns a private business, A.J. Wobler Builders, which specializes in new home construction and remodeling.

2007 MAUMEE VALLEY ANTIQUE STEAM & GAS SHOW

The Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association is having its 30th Annual show August 16-19, 2007 at Jefferson Township Park, west of Woodburn, IN. Take US 30 east four miles (from I-469) to Webster Rd. Turn north (left), go three miles, cross Dawkins Road and the railroad tracks to the show grounds. Handicap parking is available on the grounds.

See antique steam engines, tractors, farm equipment, gas engines, antique trucks and cars. John Deere tractors and equipment will be featured. All other exhibits are welcome.

Demonstrations of threshing wheat, sawing and planing lumber and plowing with steam engines and antique tractors. Other interesting exhibits are a 15-ton, 125 HP Buckeye Oil Engine and a blacksmith shop. Women will enjoy the flea market and a large quilt display. There will be a special tent for antiques, primitives and collectibles and a "Trading Post". Hot Shot Z the clown will enter-

MR. AND MRS. EDDIE D. PERRY CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie D. Perry, Hicksville, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Eddie Perry and Gwen Scranton were married July 21, 1957 by Rev. Paul Stuckey in First E.U.B. Church, Hicksville.

They have four children:

Jan (Angel) and Jay of Hicksville, Mrs. Charles (Tenly) Trautman, Mebane, NC and Tammy Perry, Bryan, OH. They have three grandchildren.

A dinner hosted by their family will be held later this month.

tain the children on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until dark and they can participate in a Kiddy Tractor Pull at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. There are Antique Tractor Pulls at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings and a feature pull at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Food served on Friday from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. will be Fish & Tenderloin Fry. On Saturday from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. they will be serving a Broasted Chicken Dinner. Other food vendors are available. Steamed sweet corn will also be available Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Entertainment lined up for the weekend will be *Spike and the Bulldogs* (songs of the 50's and 60's) on Friday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; The Applejack Klogers at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and *George Burger Freudemacher Polka Band* (Polka & Square dancing) from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Saturday; Church service at 9:00 a.m., and *The New Haven, Indiana High School Alumni Band* (songs from the 60's) at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

If you have any questions regarding this event please feel free to contact any of the following individuals:

President David Pence, 260-341-9384; Tractor Display-Mark Schuller, 260-749-5184; Tractor Pull-Walt Johnson, 260-639-6896; Quilt Show-Ronia Krieg, 260-632-1067; Flea Markets-David & Roxane Rodman, 419-769-1328.

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ing school year. Adult Education Director Jim Grant introduced Pete Prichard as the new ABLE Coordinator, who then spoke about the changes in the ABLE Program.

In new business, the board:

—Approved the following supplemental contracts, as needed as scheduled: Jeff Duncan, vehicle maintenance; Teresa Jones, cafeteria cook; Bob Vennekotter, Entry Year Principal Mentor;

—Employed the following Adult Education instructors as needed, as scheduled: Samantha Stewart, Health Careers; Amy Wirts, Darlene Vorlicky, Leisa Yinger, Kathleen Taylor, Anne Bowen, Tom Kalkreuth, and Dee Dee Meringleo-Dirksen, ABLE Instructors; Brenda Smith, ABLE Secretary; Doris Diane Jones, AE Conditions & Assessments Coordinator; Amy Wirts, Michele Porter, Margaret Morrison, Paulding Youth Program;

—Accept the resignation of Thomas Kalkreuth, ABLE/GED Coordinator, effective August 31, 2007 for the purpose of retirement;

—Approved a resolution to recognize school nurse designees for the 2007-2008 school year. (Shirley Jarvis and Reesa Rohrs, Health Careers instructors);

—Approved Vantage Career substitute list of certified/non-certified employees and subsequent revisions;

—Approved the Western Buckeye ESC substitute list and subsequent revisions;

—Appointed Staci Kaufman, Superintendent, as Vantage Career Center VWASIG Board Representative;

—Approved a resolution to align travel expenses with contract language "according to state rate" for meals effective July 1, 2007 at a rate of \$40.00 per day. All out of state meal allowances will be reimbursed at \$50.00 per day;

—Approved a resolution to reimburse hotel rates at a maximum of \$80.00 per day

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or the conference hotel rate;

—Approved a resolution to reimburse mileage at the IRS rate at the time of travel;

—Approved the revised curriculum presented for the following classes: Cooking for You, Jr. Early Childhood Education, VCC, Jr./Sr. Food Careers; Jr./Sr. Culinary Arts; Jr./Sr. Cosmetology and Sr. Cosmetology Related;

> Accepted cafeteria bids from Aunt Millie's for bread and Prairie Farms for milk for school year 07-08;

> Approved Vantage Preschool fees for school year 07-08 - half days \$50/month - full days \$125/month;

> Accepted with thanks a grant of \$2,000 for the Van Wert County Foundation to the GOALS program;

> Accepted with thanks a grant of \$32,500 from the Van Wert County Foundation to be used to purchase electronic items through the Rothacker-Lampe Bequest;

The next regular board meeting will be held in the Cup & Saucer restaurant at Vantage on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK: WHAT A DAY!



By: Sue Knapp
The day started out with the American Heritage Girls' parade. Leading the affair was the Color Guard and the EMS Units and Fire Trucks. Stan Jordan (2005 Gem of the Year) served as Parade Marshall. Louise Miller, former Mayor of Antwerp, was selected as Gem of the Year for 2007.

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Stan Jordan took charge of the microphone as the MC for

the day. The entertainment was versatile with—Wait, what is that? I think it's the Pied Piper. No, It's Mark's Ark and his traveling zoo. He had the kids entranced with his animals. It was a hands-on affair with the kids and adults alike able to touch, feel, yes, and even hold a snake.

The Dance Dolls entertained along with the Antwerp Community Band. Georgia Kohart spoke and took time to visit with the audience and sign books. Glory Gospel Group and Barry Delong were both great. We also were able to see the An-

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR ANTWERP ELEMENTARY

- First Grade**
1. box of 200 tissues, 2. gym shoes, 3. Crayola crayons (16 count), 4. Elmer's white school glue (7½ oz.), 5. 4 pencils, 6. school box, 7. one 2-pocket folder, 8. Fiskars pointed scissors, 9. book bag, 10. short sleeve shirt for painting, 11. 1 box zip-lock sandwich bags (girls), 12. 1 box zip-lock gallon freezer bags (boys), 13. 2 black (low odor) dry erase markers, 14. 1 "pink pearl" eraser
- Second grade**
1. 2 boxes 200 tissues, 2. gym shoes, 3. crayons (24 count), 4. elmer's white school glue & glue stick, 5. #2 pencils (10 or more-sharpened), 6. one large eraser, 7. softside pencil holder bag (no boxes), 8. 3 wide-line notebooks (70 pages), 9. 3 pocket folders (yellow, red, blue), 10. ruler (metric & standard), 11. medium size pointed scissors, 12. markers (8 count), 13. watercolor paints, 14. 1 box large "pull-tab" zip-lock bags
- Third grade**
Wheeled backpacks do not fit in 3rd grade cubbies
1. 1 box of 200 tissues, 2. gym shoes, 3. crayons (24 or larger), 4. 2 bottles elmer's school glue (4 oz. or larger), 5. #2 pencils (6 or more), 6. erasers, 7. 8 wide-line spiral notebooks (70 pages), 8. 2 pocket folders with paper clasps in middle, 9. ruler (metric & standard), 10. pointed scissors, 11. markers for art (any count), 12. 4 - 10x13 manila envelopes, 13. red grading pens or pencils, 14. colored pencils, 15. watercolor paints
- Fourth grade**
No 3-ring binders



twerp Cheerleaders perform routines and cheers. Elaine and Elysse Wetli gave free horse rides on their horses, Sonny and Murphy. Games were available for the kids, including a dunk tank and a big slingshot to shoot water balloons.

Charlie Neace of Antwerp, won the Chamber's 50/50

drawing winning \$1,218.00 and Alvin Timmerman of Portland, IN, won the Fireman's Auxiliary 50/50 drawing winning \$1,413.00. In the 8th grade drawing, Alyssa Romero of Paulding won first place and Peggy Shook won second.

The weather, although quite warm, was beautiful,

and the crowd enjoyed themselves. What more could you ask for? All the planning and hard work to make this day enjoyable was a success.

Time to rest, relax, wind down—and get ready for next year.

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1. box of 200 tissues, 2. gym shoes, 3. crayons (only 48 count or less), 4. medium elmer's school glue, 5. #2 pencils (5 or more, not mechanical), 6. erasers, 7. 1 wide-line spiral notebook (70 pages), 8. 1 wide-line spiral notebook (100 or 120 pages), 9. 4 plastic 2-pocket folders (no clasps), 10. 2 sturdy 2-pocket folders with metal clasps, 11. ruler (metric & standard), 12. pointed scissors, 13. markers (8-count, medium point), 14. map coloring pencils (sharpen at home), 15. 4 red pens, 16. 4 dry erase markers (Expo brand is best, no Crayola brand), 17. 1 pkg. wide-line loose leaf notebook paper (100 sheets)

- Fifth grade**
1. 2 boxes of 200 tissues, 2. gym shoes, 3. crayons (24 count or larger), 4. #2 pencils (1 dozen-sharpened), 5. eraser, 6. loose leaf notebook paper (200 sheet-wide ruled), 7. ruler (metric & standard), 8. pointed scissors, 9. pens (4 red & 4 blue), 10. colored pencils (8-12 count), 11. 5 2-pocket folders (pockets only), 12. markers, 13. 3 70-page spiral notebooks

- No binders please*
Sixth grade
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2 boxes of 8 color crayons (please label each box and crayon with your child's name)
4 #2 pencils
1 pair of safety scissors (Fiskars or any scissors with a metal blade)
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Large book bag
1 box of Kleenex
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2 thin line Expo Dry Erase markers
2 pocket folders
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3 boxes of 16 count crayons (no glitter or bright shades)
2 bottles of Elmer's Glue
1 plastic school box (9x6 size)
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1 plastic school box

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1 red leaded pencil or red pen
Tablet or notebook paper
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2 boxes of Kleenex
Ruler with inch and metric markings
4 dry erase markers
Gym shorts, shirt, and shoes
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1 box Ziploc snack bags- boys
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Fourth Grade
Pencils with erasers
1 pkg. dry erase markers
2 boxes of Kleenex
Scissors
1 box colored pencils
1 box crayons
Art box (9x6)
Glue
Ruler with inches and centimeters
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1 pkg. colored pencils
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Alternative energy sources can also be obtained from the byproducts of farming. Recently, farms in Williams and Mercer Counties announced they are in the process of installing methane digesters. These digesters will capture the methane gas contained in livestock manure and convert it into electricity. In addition to producing power for the farms' operations, the digesters also help reduce the smell of the manure.

Here in the Legislature, members of the Ohio House also recognize the importance of protecting our environment and finding ways to satisfy our energy needs that do not deplete our natural resources. During this General Assembly, Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted created a new Alternative Energy Committee in the House. This committee is hearing testimony from a variety of groups about current and future efforts to produce alternative energy in our state as well as ideas about how to become more efficient.

Members of the House Alternative Energy Committee also toured several alternative energy sites in Northwest Ohio earlier this year to help them better understand the technology involved and encourage their expansion throughout the state. The tour visited the wind farm in Wood County as well as local companies that produce solar panels and ethanol.

Legislators are also working on legislation that will benefit Ohio residents while making our state more energy-efficient. House Bill 158 will provide an income tax credit to individuals who install energy-saving devices in their homes such as washers and dryers, refrigerators, furnaces, windows and exterior doors. This bill is currently pending in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Additionally, during the last General Assembly, we passed House Bill 245 in order to help encourage the use of ethanol and biodiesel. This bill establishes grants and tax incentives to help increase the availability of these fuels and requires that new vehicles purchased by the state be capable of using alternative fuels, with some exceptions. It also requires state vehicles to use at least 60,000 gallons of E85 this year, with an increase of 5,000 gallons per year in each subsequent year.

The future looks bright for alternative energy as we continue to find ways to improve our energy efficiency. My colleagues and I in the House will continue to encourage the development and production of alternative fuels here in Ohio and work on legislation that increases our usage of these fuels.

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.

4 ROAMIN' ROMEOES

By: Sue Kanpp

It was one of those days that had a weather advisory—in other words, stay in the air conditioning. Being a person that follows orders I went from air conditioning to air conditioning. Heaven forbid if I would emit a drop of sweat!

I had to go to the drug store, and on my way I saw four guys riding bicycles. The bicycles had packs on them so I knew they were in for the long haul.

The guys stopped at the ice cream shop and so I hurried and did what I had to do at the drug store and went over to see what the scoop was.

These guys, two of which were celebrating their 50th anniversary, are part of a group who call themselves *The Romeos* (Retired Old Men Eating Out). The group has 15-20 members in it and they live in Akron, Ohio. Every day except Sundays and Tuesdays they meet at the park in Akron and ride 30-35 miles to a restaurant to eat lunch and then ride home. They make two road trips a summer riding all over the U.S.

Even though they didn't want to give me their names (didn't want the publicity) they did tell me where they were going. They decided to visit some museums, starting with the one in Auburn. They were on their way to Van Wert and would visit New Bremen and Greenville ending with Wright Patterson in Dayton. Spending nights in motels, they would then ride back home. They left on Tuesday and would ride back home on Thursday.

These well-seasoned fellows aren't about to let grass grow under their feet. They are fit, mentally and physically, have a good sense of humor and have tans they didn't have to pay for.

We (I) should learn a lesson from this, and that is that there is more than one way to get from point A to point B, only if the weatherman gives permission.

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Weekly column by: State Representative Lynn Wachtmann

Ohio's agriculture industry does much more than simply produce food for our tables – farmers are also working to help our state and nation become more energy-efficient. From growing crops that can be used in the production of alternative fuels to finding new uses for some of the byproducts of farming, our state's farmland is proving that protecting our natural resources can also be a good economic investment.

Our state is a major producer of corn and soybeans, crops that can be turned into ethanol and biodiesel. These fuels burn cleaner and more efficiently than gasoline and are quickly becoming more readily available for purchase by consumers – which is good news as Ohio is home to more than 350,000 vehicles capable of using alternative fuels. Fueling stations that carry ethanol and biodiesel are becoming more commonplace and there are also several ethanol production facilities in vari-

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my friend Paige Hawkins, she is so unique; my friend, Janey McCourt, she is my own little cheerleader; and my friend, Melissa Durham, she is so kind.

I am so glad that school is very close to being here and there will be new and old kids coming and going.

I will be in 6th grade and I will make lots of friends.

I am hoping to be on the honor roll and make Student Council and there will be a 6th grade dance this year.

Well, I've got to start ending this story, so I guess I will end it.

Since school is starting again I will also get to go to Art, Music and PE classes—how fun and what's more fun than seeing your teachers and getting new ones every year!

SCHOOL IS ALMOST HERE

By: Tommi Stahl

Most kids dislike school, not me, that's my favorite thing in the world. I am excited to go back because I have not seen any of my friends all summer and I miss them a lot.

Like my friend, Meagan Weller, her nickname is Mego;

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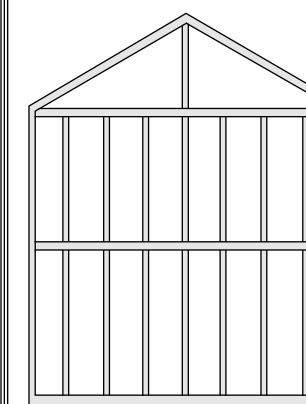
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DEFIANCE—While families enjoy summer break, already weighing on some moms' minds nationwide is the fall academic year and how to ensure their child's scholastic performance is better this time around. According to two, recent, national polls of mothers*, sponsored by Sylvan Learning Center, most moms (nearly 60 percent) don't feel completely confident that their child is equipped to deal with the academic challenges of the new school year. Nearly half of moms (47 percent) identified study skills, time management and organization as the area they are most concerned about as their child faces back-to-school stresses.

"We tend to associate a fresh start with hope and improvement. Moms appear to be hopeful that with the right personalized instruction, their child can improve his or her academic performance with the new school year," said Caren Beckett, Executive Director of the Sylvan Learning Center located at 1018 Ralston Ave., Defiance, OH.

"In addition to the typical stresses children confront with the onset of an academic year, school campus transitions, such as to kindergarten,

first, sixth and ninth grades, and learning loss over summer months can contribute to educational pressures. Students fortified with the confidence that coincides with being prepared and with understanding their personal learning style are more likely to realize marked scholastic achievement and gain a zest for learning," Beckett said.

Preparing for Re-entry for a Better School Year

In addition to improved study skills, time management and organization, the national polls disclosed that moms are not concerned with one specific academic subject, but rather with their child building strong skills across all subjects.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer met with the Commissioners on Monday, July 30. McGarvey reported that county crews had begun work on the annual summer chip and seal program for road improvement. He indicated that 30 miles of road would benefit from the chip and seal method. This method is much more cost effective than a full paving project and extends the life of the road surface.

McGarvey also reported receiving a ditch petition to remove log jams in the Flat Rock Creek from the state line to the Auglaize River. The landowners who have property that drains into the Flat Rock is a large group and all will be notified shortly of the petition. Ohio statute sets out a very specific time line for the process of determining if the project should proceed. The time line, though specific, allows several months for interested parties to learn about the project and comment.

The County Records Commission met and agreed to the request of the County Auditor's Office to dispose of records no longer required to be retained. The records in question are purchase orders and vouchers already audited and over three years old. The accounting computer program continues to save the record of the actual transactions. The request for disposal has been forwarded to the Ohio State Historical Society for their review. The Auditor's Office accumulates large amounts of paper records that need to be disposed of after the audit period has passed.

The Commissioners traveled to Defiance to meet with

fellow Commissioners to conduct the business of the Four County Solid Waste Board. This organization is responsible for the two landfill operations providing appropriate locations for the disposal of waste. The Commissioners noted that good progress was being made on the expansion of the Defiance County landfill.

Jim Henriott and Bill Priest, both members of the Paulding County MRDD Board, met with the Commissioners and introduced Doug McVey, the interim superintendent of the program. McVey requested the Commissioners endorse a request from the Paulding County Board of MRDD to place a renewal levy on the November ballot. The request is necessitated to maintain the current level of services at the PARC Lane School and the PC Workshop, Inc. Bill Priest, President of the MRDD Board stated: "We are deeply appreciative of the citizens of Paulding County for their past support of the programs offered to the mentally retarded and developmentally delayed through PARC Lane School and the PC Workshop and hope we have their continued support." "The 1.4 mill renewal levy represents 17% of the total budget of the County MRDD program. With continued declines in federal and state dollars, coupled with unfunded mandates, the renewal of this levy is paramount to the continuation of the many services offered to county residents," Priest added. Following the presentation about the renewal request, the Paulding County Commissioners concurred with the recommendation of the MRDD Board and voted to place the 1.4 mill renewal on the November ballot.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate office for information.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES SIDENBENDER MARRIED 60 YEARS



Jim and Jo Sidenbender will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on August 16, 2007.

They are the parents of David Sidenbender, Hicksville, Vicki Coil, Gotha, FL, Terri Feasby, Antwerp, and Brian Sidenbender, deceased. They

are the grandparents of Amy Sidenbender, Joely Coil, Colby and Zacory Feasby. They are also great-grandparents to Hunter and Lexie.

They will have a family celebration this fall in Gatlinburg, TN.

(Continued from Page 11) in all subjects - at a special price. Now through September 30, 2007, parents should call 1-800-EDUCATE, go to www.educate.com/re, or visit their local participating Sylvan Learning Center to learn more about this limited-time offer.

Many of the recent national polls' respondents are seeking solutions from trained experts to accelerate their children's educational performance. A respondent who is a mother of 7- and 8-year-old boys is helping to ensure her sons don't experience summer learning loss and has them enrolled in Sylvan Academic Summer Camps. "Every little bit of extra help is always needed, especially for my 7 year old, who had some difficulty reading, with concentration, staying focused and being on task, last year," she said.

Another respondent, who is the mother of two children, shared about her high school son who is a senior, "I don't know what's going on in his head, unless he tells me." Every child is different with unique needs and learning styles. Studies show that understanding a child's learning style - whether a student is an auditory (learns by hearing), visual (learns by seeing) or kinesthetic (learns by doing) learner - can positively impact the student's academic experience. To create an inspired learner, help your child learn in a way that is personalized to best fit his or her needs. As part of the "Prepare for Re-Entry with Sylvan" back-to-school program, Sylvan's trained and certified personal instructors will identify academic skills gaps and customize their teaching approach to fit the student's personal learning style. This not only promotes learning and retention, but also helps parents to develop a personalized plan to efficiently complete homework assignments in the upcoming school year.

For additional parent tips and educational resources for children in grades pre-K through 12, please visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/learning-for-parents/index.cfm>.

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*The national independent polls included more than 200 mothers aged 18 to 54. It was conducted in July 2007 on behalf of Sylvan Learning Center by MarketTools, a market research firm based in San Francisco, California.

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE FORMING IN PAYNE

A men's softball league is forming in Payne and will begin play in late August with the season ending in October. Games will be played at the Payne Community Park with all monies raised going towards improvements at the park or benefiting the Payne Ball Association. A limited number of teams will be accepted and all league games will be scheduled on Friday evening.

Interested persons or teams should contact Doug Mansfield (260-740-7182) or Ben Clem (419-263-0144 or 419-786-0556).

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ODOT REFINES LIST OF UNDER-DECK TRUSS BRIDGES; STATE BRIDGE ENGINEERS MONITOR LATEST REPORTS FROM MINNEAPOLIS

COLUMBUS—In the days following the tragic bridge collapse in Minneapolis, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) - in cooperation with the state's county engineers - has been able to refine its inventory of 181 similarly-built bridges to target 16 bridges which most resemble the same under-deck truss design of the I-35W Bridge.

The narrowed list includes 12 bridges under ODOT's authority, three bridges under county authority, and one bridge under municipal authority.

Locations of the 12 ODOT-maintained bridges:

- I-90/Innerbelt, SR2/Main Avenue, US 42/W. 25th over Train Ave., and SR 10/Loraine-Carnegie in Cuyahoga County
 - I-471/5th Avenue Viaduct in Hamilton County
 - I-71 North and I-71 South in Warren County
 - I-90 East and I-90 West in Lake County
 - SR 8 in Summit County
 - US 22 in Fairfield County
 - SR 124 in Washington County
- Locations off the State Highway System:
- North Second Street over the Railroad in Ironton in Lawrence County
 - Old SR 8/North Main Street in Akron in Summit County
 - County Road 77/Rushville Road in Richland Town-

ship in Fairfield County —County Road 843/Willard Road in Franklin Township in Columbiana County

As a reminder, bridge inspectors are in the process of re-visiting seven of the 12 ODOT-maintained bridges over the next two weeks. Two bridges were previously inspected late last week. The remaining bridges have either been recently inspected or are scheduled for inspection by the end of next month.

On Wednesday, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said that investigators in Minneapolis have observed a design issue with gusset plates at particular locations on the remains of I-35W Bridge. Gusset plates are steel plates that tie steel beams together. Officials in Washington say no conclusions have been reached. ODOT has been in contact with the Federal Highway Administration and is awaiting more information on this latest report.

ODOT currently includes gusset plates as part of its statewide bridge inspection training program. This unique training follows a 1996 incident on the I-90 East Bridge in Lake County, where deteriorated gusset plates buckled during a painting project. The bridge was temporarily closed while the gusset plates were strengthened.

Ohio law requires that every bridge in the state be inspected every year. During the annual inspections of steel truss bridges, the condition of the entire structure, including connections such as gusset plates, is thoroughly examined and recorded by ODOT's trained bridge specialists.

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